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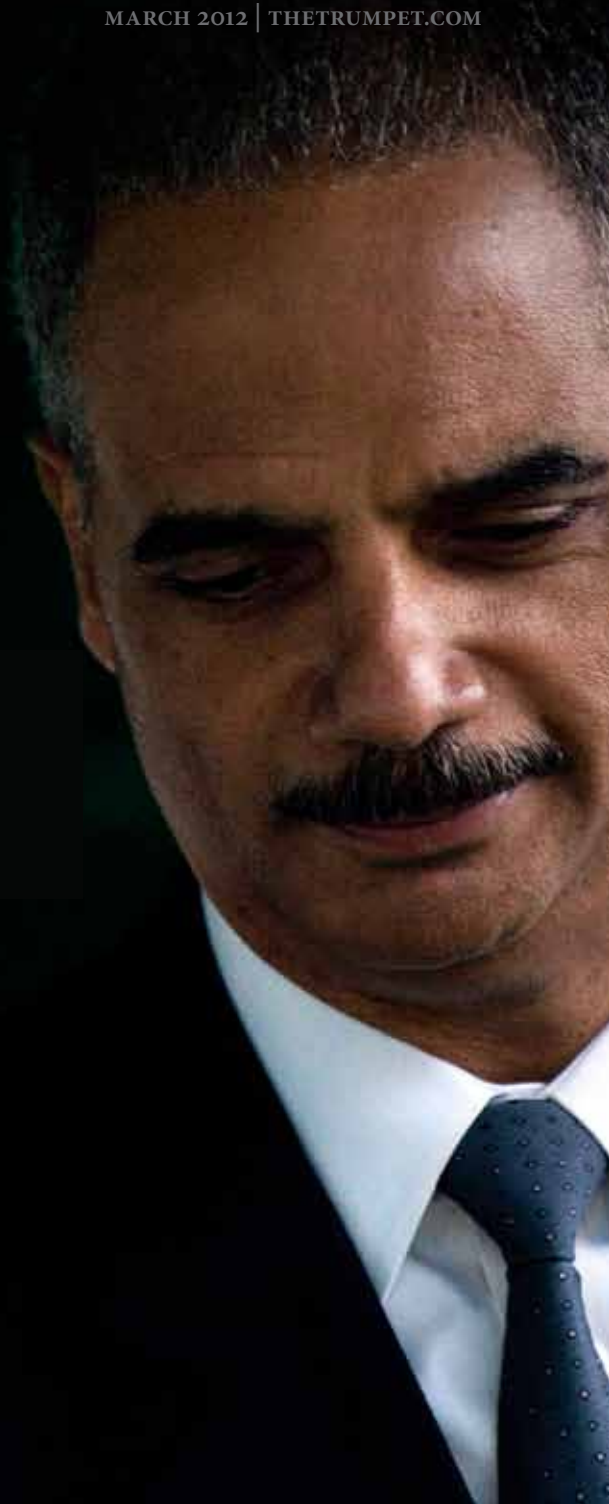
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FROM THE EDITOR GERALD FLURRY

U.S. Attorney General Ignites the Race Bomb

Racism is an issue Americans fear to face. But racism is about to violently explode. The good news is that it will lead directly to the end of racism forever.

WHEN PRESIDENT OBAMA WAS CAMPAIGNING FOR HIS office, he promised to bring the races together. However, his attorney general is deeply dividing America as Mr. Obama remains silent.

Eric Holder, the attorney general, was recently interviewed about the Operation Fast and Furious debacle, which has become one of the worst government scandals in many years.

HIS RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF THAT SCANDAL WAS TO HURL A RACIST BOMB, WORSE THAN THE SCANDAL ITSELF!

Let me give you a little background on Operation Fast and Furious, then I will discuss his dangerous reaction to the critics.

Here is what Joel Hilliker wrote on theTrumpet.com, Nov. 2, 2011: "Last year, Mexican law enforcement, neck-deep in a war with drug cartels, noticed a strange trend and started documenting it. The data confirmed their suspicions: An alarming number

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of guns turning up at violent crime scenes were being traced to gun dealers in Arizona. They talked to the agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) who were assigned to Mexico, who checked into it.

"Soon the scandalous truth came out. It was so shocking that the ATF AGENTS couldn't believe it. When it proved out, they WERE PROFOUNDLY EMBARRASSED ABOUT THEIR COUNTRY. They were deeply apologetic to their Mexican counterparts. They scrambled to distance themselves from what had happened. 'I hope they [the Mexican police] understand that this was kept secret from most of the ATF, including me and my colleagues in Mexico,' said Darren Gil, the ATF attaché to Mexico. ...

"Between September 2009 and December 2010, U.S. authorities dumbly watched—sometimes on a live video feed in Washington—as 'straw buyers' patronized Phoenix-area gun stores. It's a felony to buy weapons for someone else, but the ATF knew that's exactly what these people—a total of 20 of them—were doing. These individuals purchased an arsenal of over 2,000 assault weapons, sniper rifles, semi-automatic pistols and other deadly firearms. And frustrated ATF agents were ordered to just let the weapons go as they then crossed the border into Mexico.

"Supposedly, the plan was that this flow of gun traffic would

lead authorities to drug cartel honchos." However, little or no effort was made to track the movement of the guns.

Since the operation began, one American border guard and hundreds of Mexicans have been killed with those guns!

MEXICAN LEADERS KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS MASSIVELY VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST THEIR COUNTRY!

Now Congress is investigating this international scandal. The Republican critics have been aggressive in their questioning of Eric Holder, as they should be. *They have been met with a vast cover-up, which is also a high crime.*

However, it gets a lot worse!

The Holder Interview

Here is what the *New York Times* wrote Dec. 17, 2011, concerning an interview with the attorney general: "Mr. Holder contended that many of his ... critics—not only elected Republicans but also a broader universe of conservative commentators and bloggers—were ... playing 'Washington gotcha' games, portraying them as frequently 'conflating things, conveniently leaving some stuff out, construing things to make it seem not quite what it was' to paint him and other department figures in the worst possible light.

"Of that group of critics, Mr. Holder said he believed that a few—the 'more extreme segment'—were MOTIVATED BY ANIMUS AGAINST MR. OBAMA AND THAT HE SERVED AS A STAND-IN FOR HIM. 'This is a way to get at the president because of the way I can be identified with him,' he said, 'both due to the nature of our relationship and, you know, THE FACT THAT WE'RE BOTH AFRICAN-AMERICAN'" (emphasis added).

He is viciously accusing some elected Republicans as being racists for investigating and criticizing this scandal of far-reaching magnitude. These Republicans are supposedly motivated to do this because Eric Holder and President Obama are African-Americans.

If Eric Holder has this warped racist view of some American political leaders, what does he think of many white Americans? The big issue is, what motivates the attorney general to make this racist charge?

Mr. Obama has expressed no disagreement with what the attorney general has said and done regarding Operation Fast and Furious. Mr. Obama is responsible and should be held accountable for what his attorney general does.

The president's silence is deafening! And extremely dangerous! He must agree with what his attorney general said.

Does his silence also indicate that he and Eric Holder were both involved in the Operation Fast and Furious scandal? If not, why such a deadly racist reaction from his attorney general?

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Consequences

Racist charges against Republicans are doing frightening damage to our race relations. UNLESS STOPPED, IT MUST LEAD TO A RACIAL EXPLOSION, PERHAPS WORSE THAN THE DAMAGE OF A NUCLEAR BOMB!

Of course, there is some racism in both blacks and whites, and we don't take sides. But this is an extremely serious issue, and IT'S COMING FROM THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS IN GOVERNMENT!

THAT MAKES IT 10,000 TIMES WORSE!

The president says nothing as his attorney general builds race hatred between whites and African-Americans.

Most of the media remain silent as well, especially about Mr. Holder's racist remark to the *New York Times*. Apparently, it is because they agree or fear being labeled racist. So the president and attorney general feel confident they can get away with this outrage.

Republican racism has become the battle cry of the radical left—led by the president and his attorney general! Mostly that charge is untrue. But many people are going to believe it is true and act accordingly. As the economy gets worse and people's emotions become more heated, violent race riots are going to burst on the scene in our large cities.

Do we think such hateful racist statements have no consequences? Like little children, the radical left makes these hateful statements and doesn't even think of the consequences—which are going to be horrendous. Bible prophecy says so, but even COMMON SENSE ALONE SHOULD TELL US THAT!

THIS IS NOT PRESIDENT OBAMA BRINGING US TOGETHER AS HE PLEDGED TO DO IN HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. He is leading the way into violent divisions. And I do mean *violent*!

If you seriously criticize the attorney general or the president, radicals often label you racist. That means they could hang the racist charge on my group—on your group—and apparently the media would be virtually silent.

HATEFUL RACIST STATEMENTS INEVITABLY LEAD TO VIOLENT RACIST ACTS!

I repeat, MR. HOLDER'S RESPONSE TO CRITICS OF OPERATION FAST AND FURIOUS IS FAR WORSE THAN THE SCANDAL ITSELF! FAR WORSE!

The Bible says that God is love. The supreme example of that love was Christ dying for all of us (John 3:16). Our politics are often filled with hatred. So we can't call this approach Christian or biblical.

If we followed Christ's example, we would be willing to die for our fellow man, not do violence to him!

LET'S NOT FORGET THAT ERIC HOLDER IS THE CHIEF LAW OFFICER OF AMERICA.

He would not condemn or prosecute Black Panthers for intimidating voters in the presidential election. It was clearly a constitutional crime.

Again the president remained silent about Eric Holder's decision to *not* prosecute racist crimes committed by black Americans.

Our attorney general condemns some Republican critics of his Fast and Furious scandal who are just doing their job, but he won't condemn the Black Panthers' crime against our constitution—the law of the land!

How do Eric Holder's words and deeds influence blacks who lean toward the Black Panthers? Or whites who lean toward the Ku Klux Klan? The race hatred is building fast.

I believe that the radical left will do almost anything to cling to power in this coming election. Will we see some violent racial turmoil begin at that time?

I believe it is very likely!

All we need is another Rodney King incident to set off race riots in our cities.

The Whole Head Is Sick

The Philadelphia Church of God doesn't take sides. We teach God's truth—His prophecies.

The Prophet Isaiah tells us about the terrible times just before Christ returns in the "last days" (Isaiah 2:2). His book was written specifically for this end time (Isaiah 30:1-9). "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" (Isaiah 1:4-5). This is talking mainly about the United States, Britain and the Jews in the Middle East.

"The whole head is sick." God is saying the power structure (primarily *white*) that leads these nations of Israel is sick! And the "whole heart faint." Neither the leaders nor their followers have the WILL or the STRENGTH to get to the roots of race riots or terrorist attacks and solve them once and for all (see Daniel 12:9; 9:13; and Leviticus 26:19). Their "heart" is so weak and unhealthy that the governmental system is about to "faint," or collapse!

"From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, YOUR CITIES ARE BURNED WITH FIRE: your land, STRANGERS DEVOUR IT IN YOUR PRESENCE, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers" (Isaiah 1:6-7). "Your cities are burned"! And who does it? "Strangers [Gentiles] devour it IN YOUR PRESENCE"!

This is a terrifying passage! Because of the SIN these nations of Israel—mainly America and Britain—are LADEN with, and because of the weakness of our leaders, we will experience desolation and burning—all at the hands of "strangers." In other words, race riots and terrorism are going to get much worse. (If you don't understand who the nations of Israel are, request our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. All of our literature is free.)

More and more, racial tensions are boiling to the surface in the U.S. and Britain. In February of 2011, 50 Minnesota youths entered a store, assaulted a clerk, and looted the stock. In April, a mob of 20 entered a Washington, D.C., store, grabbed about \$20,000 worth of merchandise and fled. In May, a group of New York teenagers carried out a vicious attack on a restaurant. Many reports have emerged of Chicago hoodlums assaulting people unprovoked, and the videos that surface show the attacks to be, almost without exception, black on white. In June, a group of white Mississippi youths brutally beat and killed a black man. During a Fourth of July celebration in Milwaukee, 60 young black Americans beat and robbed a small group that had been watching fireworks. Hours earlier, the same mob had robbed a convenience store, maybe two. In late July, 20 to 30 young Philadelphians beat and robbed bystanders. In August, hundreds of black youths swarmed into a Wisconsin parking lot, assaulting white fairgoers, smashing car windows, and beating passersby and police officers. The same month, across the Atlantic, Tottenham police officers shot and killed an apparently armed black man, prompting young people of all ethnicities to "demand justice" throughout London by smashing windows, torching businesses and homes, fighting police, stealing merchandise, assaulting citizens and even murdering people.

You watch: These events are going to become more and more common and destructive. Bible prophecy says so!

Remember the Los Angeles riots in May 1992? They were some of the deadliest in U.S. history: Close to 60 people died in the violence. The property damage was estimated at \$1 billion. This is just one example of the destructive potential of race riots and burning. Much of that cost was goods stolen by the looters. Some

PRECEDENTED

A mini-mall burns in South Los Angeles during the 1992 race riots.



40,000 jobs were lost because of the rioting. The Los Angeles police and National Guard did virtually NOTHING—rewarding the rioters with stolen goods and an opportunity to commit violence—even murder! Such a lack of forceful intervention greatly encourages other angry minorities to riot elsewhere! This is the truth that almost no one wants to admit or face.

