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“When Mom told me
Dad was dead,
I was shocked.
When she told me
he had killed himself,
I was horrified.
My brain went numb.
My dad hung himself;
trying to escape his problems,
I guess.
But I couldn't escape
what he had done.”

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You Can Overcome Fear!

OUR WORLD IS FILLED WITH HORRIFYING PROBLEMS, and many people are experiencing depression and discouragement. More and more are suicidal, especially in the Western world. Even the foreign policy of America and other nations has become very timid and fearful. What is wrong here?

Consider this profound observation from British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in 1938 in the lead-up to the Second World War. “Hatred of war is good. It is sane and it is healthy,”



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he said. “But *fear of war is not so good*, for FEAR OF WAR PARALYZES THE WILL, and no policy that is based upon fear, no policy which makes an appeal to fear, can be a policy that this country should follow.”

That is true, and what is happening in our nations today proves it! Fear paralyzes willpower and motivation, which prevents you from making hard decisions and doing great deeds.

The Prophet Isaiah pinpointed a crucial reason that few people see. He gave this prophecy about our nations today: “Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master’s crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider” (Isaiah 1:2-3). This is correction from God for the end-time nations of Israel—especially the United States and Britain. And here He pinpoints the problem: “Ah *sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity*, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: THE WHOLE HEAD IS SICK, AND THE WHOLE HEART FAINT” (verse 5).

“The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint” means WE ARE PARALYZED WITH FEAR. This is a deadly destructive problem—whether to a nation or an individual.

Winston Churchill faced a time of crisis before World War II, a time when men were faint. He said, “If you tell me that our party is definitely committed to the easygoing life, to the surrender of our possessions and interests for the sake of quietness, to putting off the evil day at all costs, and that they will go along with Chamberlain into what must inevitably be a state of subservience, if not indeed actual vassalage to Germany, and that you can do nothing to arrest this fatal tide, then I think the knowledge would simplify my course.”

Churchill used his political career to *fight* that faintness and to strengthen his nation for war against German tyranny.

Nations always must be ready for war if they are to survive. That’s the way the world is. It is a deadly fantasy to think otherwise.

The same principle is true spiritually: God repeatedly refers to His people as spiritual soldiers, waging spiritual war (e.g. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:11-15).

Most people don’t understand that this world is in the midst of a *spiritual* war. That spiritual dimension is causing the disturbing, violent events we see around us. Scripture shows that the vast majority of people are *deceived*—and without realizing it, are actually fighting on Satan’s side!

But when you believe what God says in the Bible, you can not only be on the right side, but also gain incredible spiritual strength. In 2 Timothy 1:6-7, the Apostle Paul says that the Holy Spirit, which God puts within true Christians, is NOT “THE SPIRIT OF FEAR; BUT OF POWER, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

How desperately we need that Holy Spirit of *power!*

Without that Spirit, *we are not complete*. We don’t have power or godly love, and we don’t have a sound mind! When you look at leaders in this world, it is becoming more and more obvious that they lack that spirit and that sound mind.

God will give it to us if we do our part. THIS IS HOW HE WANTS US TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR! If we have a faint heart, we will be nervous wrecks, afraid of everything. The Creator of everything wants us to PURGE THAT FEAR and let Him give us His awesome power—and His love, and a sound mind.

To overcome fear, you have to realize that you are in a spiritual war, and become part of God’s army—and you have to *fight*.

You can be strong—not faint of heart, not fearful or indecisive, not having your willpower paralyzed. That is something worth fighting for!

“Thou therefore endure hardness, as A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier” (2 Timothy 2:3-4).

The Creator of everything wants us to purge that fear and let Him give us His awesome power—and His love, and a sound mind.

Here God tells us how to become a fearless soldier. It has to do with coming out of this deceived world.

Many people think they have God’s Holy Spirit, but they do not. We offer a free Bible correspondence course that will teach you in detail how to *prove* whether you have that Spirit—the Spirit of power and love and a sound mind—and, if you don’t have it, how to get it! (Enrolling in the *Herbert W. Armstrong Bible Correspondence Course* is absolutely free. See the back cover of this magazine for details.)

Isn’t it worth putting forth effort like a soldier to get rid of a faint heart and the fears that so many people have? Doing so will *change your life!*

Time to Buy Gold?



Central banks around the world seem to think so. Should you? **BY ROBERT MORLEY**

IF YOU HAD INVESTED \$1,000 IN ExxonMobil a decade ago, your investment would have doubled. If you bought technology giant Microsoft, your investment would still be worth about \$1,000. An investment in General Electric stock would be worth only \$660 today. Bank of America, even less at \$400. But you could have done worse. Had you invested in Pets.com, Lehman Brothers, Long Term Capital Management, Enron and a host of other big-name companies, you would have nothing.

What would your investment be if you had invested in gold? \$6,800.

Why would a shiny metal with few industrial uses, and that doesn't earn interest or generate income, almost septuple in such a short time?

First a little background. In case you didn't notice, the global financial system is in danger of collapse. The dollars, yen and euros backing it could fall with it. Governments are cracking. The world is at risk of a new Greater Depression.

The problem behind it all is *too much debt*. In the United States, federal debt is now \$16.3 trillion—but America's economy only measures \$15.5 trillion. Europe, Japan and the UK have the same problem: Debts are growing—economies, not nearly so much. According to the

World Economic Forum, *total global debt*, including local governments, corporations and

individuals, reached a whopping \$190 trillion at the end of 2010—more than 3.3 times the size of the total global economy. And even that does not describe the full problem. Governments owe tens if not *hundreds of trillions more* in promised retirement benefits that people are relying on. There is no way these debts can be paid.

Central banks around the world are responding by doing what all the fashionable textbooks say should be done: They are printing money like crazy to pay debts.

The trouble is, this “solution” comes with side effects: devalued currencies, trade war, and a risk of America being reduced to a barter economy. That is why the world's biggest banks are *also* buying up a whole lot of an asset that can't be created or willed into existence by politicians seeking to cheat economic realities.

That asset is gold. They're buying it. Should you?

Emergency Countermeasures

In late 2009, Cheng Siwei, a former vice chairman of the Chinese Communist Party Standing Committee, said China was alarmed by U.S. money printing. He stated that *China had lost confidence in the U.S. dollar* and was moving toward a *partial gold standard* through reserve accumulation. “If they keep printing money to buy bonds it will lead to inflation, and *after a year or two the dollar will fall hard*,” he said.

That same year, Hong Kong announced that it would repatriate all its gold that was stored in London. The central bank of India also announced that it had secretly purchased 220 tons of gold from the International Monetary Fund. In 2011, Venezuela ordered the return of all 220 tons of gold it stored in London and New York. Reports emerged of Russian and Middle East central banks buying gold.

For the first time in many years, central banks became net buyers of gold in 2010. Since then, bank gold-buying has accelerated. This year, central banks will purchase an estimated 550 tons of gold—up from 85 tons in 2010. In 2012, Ecuador asked its banks to repatriate one third of its gold stored overseas. *Forbes* reported that China imported 76 tons through its new gold center in Hong Kong—up 22 percent from a year earlier. In November, the Bank of Korea announced it had increased its gold supply by 20 percent. In November it was reported that Brazil's central bank had purchased 19 tons.

Now, golden heavyweight Germany is also bringing its gold home from New York. After German authorities were not allowed to inspect their gold deposits, Berlin has asked for 165 tons—about 10 percent of its holdings in America—to be returned. Germany repatriated two thirds of its gold from London years ago.

Analyst John Mauldin calls gold “central bank insurance.” He says history

shows that “monetary stability yields to political exigency.”

If central banks, which have shunned gold for the past 41 years, are now turning to it as an insurance policy, something must be very wrong. The scramble for gold is heating up.

But if central banks are looking to gold to fix the world’s debt problems, gold is going to be in very short supply—very soon.

What About You?

Is gold a safe investment for you?

As long as the global economy is functioning and people are worried that paper money is being destroyed, there will be a growing demand for gold. In the short term, gold has potential as a good investment.

Gold is in a stealth bull market. Since 2002, when *Trumpet* news editor Ron Fraser predicted that gold could “head out of orbit,” it has increased from \$300 per ounce to around \$1,700 per ounce. That’s more than a 500 percent return. The Dow Jones rose only about 30 percent during that time.

Yet much of America seems oblivious to gold’s glittery record. Outside of conservative talk radio, just about the only mention of gold you hear is from companies that want you to pawn or sell your gold jewelry. This is the opposite of the 1970s and ’80s when coin stores across the country popped up to sell investment-grade gold to people. Most Americans missed one of the best investments of the past decade.

For 10 years in a row, gold has crept higher and higher. Why has it gone up so consistently? And will it continue to do so?

The financial law you can’t afford to ignore

No matter your financial status—whether you are fully invested, looking to invest or wish you had money to invest—there is financial law that affects you. It is a living principle of give that if you obey, you will be immeasurably blessed. To learn about it, request our free booklet *The Financial Law You Can’t Afford to Ignore*.



“Gold is great disaster insurance,” wrote Mr. Fraser. “Predictions of global economic disaster presently abound even among some high-profile commentators” (September/October 2002). In that article, he noted that gold is a hedge against banking troubles, the falling dollar, and growing U.S. government credit risk.

These were very real and looming threats in 2002. Today, the economic situation is orders of magnitude worse—with no solution in sight. As economic reality eventually dawns on the collective mind of the public, gold prices could easily head for that “moon shot” Mr. Fraser talked about.

But by then, buying gold will be an exercise in futility. If you are looking to gold to save you from looming economic collapse, you’re in for a shock.

A Very Relevant Prophecy

When the economic system collapses and there is no food to eat, no one will care how much gold you have. Deep down, many investors realize this. That is why some financial advisers recommend becoming self-sufficient and learning to farm.

But even growing your own food and knitting your own clothes won’t provide security.

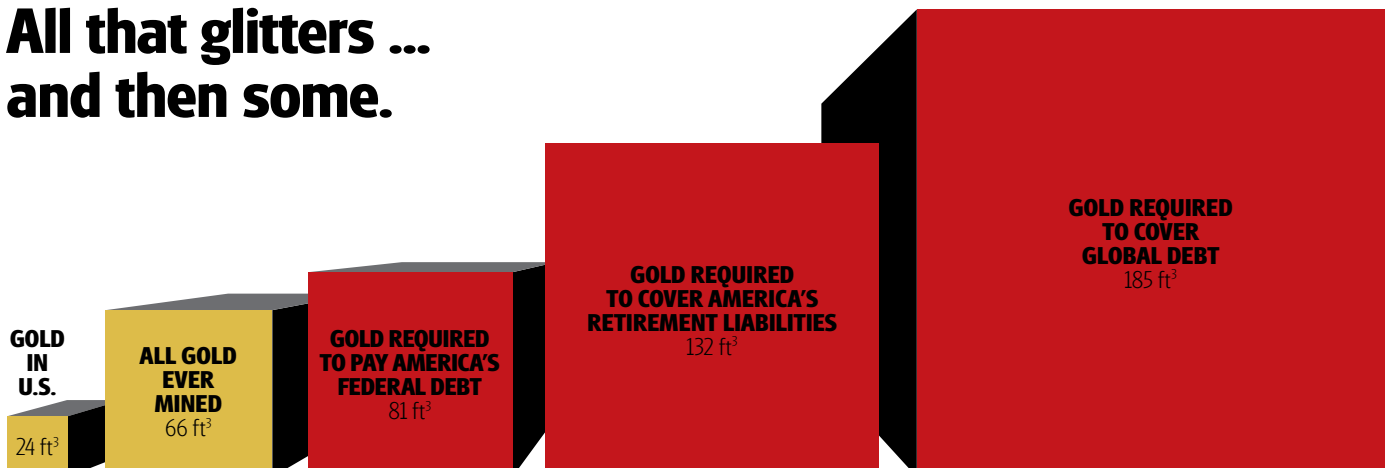
The Bible warns that the world’s economic troubles are about to worsen. Times will get so bad that people will throw their gold and silver in the streets (Ezekiel 7:19). Ezekiel warns that all the gold and silver in the world won’t be able to buy *food*. Read this whole chapter; it is a prophecy for the future of the United States and Britain.

There is, however, another safe investment guaranteed to produce an absolutely massive return—but you have to be willing to invest.

Invest in God. Invest in your relationship with Him. Store up treasures in heaven, where moths and rust—and quantitative easing—can’t destroy them (Matthew 6:19-21). Put your heart in God’s work today. This is the only sure investment you can make. God doesn’t need your money; He can support His work in all kinds of ways. But God is concerned about *your priorities*—where you are spending your time and energy. God wants to know what is important to you. What do you put first in your life? What do you spend your money on? What do you sacrifice for?

Invest in gold if you wish. But if you really care about your future, invest in the one true source of protection. Invest in God. ■

All that glitters ... and then some.



The Profound Secret of an Ancient Prophecy

A 3,000-year-old message reveals the stunning link between the United States, Britain and Israel—and where the Middle East peace process will end. **BY GERALD FLURRY**



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OSEA 5:13 IS ONE OF THE MOST REVEALING prophecies in the Bible. The whole book of Hosea is for the end time, and this verse contains a prophecy for today—a *stunning* secret that even most religious people do not understand.

This secret is about three nations: America, Britain and Israel. These are the modern descendants of three ancient Israelite tribes: Manasseh, Ephraim and Judah. If you want to understand the *foreign policy* of these three countries, you have to understand this verse. It shows us why our policy is failing.

What is happening today in the Middle East reveals a lot about this verse and this prophecy. The Palestinians are out to conquer the entire Jewish nation. They have stated their goal officially and repeatedly: *Eliminate* the Jews. But modern-day Judah keeps trying to negotiate some kind of peace pact with them and with its other enemy nations in the Middle East.

Why is this important to the rest of us? Because soon, the *whole world* will be dragged into the crisis in Jerusalem. This amazing verse gives us an incredible insight, and it includes more than just modern-day Judah.

What Is 'Judah's Wound'?

"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). Judah is the modern Jewish nation: Israel.

This is a serious wound—like an open, running sore. In fact, it is *deadly*; it will KILL if some kind of correction isn't made. Yet men simply try to put a Band-Aid on it. *Strong's Concordance* says the word *wound* has the sense of binding up, a bandage or a remedy. *Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* defines it as the pressing together or the binding up of a wound, used figuratively of a remedy applied to the wound of the state.

What is the *wound* of the Jewish state?

Seven years ago, the Jews pulled out of Gaza—every settlement, every soldier, every Jew—about 8,000 of them. The world incessantly *demand*s that Israel give land for peace. So Israel made a peace pact. It gave up Gaza—and it got *no peace*. Palestinians in Gaza voted in Hamas terrorists, and soon they began shooting rockets at Israeli citizens by the hundreds. The Israelis gave up the land, and they have had war ever since!

The Palestinians in Gaza have broken every peace pact. They have no intention of having peace with the Jews—that is obvious by now. You'd think the world would be *praising* Israel for its peace efforts, including giving up chunks of its own country! But it is not. Turkey's prime minister labeled Israel a "terrorist" nation in this most recent conflict when the Jews tried to defend themselves from terrorists in Gaza. And on November 29, the United Nations voted 138 to 9 to elevate the Palestinians' status within that body.

Israel is under attack by terrorists. Other nations are putting pressure on it. The Jewish state sacrifices parts of itself—yet terrorists continue to attack, and other nations hate Israel all the more.

THE "PEACE" PROCESS IS ISRAEL'S WOUND!

Although they don't see its connection to the prophecy in Hosea 5, some people are beginning to see what a WOUND the

land-for-peace process is. Here is what journalist Caroline Glick wrote on Nov. 23, 2012 (emphasis mine throughout):

All commentators who warned of the strategic calamity that would befall Israel in the aftermath of a withdrawal from Gaza were marginalized and demonized as extremists. In a noble gesture, [the *Wall Street Journal's* Bret] Stephens along with *Commentary's* Max Boot acknowledged their error in supporting the withdrawal from Gaza. Their recantations are noteworthy because most of their colleagues who joined them in pushing Israel down the garden path and cheered Sharon's "democracy" as 8,500 Israelis were thrown out of their homes and off their land in order to free it up for a terrorist takeover, continue to deny that they were wrong to do so. But Stephens's and Boot's belated intellectual integrity on Gaza is not enough to make a difference for Israel today. . . .

Israel is in a strategic trap. And it is one of its own making. Starting with the Rabin-Peres government's decision to embrace the PLO terrorist organization as a peace partner in 1993, Israel has been in strategic retreat. Each incremental retreat by Israel has empowered its worst enemies both militarily and diplomatically, and weakened the Jewish state militarily and diplomatically.

Though she probably doesn't realize it, Glick is talking about what the Bible calls Judah's "wound."

Prophesied!

Eight years ago I warned that the Gaza withdrawal would lead to greater trouble—more war, not less. I said it was a *deadly* mistake for the Jews to give up Gaza. For some Israeli civilians and soldiers, it already has been. But this situation is far from over.

Obadiah 1:7 contains a prophecy that helps us better understand Hosea 5:13: "All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: *the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee*; they that eat thy bread have laid a WOUND under thee: there is none understanding in him." This "wound" is similar to the one in Hosea; both are from the same root word. *Gesenius' Lexicon* defines it as "falsehood, hence fraud, insidious dealing."

This scripture is talking about a falsehood or fraud INVOLVING A PEACE PACT. Caroline Glick calls it a "fake peace process." God calls it "a wound under thee." Glick calls it a "strategic trap." God calls it a snare. It looks good, yet it is a deception.

The Israelis have given territory and cities to the Palestinians: Gaza, Jericho, Bethlehem. They gave the Sinai Peninsula back to Egypt. The agreement was that they would get something in return: The Palestinians and Egyptians would not try to kill them. All that land given for peace—and now those areas are being used to ATTACK THEM! Peace doesn't work that way. It's a *wound* when you try to give land in return for peace to people who hate you.