Ezekiel's Prophecy

“A third part of thee shall die with the *pestilence*, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them” (Ezekiel 5:12). Remember, ancient Israel never received Ezekiel's message. These prophecies in Ezekiel are for the end time. (Our booklet on Ezekiel fully explains these statements; request a free copy.)

Notice that *pestilence* is mentioned first. At one time, we thought the pestilence would be disease resulting from the famine. In this case, the pestilence is actually the leading cause of the famine! The word *pestilence* just means destruction or death (see the *Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon*). One definition of the root word is “to lay snares, to plot against, to destroy.” So this pestilence could be a plague of violence or burning—not necessarily a physical disease at all! It can be defined as a plague of violence or rioting—such as the Los Angeles riots in 1992 or the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks! Why would the first third be burned with fire (verse 2), if it refers to a disease epidemic?

The pestilence, or plague of violence, will cause many health problems that lead to famine. Sewage disposal will be disrupted. Gas lines will be broken. Jobs will be lost. Society will unravel and the collective panic will bring a stock market disaster! It will get so bad that violence and famine will take millions of lives!

The Los Angeles rioting WAS JUST A TYPE OF WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO MAJOR CITIES IN THE WHOLE NATION! IT IS A STARK PROPHECY OF OUR FUTURE! Terrorist attacks, rioting and burning are the main thrust of the pestilence mentioned in Ezekiel 5. And this rioting will spread to other Israelite nations! God will get our attention one way or another. The worse the violence and burning become, the worse the famine will get. The worse the famine becomes, the more intensive the violence will get. It becomes a vicious cycle.

The seeds of this future calamity have already been sown.

The government has lost control. There is a breakdown of law and order. When the riots in Los Angeles were at their peak, government authorities asked black sports stars and other leading blacks to plead with their people to stop the rioting. There was virtually no show of governmental force. In the future, when this violence spreads, will this be our main hope for peace? How pathetic! WE ARE GETTING DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO SOCIAL ANARCHY AND CHAOS!

It was the Rodney King court case, in which white policemen were acquitted of using excessive force in arresting a black man, that triggered the L.A. violence. Since then, there have been several more highly

publicized cases of police acting against minorities, particularly in large cities like Los Angeles and New York. Serious rioting in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bradford, England, in 2001 were also sparked by racial incidents. The public outcry against a strong government response has been intense and sustained. Now, as a result, the police FEAR to act, even more than they have feared to in the past. Many policemen only feel secure if they do almost nothing. Other authorities also FEAR to act, thinking riots may be ignited in other cities. Our government is paralyzed by FEAR. The “whole heart” is “faint”! We no longer have control of our cities. U.S. citizens already have 200 million guns. As a result of future race riots, more guns will be sold. The people see that our government won't protect them—and they don't trust God to protect them either!

Many think the Rodney King affair was the only reason for the 1992 rioting. That is not so. The reaction to such a jury decision made 30 or 40 years earlier in the U.S. would still have been controlled by the police and National Guard.

Trying to negotiate peace without using some force only encourages a certain criminal element in our society to riot more. Many blacks want peace, but often they have little control of the situation themselves. After the King verdict, a caravan of blacks in L.A. were going from one area to another throwing firebombs and doing much of the burning. The verdict became their excuse for defying the law. Many black people had their own property destroyed by such criminals.

Getting to know the true God is a dominant theme in the book of Ezekiel. The people of this world have many different ideas of who and what God is. BUT THEIR WORDS AND ACTIONS PROVE THEY DON'T KNOW GOD. They must suffer and suffer until they stop rejecting God's message. In a few short years, Ezekiel prophesied, the *whole world* shall come to know God! That is where everything is leading. This world is about to know God for the first time ever. (Note such verses as Ezekiel 6:7, 10; 12:15, 20; 16:62; 34:27; 37:13-14.)

Before that happens to this world, God says His end-time very elect will send out a warning message. They will declare the book of Ezekiel in its entirety, and help lead the world to get to know the true, living God. THERE IS NOTHING MORE THRILLING THAN TRULY KNOWING GOD!

Racism is about to disappear from this planet forever! ■

Can You Identify These Beautiful Structures?

NEWLY PUBLISHED HUBBLE IMAGES of distant galaxies, perhaps? Creatures discovered in the depths of Earth's oceans? Maybe they are meteor fragments, insect brains, newfangled Lego pieces, or shells from exotic crustaceans? The correct answer is even more mind-boggling than any of these guesses.

These remarkable objects are *ordinary grains of sand*.

Under normal circumstances, a handful of sand looks drab and featureless, not much more pleasing to the eye than it would be to the palate. But all that changes with the right focus. Viewed at a magnification of around 250 times real life, that handful of sand is revealed to be thousands of tiny, multicolored particles of prismatic crystal, volcanic rock and spiral fragments, which time and the elements have jointly sculpted into striking formations.

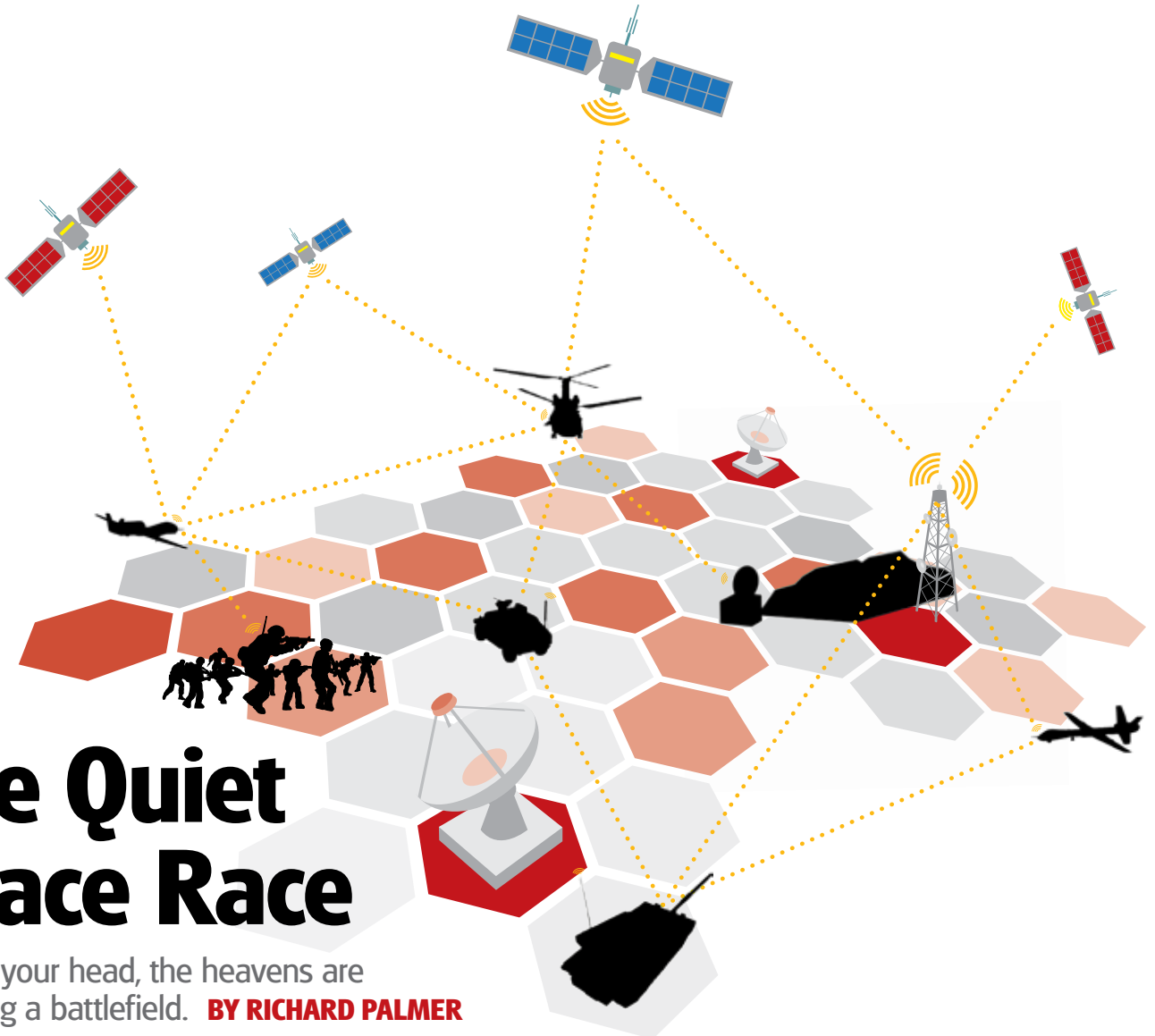
Last year, for the first time, sand was photographed in a way that exposes the awesome beauty interlaced into every grain, and the images on this page are a few samples of the new photographic technique developed by University College London Prof. Gary Greenberg.

But God's masterful artistry is hidden not only at the microscopic level. Beside these images of sand, you could place telescopic photographs of the unfathomably vast Horsehead Nebula, and both sets of pictures would embody equally breathtaking beauty, but on scales so distant from each other they could not be compared. Beauty also permeates aspects of creation far smaller than sand grains, like the winding, curvaceous symmetry of a strand of DNA. It also saturates far broader vistas than that of the Horsehead Nebula, such as the stunning image that appears after we step away from the telescope, and that distant nebula becomes a small, empty space between the stars of a radiant constellation.

God is the Author of beauty, and He wove it generously into every level of His creation, from the macrocosmic to the nanoscopic. Every facet and every layer of His physical creation reveals His awesome splendor!

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES





The Quiet Space Race

Far over your head, the heavens are becoming a battlefield. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

LAST CENTURY, AIRPOWER REVOLUTIONIZED warfare. Germany was the first to understand this. Using a combination of tanks and planes, Berlin won battles in days that would before have taken years. War would never be the same again.

In the last few decades, the world has undergone a similar revolution a little higher up.

America and its allies have gained a huge edge over their rival powers using space technology. Satellites provide maps and photos of battlefields and targets. American pilots, captains, tank drivers and even foot soldiers are guided by Global Positioning System (GPS) technology. GPS guides smart bombs and cruise missiles not just to general areas, but to *buildings* and even *individuals* with deadly accuracy. It protects soldiers from friendly fire and provides instantaneous communication around the world. President Obama watched Osama Bin Laden get killed in real time.

American unmanned aerial vehicles

are notorious for striking down terrorists from above. Predator drones alone have already logged over a million hours of flight time, using high-tech positioning to take off, destroy an enemy, and come home again without a pilot ever leaving the ground. These drones—serving as invisible eyes in the sky, accurate bombers and expert air support units—seem destined to be the future of America’s air power.

America has depended on space technology to give powerful eyes and ears to the world’s dominant military.

But, if you think about it, Germany lost World War II. Is it possible that other countries could close the yawning gap in space superiority?

In 2007, China spurred talk of a new space race—or, more accurately, a space *arms* race—by demonstrating that it could shoot down a satellite. Since then, though, its plans have appeared less dramatic; the wording of the white paper it produced at the end of 2011, for example, emphasized peace.

Europe is also developing its own space technology, but it too cloaks its program in peaceful research and talk of monitoring global warming.

These powers do not want a new space race—at least not a noisy one. They would lose by a mile. America is already far out in front, and they don’t want it to pick up the pace. They want the American space program to keep standing still, or even stumble backward, while they catch up.

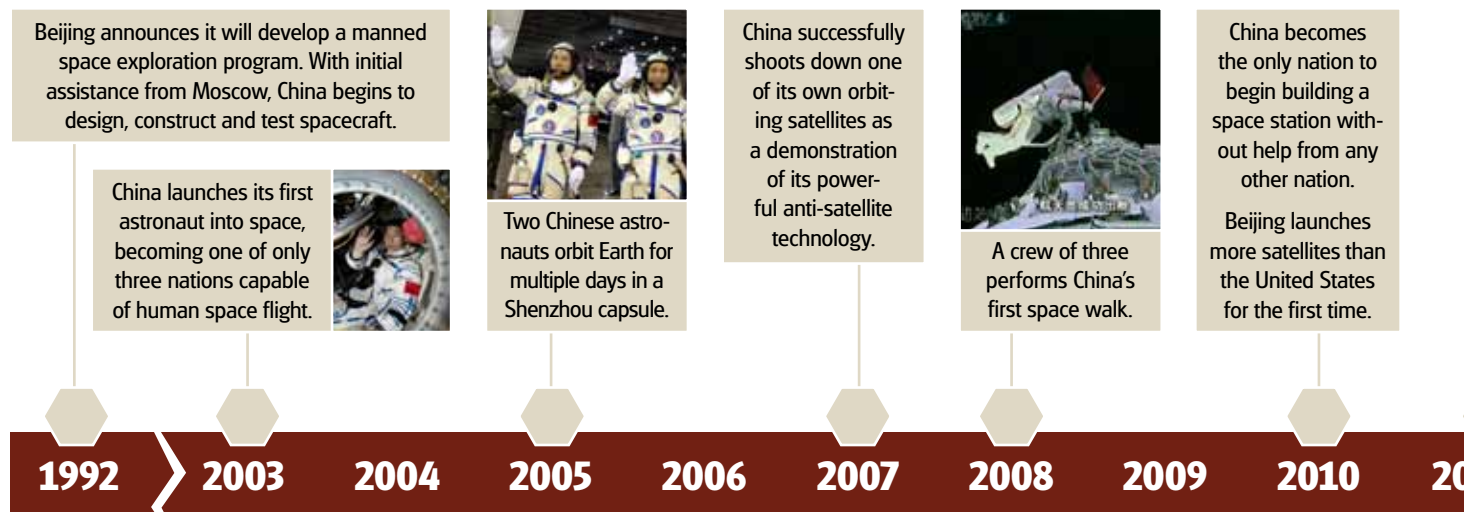
They are getting their wish.