The United States, Britain and the Jews—the West, overall—cherish the delusion that everything can be solved by negotiation and compromise. IT SIMPLY IS NOT TRUE. The Palestinian terrorists DON'T WANT PEACE. They have *never* wanted peace! They want *all of Palestine*, as they call it. They

have blatantly stated that they want to annihilate the Jews! The Muslim Brotherhood, which now controls Egypt, has also said that. Iran has said it repeatedly. Both of these countries are stirring up trouble by using the Palestinians. Yet astonishingly, ISRAEL KEEPS MAKING PEACE PACTS WITH THESE PEOPLE! IT'S A TRAP!

Do you recognize how *precisely* this prophecy is being fulfilled? Glick's words are almost *biblical*! She is saying the same thing that the Bible prophesied in precise detail and that is now coming to pass.

That should build our faith in the inspired prophecies of the Bible! The greatest single proof that God exists is *fulfilled prophecy*! God *lives*! And He tells us *precisely* what is coming upon us because of our sins.

Why do so many people ignore God's Word when it is so plain to anybody who is willing to look into it? Human nature is just that way. People usually refuse to accept the truth until they are in DEEP trouble. Only *then* will people cry out to God.

Three Nations

How are the U.S. and Britain involved in this? Shamefully, in many cases America and Britain have used their strength to push the Jews into these negotiations.

Britain and America have quite a history with the Jewish state. Britain, supported by the U.S., gave Israel its freedom in 1947. The United States has given billions and billions of dollars to Israel since its inception as a nation. As a result, Washington has a lot of leverage over the Jews, and it oftentimes *forces* them into certain peace pacts. Both political parties in the U.S. have done that.

Caroline Glick observed, "Obama and [Hillary] Clinton compelled Israel to accept wording in the ceasefire that arguably makes *Egypt* THE ARBITER OF ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT." That is a disaster! U.S. leaders gave power in this process to *Egypt*, which is now ruled by the Muslim Brotherhood, the mother of Hamas terrorists!

Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi boldly said that his government stands with the Hamas terrorists. This is a major change from what the previous president, Hosni Mubarak, said for decades. The Muslim Brotherhood threatened to get involved, and it has the support of many Egyptians. And Morsi recently declared himself essentially a *pharaoh*—with far more power than Mubarak had before him! (article, page 12). America called Mubarak a dictator and helped remove him from power. But Mubarak was *nothing* compared to President Morsi. Just look at what this man is saying.

To Israel, and throughout the Middle East ...

Germany Is the New America

GIVE GERMANY credit. As America unwisely abdicates its leadership role in the Middle East, Berlin is quietly and steadily positioning itself to play a decisive role in the future of this important region. Right now, German foreign policy in the Middle East isn't controversial, dramatic or eye-catching. Especially not compared to recent events in Egypt, Gaza, Syria and Iran.

But you watch: Germany is about to emerge as *the* key player in the Middle East.

The New America

Germany's presence there, politically, commercially and militarily, is already more significant than most people realize.

Germany contributes to the war in Afghanistan largely because doing so gives Berlin a military toehold on Iran's northern flank. German naval forces patrol the waters off the Horn of Africa and on Lebanon's coastline as part of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

Germany is selling tanks, missiles and other military hardware to multiple Gulf states, and it has recently stepped up its involvement in Syria's civil war. Berlin recently announced it would send surface-to-air missiles to Turkey (to defend itself against Syria) and will dispatch up to 400 Bundeswehr

personnel to operate these missiles, serve as command staff and assume other support roles.

Germany also defied its European peers and did not support the United Nations' bid to upgrade the Palestinians' status. After the Gaza war, it quickly approved the sale of rocket-propelled grenades and anti-armor weapons to Israel. In nearly every instance, Germany is assuming a responsibility that America has shirked or is in the process of shirking.

When it comes to leading the Middle East—in particular, supporting and arming *Israel* and opposing *Iran* and its radical Islamist allies—*Germany is the new America*.

Siding With Israel

This is the context in which we must view Germany's participation in the November Israel-Hamas conflict. From the moment war broke out, Berlin made it clear whose side it was on. On November 16, a spokesman for the German government expressed empathy for Israel and placed blame squarely on Hamas. "*Hamas in Gaza is responsible for the outbreak of violence*," spokesman Georg Streiter told reporters (emphasis added throughout). "There is no justification for the shooting of rockets at Israel, which has led to massive suffering of the civilian population."

Streiter also stated that Israel's government had the "*right and obligation*" to protect its population.

On November 18, Germany's chancellor restated Berlin's position and pledged moral and political support to Israel. "Every country has the right to defense, self-defense and the protection of its citizens," Angela Merkel stated. The chancellor said sovereign governments don't merely have a *right* to protect their citizens, it is their moral and political *duty*.

On November 19, two days *before* U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton arrived in the region, Germany Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle traveled to Israel and met with both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Palestinian president. After meeting with Netanyahu, Westerwelle said brokering a ceasefire was a top priority for Berlin. Netanyahu was encouraged and invited Berlin to play a key role in peace talks. "I believe that Germany can have a constructive role in seeking an end to this conflict and a long-term arrangement, such that these terror weapons are not introduced into the Gaza Strip," he stated.

Compare Berlin's response to Washington's. After initially pledging support for Israel, *within a day or two* the White House began sending signals that Israel needed to pull back its Gaza campaign.

Even after the ceasefire went into effect, Germany remained interested in the situation. On November 27, more than a week after the ceasefire was agreed on, a report from the German Foreign Ministry said Berlin was still monitoring

Yet *this* is whom America just made the *arbiter* of Israeli compliance with this latest agreement!

IF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS IS A TERMINAL WOUND, THAT MEANS THAT AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS ALSO A WOUND!

The link between these nations points directly to a PROFOUND SECRET in this prophecy.

Who Is Israel?

A number of people understand that the modern descendants of biblical Judah are the Jews. *Far fewer* would recognize that the Bible's end-time prophecies concerning Judah APPLY TO THE JEWISH STATE OF ISRAEL!

And what about the other nations listed in this passage, and in other biblical prophecies? Most people in Christianity don't even know who Ephraim, Manasseh and Assyria are in prophecy—what their modern identities are. Do you know? You can't understand these prophecies unless you do! We can't *guess* about something that God says "shall surely be" (Hosea 5:9).

Notice this in verse 5: "And the *pride of Israel* doth testify to his face: therefore shall ISRAEL AND EPHRAIM fall in their iniquity; JUDAH ALSO SHALL FALL WITH THEM."

Three nations are mentioned here—and ALL WILL FALL TOGETHER! Both "Israel" and "Ephraim" will "fall in their iniquity"—or their LAWLESSNESS—right along with Judah, the Jewish state.

As Herbert W. Armstrong proved in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Ephraim is modern-day Britain. And *Israel* in this case is specifically talking about Manasseh, which is the United States. You can see that because Britain is also *part of Israel* but is listed separately as Ephraim, *along with* "Israel." God put the name "Israel" on Ephraim and Manasseh in particular (Genesis 48:14-16), and the prophecies about end-time Israel apply most specifically to the modern descendants of these two. Many scriptures show that Ephraim and Manasseh, the two birthright nations, are going to be corrected by God together. I believe God refers to America as *Israel* here, and "the PRIDE of Israel," because the U.S. is the superpower of modern Israel, though it is now failing to fulfill that role.

Verse 3 also refers to Ephraim and Manasseh—Britain and the United States—as "Ephraim, and Israel." Ephraim is also mentioned right alongside Judah in verse 13. Again, *all three* of these nations are prophesied to FALL TOGETHER.

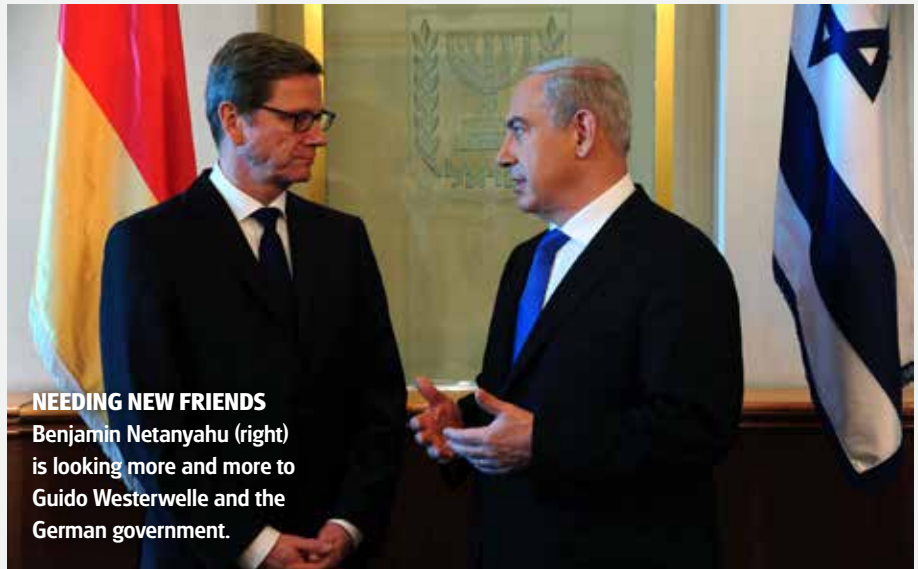
the situation closely, and was seeking the "rapid reactivation" of the European Union Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) at the Egypt-Gaza Rafah border crossing. (EUBAM existed for two years between 2005 and 2007, and ended when Hamas took power of the Gaza Strip.) Germany wants a EU contingent stationed at the crossing to stop the flow of weapons into Gaza.

The Foreign Ministry document distributed to EU member countries said, "A special European force must be activated for the mission." Germany, it seems, is ready *right now* to dispatch EU "peacekeepers"—soldiers—to Gaza!

Consider too: While the news of a possible EU mission at the Rafah crossing only broke in late November, the purpose of the proposed mission gelled almost perfectly with what Netanyahu said a week earlier, after his meeting with Westwelle, about Germany helping craft a "long-term arrangement, such that these terror weapons are not introduced into the Gaza Strip." Add it up, and it appears the plan for an EU border mission was likely formulated by Germany and Israel during the height of the war in mid-November.

If this is true, it indicates that the Germany-Israel relationship is stronger and tighter than most people know. It shows that Israel clearly believes Germany possesses the desire and the means to preserve and defend it. It indicates that Germany is replacing America as Israel's go-to ally in the region.

And—it marks the thrilling fulfillment of Bible prophecy!



NEEDING NEW FRIENDS
Benjamin Netanyahu (right) is looking more and more to Guido Westerwelle and the German government.

A Fulfilled Prophecy

Gerald Flurry's article (page 4) explains the prophecy well—that once the peace process fails and the Jewish state faces annihilation from Iran, Egypt and their radical Islamist proxies, it will turn to *Germany* for help and protection. This, in essence, is exactly what has been happening since November!

Think about it. The peace process has not only failed spectacularly, it has actually strengthened the position of Israel's enemies. Radical Islam—be it Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, Egypt or Libya—is quickly encroaching, making further conflicts inevitable. Next, Israel's relationship

with America, once a powerful ally, is shaky and will only deteriorate under four more years of the current administration. Meanwhile, Germany is strengthening its reputation and presence, politically and militarily, throughout the Middle East and is emerging as an increasingly capable opponent of Iran and radical Islam.

Watch and see: Israel's position is only going to become less defensible. As America fades from view, the Jewish state will effectively be left with only two options: It can turn to Germany, or it can turn to God. Sadly, it's not about to turn to God.

BY BRAD MACDONALD

When you prove the modern identity of these three nations and realize that Hosea is giving you a detailed end-time picture—and describing exactly what we see happening to them right before our eyes—it just about knocks you over!

The Secret

“Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin. Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the *tribes of Israel* have I MADE KNOWN THAT WHICH SHALL SURELY BE” (Hosea 5:8-9).

Notice: There are “*tribes of Israel*”—not just Judah, but 12 TRIBES, three of which are mentioned in particular in these prophecies. And God says, *I made known what shall surely be!* God says He is going to trumpet this message in this end time about these prophecies! *So where is that message today?* God uses men, but it is HIS DOING! And NOBODY IS GOING TO STOP WHAT GOD HAS PROPHESED!

The key to understanding this prophecy is to realize THAT IT IS FULFILLED AT THE SAME TIME THAT PEOPLE ARE BLOWING THE TRUMPET AND WARNING THESE NATIONS.

That warning is going out! It has been going out for 70 years. Herbert W. Armstrong and now the *Trumpet* have been telling

with men who seek to *destroy* it. Hamas terrorists have been bombarding Israel with rockets for years, yet Israel has done nothing to permanently end the terrorism. As a result, the rocket attacks have only increased! Israel’s inaction shows that it is faint and fearful!

DO YOU THINK KING DAVID WOULD HAVE ALLOWED ISRAEL’S ENEMIES TO DO THAT? HE NEVER WOULD HAVE STOOD FOR SUCH TERRIBLE ATTACKS! AND HE WOULDN’T HAVE LOOKED TO ANY OTHER NATION OR ANY PEOPLE OR COALITION—BUT TO GOD. HE DESTROYED GOLIATH IN THE NAME OF THE LIVING GOD.

Where are our Davids today? Where are they in Israel? Where are they in America and in Britain?

What we are seeing on the news is a *faint heart* and a *lack of faith*. That attitude is going to cause far *more* problems. The Jews finally did react, but before they did, they let a million of their people live in fear of those rockets.

The Jews have lost their will to fight, and the terrorists know it. A U.S. intelligence document states that the Arabs now believe the Jews have lost their will to fight. They’re right! They’ve lost their will to win and their will to survive! That is an absolutely deadly mistake. YOU CANNOT SURVIVE IN THIS DANGEROUS WORLD WITH A FAINT HEART.

Modern-day Judah has a deadly wound—and frankly, AMERICA AND BRITAIN HAVE IT AS WELL. The foreign policy of all three nations has gone askew because of their spiritual and moral problems. Overall, our foreign policy is a failure, and we are in a desperate situation.

In America and Britain, deep spiritual rotteness appears in news headlines every day. Yet these peoples don’t see the problems, or won’t admit them!

The United States is fatigued with all of its conflicts. Supposedly, the United States supports Israel. Yet it was the U.S. that helped push Mubarak out of office after 30 years of peace with Israel and ushered in the Muslim Brotherhood. Look at Benghazi,

Libya. America was attacked there on Sept. 11, 2012—almost a sacred day, the anniversary of the worst terrorist attack ever on American soil. Yet how much do Americans care?

God said in Leviticus 26:19 that “I WILL BREAK THE PRIDE OF YOUR POWER.” All three of these nations have nuclear bombs and awesome power, but they are AFRAID to use it! They are afraid because God has BROKEN THEIR WILL because of their sins. “I will set my face against you,” He said in verse 17.

In Hosea 5:12, God compares Himself as a “moth” to them. If you have a nice suit in the closet and you leave it there for a long time and don’t check it, sometimes moths will eat away its lining and fabric. The suit will still look good—until you take it out of the closet and put it on—then it falls apart.

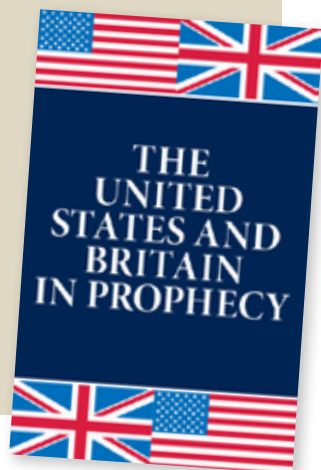
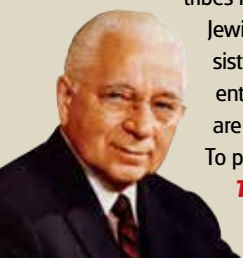
God is saying that we had better look *beyond the surface* or else we won’t see our deadly serious problems for what they are!

For example: America has \$16 trillion in debt that it cannot pay back. Our leaders won’t even really discuss what a serious

Israel—a Misnomer?

Who is Israel? The nation God chose anciently consisted of 12 tribes. God fulfilled His promise to Abraham and made those tribes into great nations. The tribe of Judah is now the Jewish nation in the Middle East. Although it consists mainly of just one tribe, it is named after the entire ancient nation: Israel. But the other tribes are still out there—and you might be living in one!

To prove this amazing history for yourself, request ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy*** by Herbert W. Armstrong.



America, Britain and the Jewish nation exactly what is going to come to pass. MANY OF THESE PROPHECIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN FULFILLED. These world events are detailed in Bible prophecy, and *anybody* can see that if they will quit trusting their enemies and heed God’s message!

This is a profound secret that we ALL should know and understand! Still, no one is talking about this crucial prophecy. That is because GOD HAS TO REVEAL THIS SECRET. He reveals it only to people who earnestly seek Him.

Spiritual Rottenness

“Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness” (Hosea 5:12). The word *rotteness* should read “like a worm” or “like maggots infesting open wounds.” There’s something very *rotten spiritually* about these three nations that they need to see, and it goes right to the bones—it’s that deep. Americans, Britons and Jews have rejected God and His law and lived their own way. Our nations are *sick!*

8 In the Jewish nation of Israel, that rottenness shows up in its determination to try to make peace

What's Wrong With Marijuana?

BY WIK HEERMA

MARIJUANA IS GETTING STRONGER. It has become increasingly popular since openly drug use crashed through cultural and moral barriers in the 1960s. Now the youths of the '60s are parents, grandparents, voters and politicians.

Today, youths and even adults say that marijuana is basically harmless—if not glamorous, like it is portrayed in entertainment—or even medically beneficial. Attitudes have become so relaxed that Americans in two states actually voted in November to legalize marijuana for recreational use.

We are watching marijuana change from a counterculture banned substance into a mainstream recreational aid. But the debate is far from over. What are the facts about cannabis?

Marijuana in America

The real extent of marijuana use is unknown, but it is chronic and widespread. Ninety-five million Americans have experimented with this drug at least once. In 2002, three out of four illicit drug users admitted they had used marijuana in the 30 days prior. In 2007, a survey found that 14.4 million Americans had smoked marijuana in the previous 30 days. Between the '60s and 2000, the average age of marijuana users dropped from 19 to just over 17. Under-18 marijuana initiates now make up 67 percent.

Why is marijuana so popular? One student used this frank reasoning: “We do it because it’s there, because we like it, and because it is one way to tell the grown-up world to go to h---.” Youths and even adults often claim it as an adolescent rite of passage. Many try it due to peer pressure.

The Facts

People have grown the Indian hemp plant for use as a hallucinogen for more than 2,000 years. The name comes from the Portuguese *maringuango*, meaning “intoxicant.” Drugs extracted from the

Indian hemp are collectively called cannabis, and all forms of cannabis are hallucinogenic. The plant contains more than 400 known chemicals, many of which are toxic to the human body.

One compound, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), produces psychoactive effects in the brain, which are usually called highs. This distortion of mental perception usually takes effect within minutes; sensations include increased heart rate, a slight rise in blood pressure, conjunctival vascular congestion, lessened coordination and balance, and a dreamy, unreal state of mind. These sensations peak within the first half hour, and usually wear off after a couple of hours, depending on the potency of THC and the amount ingested.

Marijuana is not only getting stronger culturally, it is getting stronger chemically. There are some significant differences between the marijuana teens and young adults use today and what their parents used. The levels of delta-9 THC have multiplied from less than 1 percent in the mid-1970s to more than 6 percent. In the past two decades, the potency of sinsemilla—a form of cannabis produced from the smaller leaves and flowers—increased from 6 percent to more than 13 percent. Some samples contained THC levels as high as 33 percent.

A Harmless Herb?

Many people claim that cannabis is a comparatively benign natural herb—less harmful than alcohol or tobacco. Yet it contains many of the same cancer-causing chemicals found in tobacco. The amount of tar and carbon-monoxide inhaled by those who smoke marijuana is three to five times greater than among tobacco smokers, regardless of THC content. And unlike alcohol, where the ethanol is eliminated within a few hours, marijuana residues can stay in the body for weeks.

Marijuana use can also seriously damage respiratory and cardiovascular health, causing chronic coughing, wheezing and bronchitis. Smoking a relatively small amount of marijuana has a similar impact to smoking five to seven times that amount in cigarettes, one after another.

And there is no denying that cannabis affects the mind—that is its purpose. This has been directly linked to health, safety, social, behavioral and academic problems. The drug can affect concentration, attention and learning for up to 24 hours. A University of Iowa study showed that people who used marijuana frequently exhibited deficits in mathematical skills and verbal expression. They also showed impairments in memory-retrieval and mental aptitudes. Animals given marijuana in scientific studies have suffered structural damage to the brain.

Like other hallucinogens, cannabis disrupts the flow of chemical neurotransmitters. Its use can lead to increased anxiety, panic attacks, depression and other mental health issues. One study showed that children ages 12 to 17 who smoke marijuana weekly

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are three times more likely to have suicidal thoughts than non-users. Recent research showed how the risk of major depression *quadruples* through cannabis use. Swedish scientists have also found a link between marijuana use and an increased risk of developing schizophrenia.

Long term, the cannabis user risks triple the likelihood of illicit drug abuse or dependence, poor job and academic performance, cognitive deficits, lung damage, lesions to the brain and other brain abnormalities similar to those caused by long-term abuse of other major drugs.

Many people believe cannabis use is not addictive. But use can lead to dependency, and heavy users have shown withdrawal symptoms that include increased aggression, irritability, anxiety and insomnia.

Marijuana use can deform the structure of sperm cells and cause temporary sterility in men. It can upset a woman's menstrual cycle and is one of the few drugs that create abnormal cell division resulting in severe hereditary defects. It also drastically affects the immune system, reducing resistance to common illnesses.

Marijuana use also loosens inhibitions—since the user loses control of his mind—which, among other things, leads to more risky sexual behavior. This indirect consequence causes myriad problems for individuals and society. Research shows that the younger a person is when he begins using cannabis, the more likely he or she will suffer these long-term consequences.

A Growing Problem

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 40 percent of adult males arrested for crimes tested positive for cannabis at the time of their arrest.

Among adults 26 and older who used the drug prior to age 15, 62 percent later went on to use cocaine, 9 percent went on to use heroin at least once, and 54 percent abused mind-altering prescription drugs.

Of all teens entering drug treatment, nearly two thirds are dependent on cannabis—a larger proportion than all other illicit drugs combined.

Rather than making people mel-
low, users showed a four-fold
increase in violent and aggres-
sive behavior. Users also tend to

disobey authority and cause destruction of personal or public property.

An increasing risk to cannabis users, and the rest of society, is that of driving under the influence. Blood analysis shows 15 percent of trauma patients who were injured while driving a car or motorcycle had smoked marijuana. Another 17 percent had both alcohol and THC in their blood.

But It's Beneficial

Many states allow people with certain medical conditions to use marijuana for relief. Yet, as a smoked product, cannabis has never been proven to be medically beneficial; it is more likely to *harm* the patient's health. The majority of marijuana medicinal studies have been relatively short-term and limited in scope. They have looked for the treatment (suppression) of existing conditions, but have never proven that cannabis has any healing properties.

As with any drug at low doses, the intoxicated individual may profess an increased sense of well-being in a dreamy, carefree state of relaxation. Yet this distortion is a false sense of security—fooling the brain into thinking it is operating normally, or better, when the reality is the opposite.

In stronger doses, marijuana can even precipitate psychosis. More than a “personality disorder,” psychosis is a *severe* mental derangement.

No matter the dosage, marijuana is far from a harmless high. Evidence continues to mount that it causes harmful long-term physical and psychological effects.

People take marijuana and other drugs to escape certain situations or feelings. The high masks the problem for a while, but when the pleasure wears off, the problems are back—more intense and numerous than before. This often drives users to seek harder drugs. The long-term physical and psychological results of cannabis are far from dreamy or predictable.

A Physical and Spiritual Sin

Controversy over marijuana stems partially from confusion on the subject. Effects differ from person to person with the same amount of the drug, and even from occasion to occasion in the same

individual. Some emphasize this, and the pleasure of the high, to argue that everyone should be “free” to use cannabis.

To clear the air from confusion, we have to open our Bibles. Scripture reveals that our bodies and minds are *not our own* to abuse as we please. God commands that we “glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, WHICH ARE GOD’S” (1 Corinthians 6:20). The Bible reveals man's incredible potential: to use our bodies, our minds and His Holy Spirit (verse 19) to develop the character of God!

An incredible, eternal future awaits each of us when we turn to God to let Him develop our minds and character. Intoxicating ourselves on the “pleasures of sin” (Hebrews 11:25) and the “lust of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16; 1 John 2:16) destroys this incredible human potential. 1 Corinthians 6:10 states outright that drunkards—meaning the intoxicated—will never enter God's Kingdom unless they repent—and that includes intoxicating drug hallucinations.

If you have a problem with drugs, conquering it will not be easy, but *you can do it!* Philippians 4:13 says all things are possible with Christ strengthening us. He will give you the *real* and *lasting* solution to your problems. And He will also reward you for overcoming

sinful pulls and developing your God-given abilities (Luke 19:12-27; Revelation 2:26). No one is perfect; we all yearn to escape our problems, we all commit sin (Romans 3:23). But God gives us all the same amazing promise in Hebrews 4:16, encouraging us to “come **BOLDLY** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and **FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.**”

Conquer this vice! Flee the temptation. Don't try to slowly reduce your intake—throw away everything remotely related to it and never look back! Look forward to truly conquering your problems and embracing an incredible future ahead—unimaginably awesome and impossible to compare with any high. God will free your mind, individually—and everyone's mind, at His return—from these debilitating effects and help you experience far, far greater experiences: your incredible human potential!

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Evolution's 'Unnecessary' Organs

It was once thought that the human body was full of useless relics from its evolutionary past. Turns out those bits and pieces serve a purpose after all.

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

WHY DO YOU HAVE AN APPENDIX? Or wisdom teeth? Or something called a coccyx? Since the days of Darwin, numerous scientists and educators have argued that “useless” or “vestigial” organs prove the theory of evolution. These organs, they say, are like leftover scaffolding that had previously performed vital functions in mankind’s “pre-human ancestors.” They just haven’t evolved their way into oblivion quite yet.

“Organs or parts ... bearing the plain stamp of inutility are extremely common, or even general, throughout nature,” Darwin explained in *On the Origin of Species*. “It would be impossible to name one of the higher animals in which some part or other is not in a rudimentary condition.” His prime examples: the appendix and the coccyx (tailbone).

Subsequent specialists greatly expanded Darwin’s original list of useless organs. In 1895, German anatomist Robert Wiedersheim compiled a list of human structures he considered vestigial, which came to be regarded as the official

one. How many human body parts were on it? *More than 180.*

American zoologist Horatio Newman said this staggering number was “sufficient to make of a man a veritable walking museum of antiquities.” These organs represented “evidence that man has descended from ancestors in which these organs were functional,” he said. “Man has never completely lost these characteristics; he continues to inherit them though he no longer has any use for them.”

Textbook publishers quickly joined the pack, saying the human body—with its myriad useless relics—is like an “old curiosity shop,” full of “showpieces” proving evolution.

The rapid embrace of the vestigial organ belief deepened the traction of the evolutionary theory, and also spawned new trends in the medical community. “There are undoubtedly cases where we know that certain vestigial structures are not only useless to man but *worse than useless*,” Henry Drummond wrote in *The Ascent of Man*. He called the appendix “a veritable death trap,” and also cautioned readers of the perils of other organs lurking inside of their bodies. Throughout much of the 20th century, medical practitioners removed appendixes, tonsils and other “dangerous” organs as routine operations.

The idea of vestigial organs is not a fringy, peripheral support of the evolutionary theory, but lies at its very heart. And the most frequently mentioned

examples of these organs in mankind remain the appendix and the coccyx.

Appendix: The Last Shall Be First

The wormlike abdominal structure called the appendix has long occupied the lowest position on the organ totem pole. Darwin called it a leftover piece from mankind’s leaf-eating, pre-human predecessors. Many experts swallowed the theory, hook, line and sinker. The organ’s primary importance seemed to be only for the financial support of surgeons, and to provide fodder for TV sitcoms.

For that reason, experts took note in 2009 when immunologist William Parker at Duke University Medical Center said, “Maybe it’s time to correct the textbooks. Many biology texts today still refer to the appendix as a vestigial organ” (LiveScience, Aug. 24, 2009).

Parker suggested the correction after he and his colleagues discovered that the appendix serves as a storehouse where good bacteria can lie in wait until they’re needed to repopulate the stomach after an episode of diarrhea or other intestine-emptying illness.

A separate recent study showed that the appendix conducts operations similar to those of the tonsils at the opposite end of the alimentary canal, which increase resistance to throat infections. (The tonsils, too, were long branded by evolutionists as useless and problematic.) A 2011 study showed that

the appendix also helps generate, guide and train white blood cells, especially for fetuses and children. Valerie O’Loughlin, a professor of medical sciences at Indiana University, said it is “the site where a type of white blood cell called b-lymphocytes can be recognized and where the newborn and young child’s body can start to recognize certain pathogens that are in the [gastrointestinal] tract.”

The organ is far from useless, and removal of a healthy appendix under most circumstances today is considered medical malpractice.

The Tale of the Tail

Most of the evolutionary faithful maintain that the human tailbone is a leftover, useless part from mankind’s ape-like ancestors. Darwin explained: “[T]he os coccyx corresponds with the true tail in the lower animals. ... [I]n many monkeys the basal segments of the true tail are embedded ... [and] plainly correspond with the four coalesced vertebrae of the human os coccyx” (*The Descent of Man*, 1871).

Some later evolutionists argued that the human coccyx was more of a reptilian relic than a mammalian one: “The human

coccyx is an evolutionary remnant of an ancestral, reptilian tail ...” (William D. Schraer and Herbert J. Stoltze, *Biology: The Study of Life*).

Though evolutionists disputed whether it descended from a simian ancestor or a reptilian one, they agreed that the tailbone is largely useless and, therefore, a proof of evolution.

In 1994, however, renowned anatomy professor David Menton produced evidence disproving the idea that the coccyx is vestigial. “[M]ost modern biology textbooks give the erroneous impression that the human coccyx has no real function other than to remind us of the ‘inescapable fact’ of evolution,” Menton wrote in *Essays on Origins*.

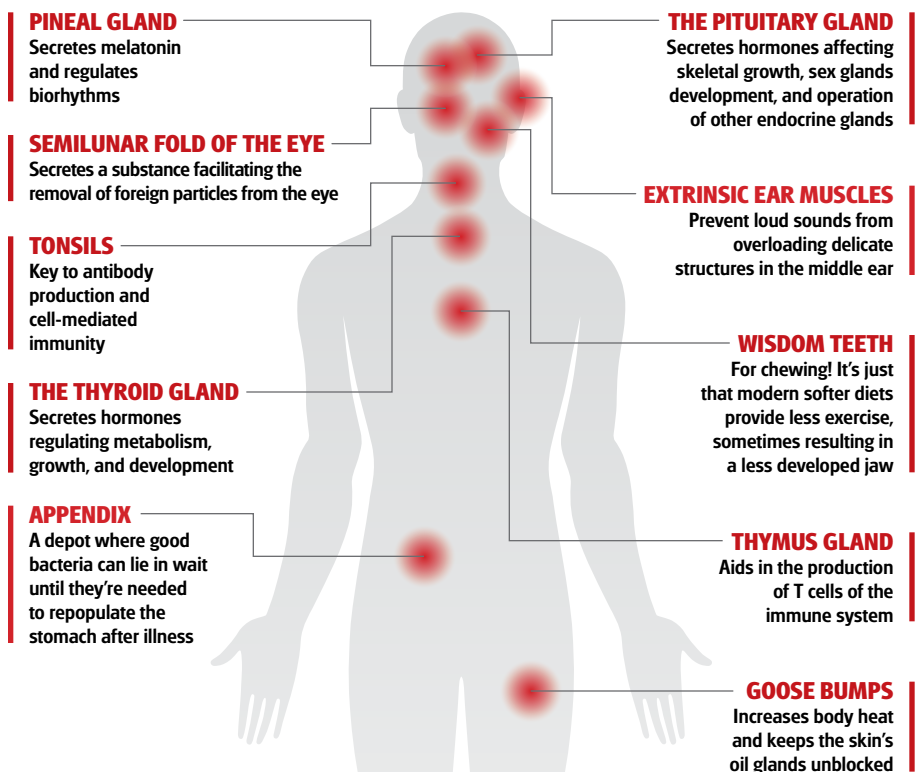
He explained that among the key functions of the coccyx is its acting as an anchor point for several converging muscles from the ring-like arrangement of the pelvic bones. “The incurved coccyx with its attached pelvic diaphragm keeps the many organs in our abdominal cavity from literally falling through between our legs” (ibid). Removal of the coccyx often causes incontinence and serious difficulties with sitting, standing or giving birth.

The evolutionary faithful long considered the tailbone vestigial and pointed to it as evidence against creation. But the tailbone, too, was placed in the body for a purpose.

The Body Is One

Biomedical research made great strides in the latter half of the century, and experts shortened the list of “functionless organs” considerably. By 1971, *Encyclopedia Britannica* labeled just over 100 human organs as vestigial. Research yielded more and more understanding about the importance of organs once called mere “accidents of nature.” One by one, they were proven to serve vital functions in the human body. For many biologists, Wiedersheim’s list—that once included over 180 vestigial organs—is now down to zero.

Again, the idea of vestigial organs lies at the heart of the evolutionary theory. As recently as 2004, prominent evolutionist Douglas Theobald said, “Some of the most renowned evidence for evolution are the various nonfunctional or rudimentary vestigial characters, both anatomical and molecular, that are found



Useless?
'Trust us: You won't be needing these!'

A small sampling of features in your precisely engineered body that scientists once thought were expendable

throughout biology” (29+ *Evidences for Macroevolution*).

Yet, the idea of “vestigial” organs is deeply flawed *even in strictly scientific terms*.

The argument claims that the organs in question have no function. But such a conclusion cannot be arrived at scientifically. Without infinite knowledge, it is impossible to prove that something has no function. The most a scientist could say would be that, despite rigorous efforts, no clear function was discovered for a certain organ, but that a future experimenter may well uncover one.

The heart of the vestigial organ argument, then, is either an acknowledgment of ignorance (“I wasn’t able to discover the function”), or a scientifically flawed statement (“It has no function”). Observational or experimental science allows no place for such a statement. Reputable scientists acknowledge that the teaching of “vestigial organs” actually retarded the progress of science for years. Rather than experiment to discover the purpose of structures like the appendix or tonsils, they were called “vestigial” and removed.

So, how did such a flawed theory gain widespread acceptance? The idea is the product of men groping for evidence to back the theory of evolution.

Adherents of this theory didn’t immediately see a use for certain body parts, so they hastily, glibly branded those organs as useless—or even harmful. The notion was based on a lack of knowledge about how the human body functions. Even vitally important organs such as the parathyroid and thymus glands were considered vestigial until fairly recently, simply because experts didn’t understand their crucial purposes. And, despite the fact that modern science has found purposes for all organs in the body—and that future experimentation will certainly reveal even more—evolutionists *still* cite “vestigial organs” as one of the sturdiest proofs for evolution and against design by an intelligent Creator.

Why are these scientists willing to compromise their objectivity, which is one of the foundations of science?

Done With a Purpose

In the centuries leading up to the Scientific Revolution, the Catholic Church

The Appendix: Why So Disease Prone?

If the appendix was created for a purpose and is indeed functional, why do many suffer from appendicitis, requiring the organ to be surgically removed?

Disease and degeneration do not reflect on the suitability of God’s original design, but are the result of man rejecting God’s law, and instead living by his own ideas. Additionally, appendicitis is common only in populations that subsist on a very highly processed and refined modern diet. Societies enjoying a high-fiber diet of vegetables, fruits and unrefined grains have very low instances of the disease.

reigned as the primary authority and knowledge source for much of the world. The clergy often viewed scientists and their discoveries as a threat to Catholic doctrine, and sometimes embarrassed the church by striving to defend erroneous church teachings like geocentrism that science offered empirical evidence against.

Competition intensified between science and the church, and, for some scientists, the desire to undermine the church’s authority became the driving force. Some scientists aimed to challenge God’s very existence as a way to discredit the underpinnings of religion. Such reasoning spawned the evolutionary theory. Proponents of the evolutionary theory have sometimes undertaken studies with that conclusion already firmly in mind. Whatever they can contort into supporting the arguments for evolution, they keep. All else they often reject or downplay.