China: A Regional Space Power

“If China’s space plans come to fruition—and its track record over the last decade puts the odds in its favor—it will possess one of the world’s most robust and diverse space systems, many with military applications,” Matt Durnin wrote in the *Wall Street Journal*. “The technologies mentioned are only discussed in a civilian context, but several of these new capabilities have important consequences on the battlefield as well” (Dec. 30, 2011).

Will the next man on the moon be Chinese?

Since its start in 1992, China's manned space program has grown with breathtaking speed. Here is a list of China's past, present and future space race milestones.



To take one example, China's advances in its rockets mean it can push bigger and better reconnaissance satellites into orbit. And those satellites easily serve dual purposes. Lewis Page, a former Royal Navy officer and author on military matters, explained, "Sometimes this is for wholly scientific purposes, but generally such satellites can be very useful for espionage and military tasks—even if they are ostensibly scientific or commercial in nature, and are genuinely used as such much of the time" (*Register*, Dec. 30, 2011).

China's satellite plans revolve around things like "radar satellites" for "environment and disaster monitoring," but as Page pointed out, "People didn't invent them for that. Back in Cold War times, in fact, the Soviets developed radar-ocean-reconnaissance birds for the purpose of locating and tracking U.S. warships at sea—and there can't be much doubt that the modern-day Chinese military, frequently annoyed by U.S. carrier task forces lurking off its coast, would like to be able to do this too."

America's whole naval strategy is built around carrier strike groups, and the assumption that other nations, lacking comprehensive satellite surveillance, cannot find these groups while at sea.

This strategy could be in peril, though: China is building a competitor to GPS. The Beidou satellite navigation system is already operational in China and its surrounding areas and aims to be operational globally by 2020.

6 In addition, China has kits that, according to *Jane's Defense*

Weekly, can be attached to ordinary bombs to turn them into smart bombs. This gives the Chinese a cheap alternative to America's guided missiles. In theory, at least, China can match America's precision-guided weapons in the Asia-Pacific area.

China's spy satellite capabilities are even catching up to America's. "Starting from almost no live surveillance capability 10 years ago, today the PLA has likely equaled the U.S.'s ability to observe targets from space for some real-time operations," wrote Eric Hagt and Matthew Durnin from the World Security Institute in the *Journal of Strategic Studies* last year.

Europe: Cloaking Military Involvement

Several commentators point to the military applications of China's space program, but few hold Europe to the same standard. Make no mistake, though: The EU's space program *is militarily oriented*.

The EU has been building its own version of GPS—Galileo—for years, touting it as the civilian alternative to America's military-built system. But once the rules for the system were presented to the European Parliament, it became clear that it would be no different than the American system: As with GPS, the European Union will be able to turn off most of its satellite navigation service and leave just the military and emergency service version running.

German Member of the European Parliament Reinhard Bütikofer accused the European Commission of deliberately hiding how widespread the military uses for the project were. Until March 2011,

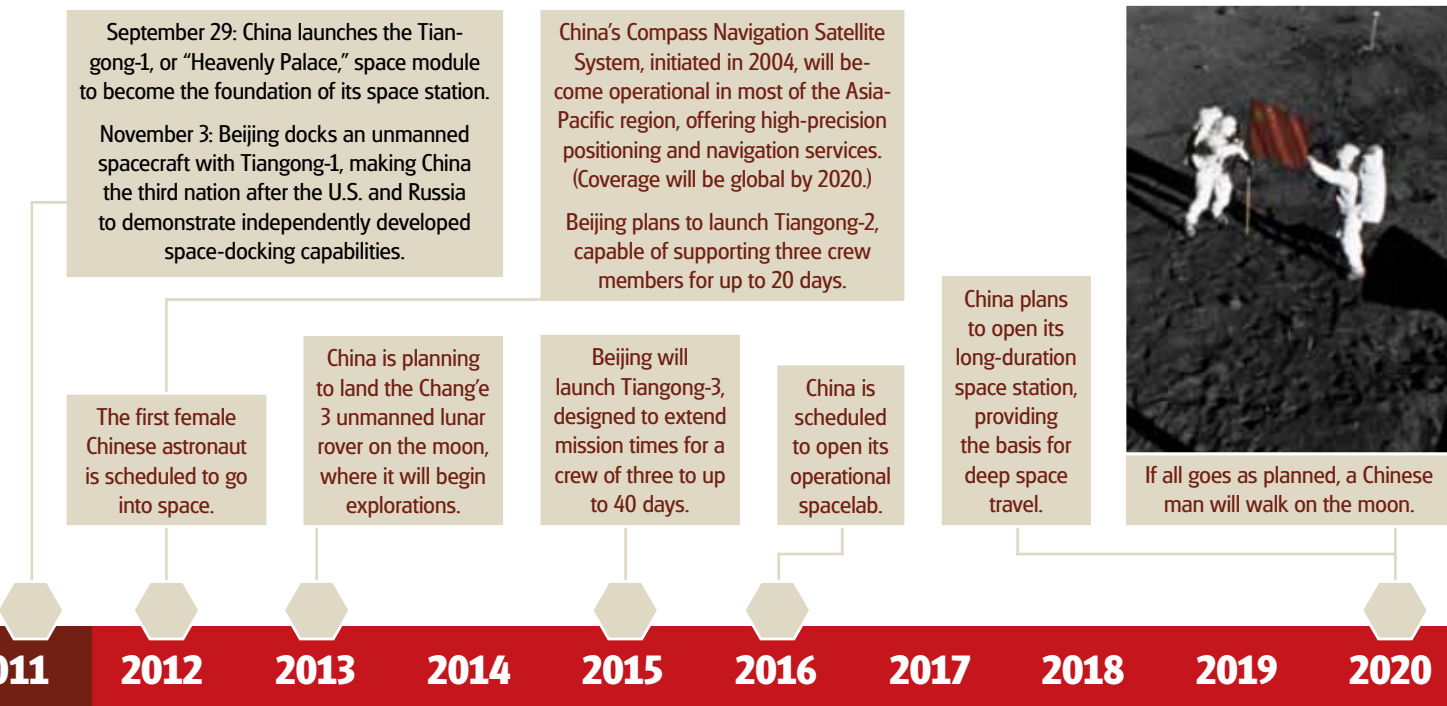
documents "did not even hint at the extent of the military uses of the project," he said.

Despite missed deadlines, cost overruns and Europe's economic crisis, Galileo has kept going. There is a lot of will behind it. As a civilian project, it makes no sense. But without it, European armies, whose modern weapons rely on satellite navigation, cannot operate independently of the U.S. That makes it a major military priority, especially if you want to use your military for something the U.S. might not like.

The EU also has a major spy satellite program, called GMES—Global Monitoring for Environment and Security. The EU's publications, like China's, say this program will focus on climate and disaster monitoring. It says the project will "develop applications such as border or maritime surveillance." But anything that can be used for "disaster monitoring" can also be used to spy. The EU even admits this is one of its purposes, though of course, that is not as highly publicized.

Included in the project is G-MOSATC (GMES services for Management of Operations, Situation Awareness and Intelligence for Regional Crises), which will use the satellites for intelligence gathering. Its "preemptive intelligence" will monitor locations around the world. It will be able to help plan and provide detailed maps for "possible strategic military missions," according to the EU's brochure.

A more overt European military satellite project is MUSIS (Multinational Space-Based Imagery System). Several EU nations have their own advanced



spy satellites. MUSIS aims to coordinate these systems so Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Poland, Greece and Belgium can share data. MUSIS is not yet operational, but Germany and Italy already both have deals with France to share intelligence.

As these powers drive forward to increase their mastery of space technology, America is doing little to keep its lead.

A Game Changer

One obstacle facing the U.S. in trying to retain its space dominance is the volatile nature of its political scene. Put simply, America’s space policy lacks the clear, consistent direction of China’s. “NASA’s direction tends to shift with every change of presidency,” wrote Edward Wong and Kenneth Chang in the *New York Times*. “President George W. Bush called on NASA to return to the moon by 2020. President Obama cancelled that program and now wants the agency to send astronauts to an asteroid” (Dec. 29, 2011).

China, on the other hand, doggedly follows its five-year plans.

The military component of America’s space program is not managed by NASA, but by the Department of Defense. But the Defense Department suffers from the same wastage and cancellations that cripple NASA.

Including space-related spending by Defense Department and NASA, the United States spends over \$64 billion on space a year, dwarfing the defense spending of other nations. The EU, the European Space Agency and EU member states spend a

little over \$8 billion a year on space in total. But the law of diminishing returns still applies outside the Earth’s atmosphere. America may get better and better observation and communication satellites. But the extra benefit it derives from that spending isn’t even close to the benefit Europe and China would gain from no longer having to rely on America’s satellite navigation system once they have their own.

Right now, the EU’s military is welded to America’s because of its dependence on America’s space infrastructure. American GPS guides their bombs, missiles and soldiers: Europe cannot act independently. But once it has completed its own satellite networks, Europe’s foreign policy will shift in a radically different direction.

Europe and Asia’s entry into space changes the world.

America’s Achilles’ Heel

In World War II, when airpower was relatively new, Germany quickly gained the upper hand not by having the best equipment and technology, but because it figured out how to use what it had to its best advantage. By the time other nations caught on, Germany had already taken over a continent.

With more nations joining this current new battlefield, there is a greater chance of this kind of innovation.

Imagine going from being the only nation with airplanes to being one of several. Even if your air force is still the best, it is a huge shift.

In addition, a nation with space power is in a better position to deliberately target

America’s space technology. America’s space power gives it a great advantage, but also creates dependence. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has pointed to America’s reliance on technology as the nation’s Achilles’ heel. Its heavy reliance on technology makes it vulnerable not only to a cyberattack, but also to a physical or electronic attack on its satellite or related systems.

One of China’s new launch rockets, according to Lewis Page, would be able to intercept satellites. As these other nations get more experienced with space systems, they will get better at countering them. A successful attack could mean no more smart bombs, guided missiles, satellite maps and photos or navigation.

For half a century, America was the world’s dominant superpower. But evidence abounds—in the nation’s foreign policy, its economy, its military, its scientific establishment and elsewhere—that this period of dominance is ending. The realm of space technology is yet another arena in which America’s decline has set in, and foreign nations are closing the gap.

This shift takes the world into dangerous new territory—but it is completely in line with trends the *Trumpet* has been forecasting for decades. For more information on the source of our forecasting, request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

THE WAIT AT THE RESTAURANT WAS 25 minutes. *Should have called ahead—that will teach me. If I had a smartphone, maybe we could've booked ahead.*

We took a seat in the waiting area. Apparently a lot of other people were several steps ahead of me. iPhones and iPads were everywhere.

Okay, I admit: I don't get out as much as I should. But I was shocked by how many people have smartphones. I mean, not just the teenagers, and the 20- and 30-somethings, but 40-somethings on up and elementary school children on down.

That waiting room felt like a miniature Bizarro World. Aren't restaurants places where people go to let someone else do the cooking so they can relax and communicate with each other over a good meal?

We sat on a bench across from a family

of four. Nicely dressed. Looked successful. Two elementary school children. *And not a single word spoken.* Just silent tapping and touching of screens.

Another family of four trudged past and dropped down into some chairs to the left. Out came the iPhones. Down went the eyes. Closed went the mouths. Silence. Then a family of three. They chose to remain standing while using theirs.

It was then that it hit me. It wasn't all those people who were weird. It was me. We were the odd ones out. I could sense the techies' surprise when they glimpsed my family and me on the periphery of their screens. *Poor, disconnected kids. So deprived. That boy must be 4 years old already. Why no iPad yet?*

I counted up the techno junkies. Besides us, there were 18 others, 15 of whom were using various electronic devices. But wait.

Who's that down in the corner? Someone was reading a newspaper. I felt like running over to congratulate her. But less than a minute later, out popped the phone.

Even over dinner, we noticed how attached people are to their smartphones. A table of college-age girls next to us were sharing a night out together—so they could each play on their phones. It was as if they just *couldn't* put them down.

Are They Making Us Dumber?

Is technology turning us into addicts? Recent research seems to indicate so. Scientists are now finding that the constant stimulation of gadgets such as computers and smartphones can activate dopamine cells in the main pleasure centers of the brain. Over time, and with enough usage, people come to crave—even demand—the dopamine releases.

What's More Important: Your Family— or Your Phone?

Hang up on technology addiction before all you get from your family is a busy signal.

BY ROBERT MORLEY



Evidence suggests technology addiction may even be physically altering the structure of our brains, according to a study published in the June 2011 issue of the online journal *PLoS ONE*. Scientists did MRIs on the brains of college students who spent about 10 hours a day online. These students had measurably less gray matter—in the part of the brain associated with thought processing—compared to those who used the Internet two hours or less per day.

According to Antony Kidman, author of the book *Staying Sane in the Fast Lane*, technology obsession is radically changing relationships and ravaging mental health. iPhones, iPads and other electronic devices are directly responsible for both a rise of anxiety and depression, and a rapid breakdown in family relations, he says. They are pushing family members apart into their own individual “techno-cocoons,” Kidman says, leading families into living very separate lives.