Long before the evolutionary theory was hatched, the Apostle Paul labeled such movements “science falsely so called” (1 Timothy 6:20). True science upholds objectivity and seeks truth free of any agenda.

A person’s understanding of the human body will be incomplete until he accepts that it is “fearfully and wonderfully made” by a Supreme Being (Psalm 139:14). This Creator designed mankind after His own image (Genesis 1:26-27). He placed organs within the body in a specific way and for a specific purpose, and He called His design “very good” (verse 31).

The advancement of science only brings the perfection of the Creator’s designs more clearly to light. Evolutionists strive to present plausible-sounding arguments to the contrary, but this only reveals how blind and irrational the evolutionary religion truly is. The astonishing perfection and purpose in every element of the body’s design should deepen man’s faith in the divine intelligence behind our existence (Romans 1:20). But when evolutionists are confronted by proof of this Divinity, they instead resort to extremes of ludicrousness, striving to attribute the wonders of the human body to blind coincidence. In so doing, they unknowingly exercise a blind, deceptive and irrational religious faith.

Christians face a difficult battle against this blind faith in science, which is often found even among religious adherents. We must be able to recognize this blind faith in order to weigh evidence objectively. If

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we resist the vain, intellectual allure of this blind but fashionable faith, then we make it possible for the wonderment of God’s masterful biological designs to boost our faith in the Omnipotent Creator. And His purpose for our lives is as perfect as the bodies He designed to sustain us! ■

Does God exist?

Is it rational to believe in God? Is God just a man-made myth—an invention from a superstitious, bygone age? The risk is too high to leave the question unanswered. Too much is at stake to merely assume that God doesn’t exist—or that He does. It’s time you prove the answer for yourself. Request a free copy of our booklet ***Does God Exist?***



June 2009

President Obama delivers speech to Muslims in Cairo.

February 2010

Former UN nuclear chief Mohammed ElBaradei returns to Egypt, forms a coalition for political revolution, and says he may run in 2011 presidential election.

June 2010

Muslim Brotherhood fails to win any seats in upper house of parliament.

October 2010

The Brotherhood's supreme guide calls for jihad against the United States.

January 2011

Anti-government demonstrations prompt Mubarak to reshuffle his cabinet. Unappealed protesters call for his resignation. He steps down and hands power over to the military council.

October 2011

Violence between Egyptian security forces and Coptic Christians kills 24 people.



On the Road to Sharia

A look back at Egypt's shockingly rapid transformation into a radical Islamist state **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

WHEN PRESIDENT MOHAMED Morsi appointed himself a virtual pharaoh of Egypt on November 22, demonstrations broke out across the nation. Thousands of secularists and liberals stormed the neighborhood outside Morsi's palace, protesting the audacious power grab. They were met by thousands of Islamists who fought back in support of Morsi's absolute rule. Cries of "no to dictatorship" clashed with chants from the Islamists: "Defending Morsi is defending Islam."

Then, after 2½ weeks of political turmoil and riots on the streets, Morsi rescinded his controversial decree. Under heavy pressure from the Arab street, we were told, Morsi backed down.

But this was hardly an act of conciliation or compromise from Morsi or the Muslim Brotherhood. As columnist Andrew McCarthy wrote, "Morsi grabbed the reins with a shrewd caveat: His dictatorship would end once the draft constitution was approved by Egyptians in a national referendum—which is to say, *once the dictatorship had served its purpose*" (*National Review*, Dec. 1, 2012; emphasis added throughout).

As it turns out, Morsi rescinded his decree a few days before Egyptians voted in a referendum on the new draft constitution. Thanks to his 17-day dictatorship, that draft was a sharia-based constitution—exactly what he wanted, and without any interference from the Egyptian courts.

The dictatorship *had* served

its purpose.

"In the end, Morsi got everything he wanted," author and activist Bassem Sabry told the *Times of Israel*. "He protected the constituent assembly, the draft constitution and rammed into a referendum when people will have no time to study it against what he had promised before, which is that the document won't be put into a referendum without sufficient national consensus."

McCarthy wrote, "In effect, Morsi has used the West's democracy fetish to put a gun to his population's head: Either democratically approve anti-democratic sharia or accept the sharia-compliant rule of your democratically elected Islamist despot."

The Strategy for Sharia

From the beginning, the Muslim Brotherhood's strategy has always been to impose sharia law. That's the *real* dictatorship here—not Mohamed Morsi. Installing Islamic law as the new constitution has always been the Brotherhood's top prize. It knew that if it could just force a sharia-based draft through the assembly and past the courts and subject it to a vote, a majority of Egyptians would most likely approve it. It didn't matter how many freedom-lovers took the streets in protest—what mattered was sidestepping the rest of the government and getting to the national vote.

This has been the Muslim Brotherhood's strategy from the beginning. As soon as Mubarak was run out of town, it was the Brotherhood—and the White House, by the way—that pushed for free

elections sooner rather than later. That's because the Brotherhood had the best-organized, most popular party in Egypt.

McCarthy wrote, "The Brothers are no fools. They realized that rapidly held elections would favor them, and if they won big, they'd have a hammerlock on the constituent assembly that would write the constitution. They also grasped the disdain in which the West, under progressive regimes, holds military governments. ... The Brotherhood knew the U.S. and the EU would be similarly—and self-destructively—supportive of a call for quick elections that would pressure Egypt's reigning military junta to cede authority to a 'democratic' civilian government.

"Consequently, the Brothers insisted that parliamentary and presidential elections could proceed promptly if the public just approved a handful of amendments to the current constitution, with a new constitution to be drafted afterwards."

That's exactly what happened. In the country's historic first free elections, the Muslim Brotherhood's amendments were adopted by a landslide. The amendments referendum in early 2011 perfectly foreshadowed what happened in parliamentary elections soon after—with supporters of the Brotherhood and its radical allies thumping secular democrats by almost a four-to-one margin.

The courts later declared the results of the parliamentary elections unlawful. But the Brotherhood would not be deterred from executing its Islamist agenda. After promising not to field an Islamist

November 2011

Security forces clash with protesters accusing the military of tightening its grip on power. Prime Minister Essam Sharaf resigns.

January 2012

Islamist parties win drawn-out parliamentary elections. They vow to end Egypt's 30-year peace treaty with Israel and reestablish ties with Hamas and Hezbollah.

June 2012

Muslim Brotherhood candidate Mohamed Morsi wins presidential election.

June 2012

In his victory speech, Morsi promises to establish sharia law, turning Egypt into an Islamic theocracy.

August 2012

Islamists attack an outpost in Sinai. President Morsi strips military of influence in legislation and drafting the new constitution.

November 2012

President Morsi issues a decree divesting the judiciary of the right to challenge his rulings. Islamist-dominated constituent assembly approved a draft constitution, boosting Islam's role.



Law

candidate for president, it reversed course and put Morsi on the ballot. And he won!

Prior to the presidential election in June, Egypt's military court thrust the political process into chaos when it dissolved the Muslim Brotherhood-dominated parliament. At the time, we said this power struggle between the Brotherhood and the military might continue for a few months, but that it was only a matter of time before Mohamed Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood gained enough strength to transform Egypt into a radical Islamist state.

The power struggle with the military barely lasted two months. In August, Morsi fired his top military chiefs and replaced them with Brotherhood loyalists, a move that locked in Egypt's transformation into an Islamist state.

The Brotherhood already controlled the assembly responsible for drafting the constitution. The only remaining roadblock to applying Islamic law in Egypt was the judicial branch. And so, with his November 22 decree, Morsi put himself above the law just long enough for the assembly to hurriedly finalize the constitution.

Morsi had no incentive to back down, McCarthy wrote, "because he is doing what he was put there to do, and he has little to fear. He has already faced down the remnants of Mubarak's armed forces and replaced them with Brotherhood

loyalists—a ragtag collection of Facebook malcontents does not faze him. He also knows the national referendum on the new constitution will go the same way as the original referendum on constitutional amendments: Sharia will win going away."

"It's possible, of course, that the power struggle between the military and the Brotherhood might continue on for a few more weeks or months—maybe a year or two. But the Brotherhood will win in the end, just as Mubarak himself said would happen, shortly before he resigned last year."

theTrumpet.com, June 22, 2012

Of course, the Western media will try to put a positive spin on these earth-shaking developments. They've done that from the start. Since the revolution began in February 2011, reporters have tried to make it look like the Egyptian population is teeming with secular democrats. The reality, though, is that radical Islam is the predominant ideology in Egypt. Most Egyptians *want* strict Islamic rule.

And they're about to get it. You can expect Western commentators to continue their defense of Morsi by saying things like the *principles* of sharia are not the same thing as sharia.

But that's just willful blindness. It's McCarthy who's right: Sharia will win going away.

What the Bible Prophesied

Now let's go back to something my father wrote almost 20 years ago: "Islamic extremism is gaining power at a frightening pace in Egypt There is a prophecy that indicates Egypt will probably fall to Islam—or be strongly influenced by Islam" (*Trumpet*, July 1993).

That prophecy he spoke of is in Daniel 11, beginning in verse 40: "And *at the time of the end* [that is, just before Jesus Christ returns] shall the *king of the south* push at him; and the *king of the north* shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over."

The king of the north is the German-led European superpower—the final resurrection of the prophesied "Holy" Roman Empire. The king of the south is radical Islam, headed by Iran.

But there is another critical player in this end-time clash. Notice verse 42: "[The king of the north] shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and *the land of Egypt shall not escape.*"

Egypt won't escape this whirlwind attack from the north. That means it HAS to be allied with Iran in these latter days. *That's* what God prophesied 2,500 years ago. And that's why, for as long as the *Trumpet* has been around, we've been telling you that Egypt would transform into an Islamist state!

"I believe this prophecy in Daniel 11:42 indicates you are about to see a radical change in Egyptian politics," my father continued in that 1993 article. In 2006, he told readers to watch for Cairo to distance itself from Washington. He spotlighted the Muslim Brotherhood and said that if it got control, it would form a strong alliance with Iran.

Here is what he wrote on June 22, 2009: "Egypt is about See **SHARIA** page 32 ►

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President Christofias (left) meets with European Council President Herman Van Rompuy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso after turning his nation's sovereignty over to them.

1 | CYPRUS

Europe's reluctant new colony

CYPRUS “WILL EFFECTIVELY LOSE ITS sovereignty,” Spiegel Online said after a somber announcement from Cypriot President Demetris Christofias on December 4. Christofias said the Mediterranean island nation has no choice but to submit to the European Union and request a bailout.

“I need to make it clear that it was not our choice to resort to the European Stability Mechanism,” President Christofias told the nation in a televised address. But Cyprus’s “dire situation” forced him to turn to Europe with “heartfelt pain,” he said. Christofias told fellow Cypriots that Europe’s terms will cause pain for them too, and he exhorted them to face it with the same stoicism “as we did after 1974, when our country was almost completely destroyed by the Turkish invasion and occupation.”

But this time, it’s the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund that will be in control of the island. The infamous troika plans to dictate Cyprus’s tax rates, working hours for civil servants and even how officials travel internationally (economy class from now on).

Christofias’s speech indicated that his government is ready to sign the troika’s

memorandum of understanding. But the EU is moving at its usual glacial pace and has yet to make up its mind on the terms to which Cyprus will sign.

Economists had been expecting Cyprus to ask for a bailout. Unlike the Greeks, however, the Cypriots had another place to look for aid: Russia. With Europe and Russia both competing for influence, it appeared Cyprus could negotiate a better deal. It did—but just barely.

Unlike Greece, Cyprus will not be forced to sell off government assets, unless things get worse. It will also probably retain control of oil and gas reserves, with a portion of the revenues going to pay off its debt. Yet because it is so tiny, it has been forced to yield sovereign power to Brussels. The estimated €17.5 billion it needs is roughly equal to its annual economic output.

Yet to Europe, that sum is little more than pocket change, especially compared with what Spain and Italy might require. It’s a good investment, buying off a nation’s sovereignty for less than a sixth of Daimler AG’s annual sales.

The Cypriots know that their nation is doomed to follow Greece into the status of European colony, beholden to Berlin to keep the funds coming.

With radical Islam on the march,

European strategists are more interested in Cyprus than ever. Under Britain, the island was a strategic base for projecting power into Egypt and the Levant. But Cyprus was used as a military asset long before the British Empire. In the 1300s, King Peter I of Cyprus used his fleets to lead European armies to victory in Egypt and Lebanon.

As radical Islam is now rising in these same areas, Europe is once again eyeing Cyprus as a way to leverage influence in the region. The island is a key listening post with surveillance technology that has allowed Britain to monitor communications traffic for decades.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has often pointed out the geographic importance of Cyprus. “More than one crusade has been launched from Cyprus,” he wrote in January 2011. “Will we see the last crusade launched from there as well? Is history about to repeat itself?”

“Cyprus is now a member of the EU,” he continued. “Are European leaders already thinking about Cyprus as a launching pad from which to protect their Jerusalem interests? You can be certain that they are thinking about how to protect the holy places in and around Jerusalem. The Europeans have thought like this for almost 2,000 years!”

It is now common knowledge that EU elites created the euro knowing it would cause a crisis. This crisis, they hoped, would force Europe to integrate further—something that had, until quite recently, been unacceptable to Europe’s public.

Now, however, we see their plan coming to fruition. EU elites are talking about creating a European federation, and even a “United States of Europe.” Greece has become a German protectorate, and now so has Cyprus—just as radical Islam takes over Egypt a mere 300 miles away.

Mr. Flurry has also shown how Iran’s strategy revolves around controlling the Red Sea and pushing at Europe in the Mediterranean. Where better to push back from than Cyprus? It is the best place from which to project power around the eastern Mediterranean.

Watch for the European Union to take full advantage of its newly acquired real estate.



2 | SPAIN **3 | PORTUGAL**
4 | ITALY **5 | GREECE**

Coordinated unrest spreads

Hundreds of thousands of workers took to the streets on November 14 as part of a “European day of action and solidarity” organized by the European Trade Union Congress. The ETUC claimed the action was the first time that four European countries have held coordinated strikes. Some sectors in Spain saw more than 85 percent of employees walk off the job, according to unions. In Madrid, 80 people were arrested after protests turned violent. In Lisbon, protesters threw rocks at police outside of Portugal’s parliament building. In Italy 17 police officers were wounded. Twenty activists in Turin beat an officer with baseball bats. The economic crisis is putting huge social pressures on southern Europe.

6 | HUNGARY
MP: Jews are ‘potential danger’

Hungary should create a list of Jewish politicians who are a “threat to national security,” and all Jews in Hungary should be registered, Marton Gyongyosi said on November 26. Gyongyosi is the deputy parliamentary floor leader for the far-right Jobbik party, which received nearly 20 percent of the vote in 2010. He called for “Jews, particularly those in parliament and the government,” to “be evaluated for the potential danger they pose to Hungary.” The government condemned the statements; even Gyongyosi backed away from them the next day. Yet the more anti-Semitism emerges in Europe, the less shocking it becomes. Put this trend in context of Gerald Flurry’s feature article (page 4) to understand its significance.

7 | POLAND
We need a new super-power: the EU military

Five EU nations called for a new European military structure on November 15. Foreign and defense ministers from France, Germany, Italy, Poland and Spain published the joint communiqué after a meeting in Paris, to “confirm our readiness to foster an ambitious European policy in the field of security and defense.” Polish Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski was more blunt. “If the EU wants to become a super-power, and Poland supports this, then we

must have the capability to exert influence in our neighborhood. ... Sometimes we must use force to back our diplomacy,” he said, according to the *EU Observer*. The Polish foreign minister is admitting outright what the *Trumpet* has warned for years: EU leaders want to create a superstate with a military to match.



SIKORSKI



A Panzer Grenadierbrigade Leopard 2 tank maneuvers and aims its main gun.

8 | GERMANY
Saudi Arabia, Algeria getting made-in-Germany hardware

SAUDI ARABIA HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED GERMANY’S permission to buy several hundred Boxer armored vehicles, *Der Spiegel* reported on December 2. It described the Boxer as one of the most modern battle vehicles in the world, able to support remote-controlled weapons or a surgical suite or to serve as an armored personnel carrier.

Spiegel also said that a Rheinmetall subsidiary plans to build 1,200 Fuch armored personnel carriers in Algeria over the next 10 years. These deals are forging strong links between Germany and Saudi Arabia, which are also planning a deal for 270 German Leopard A7 tanks—one of the most advanced tanks in the world.

Meanwhile, Germany’s arms trade with Algeria has also exploded. In 2010, Germany sold under €20 million in military equipment to Algeria. In 2011 and 2012, it sold €400 million worth and underwrote a €2.13 billion sale of two warships. Germany is using its arms industry strategically to build up the enemies of Iran and to create an alliance for itself in the Middle East.

8 | GERMANY Far right going further right

The number of east Germans with far-right or xenophobic views has increased dramatically over the past two years, according to a report published by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation on November 12. The study found that 20 percent of those in the west are considered xenophobic, along with nearly 40 percent in the east. Just over 56 percent of those polled in east and west completely or mostly agreed with the statement “Islam is an archaic religion, unable to adapt to the present.” The study also examined both “traditional” anti-Semitism and “secondary” anti-Semitism. Nearly 32 percent of respondents agreed with “secondary” anti-Semitic statements like, “Jewish people use the memory of the Holocaust to their own advantage.” Watch for east Germany and the rest of the nation to adopt an increasingly strident devotion to Deutschland—Deutschland above all.



1 | SYRIA

Expect flight delays

Intense clashes between Syrian rebels and Bashar Assad loyalists near Damascus International forced the airport to close for a couple days in November, leaving Assad's regime weaker than ever. The closure affected flights by Emirates and EgyptAir, two of the few airlines still operating in Syria after almost two years of civil war. Disruption at Syria's main airport chokes the flow of supplies, weapons



and money to Assad's government and gives its global image a black eye. Stratfor called jeopardizing the airport "a symbolic success for the rebels" (Nov. 30, 2012). Soon after the airport shut down, the Internet went down in Syria for two days, apparently blacked out by Assad's forces. Assad's power is weakening, and it appears to be only a matter of time before

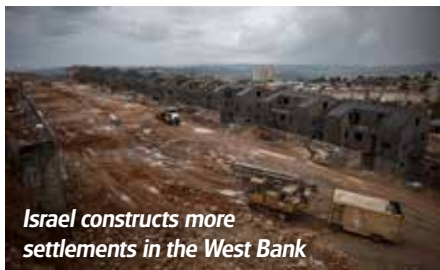
Syria gets a regime change.



Palestinians in the West Bank celebrate their diplomatic upgrade.

United Nations elevates Palestinians' status

AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS General Assembly upgraded the status of the Palestinian Authority from "non-member observer entity" to "non-member observer state" on November 29. The UN scheduled the vote on the 65th anniversary of when it recognized the State of Israel. The majority included France, Italy, Russia, China and New Zealand. The United Kingdom, Germany and Australia abstained. The United States, Canada, the Czech Republic and some Pacific Island nations stood with Israel. The final vote was 138-9. While the resolution does not grant statehood or independence to the Palestinians, it is a significant diplomatic score. The group can now take part in UN debates and even potentially prosecute Israel for war crimes in the International Criminal Court or seek to resolve territorial disputes through the International Court of Justice.



Israel constructs more settlements in the West Bank

One day after the UN elevated the Palestinians' status, Israel retaliated by announcing plans to build settlements in East Jerusalem. The move provoked international condemnation, with critics saying the move complicates the so-called peace process. Britain, France, Spain, Denmark, Egypt and several other countries summoned Israeli ambassadors to their respective countries for rebuke and to demand explanations. Though Germany did not follow suit, Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokeswoman said her administration is "worried" about the plans. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu traveled to Germany in December, but so far Israel has resisted the international pressure. Reuters reported that Germany is considered Israel's closest ally in Europe.



2 | ISRAEL After ceasefire, Hamas scorns negotiations

Hamas's second in command has insisted that fighting, not talking, is the way forward in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Moussa Abu Marzouk's statements came just days after Hamas agreed to a ceasefire with Israel on November 21. "Occupation needs resistance, not negotiations," Marzouk told the Associated Press. Hamas's actions are true to his words. As it celebrated its 25th anniversary in December, the terrorist organization continued its warlike rhetoric—and its stockpiling of weapons from Iran. Though Israel's heart is set on more negotiations, Hamas is making clear its preference for bullets and rockets.

3 | SUDAN 'Strategic arm' of Iran

Israeli defense and intelligence sources say that missiles striking its cities from the Gaza Strip come from Iran via Sudan. The report came from the *Sunday Times* (Nov. 25, 2012). The sources say Tehran is building a "strategic arm" swinging at Israel from the south. Satellite photos showed a shipment of missiles being prepared for delivery to Gaza, even as Israel and Hamas were negotiating a ceasefire. The shipment included Fajr-5 rockets, which can hit Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem from Gaza. It also contained 54-foot Shahab-3 missiles with an 800-mile range—capable of hitting Israel from Sudan. Israeli officials believe the missiles were to be dismantled, smuggled through Egypt and delivered through underground tunnels across the Gaza border. Israel also believes Iran is building another weapons factory in Sudan to replace the one the Israeli Air Force is thought to have destroyed in October.

10 Billion of dollars Beijing pledged for railways and roads linking SCO nations

15 rounds of strategic consultation held between Moscow and Beijing

48 fifth-generation convertible jet engines Russia is selling to China

ASIA

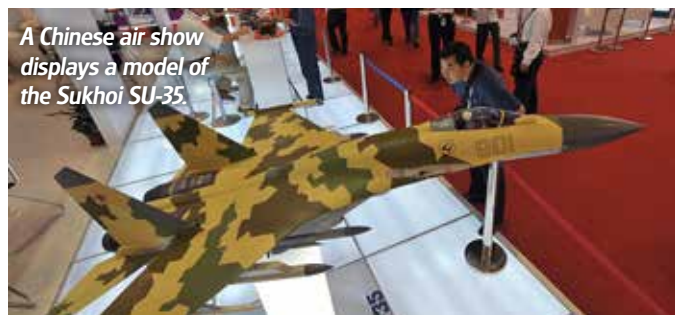
4 | CHINA 5 | RUSSIA

Turning a 'new chapter'

THE RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTER'S VISIT TO CHINA IN November wrote "a new chapter of mutually beneficial cooperation" between Beijing and Moscow, the People's Daily Online said on November 28. Sergey Shoigu met with Qian Lihua, the director-general of the Foreign Affairs Office at China's Ministry of National Defense.

According to the People's Daily, enhancing Russo-Chinese trust depends on the two militaries' "cooperation mechanism." In recent years, the Moscow and Beijing general staffs have held 15 rounds of strategic consultation and three bilateral joint military exercises.

Russia and China are global titans in terms of population and territory and are also permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. For these reasons, Europe is warily watching the Russo-Chinese strides toward economic, political and military cooperation. European states know that in order to counter this forming Asian bloc, they themselves must be united. And European integration is not lost on Asia. Bible prophecy shows these developments will ultimately lead to a colossal confrontation between these blocs.



A Chinese air show displays a model of the Sukhoi SU-35.

Ready to share secrets

China's fifth-generation J-20 stealth fighter jet program may soon get a huge boost. Until recently, Beijing's newest fighter seemed to be very much a work in progress, dependent on how much technology Chinese engineers could copy from Russian designs or could steal from Lockheed Martin's databases. But Defense News reported on November 25 that everything is about to change, because Beijing is negotiating a deal with Moscow to purchase the twin-engine Sukhoi Su-35 multi-role fighter. Russia's Su-35 uses a powerful Saturn AL-117S engine, which can easily be modified into a fifth-generation engine. Previously, Moscow denied a Chinese request to buy 48 Su-35s (with the 117S engine). The Su-35 was marketed exclusively within Russia. But the terms of the new deal say Russia will sell Beijing 24 of the Su-35 units with 48 brand-new 117S engines.

Fighters at Air Show China



4 | CHINA

Aircraft carrier deploys jets

China's military has conducted its first successful jet landings on its first aircraft carrier, enabling it to deploy fighters on the ship, a senior navy officer said on November 25. People's Liberation Army Navy Vice-Adm. Zhang Yongyi said J-15 pilots had mastered takeoff and landing, including during unfavorable conditions such as unstable airflow and poor visibility. Zhang compared landing on the narrow, short seaborne runways at several hundred miles per hour to "dancing on a knife point." China continues to make military advancements. Watch for weaker Asian states to start rallying behind Beijing.

Workers lay cable along a railway in Beijing.



4 | CHINA 6 | UZBEKISTAN 7 | KYRGYZSTAN

Connecting Central Asia

CHINESE PREMIER WEN JIABAO MADE a push for increased connectivity within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), which includes China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Wen's remarks came at the 11th SCO prime ministers' meeting on December 5.

Wen said Beijing would invest \$10 billion in key projects, including a railway that would join China with Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, a land route all the way from western Russia to China's east coast, and a road network that would link SCO nations and allow low-cost access to the sea. This infrastructure will represent a major enhancement for Central Asia, most of which is landlocked.

Such developments between these six Asian states is particularly important in light of Bible prophecies. The prophecy of "the kings of the east" found in Daniel 11:44, Revelation 9:13-16 and elsewhere says an enormous Asian power bloc will form, amassing the largest army ever assembled in mankind's history. This staggering 200-million-man military is prophesied to travel westward into modern-day Israel (e.g. Revelation 16:12, 16; Daniel 11:44). The *Trumpet* has said for years that these kings would be led by Russia and China. The railways and roadways that SCO leaders are laboring to build could be instrumental in transporting these great hoards of soldiers to the Holy Land.



UNASUR summit promotes South American citizenship

Leaders at a Union of South American Nations summit in Peru in late November called for creating a single South American citizenship. The bloc includes Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Surinam, Uruguay, Venezuela and Paraguay. This call for regional citizenship is based on the European Union model. Watch for South America to unite into a more cohesive regional power bloc, and expect this bloc to negotiate a close alliance with the EU. The *Plain Truth* magazine predicted in May 1962: “[T]he 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. The United States is going to be literally besieged—ECONOMICALLY—frozen out of world trade!”

1 | MEXICO

Drug cartel network spreads

The Sinaloa Cartel, one of Mexico’s largest and most dangerous drug trafficking networks, is extending its activities throughout the world. Journalists in Brussels now confirm that in addition to running billions of dollars’ worth of illegal drugs into the United States, the cartel is now trafficking primarily cocaine into Spain, Italy and the western Balkans. Police forces in Melbourne, Australia, confirm that the Sinaloa cartel has also been caught working with local biker gangs to smuggle illegal drugs into the city. Cash from

America’s out-of-control drug addiction is feeding a monster of global proportions.

South African farmer Hannes Visser was the first white farmer to be ordered off his land.



ZUMA

2 | SOUTH AFRICA The nation’s riskiest job

AMID HEARTY RENDITIONS OF apartheid-era songs and wails from *vuvuzelas*, South African President Jacob Zuma was swept to victory on December 18 in his party’s leadership contest. The move effectively secures Africa’s most powerful office until 2019.

Zuma’s imminent reelection has sobering implications for South Africa because he has repeatedly condemned the white minority’s control of the country’s economy and has long called for a widespread transfer of wealth to the nation’s black majority, including the redistribution of white-owned farms.

At present, only 8 percent of South African farms are owned by blacks, a number far short of the 30 percent goal by 2014 proposed by former President Nelson Mandela. This discrepancy has rendered it

even more dangerous to be a white farmer than to be a policeman—and South Africa is awash with violence and crime.

The dangers to South Africa’s ever-dwindling number of white, mostly Afrikaner landowners have become so serious that a group of activists and farmers marched to the capital of Pretoria in December to demand state protection of their lives and property. “Farm murders are not only a crisis,” said AfriForum Deputy CEO Ernst Roets. “They are a catastrophe.” The Transvaal Agricultural Union of South Africa says nearly 1,600 farm murders have been reported since 1990; think tanks place the number closer to 3,000.

With Zuma’s office secured for six more years, the situation for South Africa’s white farmers is not likely to improve anytime soon.



Chancellor Merkel hosts President Jonathan in Berlin.

3 | NIGERIA Cooperation increases with Germany

Nigeria and Germany issued a statement in early December announcing a commission to promote bilateral relations. This commission will explore possible political, trade, energy, education and migration cooperation. The agreement comes after talks between German

Chancellor Angela Merkel and Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan last July. Foreign affairs analysts rank Nigeria as one of Africa’s three most geopolitically important nations. Egypt’s fate determines the stability of Northern Africa, South Africa’s fate determines the stability of sub-Saharan Africa, and Nigeria’s fate determines the stability of the oil-rich nations surrounding the Gulf of Guinea. This fact is not lost on Germany’s political leaders, who have already taken great pains to develop bilateral relations with Nigeria through arms exports and military training programs.



President Obama argues for more debt in Washington, D.C.

The ceiling that keeps going up

President Barack Obama is demanding that Republicans allow his administration to raise the debt ceiling once again. In addition, the president has asked for a new wave of stimulus spending and for a round of tax hikes on the richest 2 percent of Americans. However, these taxes will not even make a dent in America's enormous budget deficit, and the new wave of stimulus spending will likely increase the deficit even more—hence the call for the debt ceiling to be raised. There is even a distinct possibility that the tax increases on America's richest job creators will eventually depress gross domestic product to the point where total tax revenues actually decrease.

Terrorizing gas stations

A group of robbers wielding AK-47s hit two gas stations in Detroit on December 5. It is believed the group is responsible for several similar crimes across the city. After robbing a BP station, the four suspects went on to rob a Mobil station. The suspects were described as black males in their 20s wearing dark clothing and black masks. As economic conditions in Detroit and the rest of America deteriorate, robbery and looting is becoming more common—and gaining more firepower.



Hezbollah's reach is extending far beyond Lebanon.

Is Iran infiltrating the U.S. with terrorist sleeper cells?

A NOVEMBER REPORT FROM THE HOUSE HOMELAND Security Committee warns that Iran may be working with Mexican drug cartels to smuggle Hezbollah operatives into the United States. The committee also found that Iranian-backed terrorists and Latin American drug-traffickers are developing a growing rapport.

North Carolina Rep. Sue Myrick issued a similar warning earlier in 2012 in the wake of an Iranian plot to assassinate a Saudi diplomat in Washington, D.C., using a hired gun from a major Mexican drug cartel. Last June, the Homeland Security Committee reported that there are hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of Iranian or Hezbollah agents in America. One law enforcement official said the New York Police Department believes there are somewhere between 200 and 300 Hezbollah sympathizers in New York City alone.

Federal authorities have brought numerous criminal cases against these alleged Hezbollah operatives, but so far most of their activities have been limited to surveillance missions and fundraising. They have been observed examining sensitive U.S. targets such as subway systems, bridges and nuclear power plants.

It is alleged that Hezbollah funds itself by collecting donations from Islamist sympathizers across the Western Hemisphere and by taking commissions from Latin American drug traffickers. One South American drug smuggler investigated by Colombian officials in 2008 admitted that his traffickers gave 12 percent of their annual profits to Hezbollah in return for its support. Iranian-backed Hezbollah operatives spread out across the U.S., Mexico and Latin America are using the money that Americans spend on drug addiction to fund terrorism in the Middle East.

Several U.S. officials have warned that, in the event of an Israeli or U.S. strike on Iran's nuclear facilities, Hezbollah could quickly move from surveillance and fundraising in North America to launching terrorist attacks. Hezbollah will be in a prime position to unleash chaos if so directed by Iran.

Anciently, the Prophet Ezekiel foretold of a day when end-time Israel would be beset by terrorism, rioting and societal collapse. This time is prophesied to result primarily from a great economic siege against America, but it could be enhanced by violence caused by foreign terrorists.



Sandy demolished the Rockaway neighborhood in the Queens borough of New York City.

Sandy's costs worse than expected

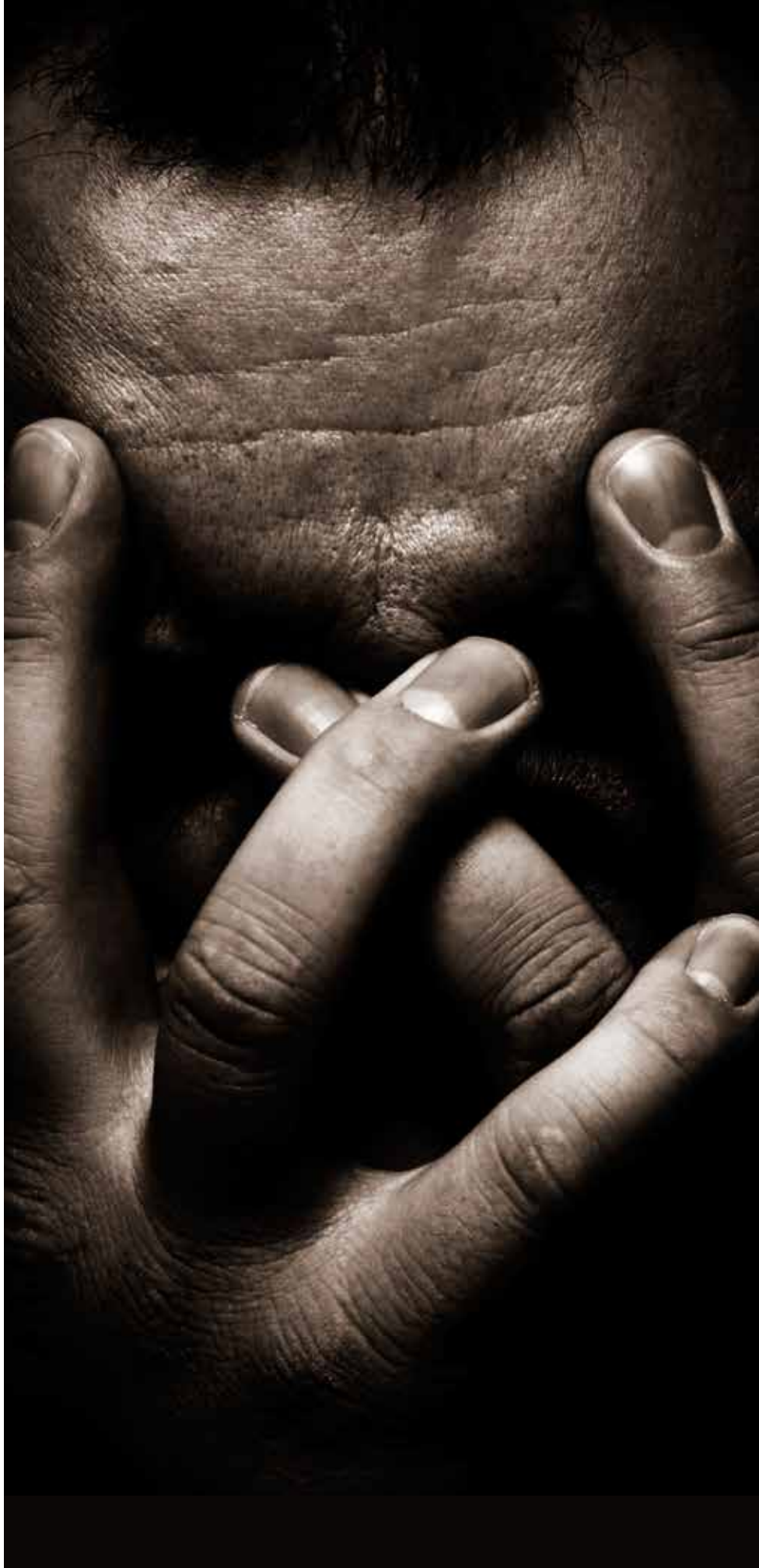
The damage from Hurricane Sandy is more extensive and will be longer-lasting than initially anticipated, Federal Reserve official William Dudley said on November 29. Increases in jobless claims coupled with manufacturing losses indicate the damage could be worse than feared. Weather-related curses are compounding the effects of America's reckless fiscal policy and forcing the nation into an ever deepening economic recession. Expect these curses to continue.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT

Some call it
self-deliverance.
Others call it murder.
Survivors know it as a
nightmare that haunts
them forever.
Here's the truth
about its cause—
and ultimate solution.