The dangerous effects of technology addiction, especially in children, are now being realized. Experts report that schoolchildren are increasingly showing signs of addiction traditionally exhibited by drug abusers: symptoms such as *obsessive* and *compulsive urges* to constantly be online, *fixations* with virtual worlds, and *withdrawal* from real-life relationships with family and friends. Those who are addicted often get defensive about their usage, yet have trouble limiting how much time they spend on the activity. They often get distracted and have difficulty completing tasks. They lose track of time.

Does that sound like any children you know? Do they get angry when you tell them to put away the iPhone and eat their dinner?

Taking Over Our Schools

Teachers notice the problem too. “Far too many children, and particularly boys, become quite addicted to computer use,” said Barnaby Lenon, chairman of the Independent Schools Council. It is damaging their long-term development—especially their conversational ability and literacy.

Lenon warns that parents need to tightly control children’s access to computers and televisions, and that computer usage should be strictly limited to only one hour a day for children aged up to 12 and a maximum of two hours for older pupils.

Parents should refuse to buy their children smartphones *until they are at least 15*, he says. The dangers are just too great.

The warning follows an August 2011 study that found that children ages 8 to 17 are more likely to have a mobile phone or computer in the home *than a book*. The

researchers said the most likely forms of reading for children were text messages, followed by e-mails and social networking.

The most common form of reading is now text messaging! Last year, the average American teen sent or received an average of more than 3,300 text messages per month. Just go to any school that allows students to bring phones: They are everywhere. In the United Kingdom, almost 9 in 10 students carry a mobile phone (compared to fewer than three quarters who say they have their own books in the home), according to the National Literacy Trust.

But letting your child have an unmonitored smartphone may be one of the most dangerous things you could do.

A Doorway to Your Child’s Mind

Phones today go way beyond dial and talk. They are a very real, very visual doorway from Joe’s website to your child or teenager’s impressionable mind.

You know Joe? Conspiracy theorist, homegrown terrorist, bomb-making, Columbine-celebrating, pornography-distributing, cop-killing, gangsta wannabe, self-mutilating, Satan-worshipping, general all-around-fun-guy Joe? Yes, that Joe! The one you unwittingly introduced your 9-year-old daughter to when you bought her the latest smartphone to take to school so she could call you if she ever got herself into trouble.

And unlike the desktop at home, which you can keep an eye on, the Internet-exploring smartphone, iPad or laptop in your child’s backpack can be a 24-hour open door to your child.

The *average* age at which children watch their first pornography is now just 11, according to Australian researchers Maree Crabbe and David Corlett. “Porn is our most prominent sex educator,” they say. It is the milieu in which “young people are understanding and experience sex” nowadays.

According to their study, pornography is becoming a normal part of life for many young people. “Growing up watching porn—that’s sort of where you get your grasp of what’s normal and what’s not,” said one teenage boy. “A lot of what I know about sex is because of porn,” said another.

When do you think these youths are watching porn? At home on the centrally located desk computer? Or on the phone they carry in their pocket or their friend’s iPad after school?

Porn is as addictive as cocaine or heroin, and similarly destructive, affecting relationships, marriages, character development, mental health and so much more. Do you understand the risks?

Parents: We are living in a different

world than even a couple of years ago. Technology is with us 24/7. It is a virtually inescapable, although in many cases necessary, part of our lives.

But know this: You must control it—or it will control you and your family.

Reclaim Those Lost Moments

Consider your own situation. How easy is it, when you come home after work, instead of giving your spouse some attention or playing with the children, to check the news? Do you feel lost, scared or insecure when you don’t have a fully charged smartphone on hand? Maybe it does only take you 30 seconds to respond to a text message, but do you really have to keep checking your phone every five minutes? And when you stop a conversation to answer every *ping* of an incoming message, even if it only takes 10 seconds, you’ve already lost the moment.

How about giving your family as much time as you give your phone? The accumulation of those 30 seconds isn’t just measured in hours, but in pages—even chapters—out of your family’s life.

During the 30 seconds you spent checking your stock quotes or sports scores, you missed your budding 3-year-old sports star’s sprint into the restaurant because *the whole family* was going out to dinner *together* for his favorite food. Had you not told your daughter to “just wait another minute” for the third time in as many minutes while you finished updating your Facebook profile, you might have noticed that she really wanted to talk to you about something important to her.

Are the lost moments worth it?

My wife mentioned that when she takes our son to gymnastics, most of the other moms barely even watch their children. The only time they seem to look up from their devices is if their child has to go to the bathroom or the coach brings their child out for misbehavior.

Parents: Do you want to be involved with your children? Are you interested in how they’re progressing, what they are struggling with, where they excel?

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Take the time now to reconnect in a real, personal way with your family before it is too late.

Keep Watching Europe!

Germany is on top, and Britain is on its way out.

What will happen next on the Continent? **BY STEPHEN FLURRY AND RON FRASER**

TWO REGIONS CATAPULTED their way into our lives in 2011. The average man on the street suddenly became very aware—and very concerned—about such things as Arab balances of power, European bond issues and what side of the bed the Germans woke up on. In the European Union, Britain went from a counterweight to deadweight.

“Twenty years after the Maastricht Treaty, which was designed not just to integrate Europe but to *contain the might of a united Germany*, Berlin—and Mrs. Merkel—had effectively united Europe under *its control*, with *Britain* all but shut out.”

That remarkable quote recently appeared in the *New York Times*. It is doubly electrifying because it is something Herbert W. Armstrong prophesied of way back in 1956: “Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe. But Britain will be no part of it!”

Whether you read the *Times* in December or the *Plain Truth* 56 years ago, you are living in a new reality. Britain is on the fast track out of the EU, and Germany dominates Europe.

Meanwhile, the Iranians are intensifying their foreign-policy push against the Europeans. Some Middle Eastern states are tightening their orbits around Iran.

But Germany and other key EU nations are taking a rapidly hardening stand. Even some key Gulf states are aligning with Europe, and especially Berlin.

Watch closely what happens next! *These two regions* are going to remain in the news more than all others. Many headlines will report how relations between the two are racing toward a clash.

Within this volatile mix, two high-profile personalities will gain influence and an unbelievable amount of power. Both of these men are from Europe.

The Man in Germany

In this crucial moment, a man we have been watching for several years is carefully preparing for his return to politics: Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, baron of the Holy Roman Empire.

Germany’s most popular politician, Guttenberg resigned as defense minister in March of last year over a plagiarism scandal. Already, though, that embarrassment seems to be a distant memory.

In late 2011, Guttenberg made some negative observations on Germany’s political leadership, including his own party, the Christian Social Union. csu President Horst Seehofer responded by suggesting Guttenberg might not be considered a political prospect until 2013 or 2014 at the earliest. Just a few weeks later, Seehofer said he intended to invite the baron back to active party involvement to boost the csu’s

waning support ahead of federal elections in 2013. He even suggested the prospect of him being given a ministerial post.

What happened to create such *urgency* for Guttenberg to be not only allowed but *invited* back to German politics?

Perhaps the csu’s 180-degree pirouette was prompted by Guttenberg suggesting he was interested in creating a new political party in Germany. The last thing Seehofer and the csu want in a time of great political division with an election looming next year is to see a mass exodus of pro-Guttenberg party members to a new populist political party!

However, fast becoming a consummate politician, in January Guttenberg suddenly conveyed an impression of humbly withdrawing from contention for a political comeback by 2013. In a carefully choreographed performance, no doubt designed to wrong-foot the establishment in Germany, Guttenberg declared that he was not yet ready to return. In a two-hour meeting with Seehofer, Guttenberg declined to return to active politics at this time, according to the csu party boss. It does not take two hours to make such a declaration. Obviously that amount of time allows for the possibility of a political deal to be tabled, considered, debated and brought to a conclusion. Any deal offered was obviously not acceptable to the baron.

This is brilliant political psychology. By those actions, Guttenberg has left the

German electorate with a feeling of unrequited anticipation within an atmosphere where the public are increasingly showing marked disaffection for their current political leadership. Guttenberg's present public stance will only increase the cries to invite him back to help fix Germany's dislocated political process as further fissures develop in its ailing coalition government the closer the nation gets to the 2013 polls.

Guttenberg is a personality worth watching closely in the coming months.

The Man in the Vatican

So is Pope Benedict XVI. This year will see the world spotlight focused with greater intensity on this aging yet sharp-minded and smooth-talking pontiff as he engages in one of his busiest periods to date.

The pope is just coming off a success last year with the Vatican's own Jesuit son, Mario Draghi, installed as the head of the European Central Bank (dubbed "Pope Mario" by the *Economist*). The *Daily Telegraph* recently compared Draghi to Kim Jong Il—saying Draghi was even *more dangerous than the late dictator*. "Mr. Draghi is accountable to essentially no one," the *Telegraph* wrote, "but, like the late Kim Jong Il, he has an enormous amount of power to make our lives difficult" (Dec. 19, 2011; emphasis added throughout).

But the pope is gearing up for an even greater push. In a December address before the Roman Catholic clergy, Benedict said Europe's economic crisis ultimately stems from a continent-wide *ethical* breakdown. "Even if such values as solidarity, commitment to one's neighbor and responsibility towards the poor and suffering are largely uncontroversial," the pope said, "still the *motivation is often lacking* for individuals and large sectors of society to practice renunciation and make sacrifices."

Later, he asked, "Where is the force that draws the will upwards?" In other words, where is the spiritual, motivational and political force needed to correct this crisis in ethics?

The implication, of course, is that *it's in the Catholic Church!*

This isn't the first time the pope has pointed to Rome as the answer to Europe's economic woes. Since 2009, Benedict has repeatedly called for a new global financial order. He believes there should be a universal political authority in which *religion* plays a key role.

Benedict scheduled a synod of bishops for February, concentrating on his crusading effort of the "new evangelization" of Europe. This will enhance the initiative commenced by his predecessor, John Paul II, who called for Europe to return to

its Roman Catholic roots after the fall of the Soviet Union.

Many ex-Soviet states of Eastern Europe are now embedded in the political economy of the European Union. Benedict is ramping up Rome's efforts to draw its largely Roman Catholic and, to a lesser extent, Eastern Orthodox constituents back under the Vatican's spiritual influence. EU elites know that this is the only binding force that will glue Europe's awkward mix of iron and clay together to fulfill their imperial vision.

In January, the pope reinforced his bevy of cardinals by the appointment of 22 new cardinals who are right-wing conservatives. This will strengthen his army of red hats for the coming year-long crusade, the "Year of Faith," beginning in October. Another feature of this year will be the declaration of a number of "saints."

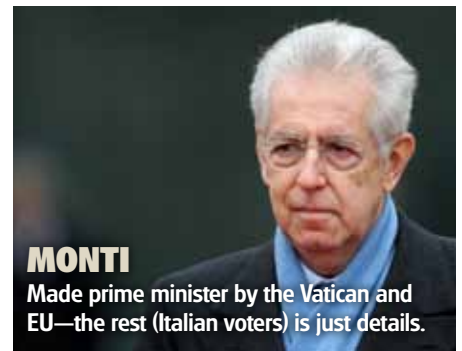
The Vatican is notoriously patient when pursuing what it regards as its natural role: global hegemony. During the Reagan and Thatcher administrations, Pope John Paul II pushed an initiative to support the Polish labor movement Solidarity in order to drive a wedge under the Iron Curtain. *Time* magazine reported that a senior CIA officer questioned a senior Vatican official, *How come your intelligence was always ahead of ours?* The Jesuit responded, *Ah! But we have had 2,000 years' practice at this!*

Had the Vatican representative understood the true origins of Catholicism, he would have added another 2,000 years to that equation to get back to its origins in ancient Babylon (Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-11; Revelation 17:1-6).

The Vatican's chief enemy in the Cold War years, the Communist USSR, was successfully broken with the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, 1989. The next foreign-policy initiative of the Vatican State was to join its traditional protector, Germany, and initiate the Balkan wars of the 1990s (request our free booklet *Germany's Conquest of the Balkans*).

The resultant colonization of the Balkan Peninsula was finally completed with the 2011 takeover of the economy and the government of Greece under the direction of Berlin. The way is now clear for the Vatican to mount its 21st-century crusade to draw back its wandering European membership in key northern European states and hasten the return of its Eastern Orthodox daughters from ex-Soviet states to mother Rome.

Hence Pope Benedict's current preparations for the highlight of the papal year 2012: the launching of his great European crusading initiative through his declared "Year of Faith." This initiative is designed to renew the evangelizing missionary zeal of the church globally.



How to Know What Is Coming

Soon, everyone will be talking about Europe, and especially Germany and the Vatican.

You can know in advance what is coming. To discover what the Europe of 2013 and beyond will look like, go to the same source that showed Herbert Armstrong what the Europe of 2012 would look like: biblical prophecy.

The Bible tells us that the European combine will soon be cut down to a more efficient and powerful union of 10 kings. There will be 10 dictators that arise out of Europe. All of them will *give* their power to Germany.

This reshaping of Europe is already being considered. Reuters reported on Nov. 27, 2011, that Germany and France have discussed the possibility of a “core”

Europe consisting of 8 to 10 nations. This year, we will see the EU combine further cement together after the new EU treaty due to be ratified in March comes into force. Designed to enforce budgetary and taxation discipline on all 17 eurozone nations, the treaty obligations will hurt a number of eurozone signatories. Thus, the prospect becomes even stronger of a core, first-tier Europe emerging at that point, consisting of its strongest economies.

The glue that will hold Europe’s unwieldy parts together will be the binding force of the religion of Rome. Revelation 17:12-13 reveal this will create a singular political-economic-military mindset among the final combine of 10 leading European nations soon to yield their power to the decree of one overarching political leader. With three Jesuit-trained men in key

positions within today’s EU—Herman van Rompuy as president of the European Council, Mario Monti as prime minister of Italy, and Mario Draghi as president of the European Central Bank—one could wonder if Revelation 17 is *already* being fulfilled, with a woman (a church) riding a beast (economic, political and military power).

Iran’s taunting of the West—the German-led EU in particular—will soon test Germany’s patience to the limits. At that point, the German-led military forces of the 10-nation EU combine will wage blitzkrieg warfare and blow Iran’s nuclear-empowered aggression off the map. It will be a literal *whirlwind* of a war! (Daniel 11:40).

Germany will then fill the power vacuum created by Iran’s demise, supported by its Arabian allies, as depicted in the Psalm 83 alliance.

Why Does the Vatican Want a Palestinian State?

Its support is not what it seems. **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

MUCH OF THE WORLD SEEMS TO WANT THE PALESTINIANS to have a state of their own. In September 2011, it looked like they had some momentum for their cause. Most of the international community expressed symbolic support for a Palestinian bid for statehood at the United Nations.

Of all the supporters, though, one stands out as being especially intriguing: the Roman Catholic Church.

In a statement last September, retired Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Michel Sabbah, together with representatives from various Christian communities in Israel, pledged “support for the diplomatic efforts being deployed to win international recognition for the State of Palestine.”

In his sermon on Christmas Day, the current Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Fouad Twal, reiterated Catholic support for Palestinian statehood. “We want a just and comprehensive peace to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We adhere to the position taken by the Holy See, clearly acknowledging the two-state solution with security and internationally recognized borders,” he stated.

This position aligned with what the church has been saying for some time now. In December 2009, for example, Twal and other high-ranking Catholic officials released an overtly anti-Israel, anti-Jewish document detailing the “injustices” against Palestinians by Israel. In it, the Catholic officials implored the international community to “stand by the Palestinian people who have faced oppression, displacement, suffering and clear apartheid for more than six decades.” There was no recognition of the multiple suicide attacks on innocent Jews, or the thousands of missiles launched at Israeli schools, homes and hospitals.

The document also included a lengthy section reconciling Palestinian “resistance,” a polite term for violence or terrorism, with the biblical instruction to abstain from violence and war. “The aggression against the Palestinian

people which is the Israeli occupation, is an evil that must be resisted,” the officials claimed. “It is an evil and a sin that must be resisted and removed.” In other words, no measure of Arab “resistance” is too extreme, or morally or spiritually wrong.

In another instance, Twal and his counterparts, who operate under Vatican direction, stated explicitly that they

endorse the “establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Al-Quds [Arabic for Jerusalem] as its capital.”

If you know your history, such effusive support of the Palestinian cause—to the point of *ceding Jerusalem to be the capital of a Palestinian nation*—is more than a little odd.

Remember the Crusades?

Can you name a time in history when the Vatican sincerely endorsed Muslim control of Jerusalem? The fact is, history is loaded with examples of the Vatican opposing, *often violently*, Muslim control of the Holy Land.

Remember Pope Urban II, the man who set off the Crusades in the Middle Ages? “The continued occupation of the holy places—and above all *Jerusalem itself*—by the infidel was, [Pope Urban II] declared, an affront to Christendom,” wrote historian John Julius Norwich. Urban delivered his fateful speech Nov. 27, 1095, in the countryside just outside the French city of Clermont-Ferrand. “This royal city [Jerusalem] ... situated at the center of the world, is now held captive by His enemies,” he lamented. “[It] is in subjection to those who do not know God, to the worship of the heathens. She seeks therefore and desires to be liberated, and does not cease to implore you to come to her aid.”

Inspired by Urban’s call to arms and intent on earning “salvation,” *tens of thousands* of Europeans set out for Jerusalem. In the First Crusade alone, Catholic crusaders slaughtered some 70,000 Jews and Arabs in pursuit of their goal to pry Jerusalem from the “infidel.” The First Crusade was followed a few decades later by another, then another, then another—each an attempt to purge the Holy Land of Muslims.

History is clear. The Vatican has never supported Muslim control of Jerusalem!

So why is it doing so now? The truth is, IT IS NOT!

Despite the earthshaking developments that are leading up to this astonishing world war, most people are still blinded to the prophetic reality of what is now happening in Europe. In fact, the Bible says that when this world finally wakes up to what's happening—when it sees this astounding union between the Roman church and a German-dominated Europe—the Earth “shall wonder” (Revelation 17:8). The inhabitants of the Earth will stand aghast when they finally realize what has suddenly come upon them.

But you need not stand aghast as these prophesied events unfold! You *can* know what happens next if, as Jesus said, you are watching world events and *praying* always (Luke 21:36).

That's one reason *why* we are here—to help you watch world events. That is why

the *Trumpet*, and the *Plain Truth* before us, have been, since the 1940s, boldly proclaiming that Europe would unite under 10 kings, that Britain would be no part of it, that Germany would be the dominant political force—and that the Vatican would be the overarching spiritual guide straddling the union.

In June 1980, for example, Mr. Armstrong wrote that “world conditions may force European nations ... to unite, bringing to pass the revived ‘Holy Roman Empire’ [European nations] have wanted to unite politically, with a common currency and common military force, for some time—but have been unable. *It can be accomplished only through the Vatican.*”

Most commentators, of course, scoff at the thought of this. In their minds, a powerful church-state combine could

never form in Europe. They simply cannot imagine a *secular* Europe, the way they see it, ever coming under the seductive influence and overriding power of the Roman church.

But Bible prophecy assures us that a great false church will steer the 10-nation beast now rising in Europe.

And for those who have eyes to see, the formation of this astounding union of church and state is already well under way!

Watch Europe, and particularly those who seem destined to be the leaders of church and state. Look for the Vatican to settle into its prophesied role as the woman riding atop the scarlet-colored beast (Revelation 17:3). It is coming. *God's prophecies are certain to happen!* And when it happens, remember where you heard it first. ■

There are two reasons the Catholic Church *for now* is making it appear it supports a Palestinian state and greater Muslim influence over Jerusalem.

First, this effort undermines Israel's control over the city. When it comes to diminishing Israel's grip on Jerusalem and its holy sites, Catholic officials are happy to let the Palestinians do the dirty work.

Second, the Vatican's endorsement of Palestinian statehood provides ideal cover for its own ambition to wrest control of Jerusalem from the Jews.

Nobody Else Concerned for Jerusalem?

In an article in *Arutz Sheva* on December 15, Italian journalist Giulio Meotti explained how Catholic authorities in recent months have “increased their political initiatives for Catholic control over some sites in Jerusalem.”

In December, for example, the head of the Vatican's Council for Inter-religious Dialogue, Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, said that “peace negotiations in the Middle East must tackle the issue of the status of the holy sites of Jerusalem.” According to Tauran, it's time that some of Jerusalem's holy places, including the City of David, were put under Vatican charge. After all, “it's practically *just* the Holy See who is concerned about [Jerusalem],” Tauran stated.

Don't forget, Jerusalem is as important to the Vatican as it is to Jews and Muslims. For Catholics, Jerusalem is the birthplace of Christianity and the setting of many important biblical events. The Holy City, as Catholic dogma states, is its universal headquarters. Does anyone really think the Vatican is genuinely interested in ceding control of these sites to Muslims?

At the very least, the Vatican's endorsement of Palestinian statehood is political chicanery. More than likely, it's a calculated ruse, part of a Trojan horse strategy by which the Vatican seeks to gain the trust of the Palestinians and international community before more actively staking its claim to Jerusalem and its holy sites.

Whatever happens, don't expect the Vatican to stand by and cheer as Muslims assume control of Christianity's holy sites. That will NEVER happen.



Watch Jerusalem

It's important to keep an eye on Jerusalem, and especially on the Vatican's involvement in the city. Bible prophecy tells us Jerusalem is the nucleus of end-time events, and that the Catholic Church will make a play for the Holy City in the final days before Christ's return. The *Trumpet* has often pointed to the prophecy in Daniel 11:40, which describes a gigantic clash between Catholic Europe and Iran and its radical Islamic supporters.

In verse 41, we read that after Europe's army defeats the Iranian-led “king of the south,” it will be invited into “the GLORIOUS LAND [Jerusalem], and MANY COUNTRIES SHALL BE OVERTHROWN.”

According to this prophecy, the climactic events that precede the return of Christ revolve around Jerusalem! This city, as our editor in chief has explained, is a thermometer for measuring the imminence of Jesus Christ's Second Coming.

Stay tuned! The more the tension rises between Jews and Palestinians—and the more the Catholic Church interferes in Jerusalem—the closer we are to this awesome, history-altering event! ■

Planets, Planets Everywhere

Our galaxy hosts far more of them than scientists thought. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

STAR TREK HAD EARTHLINGS ZIPping to planets throughout outer space, regularly encountering other intelligent life—most of which looked suspiciously like human beings wearing prosthetics of various shapes. But outside the world of science fiction, no planets outside those in our own solar system had been discovered.

That was before 1994. Since then, our telescopes have improved and scientists have discovered *hundreds* of planets orbiting other stars in our galaxy. Seven hundred and twenty-nine, to be exact, currently fill the *Extrasolar Planets Encyclopedia*. And we have really only *begun* to realize how many really might be out there.

But a groundbreaking study published in *Nature* in January blows previous estimates out past the stratosphere.

An international team of scientists evaluated 100 million stars 3,000 to 25,000 light-years away, analyzing gravitational microlensing data. This data enables them to detect relatively small (approximately Earth-size) objects, even those that don't radiate light. The team calculated the number of planets within that statistical sample and extrapolated how many planets the galaxy must hold.

Buckle your seat belt.

"We used to think that the Earth might be unique in our galaxy," said one of the co-authors of the study, Daniel Kubas, from the Institute of Astrophysics in Paris. "But now it seems that there are *literally*

BILLIONS of planets with masses similar to Earth orbiting stars in the Milky Way" (emphasis

added throughout).

BILLIONS. *Just in our galaxy!*

"This statistical study tells us that *planets around stars are the rule*, rather than the exception," said the project's lead astronomer, Arnaud Cassan, also from the Paris institute. "From now on, we should see our galaxy populated not only with billions of bright stars, but *imagine them surrounded by as many hidden extrasolar worlds.*"

Think of it! If you look at the sky on a clear night, you will see several hundred stars—maybe even a few thousand. Look through a telescope and you'll see many, many more. However many stars your eye takes in, imagine *most of them* being the center of a solar system!

These scientists estimate a mean of at least *1.6 planets for every star* in the Milky Way. In our galaxy of 100 billion stars, that means around 160 billion planets!

"One can point at almost any random star and say there are planets orbiting that star," said Uffe Grae Jorgensen, another member of the team, from the University of Copenhagen.

But 160 billion is the most conservative estimate the scientists came up with. It only includes planets that orbit between roughly the distance of Venus and Saturn. Another study published last year shows that there could be a huge number of "rogue" planets that drift through space without orbiting any star. There are probably more of these "rogue" planets than "normal" ones, the study found.

If this is the way our galaxy is, it is reasonable to assume that many, many, many of the billions of other galaxies out

there have a similar plenitude of planets. If there are 300 sextillion stars in the observable universe, that could mean more than half again as many planets.

Scientists have also found planets orbiting two suns, something they once thought impossible. "Nature must like to form planets because it's forming them in places that are kind of difficult to do," said San Diego State University astronomy professor William Welsh, who wrote about the subject in *Nature*. Scientists thought that the unstable gravity of a two-star system would tear a planet apart. Now the Kepler telescope has found three of them, and Welsh believes there could be millions in our galaxy.

Of course, scientists love to use the word "nature" as if it is a spontaneously imaginative and powerfully creative force. Dr. Welsh speaks as though "nature" has a will and preferences in its initiatives. That's because the natural world they study is filled with evidence of imagination, creativity, power, will, design and purpose—yet so many of them refuse to believe in God.

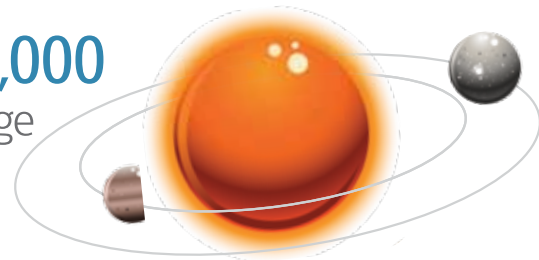
"Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, have been clearly perceived in the things that have been made" (Romans 1:20; Revised Standard Version).

There is obviously a Creator. The question is, *why* did God manufacture so much interstellar real estate? Science does not and cannot answer that. But the Bible can!

Hebrews 2:8 says, "Thou [God] hast put all things in subjection under his [man's] feet. For in that he [God] put all in subjection under him [man], he [God] left nothing that is not put under him."



There are **300,000,000,000,000,000,000,000** stars in the observable universe. If each has an average of 1.6 planets, that would be **360 sextillion** of them.



“Is it possible God could mean what He says (‘all things’)? *Nothing* excluded?” the late Herbert W. Armstrong asked as he examined the scriptural evidence in *The Incredible Human Potential*. “In the first chapter, the Moffatt translation of the Bible renders the Greek word translated ‘all things’ as ‘the universe.’