BY DENNIS LEAP



GETTING OVER THE LOSS OF a loved one who intentionally takes his own life is close to impossible. “When Mom told me Dad was dead, I was shocked. When she told me he had killed himself, I was horrified. My brain went numb,” a young friend of mine, Dawn, explains, with tears flowing.

“It took about four months before I didn’t think about what he did every day—four months before the pain began

that a father, brother, sister, mother, wife or friend committed suicide.

Even you may share Dawn’s experience or know someone like her. More Americans now die by suicide than by car crashes. A study published in the November 2012 *American Journal of Public Health* showed that the number of people who commit suicide has dramatically increased. The suicide rate in America rose a shocking 15 percent from 2000 to 2009.

There is a trend in society to make suicide an acceptable and legal choice for

the proper equipment, including drugs, in order to carry out the quickest, most peaceful way to make a “final exit.” Yet, the books have become a real problem.

“In its first 10 years this book was occasionally used by persons for whom it was not intended—the deeply depressed and the mentally ill,” Humphry wrote. “This misuse I regret but can do nothing about. Suicide has always been endemic in mankind; some of us do not have the emotional and intellectual equipment to cope with a lifetime of troubles—real and

SUICIDE

to dull. My dad hung himself; trying to escape his problems, I guess. But I couldn’t escape what he had done. For four months I dealt with constant mental torment and agony. I was scared to be alone. I tried to keep myself occupied so I wouldn’t think about it. Anything was better than thinking of what he had done. *Why did he do it?* That question always comes back into my mind. I still don’t like to tell people how he died.

“For over a year, I struggled with feelings of guilt. I thought that I wasn’t a good daughter. My dad loved me so much, but I was too busy for him. The last time I saw him was two days before Father’s Day. We had dinner together. He wasn’t doing too well then. He had some financial problems. But I never thought he would kill himself.

“I never spoke to Dad after that. I was going to call him ... always *going* to call him, yet I never did. I still wonder if I could have helped him had I called him. I get melancholy every year around the anniversary of his death, Father’s Day and his birthday. I guess I will always wonder, *Would he still be here if I had called?*”

Dawn’s tragic story is only one of multiple thousands of similar tales told each year. Thousands of loved ones suffer crushing heartbreak on hearing the news

people suffering from terminal illness. Advocates of terminally ill suicide, using political correctness as a cloak, call it *self-deliverance*. Several pro-suicide authors have even published “how to” manuals giving instructions—with illustrations—on ways to end your life.

Suicide Manuals

Derek Humphry, author of *Final Exit*, writes, “All I ask of persons to whom any form of euthanasia is morally repugnant is tolerance and understanding of the feelings of others who want the right to choose what happens to their bodies in a free society. To every person their own way of death.” When first published in 1991, *Final Exit* stunned the nation. It also became a *number one bestseller*. The book is now in its third edition. *Final Exit*’s popularity indicates that a large number of people *do not* consider suicide morally repugnant. Many now see it as a quick fix for unwanted personal problems.

There is no doubt that proponents of suicide for the terminally ill are sincere in their beliefs. They emphasize the need to help those considering such an act to do so in a *dignified way*, making their death a “good death.” Those who have written books want to inform people how to get

imagined—and elect to die. Self-destruction of a physically fit person is always a tragic waste of life and hurtful to survivors, but life is a personal responsibility. We must each decide for ourselves.” This is quite a revealing statement. Let’s look at it closely.

The word *occasionally* means happening from time to time but not regularly or frequently. Let’s talk reality. Over a *million* copies of Humphry’s book have been purchased. To say that *Final Exit* was misused only occasionally appears to be wishful thinking.

Coroners around the U.S. are discovering that many others besides the depressed and mentally ill are taking advantage of the “help” provided in the book—including teenagers and young adults! Although we may never know exactly how many, what is certain is that Humphry and other authors like him are helping many people *without* terminal illnesses to end their lives.

Last July, a 24-year-old woman packed her car full of dangerous chemicals, drove to a public park, mixed the chemicals together and allowed the reaction to snuff out her life. The chemicals in the car were so dangerous to responders that they had to wear

hazmat suits to clean up the scene. Investigators remarked that it was like a page right out of *Final Exit*. This happened right here in the *Trumpet's* hometown of Edmond. A spokesperson for the Oklahoma State medical examiner's office said they had reviewed 12 recent deaths related to *Final Exit*. Oftentimes, *the book is found with the deceased*.

Teen Suicide Skyrockets

Humphry attempts to excuse any responsibility for the *tragic waste of life* outside the scope of his intended audience by say-

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ing that suicide has always been common in man's history. But someone must take responsibility and recognize that suicide is rapidly growing dramatically out of control for all age groups—especially the young.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reported in 2012 that suicide is the fourth leading cause of death among 5-to-14-year-olds. Suicide manuals like *Final Exit* are not causing all these deaths, but they do encourage teen suicide. How? All suicide manuals highly romanticize the death of terminally ill patients as being *brave, courageous, dignified and inspiring*. They make suicide more visible and more acceptable. This has a huge impact on impressionable minds. Teens readily accept the open-mindedness toward and encouragement of this tragic act.

“Research describes how adolescents become curious and even excited when suicide is talked about in heroic ways as opposed to being characterized as a result of mental illness,” Carla Fine writes in *No Time to Say Goodbye*. “This romanticizing of death often accounts for copycat suicides among young people and outbreaks of cluster suicides in schools and communities.”

Incidents of teen cluster suicides are rising throughout the U.S. In mid-summer 2012, Delaware Online reported that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) was called on to investigate the cause of a dramatic rise in teen suicides in Kent and Sussex counties. In the first four months of 2012, 11 young people under age 20 hung or

shot themselves—and a stunning 116 others attempted to commit suicide. Three of the teenagers from Polytech High School in Woodside killed themselves within two months of each other. Two of the students were friends and died within the same week.

Dr. Alex Crosby, medical epidemiologist with the CDC, said that statistically he'd expect to see seven suicides in this age group throughout the entire state in a year; this high rate of suicide attempts is shocking. The communities, local government officials, school and health offi-

cialists were stunned. They are at a loss to understand *why* such waste of young, talented, vibrant life. Even more, they want to know how to stop the problem from growing worse.

Fine writes, “The suicide of a student touches everyone—students, teachers, administrators and support staff—stirring up the same kind of emotions and conflicts that affect all survivors of suicide.” She emphasizes that nothing should be done to glamorize or dramatize a suicide. Yet, doing nothing is as dangerous as doing too much. She suggests that the school faculty be thoroughly counseled about suicide before attempting to help students.

Top Killer of Americans

These Delaware communities are not the only places rocked by suicide. *Suicides are now the number one cause of injury-related deaths in the U.S.*

“Suicides are terribly under-counted,” Ian Rockett, the author of the *American Journal of Public Health* study about the rise in suicides, told Mail Online. “I think the problem is much worse than official data would lead us to believe. We have a situation that has gotten out of hand.”

Rockett has more grim statistics. He believes there may be an additional 20 percent or more unrecognized suicide deaths. For example, poisoning deaths rose 128 percent in the same time period, a portion of which were most likely intentional. Deaths from falls rose 71 percent. It is likely that a portion of those falls were not accidental either.

The failing U.S. economy may have contributed to the spike in American suicides. Suicides reached a record high of 22 people per 100,000 in 1932, during the Great Depression. By contrast, in the economically prosperous year 2000, only 10 per 100,000 people took their lives—less than half of the 1932 figures.

Suicide is not just an American problem; international data show it rising around the world. The suicide rate in Greece has skyrocketed. Before its economic crises, Greece had the lowest rate of suicide in Europe.

The nations having the most trouble with suicide are those of the affluent Western world. Suicide rates appear to be lowest in Muslim countries—the Koran forbids suicide. So does the Bible, but most Westerners have a loose relationship with their Bibles, at best.

Facing Down Suicide

Alarmed by the rising number of suicides in the U.S., Congress established a \$56 million suicide prevention program in 2004 under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act. The goal to save lives is laudable, *but it can only be achieved if we face the truth about the real cause of suicide*.

Pouring money into suicide education and prevention programs will not stop this tragedy. Expensive prevention programs have not stopped alcoholism, drug abuse, child abuse, crime, illiteracy, poverty, spousal abuse or violence. Even with our intellectual and creative abilities, we have proved incapable of solving our really tough problems. We need the *truth*.

The truth is this: Suicide is a *spiritual* problem. To eradicate suicide, we must confront it spiritually.

Suicide advocates are anti-God. They have to be in order to recommend that someone take his own life. Derek Humphry writes, “If the reader of this book is deeply religious and takes all guidance from a divinity, then there is no point reading further.” Wow! That is a very blunt but true statement. When a person has a close relationship with God, suicide is off the table.

In a similar vein, most experts who want to stop suicide are not comfortable bringing God into the picture either. They try to teach others to look for *signs* of a

potential suicide, but fail to teach people how to eliminate the *cause* of suicide.

How does God look at suicide? To God, suicide is not brave, courageous or romantic.

Suicide is not self-deliverance. *Suicide is murder!*

The Bible forbids this evil act, but few today live according to the Bible. Our loving and living God calls suicide a heinous sin—a violation of the Sixth Commandment—which not only brings a life to a tragic end, but also spreads indescribable suffering to those left behind.

“When my dad committed suicide, I felt betrayed,” Dawn told me. “He was supposed to love me and always be there for me, but he abandoned me instead. Dad was supposed to walk me down the aisle. I wanted to have a baby boy and name him after my dad—it was going to be a surprise. I was excited to introduce him to my friends and—one day—to my husband. I wanted them to see how cool and fun he was. But I never got the chance.”

A survivor told Carla Fine, “When someone says to me that my husband must have been very brave to take his own life, I get furious. The real heroes of this drama are those of us who are trying to put our lives back together, piece by piece. We are the ones who have to face straightening up the mess and making sense of the insanity. We cry, we laugh, we hang on to each other for dear life, but we do survive, thank God.”

Even the loved ones of terminally ill

patients find it difficult to cope with self-inflicted death. Those who have experienced a loss to suicide want to stop it so no one else suffers its emotional wake.

God cares about the gut-wrenching grief caused by suicide!

There IS Value to Human Life

To solve our national suicide epidemic, we must turn to God. We have to put our *spiritual lives* back together—piece by piece.

Even those most religious have drifted so far from God and His instruction book for happiness—the Holy Bible—that few know God’s purpose for creating human life. Most of the world’s educated do not believe there is a God. Few believe there is purpose for human beings beyond this material life. They accept evolution as the truth about the origins of the universe and man. Believing this fable, they are blind to the fact that *there is a transcendent purpose for the universe and for mankind—a purpose that includes you!*

Let’s be honest. Belief in evolution is the foundation of the pro-suicide philosophy infesting our world.

God has an awesome purpose for mankind. He spells it out clearly in the Bible for everyone willing to read and believe. In fact, God gave us the Bible so every man, woman and child can attain that purpose. A thorough study of the Bible reveals that God is the great giver. When He created the Earth, He provided every good thing for each of us to become

a sensational success—not a failure. Suicide is the ultimate failure.

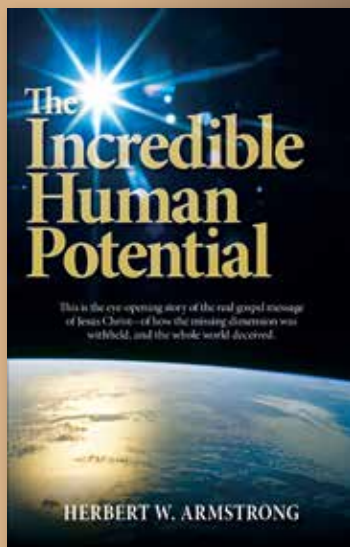
“What is the most necessary of all knowledge to know?” Herbert W. Armstrong asked in his fantastic book *The Incredible Human Potential*. “It is the knowledge of what man is; the knowledge of why he is—the *purpose* for which humanity was put on Earth; the knowledge of the way to achieve that purpose—of the way to world peace, peace between individuals, groups and nations; the knowledge of the cause of all the world’s troubles and evils; the knowledge of the solution to all these problems; the knowledge of the true values—what is important and what is worthless. That is the missing dimension in knowledge.”

Jesus Christ revealed this knowledge in His gospel message. His Father sent Him to Earth to be an example of achieving God’s purpose for man. Even though He was God in the flesh, Jesus nobly faced trials, tests and life’s problems—even a torturous death at the hands of others—as a human being (Hebrews 4:15).

When we know God’s purpose for us, we become willing to work through anything life throws at us—even a painful death caused by terminal illness. Knowing our purpose brings us into a working relationship with God, which ensures our success. Who wouldn’t want to know what God has in store for us?

“Put together all these scriptures... and you begin to grasp the incredible

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Was Jesus a Prophet?

This simple question has caused considerable religious controversy recently. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

HOW CAN WE ANSWER SUCH A question? There is only one way. Jesus Christ said we are to live by “every word of God” (Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4). He was actually quoting the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 8:3), so His statement obviously includes the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. Christ also said, “Thy word is truth” (John 17:17).

Was Christ a prophet? There’s been a recent religious controversy about that, because the leader of 1.1 billion Roman Catholics says NO. But we need to PROVE FROM GOD’S WORD, THE BIBLE, the answer to that question. People can prove it for themselves very easily.

Jesus’s Testimony

Look at Revelation 12:17: “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” This verse says that repentant Christians “keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” What is that? Considering that it is *what Christ spoke*—His TESTIMONY—we need to know what it is!

God says that no scripture is of any private interpretation (2 Peter 1:20). We should always let THE BIBLE interpret the Bible. That is the only way we will understand it. In this case, there is another

scripture that defines EXACTLY what “the testimony of Jesus” is!

That definition is found in

Revelation 19:10: “the testimony of Jesus IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.” In other words, WHAT JESUS CHRIST SPOKE is in the spirit of PROPHECY!

That is a strong statement! If you know anything about the Bible, you know Jesus Christ came preaching the gospel, or “good news,” of the Kingdom of God (e.g.

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Mark 1:14-15). He said that Kingdom was “at hand,” but *not here yet*.

What is the gospel? It’s the good news of the coming Kingdom, or Family, of God! Christ’s message about it was a PROPHECY direct from His mouth! It is a wonderful prophecy of the beautiful World Tomorrow that is about to come to this Earth when Jesus Christ rules and brings peace and abundance and joy! The gospel is the CONTEXT of ALL the Bible’s prophecy!

What happened *right before* Christ began to proclaim that gospel? In verses 12-13 of Mark 1, you read that Jesus had to fight a titanic struggle with Satan the devil (see also Matthew 4; Luke 4). Do you know why? It was because He had to *qualify to replace Satan on his throne, from which the devil rules this Earth!* Yes, Satan has a throne, and he does bear rule. 2 Corinthians 4:4 tells us that he is “the GOD of this world”—the world *worships him!*

Nevertheless, Christ WON that struggle and overcame Satan, and He qualified to kick him off his throne and to govern the

Earth. He will assume that rule at His Second Coming.

That is why it was *right after* that struggle that Christ came declaring the gospel of the Kingdom of God!

God is offering positions of rulership today, as well, to those who conquer the devil as Christ did (e.g. Revelation 3:21). Though it is not on the same level as what Christ did, the firstfruits also *qualify* to rule with Jesus Christ by overcoming the devil today. That truth is very much a part of Christ’s glorious gospel!

Really, *all the truth in the Bible* should be viewed in the context of that gospel.

Christ’s Most Important Prophecy

In his November 18 *Angelus* to the faithful, Pope Benedict XVI declared, “Jesus does not describe the end of the world, and when He uses apocalyptic images, He does not act as a ‘seer’ [or *prophet*]. On the contrary, He wishes to ensure that His disciples in every age remain unmoved by dates and predictions.”

That is a startling statement. What does the Bible say about it?

Jesus Christ issued many prophecies while He was on Earth. The *most*

important of these was the Olivet prophecy, recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. *All prophecy* revolves around it. I believe it is the most pivotal prophecy in the Bible.

And what is it about? In it, CHRIST DESCRIBES THE END OF THIS AGE.

Matthew 24:3 sets the stage: “And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and *what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of THE END OF THE WORLD?*” The Greek word translated “world,” *aion*, should read “age.” It’s referring to the present age of Satan’s rule on Earth; when Christ returns, there is actually a NEW world coming!

So this chapter shows Jesus Christ prophesying what’s going to happen at the end of this age! How could anyone say He’s not a prophet?

Some commentaries call this prophecy “the little apocalypse,” and for good reason. An account of it appears in Matthew, Mark and Luke—but not the Gospel of John. Why is John the only Gospel writer

who did not record the Olivet prophecy? Actually he does, but not in his Gospel. *He records it in the book of Revelation, chapter 6.*

There John discusses seven seals, the first four of which are known as the four horsemen of the apocalypse. The word *apocalypse* is an untranslated Greek word that means *revelation*. The seven seals in the book of Revelation are *interpreted* in the Olivet prophecy! You can read about this in my article last month, “The Seven Seals of Revelation Have Been Opened!” So actually, all four Gospel writers had a version of the Olivet prophecy!

Revelation 5 shows that Christ is the ONLY PROPHET qualified to unloose the seven seals of Revelation. Christ is THE PROPHET OF ALL PROPHETS!

There are many instances in the Bible where Christ is referred to as a prophet (e.g. Deuteronomy 18:15, 18; Luke 7:16; 24:19; John 4:19; 6:14; 9:17; Acts 3:20-23; Hebrews 1:1-2). There are many more where He gave prophecies (e.g. Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 25:31-34; 26:64; Mark 13:1-2; John 7:37-40).

Prophecy is revelation from God about what He is going to do. Christ PROPHECIED, and *every bit* of that prophecy has come to pass or is about to!

The prophetic signs Christ gave in Matthew 24 are intended to HELP US TO BE WATCHFUL and TO PREPARE FOR HIS SECOND COMING. “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (verses 42-44). Christ said we wouldn’t know the day or the hour, but we *should* know when it is NEAR—AT THE DOOR (verse 33). We MUST understand that!