“In other words, for those willing to believe what God says, He says that He has decreed the entire universe—with all its galaxies, its countless suns and planets—*everything*—will be put under man’s subjection.”

That’s not just Mr. Armstrong saying that. *Your Bible* says God has put *mankind* over the *universe*!

“But *wait a moment!*” Mr. Armstrong continued. “Before you disbelieve, read the next words in the same eighth verse: ‘But now we see not yet all things [the endless universe] put under him [man].’” This is talking about a time *yet future* when man will be given such jurisdiction.

After examining several other relevant passages, Mr. Armstrong concluded, “THESE SCRIPTURES INDICATE WE SHALL IMPART

LIFE TO BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF DEAD PLANETS, AS LIFE HAS BEEN IMPARTED TO THIS EARTH.”

The implications are tremendous. Why would God have created such an enormous, empty and currently lifeless universe out of physical matter and energy if there will not be more physical beings?

Isaiah 9:7 says, “Of the *increase* of his [God’s] *government and peace* there shall be *NO END ...*” Could God’s government and peace keep expanding if God didn’t populate the *universe* with *more human beings*? These scriptures seem to indicate that the planets those scientists have found are in for an awesome future!

In the original Hebrew, the very first verse of the Bible says that God created not only the Earth, but also the heavens—plural. Isaiah 51:16 talks about God *planting* the heavens. Romans 8 says the *creation*—everything: suns, planets, moons, stars—was subjected to futility—in *hope*. And that hope lies with you.

The full biblical revelation on this truth is awesome to study—and becomes all the more so as science continues to pull the curtain back on the magnitude

and majesty of the great beyond that lies waiting for us.

Of course, not all of those sextillions of planets are habitable. The conditions required for life to exist must be *exceedingly* fine-tuned—to a spectacular, even miraculous degree. That’s why some scientists have called Earth a “Goldilocks planet”: In every conceivable respect, conditions on this extraordinary jewel of a home are “just right.”

Deviations in those conditions, however minute, surely render the overwhelming majority of planets inhospitable—if not all. But doesn’t the very existence of all that extraterrestrial territory—just knowing that God put all that out there on purpose—fire your imagination? The fact that scientists are suddenly looking at stars, as a rule, as being “*surrounded by hidden extrasolar worlds*” is breathtaking.

It’s as if each star is burning on, awaiting the day it will serve as a hearth for a home.

Surely very few if any of those planets can host life at present. But when the time is right, with some tweaks and housekeeping overseen by the omnipotent Creator of those planets, who’s to say a great many more couldn’t? ■



If you are interested in this subject, request our free booklet ***Our Awesome Universe Potential***. It shows, in detail, both scientifically and scripturally, the inspiring vision wrapped up in the vast cosmos.



The commander of the 1st Armored Division (left) retires the colors at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, ending the division's 40-year history in Europe.

The ramifications of the U.S. drawdown

AS THE UNITED STATES SLASHES ITS security forces in Europe, EU nations are preparing to fill the void by multiplying their own military might.

In early January, President Obama outlined a 10-year defense plan to reduce U.S. military spending by \$487 billion, which includes plans to slash the total number of troops by half a million. Days later, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta specified the military's plan for its European presence, saying Washington will withdraw two of its four brigades from the Continent.

The number of U.S. troops stationed in Europe peaked during the Cold War at 277,342. At present, America has around 40,000 soldiers there, and the withdrawal of the two heavy armor brigades will decrease the U.S. presence to 30,000 troops.

Both of the brigades slated for removal will be pulled out of Germany, which will leave Europe with one cavalry brigade in Germany and one airborne brigade in Italy.

Already, European nations have significant military might. Germany, Italy and France remain among the world's top 10 defense spenders; the combined number of EU nations' military personnel exceeds the number in U.S. forces; and the EU spends more on defense than Russia and China combined.

But two obstacles have prevented

Europe's strategic significance from matching its high spending figures and troop numbers.

First, Europe has grown accustomed to depending on the U.S. for security. Some analysts showcased last year's war in Libya as evidence that Europe is beginning to take responsibility for its own environs, but, in fact, the campaign was overwhelmingly reliant on American military, intelligence and technical power. European Union nations did not even supply enough of their own munitions to see the conflict through.

The second obstacle preventing the EU from realizing its military potential has been the difficulties the nations have encountered trying to pool their military resources. Individual EU countries tend to use their defense sectors primarily to boost national industry and employment, and efforts at cooperation among the nations have faltered because of political interference. Back in 2004, the European Union established the European Defense Agency to build military coordination among EU states, but it has had little success because of such interference.

The U.S. drawdown in Europe works toward the removal of both of these obstacles.

Europe will be weaned from its military dependence on the U.S. as

Washington's ability and willingness to defend Europe rapidly erodes. Charles Kupchan, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, said the overall message from the U.S. withdrawal is that "Europe is going to need to start taking more care of its own defense, that they won't be able to call on the U.S. in the same way as the past."

Nick Witney, a former head of the European Defense Agency, said, "Europe is going to have to grow up and learn to take responsibility for its own security, without Uncle Sam to prod and cajole."

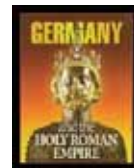
The U.S. pullback from Europe is also making the solution to the second obstacle obvious to more and more onlookers.

America's drawdown is telling us that "we have to do our job," said European Defense Agency Chief Executive Claude-France Arnould. "We should go full speed ahead with pooling and sharing."

"It's always been obvious what needs to be done—taking a more collective approach to Europe's security," said Kupchan.

The United States has defined security in Europe for many decades, but it is increasingly urging the nations of the EU to take charge of their own defense. European nations can see that the U.S. is now a bankrupt nation with a broken will, and they are preparing to fill the void Washington will leave by multiplying their own forces and pooling them together. Bible prophecy reveals that the end result of Europe's military pooling and multiplying will be a German-led force so powerful it will eclipse the armies of Hitler, Napoleon and even Charlemagne.

To understand the significance of this future staggering European military power, and how it is connected to the most inspiring news a publication could ever proclaim, request a free copy of *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.



1 | ITALY

A boot to the neck of tax cheats

In order to fight tax evasion, Italy is restricting how much people can pay in cash, and monitoring those crossing the border. Since Dec. 4, 2011, Italians have not been allowed to pay more than €1,000 in cash to anyone. Previously, the largest allowed cash payment was €2,500. Credit card companies and banks must report any card transactions of more than €3,000. Italy is even trying to stop people driving out of the country with their money. It recently posted dogs trained to smell bank notes at its border crossings. Cameras and computer systems keep track of those crossing into Switzerland. Italy does need to solve its tax evasion problems. But an unelected government introducing draconian rules should get people worried—even if it seems to have a legitimate excuse. Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi warned last year: “There’s a real danger of crossing over into a fiscal police state.”

Parliament’s mouthy new prez

German Socialist MEP Martin Schulz was elected the new president of the European Parliament on January 17. His victory was no surprise—the Socialists and the European People’s Party had agreed to split the five-year presidency. Schulz is known to be easily angered, and is an outspoken critic of Britain. “I doubt in the long term whether Britain will stay in the EU,” he said in December. “The EU can, if necessary, do without Britain, but Britain would have more difficulty without the EU.”



SCHULZ



2 | NETHERLANDS

Shocked by child abuse

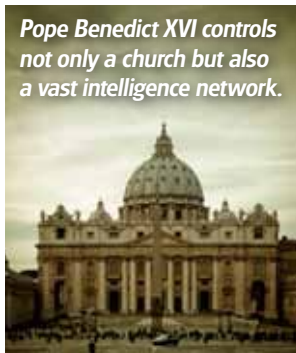
Details from yet another Catholic child abuse scandal emerged as a commission investigating abuse in Dutch Catholic institutions published its report Dec. 16, 2011. Church officials knew about the rampant abuse suffered by thousands of children over a period of 65 years but did nothing because they did not want to create a scandal.



3 | VATICAN Kudos to your intelligence

Outgoing Australian ambassador to the Vatican Tim Fischer praised the Vatican’s diplomatic links and intelligence gathering, according to an article published by the Catholic News Agency on January 12. “It is the oldest organization in the world, and it does have a huge network,” he said. “As recently as the Balkans war, some of the best information as to what was really happening on the ground was not held by the CIA or the KGB but, in fact, right here in Rome by the Holy See.”

Pope Benedict XVI controls not only a church but also a vast intelligence network.



Demonstrators march in front of the Greek parliament building during a 24-hour general strike.

Europe still in deep muck

NINE EUROZONE NATIONS HAD THEIR CREDIT RATING downgraded by ratings agency Standard & Poor’s on January 13, causing the euro to fall to its lowest level against the dollar since 2010.

Greece must persuade its creditors to forgive some of its debts, as well as meet a host of other conditions, to receive the bailout cash it needs. It needs money by March 20, when it must pay €14.4 billion worth of debt. The country’s unelected government has agreed to postpone elections until after then.

To guard against a risk of a crash, the International Monetary Fund is trying to gather an extra \$500 billion to loan to European countries.

Investors are so desperate to keep their money safe that on occasion they’ve even *paid* to lend money to Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, the Netherlands and the UK.

Downgrades and troublesome Greek debt show that the eurozone hasn’t come close to solving its financial problems. Expect things to get worse, until Europe is forced to accept Germany’s conditions in return for a financial lifeline.

4 | GERMANY 5 | GREECE

Guess where the bailout money is going

Greece’s new government is channeling its bailout money into Germany’s armaments industry. According to the 2010 Arms Export Report for Germany, published early this year, Greece is the second-biggest buyer of German armaments, after Portugal. Greece lives under a permanent military threat from Turkey. As a result, Greece spends 4.3 percent of its GDP on defense, money that goes mainly to Germany. When the EU was threatened with the collapse of the Greek economy, German government defense contractors enforced Greece’s contract obligations. The effect has been ironic: Greece is treating as a priority the payment of its obligations to the German armaments industry using the very bailout funds supposedly received to revive its own dying economy.

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“Soon we will hold a military maneuver on how to close the Strait of Hormuz. If the world wants to make the region insecure, we will make the world insecure.”

PARVIZ SARVARI

MEMBER OF THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE



An Iraqi soldier guards one of several car bombing scenes in Baghdad on January 24.

1 | IRAQ

Now that America is gone ...

AFTER THE LAST U.S. TROOPS LEFT IRAQ ON DEC. 18, 2011, the Shiites wasted no time in throwing their weight around, igniting a sectarian political crisis. The Shiite-controlled government leveled terrorism charges and issued an arrest warrant against Sunni Vice President Tareq al-Hashemi on the very day the Americans left. Hashemi claims the charges against him are a fabrication, and Washington appears to agree. Sunnis are furious, and fear being shut out of politics by the Shiite majority.

The situation sparked a surge in violence in the country; at least 150 people were killed in just the first couple weeks of this year. A series of bombings killed some 72 people in mainly Shiite areas of Baghdad on December 22. A suicide bomb attack targeting Shiite pilgrims in Basra on January 14 killed at least 53 and wounded more than 135. On January 16, car bombs exploded in Shiite areas of two Iraqi cities, Mosul and Hillah, killing at least 11 people.

The sectarian division between Sunnis and Shia is playing into Iran's hands by giving it pretext for getting more involved in Iraq's internal affairs. Iran is “ready to expand its military and security ties with Iraq,” Iran's chief of staff of the armed forces, Gen. Hassan Firouzabadi, said December 25. Firouzabadi praised the “forced departure” of America that he said “was due to the resistance and determination of the Iraqi people and government.” In November, a delegation of Iraqi military leaders under the army's chief of staff, Gen. Babaker Zebari, traveled to Iran to examine areas where the two militaries could cooperate.

Watch for Iran—politically and otherwise—to further cement its hold on Iraq as it takes advantage of the power and security vacuum America has left behind. The *Trumpet* has forecast for decades that Iran would take over Iraq. Now that American troops have left the country, expect Iran to quickly take charge.

2 | IRAN
War games in Hormuz

The Iranian Navy kicked off 10 days of war games in the stretch of water from the Strait of Hormuz to the Gulf of Aden on Dec. 24, 2011. The military drill has raised concerns over a possible closure of the world's most strategic oil transit choke point in the event of any future conflict between Tehran and the West. A daily flow of about 15 million barrels of oil pass through the strait. While there are many who doubt that Iran actually has the military capacity to keep the Strait of Hormuz closed for an extended period of time, it must be remembered that when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990, global oil prices more than doubled on the mere expectation of future shortages.



3 | SYRIA Still at war

Violence continues in Syria where the governing regime is trying to crush a protest movement along with armed rebels. UN officials said in January that more than 5,000 people have been killed. Although Arab League monitors arrived in December, Assad has not carried out his pledge to halt his offensive against protesters in a bid to start peace talks. With Arab dictatorships crumbling across the Middle East, the prospect of a regime change in Syria carries heavy regional implications. Turkey and Saudi Arabia would love to see Sunni protesters overthrow their Shiite overlords and pull Syria out of the Iranian axis. Such a development would greatly strengthen Iran's enemies.



Crowds in Lebanon protest against Syria's Assad.

4 | ISRAEL Taking heat from Europe

The European Union issued a report in January highly critical of Israeli policies in the West Bank. Authors of the report, titled “Area C and Palestinian State Building,” were criticized by Israeli diplomatic sources for not getting any input from the Israeli government. The EU has decided to pursue a series of steps that may undermine Israel's control over “Area C” in the West Bank, according to the internal report. Area C makes up 62 percent of the West Bank and is the portion that, under the Oslo Accords, is fully controlled by Israel. The report says that Europe will support building, infrastructure and other projects in this region in order to “support the Palestinian people and help maintain their presence” there. A Western diplomat, commenting on the document, said the EU had simply decided to ignore Israeli regulations. The report is just the latest of ongoing criticism Israel has received from Europe regarding its policies.