War With the Dragon

End-time prophecy describes a great, fearsome political power that has “a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God” (Revelation 13:5-6). This “beast” is prophesied to ally with another “beast” that looks like a lamb but speaks like a dragon (verses 11-12). This is a powerfully deceptive *religious* entity

prophesied to kill millions and even to martyr the saints of God (e.g. verses 13-15).

What a condemning prophecy! Thus, it should be no surprise that the powers it describes would seek to take people’s focus off prophecy, and off the prophetic message of the greatest prophet ever, Jesus Christ.

In reality, a statement that Jesus is not a prophet is an attack on Christ—AND on those who have the testimony of Christ!

Consider this end-time prophecy: “And the dragon [Satan the devil] was wroth with the woman [the biblical symbol of a church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and *have the testimony of Jesus Christ*” (Revelation 12:17). The devil hates that testimony and tries to discredit and suppress it. And he does so by **WAR-RING AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE IT.**

Again, that “testimony” is “THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY” (Revelation 19:10). Those who have this revelatory spirit look to the one who *gave* that testimony—the one who alone can unloose the seals of Revelation so we can understand it—the Prophet of prophets, Jesus Christ! They then turn around and *proclaim and*

publish that prophecy, which exposes Babylonish religion and reveals the deceitful, blasphemous spirit that dominates it (Revelation 17).

Revelation 12 tells the story of this battle, throughout history, between God’s saints who have Christ’s spirit of prophecy, and a church inspired by this “old serpent” that seeks to silence them in order to avoid that exposure!

Act Now!

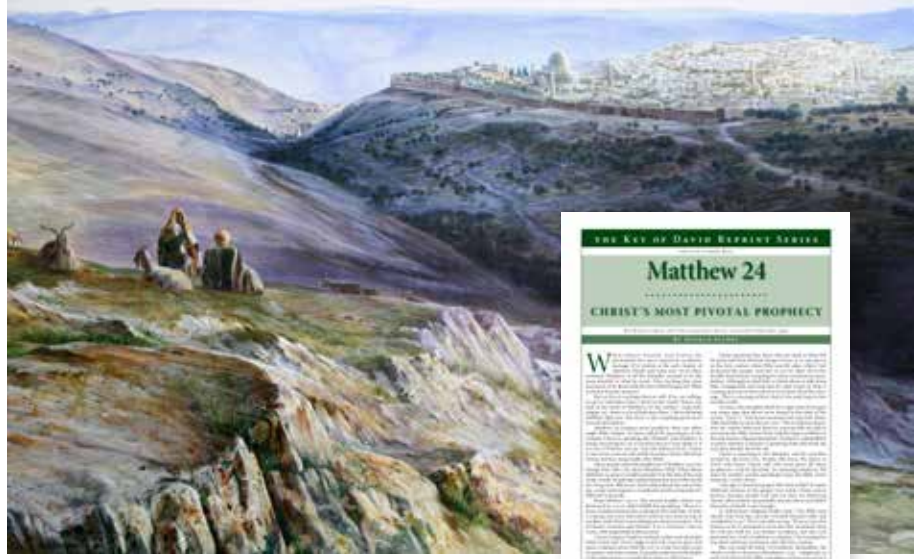
It is a rather brazen statement to say that Christ wasn’t a prophet. He is the Prophet of ALL prophets! If He hadn’t unsealed the seven seals, which is the whole story of Revelation, we wouldn’t know *anything* about the time frame or sequence of all other prophecies in the Bible.

This error ought to powerfully motivate anyone who has the testimony of Jesus Christ remaining in their memory to repent and cleave to the Father of lights where His lamp of truth burns so brightly!

The time for taking such action—and receiving God’s protection from the devastating end-time Tribulation *prophesied by Jesus Christ* (Matthew 24:21)—is fast running out!

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INCREASE YOUR BIBLE IQ

Do You Know the Truth About the Trinity?

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

WHO IS GOD? WHO IS IT THAT HUNDREDS of millions of Christians worship? For the great majority, at their heart of their answer lies a mystery: the idea that God is one deity divided into distinct-yet-merged hypostases: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Notice the candid admission of one world-famous evangelist who teaches this doctrine: “When I first began to study the Bible years ago, the doctrine of the trinity was one of the most complex problems I had to encounter. I have never fully resolved it, for it contains an aspect of mystery.... To explain and illustrate the trinity is one of the most difficult assignments....”

When even religionists admit they don’t comprehend who they worship, is there any hope you can understand God’s identity? *Yes!* It starts not with researching trinitarian orthodoxy, but with examining some illuminating verses right in your own Bible.

Let’s start with Revelation 12:9, which is not about the nature of God, but rather the nature of our world. This shocking verse reveals that the *whole world* has been *deceived!* And 2 Corinthians 4:4 corroborates this. Satan is not only very real, he is also incredibly successful: He has deceived not only atheists and non-Christians, but almost all *Christians* as well!

Satan did not accomplish this feat by denying Christ outright. He did it by creating a great *false* church—one that still bears Christ’s name today.

Counterfeit Christianity

The origin of that counterfeit Christianity is recorded in Acts 8. Two years after Jesus founded the Church of God, the deacon Philip went to Samaria and preached Christ’s gospel. Samaria was dominated by the influence of Simon, a sorcerer who had bewitched the inhabitants (Acts 8:9-11). Along with the crowd, Simon himself came to hear what Philip had to say.

1. When Simon’s followers believed Philip, who was preaching Christ and the Kingdom of God, what did they do? Acts 8:12. Did Simon join them? Verse 13.

2. When the apostles Peter and John came to Samaria to lay hands on the newly baptized so they could receive the Holy Spirit, what did Simon try to do? Verses 18-19. How did Peter respond? Verses 20-23.

Though he had been baptized, Simon was not converted to true Christianity—he attempted to *buy* what he thought was the power to impart God’s Spirit. Peter knew this man’s attitude was totally wrong; he only wanted more power to further exalt himself!

3. How did Simon react? Verse 24.

This request was insincere—far from repentance from such an evil mindset. The account ends there. But Simon’s work did not.

The sorcerer went on to proclaim himself an apostle. He proclaimed the *name* of Jesus Christ. He accepted the doctrine of “grace” for forgiveness of sin, something the pagan religions never had. He even called his religion “Christianity.” But he mixed these “Christian” ideas with his own pagan Babylonian mystery religion! Using the power of Christ’s name, he taught un-Christian doctrines. He turned the doctrine of grace into a license to sin (Jude 4) and aspired to turn his counterfeit religion into a universal faith that would gain political rule over the world!

Simon—the “Pater,” or father, of this counterfeit religion—did not accomplish his goal in his lifetime. But succeeding leaders, with the church’s headquarters moved to Rome, did later gain political control over the Roman Empire and its medieval successor, the “Holy Roman Empire.” (This empire is again being resurrected in Europe now!)

Even in that first century, Simon’s religion grew rapidly. The Apostle Paul indicated that by the 60s A.D., much of the Middle East had turned from the true gospel to a clever counterfeit! (Galatians 1:6-7).

This “Christian” counterfeit is actually the source of the trinity doctrine!

The Trinity

In A.D. 325, the Roman emperor Constantine called the Nicene Council to settle several religious controversies, which included arguments about belief in a trinity. Constantine was not a “Christian” then, but as political ruler, he assumed control of the church. The religious council approved the trinity doctrine, and Constantine made it law throughout the empire. But he was *not* able to make it the TRUTH!

The word “trinity” is not used in the Bible. That is because God is *not* a trinity! A key to understanding God’s true nature is understanding the Holy Spirit.

1. Does 1 John 5:7-8 prove that God is composed of three divine persons?

Notice this! Verses 7 and 8 should actually read: “For there are three that bear record, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.” The 1611 King James Version includes additional words, but these are omitted from most modern Bible translations—for good reason: They are spurious—*fraudulent!*

They did not appear in any respectable Greek manuscript. They appear in a fourth-century Latin text, probably as a marginal note by a copyist who believed in the trinity doctrine. These extra words entered the text of the Latin Vulgate by the eighth century after Christ. Editors of Bible commentaries both liberal and conservative, both old and new, agree that the origin of the King James text in 1 John 5:7-8 is fraudulent.

2. What is the Spirit of God? Jeremiah 32:17; Genesis 1:1-3; Psalm 104:30.

The Bible says the Spirit of God is the POWER by which God creates. John 1:1 reveals that in the beginning, there was God and the Word (who became Christ). The Word created the universe using the Spirit of God. Spirit energy was literally transformed into the material creation (Hebrews 11:3). It was by this same power that God renewed the surface of the Earth.

3. How did the Word use His Spirit of power to create? Psalm 148:1-5. Notice the word *commanded* in verse 5. Also read Psalm 33:8-9 and Genesis 1:2-3.

The Word “spake, and it was done.” He willed that spirit energy emanating from Himself to TRANSFORM into physical energy and matter. That is how the creation of the universe was accomplished.

4. Is God’s Spirit omnipresent? Psalm 139:7-8; Jeremiah 23:24. What does God use to sustain His vast creation? Hebrews 1:2-3; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 66:7.

God’s Spirit is everywhere, like the atmosphere on Earth. It is the power God uses to rule everything. It is what the Word used to do the work of creating. God uses this power much as man uses electrical energy. That is how Christ is “upholding all things by the word of his POWER.” Under the Father, He uses His authority as God and the *power* of the God Family to keep everything in the universe in its place.

Though the Father is SUPREME in the God Family (John 14:28), Jesus is the administrator of the Holy Spirit (John 15:26). The Spirit is *not* a personality, but rather the very *power of God*—the power by which God does His will. IT IS NOT ANOTHER PERSON!

5. How does the Bible reference the Holy Spirit? John 1:32; Romans 8:16, 26; 1 Peter 1:11; John 14:16-17, 26; 16:7-8, 13.

Normally, the Holy Spirit is referred to as “it” in the King James. In the 14th, 15th and 16th chapters of John, it is *personified* as one who brings help; therefore, the word *comforter* is used, along with the English pronouns *he* and *him*. Grammatically, all Greek pronouns *must agree in gender* with the nouns to which they refer. The Greek *parakletos* (comforter) is masculine in gender, so translators used the personal pronouns *he* and *him* for the Greek masculine pronouns. In many languages, a word’s gender has nothing to do with whether the thing itself is literally male or female. For example, the Spanish word *mesa* (table) is feminine. Gender in language is a mere grammatical tool.

In Greek, as in English, the word *spirit* is

neuter—*neither* masculine nor feminine in gender. *Pneuma* is the Greek word meaning “spirit.” It is always grammatically neuter, properly represented by the English pronoun “it” (John 1:32; Romans 8:16).

The Family of God

Few realize why the truth about the trinity doctrine is so important. By making the Holy Spirit into a person, it implies that God is forever limited to three individuals. It denies the very PURPOSE for which God created mankind!

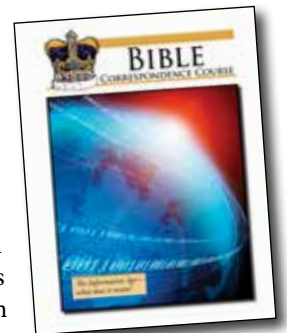
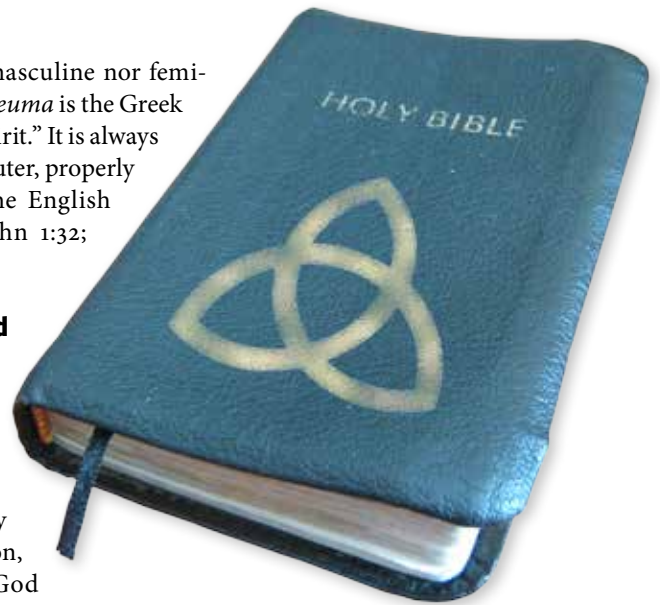
There is a definite reason why Satan, the arch-deceiver, wanted this false doctrine introduced into false Christianity. The trinity doctrine is his attempt to do away with the heart of the gospel Jesus Christ preached. It limits God to *only three*—with no possibility of expansion! But the truth—the gospel that Jesus Christ brought from God the Father—is that God is not a trinity, but a *Family!* That is truth Satan wants to hide from mankind!

1. Does Genesis 1:1 speak of *one* God?

The English word “God” is translated from the Hebrew word *Elohim*. This is a collective noun (like *family*, *church*, *group*—one noun consisting of two or more members).

God is NOT a trinity. God is a *Family* composed of, so far, the TWO Personages mentioned in John 1:1. However, the God Family will not always be composed of only two divine beings. God is in the process of *expanding* His divine Family! Many thousands have already been *begotten* by God’s Spirit and will soon be *born* into His Family at the return of Jesus Christ—either by a resurrection from the dead or an instantaneous change. In the future, *billions* will eventually be born into the Family of God!

Jesus Christ, by His resurrection, was born a divine Son of God (Romans 1:4). But He is only the *firstborn* of MANY BRETHREN who will also be born into the God Family (Romans 8:29). God the Father is the divine Father of the GOD Family, and when we who are now the *Spirit-begotten sons of God* are BORN into His divine Family at Christ’s return, *we shall be like God* (1 John 3:2), for we shall then be the *Spirit-born sons of God!* God is not a trinity. God is so much more—a *Family!*



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Alternate Reality

Sadly, no one but you can tell people why the blessings God gave us have been taken away and why there are curses upon the birthright nations of Israel (“What No One Would Say About Sandy,” January). Ignorance of the basic teaching of the Bible is the norm today. Children aren’t taught the basic goodness of the Ten Commandments as a standard of conduct to guide them into the way to blessings. So the cycle will continue.

Patricia M.—OKLAHOMA

Alternative “realities” have been foisted on people so they don’t accept the plain truth from the Bible. Any teacher of end-time prophecy is written off as one of many doomsday lunatics. The rash of extreme weather phenomena is explained away with global warming or climate change theories. But soon they’ll know God! *Kofi Appiah—CALIFORNIA*



Forty years ago as a teenager, I read those prophecies and curses against Israel, and thought how stupid could ancient Israel be? This is all the proof of God’s blessings since the time of the Exodus from Egypt, and all the warnings and yet they turned their backs on God.

Thirty years ago I heard Mr. Armstrong explain that those warnings are for modern-day Israel in the future. And I couldn’t really understand it, as much of our society was still God fearing.

Today is that future. I still find it hard to believe that an entire people could turn into what we have today, but the Bible was right. I have no doubt that the rest of the Bible’s prophecy is going to happen also.

Bruce Posch—ONTARIO, CANADA

Formula for happy families

“As a nation we must come to see how adults, in full pursuit of private selfish desires, are crippling the future generation” (“The Overlooked Case for Marriage,” January). Divorced parents are continually competing with each other to be the better parent. While focusing on the superficial aspects of caring for us, they left out what really counts: unity.

Emily

Blows the mind

The great power of the human mind and soon to be God mind just blows my mind! (“Your Memory: More Powerful Than You Realize,” January). What potential lies in each and every one of us, not just the savant’s or the autistic or those traumatized with a major head injury. I beg to ask what the possibilities are and just how far can the mind reach? I’m sure that these examples of the power of memory and the human mind are not random acts from a cruel God. They are little windows of hope for all to peer into and just be awestruck at the possibilities.

Paul F. Holshue—PENNSYLVANIA

The nones

I never had heard the term “Nones,” but that is a pretty accurate description of those who just don’t know what to believe (“America’s New Religion: None,” January). It is interesting to note that when

religion was on the rise, there was more unity in the country. Look at how, today, there are so many people without religious beliefs and how divided this country is. A house divided cannot stand.

Johnson

Sequence of events

Thank you, Mr. Flurry, for such a concise and easy to understand overview of the things soon coming to this Earth and society (“The Seven Seals of Revelation Have Been Opened!” January). The specifics are scattered there in all the prophets, yet this orderly explanation is very helpful to understand where those specific prophecies fit in.

John Blake—WASHINGTON

Hastened decline

The election of either man would not make a difference (“The Terrifying Darkness Before the Eternal Dawn,” January). What God has set in motion cannot be changed. However, I think the election of Obama, with his liberal agenda and his naive perception of world affairs, especially concerning the Muslim world, will speed the process of decline of America economically, physically, morally, and spiritually! May God help him see the light. He is our president after all and our human brother. God bless.

Orlando Forrest—ILLINOIS

I wonder if this will be the last ridiculous election we will have to endure. And all those hateful ads constantly aimed at the public. Even before I became old enough I never had any desire to vote. I could never understand how one man in Washington could really solve all the problems in this world.

Abraham Lincoln was the greatest president this country ever had, and being unconverted he still tried to live his life according to the Word of God, to the best of his ability, and he couldn’t solve all the world problems, or even the problems in this country alone. In fact, he ended up being assassinated himself, and became a victim of crime.

I remember President Kennedy’s administration, and as hard as he tried to keep the peace with Russia during the Cuban missile crisis, still nearly brought this world to a nuclear end.

Al Paille—RHODE ISLAND



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to experience a radical change! No doubt the Muslim Brotherhood is going to gain control of Egypt.”

This prophesied event has now been fulfilled.

An Assist From America

Verse 43 continues, “But he [the king of the north] shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt [notice again the emphasis on Egypt]: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.” When the king of the north overtakes his enemy to the south, he takes the spoils of Egypt, as well as Libya and Ethiopia. This indicates that those three countries must have been his enemies, part of that “king of the south” power bloc.

This shows that Egypt is the top prize, as far as Iranian-led radical Islam is concerned. It also means that Egypt will play a critical role in radicalizing all of north-east Africa.

“We need to understand the ENORMOUS IMPACT that Egypt working with Iran will have in the Middle East and even globally,” my father wrote in the October-November 2012 *Trumpet*. “This Iran-Egypt axis is going to change the game in the Middle East—particularly in Libya and Ethiopia.”

The game has certainly changed. And probably the most stunning aspect of this radical transformation throughout the region is the help provided by the *United States*.

Consider the November war between Hamas and Israel. Hamas, of course, is

the offspring of the Muslim Brotherhood. This is why Morsi repeatedly blamed the war on Israel, even though Egypt had provided a helping hand in supplying Hamas with the rockets that started the war in the first place. After Israel finally retaliated in Operation Pillar of Defense in November, Morsi immediately recalled Egypt’s ambassador in Tel Aviv and sent his prime minister to visit Gaza City in support of Hamas. A Muslim Brotherhood official even threatened to get involved in the conflict in support of Hamas.

And yet, in the end, it was the *United States* that helped turn the ceasefire agreement into a political boon for Mohamed Morsi. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton abruptly left her tour of Asia with President Obama to fly to Egypt and attempt to help pressure Israel into a ceasefire. And when the ceasefire was agreed to on November 21, Egypt got the credit for brokering it.

“I want to thank President Morsi for his personal leadership to de-escalate the situation in Gaza and end the violence,” Secretary Clinton said the day the ceasefire was agreed to. She went on to call Egypt a “cornerstone of regional stability and peace.”

That same day, the *New York Times* reported that President Obama had been impressed with President Morsi’s “pragmatic confidence” throughout the Israel-Hamas crisis. According to White House aides, Mr. Obama was pleasantly surprised by how *little* ideology there was in Morsi’s politics.

The *very next day*—you can’t make this up—was the day that Mohamed Morsi awarded himself unchallenged control

over Egypt. In a matter of *months*, Morsi had grabbed dictatorial powers greater than Hosni Mubarak ever had! And when the secular democrats returned to the streets in protest, the Muslim Brotherhood rounded many of them up and beat them into submission inside torture chambers, according to a front-page story in the *New York Times*, December 10.

America’s response to Morsi’s abusive power grab? It raised “concerns” for many Egyptians and for the international community, the State Department said. The *New York Times* said the widespread reports of Egyptian citizens writhing in torture chambers were hurting Morsi’s “credibility”!

What a drastic difference from the *leave now or else* ultimatum the United States gave to Hosni Mubarak back in February 2011. “You don’t understand the Egyptian culture and what would happen if I step down now,” Mubarak told ABC shortly before he was run out of town. He had already agreed not to seek reelection eight months down the road. But he warned that an abrupt transition would result in a chaotic scene that would enable the Muslim Brotherhood to turn Egypt into a radical Islamist state.

Today, some are finally waking up to the frightening truth about Egypt, but it’s already too late. The Muslim Brotherhood is now firmly in control. Mohamed Morsi grabbed absolute power just long enough to put Egypt on the road to sharia law. And all along the way, the United States has been helping to make sure the Islamists have a smooth and comfortable ride. ■

1993

“[Y]ou are about to see a radical change in Egyptian politics!”

1994

“This religion will probably take control of both countries very soon.”

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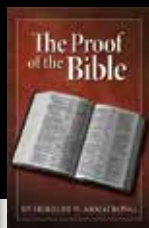
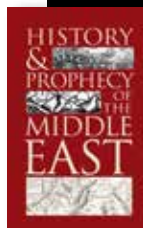
“Does that mean radical Islam will soon control or direct Egyptian politics? Bible prophecy answers YES.”

2006

“As the MB grows more popular, it will strengthen its ties with Islamic powers throughout the region—especially Iran... a change of leadership WILL occur...”

2008

“We know the radical Islamic movement in Egypt will certainly have a lot of influence in Egyptian politics; and it’s going to swing that nation toward Iran.”



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Under His Vine and Under His Fig Tree

Few comprehend the vast changes that society and the environment will shortly undergo. **BY RON FRASER**

THERE'S A DEEPLY THOUGHT-PROVOKING PROPHECY IN your Bible about a great social and environmental revolution. It's a complete change from our bloated, city-centered society and rat-race social mentality—to a calm, peaceful, largely rural habitat where man can concentrate on creation and Creator.

We read of the global outcome of this coming revolution in the prophecy of Micah 4:4: “But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.”

Perhaps the closest we have ever come to this society was old rural England. In their enlightening book *Rural England—Our Countryside at the Crossroads*, Derrick Mercer and David Putnam paint a picture of Southeast England that is sadly fast diminishing in scope: “It is a cozy countryside where village greens echo each summer to the sound of cricket and polite applause. Overlooking the green will usually be the village church, still a place of architectural and spiritual homage in this more secular age. Church and inn, manor house and cottages, together they reflect a story of man's impact on the land which frequently goes back a thousand years or more.”

During our five years living in Britain in the 1990s, my wife and I occasionally stayed at an inn in just such an idyllic, traditional English village. It made for interesting reflection on a way of life in the old country that, as these authors stated, “goes back a thousand years or more.”

The Industrial Revolution changed that way of life. While bringing massive progress in man's technical capacities, it began to denigrate his long-held attachment to the land and its seasonal rhythms. That disruption dramatically escalated stress-related diseases, mental illness and the evolution of a rampant drug culture. These are all signs of a distressed society in the throes of a self-inflicted demise.

What the Industrial Revolution started in the early 19th century has run full course. Greed priced our labor out of the market years ago. Our industrial capacity moved overseas. Former and potential enemy nations now manufacture our goods—even key components of our military hardware, something the United States vowed after the Revolutionary War would never happen again. Last decade, the U.S. became a net *importer* of food, further eroding its once-independent economy. America now faces the fiscal cliff. Ideas for saving the national economy have been exhausted.

Our society—in America, Britain and other English-speaking nations—faces unfixable economic and social woes.

In the process, Americans are fast losing peace of mind. They are daily subjected to personal terror—that tomorrow morning will bring not just Islamist terror, but loss of income, of home, of marriage, of family. Thousands of years ago, God prophesied that all these things would befall our society when we rebelled against Him and His laws (Leviticus 26:16).

The American way of life is barely two centuries old, and is already rapidly falling into decay.

Yet for over a thousand years, a traditional way of life existed in rural England, the last vestiges of which can be still experienced.

What's the explanation of the two phenomena? To a major extent, it has to do with every man sitting “under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.” Note that there are two elements to this vision of the future: a rural-based economy promoting the economic independence of man, and its *conformity with the will of God!*

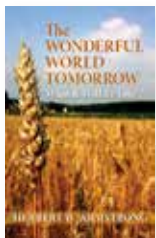
The English discovered the value of the organized rural economy and built a society around it during the first millennia A.D. To a certain extent, their seasonal rural principles conformed to biblical tenets, until they were broken by the Industrial Revolution and chemical farming methods.

Developing much later—post-Industrial Revolution—the U.S. has broken both of these stabilizing elements of society that guarantee equitable distribution of national wealth. Other Anglo-Saxon nations are hell-bent on the same course.

So just how will the Anglo-Saxons—and ultimately all nations—extricate themselves from their present catastrophes to obtain that future forecast in Micah 4:4?

They won't. They can't. The task is simply beyond them.

To change today's profit- and mass-production-oriented system—where too much wealth is concentrated in too few hands—into a world where every man has the potential to capitalize and maintain his own independent farm, we need the mighty hand of God.



Believe it or not, that process has already begun! Read and prayerfully study our booklet ***The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*** to find out how. It will help you see the world that Micah saw—and how you can be a part of it!

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problem it is, much less deal with it. *No one* has a solution for that erosive dilemma.

But even if America were debt-free, the even more important threads of our society are already eaten away—perhaps worse than our economy. Our minds are hollowed out by drugs and pornog-

Recently, an Israeli official said the Jews have started making overtures toward Berlin in case America fails to help them when they really need it. So this process of going to King Jareb has *already begun*.

The Jews are under life-threatening pressure. They are being threatened by Iran, Egypt and other Arab nations. Jews are being

The people of Judah simply will not trust in God. That's the problem with all three of these nations. We would rather make peace pacts with our enemies and put our national lives in peril than submit to God.

raphy. Our character is disintegrating because of our foul entertainment and debased music. Our families have been destroyed.

Verse 4 says that these nations DO NOT KNOW GOD. They are going to be corrected very severely because they have turned away from the God who gave them their nations in the first place! Their problem isn't ineffective foreign policy; the problem is that they DON'T KNOW GOD! That is what God is upset about and what He is going to correct.

Hosea 7:7 says about the British people, "[T]here is none among them that calleth unto me." None! God says "Ephraim is a cake not turned" (verse 8). This is another good metaphor for what is wrong with Britain—and all three of these nations. If you put a cake in the oven for too long, the heat burns it out inside. It looks great from the outside, but when you slice it with a knife, it crumbles.

American, British and Israeli societies still look good on the surface, but they are burned out inside.

We are entering a dangerous and deadly time. What we need is not shrewd foreign policy or ever greater technology. What we need is to be honest to see our sickness and our rottenness. We must see it NOW! It is clear in God's Word. But most people don't want to see it, so they *won't* see it until they suffer horrendously as these prophecies come to pass.

But you can choose to prove it for yourself, personally. If you believe your Bible, you know that Hosea's prophecy for modern-day Manasseh, Ephraim and Judah is beginning to come to pass. That is the terrible truth that we have brought on ourselves. We are not going to negotiate or fight our way out of it this time. Our rottenness and sickness will finally destroy our three nations.

Do you believe your Bible? Do you believe these end-time prophecies?

King Jareb

Let's return to Hosea 5:13 to see where this explosive situation is leading.

"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." Who is "the Assyrian"? This too is proven in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, and in our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*, to be GERMANY. And King Jareb means "King Contentious" or "warlike monarch."

MODERN EPHRAIM AND JUDAH ARE PROPHESED TO GO TO A NATION KNOWN FOR ITS HISTORY OF STARTING WARS—INCLUDING WARS AGAINST BRITONS AND JEWS!

killed by rockets launched from Gaza, supplied by Iran, abetted by Egypt. Their position is deteriorating rapidly. Since the Arab Spring debacle, it has only gotten worse. We said from the beginning that it would be anything *but* a "spring," and proved that from the Bible—yet who believes God and His prophecies?

Meanwhile, the United States has started backing away from helping Israel. THE JEWS ARE RUNNING OUT OF OPTIONS AND BEGINNING TO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR HELP. IT SEEMS THEY WILL TRUST ALMOST ANYBODY—THE U.S., BRITAIN, INDIA, TURKEY—EVEN THEIR WORST ENEMIES FROM WORLD WAR II WHO SLAUGHTERED 6 MILLION OF THEM—RATHER THAN TRUST GOD!

The Jews looked to God in 1948 and beyond—and God worked miracles for them! Even Israel's recent history has seen this little nation trust God much more than it is doing today. It has since turned away from that kind of faith and trust, just like America and Britain.

Judah's *wound* was caused by *trusting in men*. Yet when it sees its wound, when it sees that this process is rotten, what does it do? IT TURNS TO MEN AGAIN! The Jews GO TO GERMANY for peace! They see the effect, but they still don't see the *cause* of the problem. If they did, they wouldn't attempt to make a pact with *Germany*—THEY WOULD CRY OUT TO GOD!

The people of Judah simply WILL NOT TRUST IN GOD. That's the problem with *all three of these nations!* We would rather make peace pacts with our enemies and put our national lives in peril than submit to God.

These nations want the Germans to protect them from their enemies. What can they give Germany in return? Israel and Britain both have nuclear weapons. Do you think they might make a pact with Germany where Berlin gets access to and control over their nuclear bombs? The United States already has about 20 nuclear bombs deployed in the Rhineland, presumably to protect the Germans from Russia and China. Do you suppose Germany might get control of those?

Daniel 11:40-41 show that Assyria is going to lead Europe to the "glorious land"—Jerusalem—and will "enter into" it. Nothing indicates that it will have to fight its way in. It will be invited in, apparently to protect Judah. Certainly it is going to get control of *Israel's* nuclear bombs, regardless of what happens with the British and American nukes.

We look to *men*—but *men* can't help us! *King Jareb* can't help us! That's what this prophecy says—kings and presidents can't help us because this is a *spiritual* problem.

The *only* healing of our national sickness, the *only* cure for our



MORE REASONS THAN ONE
Chancellor Merkel's Germany continues to reach out to Prime Minister Netanyahu and the Jews.

national wounds, is to SEEK GOD. GOD WANTS US TO HEED HIS WORD AND *BE HEALED!* HIS SAYING THAT *KING JAREB CAN'T HEAL YOU IMPLIES, I CAN HEAL YOU OF THAT WOUND IF YOU WILL LOOK TO ME!* Those who heed that warning will receive God's protection! But most people don't listen to God's words—they will have to go through a terrifying experience to learn this lesson.

'They Will Seek Me Early'

BUT THERE IS HOPE! Think about it: *Why* is God allowing and even bringing about such terrible suffering for America, Britain and Israel? Because it is the one and only way that we can be *cured* of our spiritual sickness! After we are crushed and see what our sin produces, we will *finally*—FINALLY—seek God!

It is going to be painful. The destruction and death will be unimaginable. But for those who survive, it will cause them to finally seek God and know Him! And those who do not survive, God will resurrect and teach, and *they too* will come to know Him!

Look where Hosea's prophecy leads: "I will go and return to my place, till they *acknowledge their offence*, and seek my face," God says: "IN THEIR AFFLICTION THEY WILL SEEK ME EARLY" (Hosea 5:15). These nations have committed an *offense* against God. He doesn't want to see people suffer—He wants the *opposite!* But they won't listen to Him today. God says, however, that when He starts correcting them, then in that intense affliction and suffering, the Jews and the people of the U.S. and Britain *are going to seek Him*—and they are going to find Him.

Here is a powerful lesson from God: If we will seek Him, WE WILL FIND HIM, and everything will be fine. If we *don't* repent and turn to God, we cannot escape the affliction coming on these nations. It is already too late for these *nations* to repent, but YOU CAN INDIVIDUALLY. Throughout these troubling times we're entering into more deeply every week, you can have God's protection.

The wound of Hosea 5:13 is *directly tied* to the coming of the Messiah! He is coming immediately after the wound is experienced in its fullness. That is inspiring beyond words to describe. *Immediately* after these problems in the Middle East, the Messiah

returns. Those problems will get a lot worse first, but He is coming so soon—within just a few years!

At that time, the end-time nations of Israel will say, "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight" (Hosea 6:1-2). A "day for a year" in fulfilled prophecy means that there will be 2½ years of tribulation, then God will punish the Gentiles who punished the nations of Israel. *As He tore us apart, God will heal us.*

Here is a prophecy of these three nations SEEKING GOD! What a beautiful, repentant attitude! That is good news that we have never seen in our nations, but it is about to come to pass. All of these events are leading directly to that point. This is

better than a Hollywood ending!

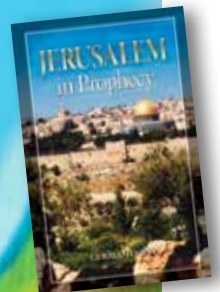
Just as God's prophecies have already happened, are happening and will happen, you can take infinite hope in where these dark days are leading. Our nations are going to suffer, but then they will repent! Along with the whole world, they will know the great God! And their loving Father is about to bring them and this whole world peace for *all eternity!* ■

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human potential. Our potential is to be born into the God Family, receiving total power! We are to be given jurisdiction over the entire universe! What are we going to do then? These scriptures indicate we shall impart life to billions and billions of dead planets, as life has been imparted to this Earth. We shall create, as God directs and instructs,” Herbert Armstrong wrote. At first glance, this truth is unbelievable (John 3:3-13; Hebrews 2:5-13; Revelation 20:4). However, when we keep an open mind, it makes logical sense. How awesome is God! He gave us life so we can impart life.

The truth of God shows us the insidious side of suicide advocacy.

Choose to Live

Derek Humphry is correct on one point: Man does have a choice—we can choose to live or die. We can choose to sin or obey. God gives us that right. Yet, God encourages us to CHOOSE LIFE (Deuteronomy 30:19). Why do some men encourage us to *choose death*?

It is not fashionable today to believe that Satan exists. Yet, an integral part of Christ’s gospel reveals that Satan is real and influences mankind to reject God’s truth—especially the knowledge of man’s glorious purpose. Christ warned us about

God encourages us to choose life.

this failed angel: “He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” (John 8:44). Of all things, Satan

wants us to fail. He wants to murder us. His plan is to ensnare us in a life of sin that leads to confusion, depression, hopelessness, sorrow, unhappiness and, ultimately, eternal death if not repented of. It is Satan who encourages people, weakened by the overwhelming effects of sin, to commit suicide.

To prepare for our incredible eternal opportunity, man has to choose to go the opposite way of Satan and sin and build the very character of God. We build God’s character by overcoming the problems, trials, tests and evils injected into this world by Satan the devil. Never forget, man was created to be a success—not a failure. To obtain our incredible potential, each human being must be willing to live God’s way of life, which is outlined by the Ten Commandments.

Suicide is not a disease or physical illness. It is a weakness of mind and character. Suicide will not stop until mankind experiences a spiritual renewal of mind and character.

There is way of life that produces true happiness, peace and lasting success. There is a way of life that teaches us how to face and overcome problems rather than resorting to suicide.

The Incredible Human Potential will provide you the solution and inspiration you need to make it through life’s tough times. In particular, this scintillating book will prove to you that Jesus Christ will return shortly and establish a

new world order that will open the way for every human being to live a life filled with unparalleled happiness, health and lasting success. ■

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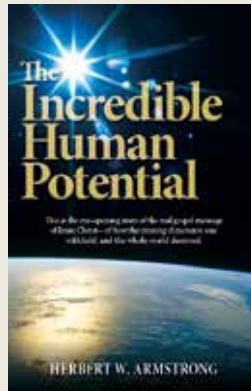
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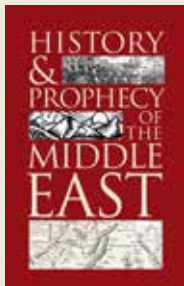
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