5 | CHINA An Asian army grows

ASIA IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY militarized, and China is leading the way. Over the last 20 years, China's military spending has increased an average of 16.2 percent each year, and in 2010 China ranked second in the world after spending \$91.7 billion on defense. Western analysts believe China's actual military spending is two to three times larger than these figures Beijing officially reports.

Last year, China also significantly boosted its ties with foreign forces. "Senior officials of the Central Military Commission and the People's Liberation Army headquarters paid visits to 14 neighboring countries including Vietnam, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore and the Philippines in 2011," the *China Daily* reported on January 17. It emphasized the Chinese military's "profound achievements" in cooperating with the militaries of neighboring nations, and highlighted eight joint military exercises China conducted with foreign forces last year. These joint drills included China-Pakistan anti-terrorist exercises, China-Indonesia special forces drills, and China-Belarus parachute troop training. This June, China's army will join with troops from Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan for military drills in Tajikistan.

A new multilateral deal allows Chinese police to conduct joint patrols along the Mekong River with Lao, Myanmar and Thai security forces, significantly altering the region's strategic dynamic and bolstering Beijing's power, *Asia Times* reported Dec. 16, 2011. In addition to the joint patrols, the four nations will share intelligence, establish a multinational headquarters and conduct joint security training under the direction of Chinese forces. "[T]his marks the first time that Chinese security forces will carry out sustained operations in another country without a United Nations mandate," the *Times* wrote, explaining that the unprecedented move highlights Beijing's desire to protect its rapidly expanding trade links with Southeast Asian nations. "There is a growing perception in Beijing that it must

take measures to protect its economic interests abroad. ... As [China's] regional trade networks expand, the necessity of making sure they remain open and undisturbed will make it increasingly necessary for China to take a more forward-looking security stance through greater participation in regional security issues," it said.

While many Asian nations are responding to China's rise by jumping onside with it, the trend is clearly making some of them nervous. South Korea is boosting its own defenses in a way that indicates its concern. For example, in preparation for the launch of China's first aircraft carrier last year, Seoul began developing a fierce supersonic anti-vessel cruise missile and a fleet of small submarines capable of maneuvering undetected in shallow waters. "The nation's armed forces have been bolstering their high-tech weapons arsenals since the mid-1990s by developing Aegis destroyers and purchasing early-warning aircraft, not just to deter threats from North Korea, but rather to prepare for the rising military powers of China and Japan," South Korean daily *Chosun Ilbo* reported Dec. 30, 2011.

Ultimately, even this development—an Asian arms race of sorts—will prove to work in China's favor. Biblical prophecy speaks of a giant Eastern army coalescing in the end time, absorbing many Asian states, with China and Russia at the head. This prophecy is unfolding before us today. Smaller Asian nations will continue to rally behind Beijing, and even presently resistant nations will have a change of heart, as China solidifies its position as the regional hegemon.

"Joint military training and exercises are an important approach to improve the PLA's combat capabilities."

QIAN LIHUA

DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE
WITH CHINA'S NATIONAL DEFENSE MINISTRY



People's Armed Police fill China's Tiananmen Square, saluting 60 years of Communist rule.

6 | RUSSIA 2 | IRAN Ditching the dollar

Russia and Iran have replaced the American dollar with their own national currencies in bilateral trade, Iran's state-run Fars news agency reported on January 7. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev initiated the proposal to switch from the dollar to the ruble and rial at a meeting with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. In recent months, agreements have also been made to bypass the dollar in bilateral trade between Russia and China, China and Japan, China and Iran, and Japan and India. Expect the greenback to continue to weaken as more nations move away from the dollar. These economic agreements will hasten the end of the dollar's reign as the global reserve currency, point to a coming era of Asian unity, and will help goad European leaders into taking drastic action in their efforts to save the eurozone.



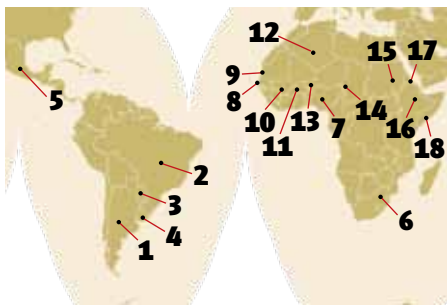
5 | CHINA Break in through the back door

Hackers in China infiltrated the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's computer systems, undetected for at least six months, the *Wall Street Journal* reported Dec. 21, 2011. "The break-in at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is one of the boldest known infiltrations in what has become a regular confrontation between U.S. companies and Chinese hacks," it wrote. The attack was thwarted in May 2010, but the hackers may have had access to the Chamber's systems for up to a year before that. Chamber officials investigating the attack say hackers focused on Chamber employees that dealt with Asian policy. The hack is suspected by U.S. officials of having ties to the Chinese government. It provides another sobering example of how vulnerable the U.S. is to hacking.

"What was unusual about it was that this was clearly somebody very sophisticated, who knew exactly who we are, and who targeted specific people and used sophisticated tools to try to gather intelligence."

DAVID CHAVERN

CHIEF OPERATING
OFFICER OF U.S.
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**1 | ARGENTINA 2 | BRAZIL
3 | PARAGUAY 4 | URUGUAY**

Latin American trade bloc closes its ports to Falkland vessels

A crisis is brewing in the South Atlantic. On Dec. 20, 2011, Argentina successfully petitioned its neighbors in the trading bloc Mercosur (which includes Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay) to support Buenos Aires's claim on the Falklands archipelago by closing their ports to ships flying the Falkland Islands flag. The decision came less than two weeks after a visiting Chinese diplomat ratified support for Argentina's sovereignty claim over the Falkland Islands. Britain, it seems, is quickly losing friends willing to support its sovereignty in the Falklands. Regardless of how events play out, sooner or later Argentina will once again test Britain's control over this sea gate. Bible prophecy predicts that London will lose control of this strategic asset.



2 | BRAZIL Economy passes UK's

Brazil's economy has overtaken that of Britain, making it the world's sixth-largest economy, the Center for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) reported in December. The CEBR World Economic League Table (WELT) forecasts that Britain's economy will fall to eighth place by 2020 as it is overtaken by Russia (reaching fourth place) and India (reaching fifth place). The WELT used 2010 GDP data from the International Monetary Fund and forecasts based on the CEBR's global prospect model. (Brazil's GDP per capita is still much lower than Britain's—US\$12,916 compared to US\$39,604.) A nation that once ruled a quarter of the Earth's land area has been reduced to an ailing economy.

**5 | MEXICO
The fuel for drug violence**

Over 12,000 were killed in Mexico last year in the country's surging drug violence. According to the daily newspaper *Reforma*, this staggering statistic is 6.3 percent higher than in 2010 and does not include juveniles or children killed. Such rampant violence has brought total casualties resulting from Mexico's drug war to more than 50,000.

Latin American leaders recently lashed out at Washington for not doing enough to curb American drug consumption. "Our region is seriously threatened by organized crime, but there is very little responsibility taken by the drug-consuming countries," Guatemalan President Álvaro Colom said during a meeting of Latin American leaders in December in Caracas, Venezuela. At another regional summit in December, Latin American leaders from 11 nations convened in Mexico City and issued a formal statement accusing the U.S. of being the top consumer of illicit drugs in the world and calling on Washington to revise its current drug policies.

America's ravenous appetite for deadly drugs—cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and others—is fueling what the United Nations estimates is a \$142 billion-a-year business.

"It seems that Latin America ends up with all the deaths and guns, and others end up with the drugs and the money."

CRISTINA FERNANDEZ DE KIRCHNER
PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA



6 | SOUTH AFRICA Hail the great Kim Jong II!

The South African ANC Youth League put forth one of the most flattering eulogies of late North Korean dictator Kim Jong II publicly released by a political organization. In a statement in late December, youth leader Abner Mosaase praised Kim for taking his people out of poverty, ending homelessness, cleaning up the environment and defending North Korea from the imperialist United States. He went on to write that the working people of South Africa will remember his struggle as they move to nationalize their economy and defeat the legacy of apartheid. While most of the free world little mourned the death of the nuclear tyrant, the African National Congress Youth League joined the Iranian parliament and Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chávez in lamenting the demise of a fellow revolutionary.



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7 | NIGERIA Muslim strikes

ISLAMISTS KILLED OVER 40 PEOPLE IN churches in Nigeria on Christmas Day. St. Theresa Catholic Church, 25 miles from the capital, suffered the worst attack. A bomb tore a hole in the roof and ceiling of the church, killing 35 as Christmas mass was concluding. Boko Haram, a Taliban-like group with ties to al Qaeda, claimed responsibility. Rights groups say it has killed over 250 people since July 2010.

Christians are under attack across northern Africa and the Middle East. Al Qaeda in the Maghreb is working to turn the whole of Africa's Sahel region into a "new Somalia," a panel of experts warned in December. Jerome Spinoza, head of the Africa bureau in the French Ministry of Defense, said the sub-Saharan Sahel region, which reaches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Red Sea, was a particular Islamist target. The region covers parts of Senegal (8 on map), Mauritania (9), Mali (10), Burkina Faso (11), southern Algeria (12), Niger (13), northern Nigeria, Chad (14), Sudan (15), northern Ethiopia (16) and Eritrea (17). Spinoza pointed to the possibility of a transcontinental link between Boko Haram militant Islamists in Nigeria and al-Shabaab in Somalia (18). He then called for a joint response from the international community and suggested that the European Union take more concrete action in the region.



Not going to the chapel

A RECORD LOW NUMBER OF AMERICANS ARE CURRENTLY married, a Pew Research Center analysis of census data revealed. Fifty years ago, nearly three quarters of adult Americans were married. Today, it is barely one half—51 percent. More people are opting instead for co-habitation or living alone, and the number of single parents is also increasing. Those who do marry are waiting longer than ever, with the median age for brides being 26½ years, and for grooms, closer to 29 years. A 2010 Pew survey found that 4 in 10 Americans believe marriage—the institution that has underpinned stable societies throughout history—is becoming obsolete.

EU court not a big fan of the Brits

Research by backbench Conservative M.P.s shows that the British government has lost three quarters of rulings in the European Court of Human Rights since Britain joined the system in 1966. The court allows judges, many of whom have no experience in judging, to overrule the government. This loss of control over British sovereignty often stirs angry headlines in Britain's press.



The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France

Results of anti-family tax code

Britain has one of the highest rates of single-parent families in Europe, with 20.8 percent of children living with one parent, according to Eurostat figures. The only nations with a higher proportion are Estonia, Latvia and Ireland. Patricia Morgan, a researcher who has long campaigned for fairer treatment of families in the tax system, pointed out: "You can look at these figures and see immediately which countries help couples through tax and benefits. In France, people get help if they draw up legal family contracts By contrast, our system encourages transient shack-ups."



Canada finds another customer

Canadian firm Athabasca Oil Sands Corp announced in early January that it was selling a 40 percent stake in one of its oil sands prospects to a Chinese company. Athabasca already sold 60 percent stakes in its MacKay River project to PetroChina in 2010. Now it is selling off the remaining stakes. If this sale goes through, it will be the first time a Chinese company will have gained full ownership of such a project. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said that he plans to actively market Canadian oil to Asian buyers since the Obama administration does not seem interested in it. Ironically, at a time when Washington is sweating over whether or not Iran will try to block Middle Eastern oil shipments, Beijing is sneaking in the back door and taking Canadian oil that America seems not to even want.



HARPER

This could drain your savings

The U.S. national debt stood at \$15.23 trillion at the close of 2011, according to government figures. Since the national gross domestic product for 2011 was only \$15.18 trillion, the national debt is now bigger than America's annual economy. With this being the case, it is only a matter of time until the American public suffers the consequence of losing most of its savings to inflation, the *Business Insider* warned.

Cracks in the 'United' Kingdom

Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond is preparing Scotland to hold a referendum on independence. This led to clashes between the devolved government in Scotland and the national government in Westminster in January. According to recent polls, the majority of Scottish people don't want independence. Even if Scotland ultimately votes to stay in the union, however, months, if not years, of campaigning and arguing isn't going to help the unity of the United Kingdom.

Pro-abortionists demonstrate on Brooklyn Bridge.



NYC: abortion capital

The abortion rate in New York City is more than double the national average, according to data released by the local health department on January 3. The data shows that 83,750 pregnancies were aborted in New York City in 2010, which translated into 40 percent of the total. The city's abortion rate was highest among blacks, with 60 percent of pregnancies ending in abortion. The study revealed that the city's teenagers aborted 63 percent of their pregnancies.

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UNLEASH YOUR INNER DA VINCI

Have you ever wanted to be more creative? You can be!

BY DENNIS LEAP

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CREATE? When most of us hear that word, we think of the name of some great artist, musician or writer. We think da Vinci, Mozart, or Shakespeare. We carelessly assume that only a privileged few men and women are capable of creating things. Most of us assume that we lack the talent or intelligence to create anything worthwhile.

A lot of deep-thinking people are beginning to challenge that assumption. Do you have a correct concept of talent?

The truth is, God never intended that only a few enjoy the pleasure and fulfillment that comes by the creative process. He wants *every* human being—every man, woman and child—to have an abundant, *creative* and successful life.

Yes, it is your God-given heritage to live the life of a creator! Bringing something into being from nothing is a huge part of what makes human life abundant and fulfilling.

Yet, how do you become a creator? Only a few have learned how. There is a reason why. Something is wrong with our education system.

Becoming a successful creator comes *only* by obtaining right education and performing hard work. Creating anything—art, literature, delicious meals, new products and processes, music—does not come easy. Yet, creating is not a mysterious gift reserved just for the few. You can live an exuberant life creating wonderful things if you really want to. You simply have to learn how.

The Truth About Talent

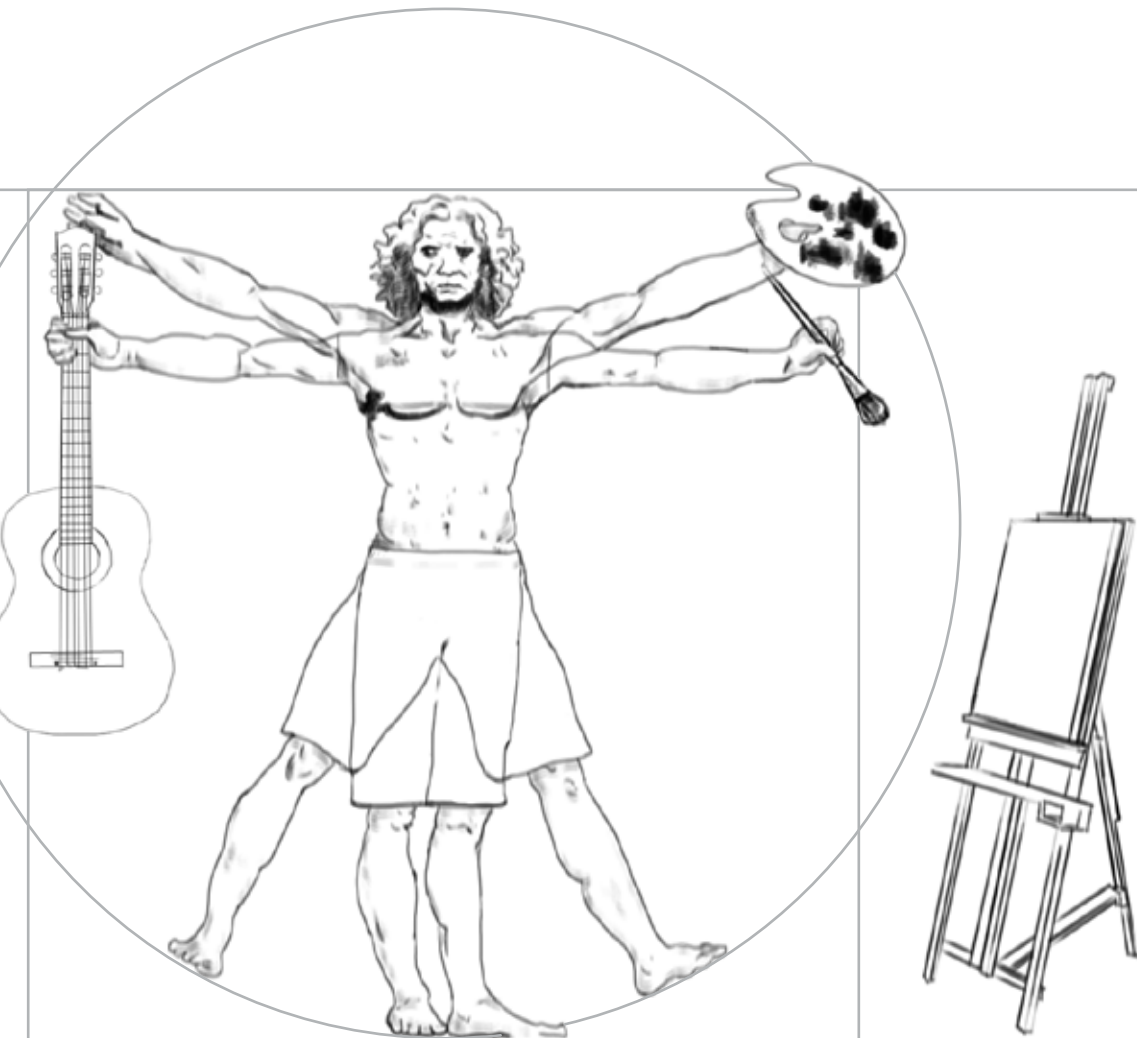
In his book *Talent Is Overrated*, Geoff Colvin writes, “A number of researchers now argue that giftedness or talent means nothing like what we think it means, if indeed it means anything at all. A few contend that the very existence of talent is not, as they carefully put it, supported by evidence.” That is a shocking statement. Is there a possibility that talent has little to do with great performance? The truth is, many have given up hope of creating anything because certain myths about talent have been promulgated for years.

One of these is the *Mozart myth*. There is no doubt that Mozart’s music is breathtaking. The Mozart myth purportedly

explains how he created such great music: Some people are simply born with towering talent, which bestows on them supernatural ability to produce ethereal works of art like the “Clarinet Concerto in A.” Music like this just leaps into being directly from its creator’s mind. Some experts believed Mozart composed his symphonies in one sitting with little or no revision.

However, truthful investigation into Mozart’s life reveals a different history. Mozart’s father, Leopold, was a famous composer and performer. He was deeply interested in how music was taught to children. His book on violin instruction was considered the most authoritative work on the subject for decades. Leopold Mozart was also a demanding father who started teaching his son music composition and performance at age 3. So Wolfgang was receiving intense music instruction at a very young age. Unsurprisingly, then, Mozart was composing music at age 5 and giving public piano and violin performances by age 8. He had an incredible role model to imitate.

Music scholars now recognize that Mozart’s earliest compositions were those



of a student. Some were heavily edited by his father. Other compositions followed the style of another of his teachers, Johann Christian Bach. “Regarding how he produced this music, however it’s evaluated, the *New Yorker’s* music critic, Alex Ross, sums up much of the recent scholarship on the Miracle of Salzburg: ‘Ambitious parents who are currently playing the *Baby Mozart* video for their toddlers may be disappointed to learn that Mozart became Mozart by *working furiously hard*’” (ibid).

Same Capability, Equal Ability

It is important that every educator, CEO and parent know that the guiding assumption about talent is causing trouble for many individuals.

Every human has the potential to become a creator. Think about that statement. This matter carries great significance to how we rear our children, how we educate them in our schools, and how people perform on their jobs. Gifted performance is not reserved for the elite few. It is a matter of disciplined training, which includes blood, sweat and tears.

Current assumptions on talent are based

on the false theory of evolution. Colvin shows that before Darwin, it was believed that people were born with more or less the same capabilities, which were developed to varying degrees during life—in other words, that all people held approximately *equal ability* to develop skills. It was up to each individual to make of himself what he would. This belief, more than any other, led to the notion that the United States of America was the land of equal opportunity. History shows many who fully embraced that belief made great fortunes in America.

Can you imagine the creative good that would result if we applied this *old* way of thinking to every man, woman and child today? It would revolutionize the way we learn and work. Believing and acting upon such knowledge would virtually eliminate today’s tendency to single out only a few as *gifted* or *talented*. Parents would realize fully that their children’s abilities in art, dance, music, sport or writing begin with their effort to discipline, encourage, motivate and inspire their children to work hard to *perfect* the skills necessary to be great at what they do. Adults desiring more out of life would not give up learning or doing

something new or different just because it was difficult. Workers would be much more productive and successful on the job.

So how do you begin to become a creator?

Change Your Thinking

Research into the lives of great artists and inventors—the da Vincis, the Edisons, the Einsteins—has uncovered that these individuals were not necessarily more intelligent or talented than others. They *thought* differently. Actually, they were *taught* to think differently.

One of the number one problems in our education system is: Our children are not taught to think—they are taught to memorize facts. They are then tested on how well they repeat what they memorized. Students who have the best recall are considered really smart. But are they?

Assuredly, the memorization of certain facts is good—the multiplication tables in math or dates of history, for example. Yet what happens when *cultural assumptions*



are taught to be memorized as facts? You could end up believing that the sun revolves around the Earth. Galileo, a man who thought differently, challenged the current thinking of his day—that the sun revolved around the Earth—and was excommunicated from the Catholic Church for advocating such “heresy.”

Michael Michalko, in his book *Cracking Creativity*, states: “Typically, we think reproductively, on the basis of similar problems encountered in the past. When confronted with problems, we fixate on something in our past that has worked before. We ask, ‘What have I been taught in my life, education, or work that will solve this problem?’” Naturally, there is real risk in this kind of thinking. For starters, what we have been taught could be wrong. In addition, when we solve new problems based only on what we have done in the past, we can become narrow, rigid know-it-alls, assuming the correctness of our conclusions. This can close us off to new learning and new ways of doing things.

Creators think *productively*. Michalko explains, “When confronted with a problem, [productive thinkers] ask themselves how many different ways they can look [at] the problem, how they can rethink it, and how many different ways they can solve it, instead of asking how they have been taught to solve it.” Productive thinking opens the door for exploration. This kind of *big* thinking takes more work, yet yields more possibilities, adding significantly to the number of new ways to do things. Productive thinking is fundamental to becoming a creator.

How to Gain Creative Confidence

It is proven that human beings learn best by doing. If you want to become more creative or have your children learn to be creative, the best time to start is right now.

However, start small. If you want to become a painter, for example, don’t rush out to buy expensive brushes, canvases and oil paints. A box of crayons or colored pencils and a blank pad of newsprint paper will be enough to get you, or your child, started. Keep your expectations practical. Da Vinci didn’t create the *Mona Lisa* on his first attempt at painting.

The great creators in human history began their careers with learning the fundamentals of their art. William Shakespeare had to master meter and rhyme before writing Hamlet’s famous soliloquy. Einstein had to grasp the rudiments of math before he could develop the groundbreaking formula $E=MC^2$. Any creating requires *education* in the basics. Wolfgang Mozart had to come to understand the basics of music composition before he ever wrote the music that so many consider a priceless treasure.

In his booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*, Herbert W. Armstrong described education, or preparation, as the second law of success. “[W]e have to LEARN—to STUDY—to be EDUCATED—to be prepared for what we propose to do,” he wrote. “One of the first things we need to learn is that we need to learn.” (We will send you a free copy of this amazing booklet upon request.)

Often, very young children are naturally more creative than adults. Being new themselves, their world is full of wonder waiting to be explored. Curiosity

opens wide the doors of investigation and experience. Children are quick to recognize that they don’t know something, but work quickly to fill the gap. In addition, young children tend not to fear failure. They are eager to try anything and everything. Safely introducing young children to a variety of experiences is the best way for parents to discover a child’s artistic or creative aptitude.

Sadly, as adults we tend to fall into the creativity-crushing mental rut of believing that we know everything. Intellectual arrogance can kill our curiosity, our desire to investigate, and our willingness to try new things. To become more creative, we must become *more curious* in our thinking—like a child. Michael Michalko writes: “Einstein once said that the ordinary person could learn all the physics he or she will ever need to learn if the person could learn to understand the mind of a child.” Jesus Christ taught that if we truly want to grow spiritually, we must become as little children (Matthew 18:3). The truly great creators never quit learning.

Insist on Discipline

How people encourage creativity today is more like sugar-coated rebellion than true creation. Some parents, not wanting to destroy a child’s creativity, will allow the child to color on walls in the home. Many municipalities have strict laws against such destructive activity, calling it what it truly is—property-damaging graffiti! Allowing a child to bang on a piano does not teach a child how to play music.

Discipline is a creator’s most important tool. Without it, no continuous creative work of any quality can be accomplished. The truly great writers know that quality literature is produced not by some mythological muse but by showing up at the keyboard at a specific time every day and then staying at that keyboard until real work is performed.

One famous British author was asked if he wrote by inspiration or schedule. His answer: “I write only when inspiration strikes. Fortunately it strikes every morning at 9 o’clock sharp.”

A lot of would-be creators talk much about their art, whether it be dance, music, painting, sculpting or writing. Generally that is where it stops—talk. Successful creators *do*. Yet, doing art is more than a dab of paint on a canvas when you feel like it or when inspiration hits. Doing art means

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concentration, focus, order, organization, personal sacrifice, scheduling and meeting standards—all elements of self-discipline.

All parents should make it their goal to teach their children the fundamentals of self-discipline. No child can succeed at anything without them.

One of the most important elements of self-discipline is *drive*. Creative accomplishment requires the creator to keep a prod on himself. The person who desires to be a great piano player must drive himself to practice until he gets his music right. Drive is not an external force—it comes from within a person. All the histories of the great creators hold one fact in common: All were *driven* to create. How else could they have become the masters of their fields? Herbert Armstrong wrote, “Without *energy, drive, constant propulsion*, a person need never expect to become truly successful” (op. cit.).

Create With Passion

In his book *Steve Jobs*, Walter Isaacson skillfully and with colorful detail gives us a clear picture of a man driven by passion. He writes: “This is a book about the roller-coaster life and searingly intense personality of a creative entrepreneur whose *passion for perfection* and ferocious drive revolutionized six industries: personal computers, animated movies, music, phones, tablet computing and digital publishing” (emphasis added throughout). Steve Jobs demanded much of himself and the people he employed, which delivered incredible results. Before hiring an employee, Jobs expected to see the fires of passion for Apple products burning bright inside the applicant. If there was no fire, there was no job.

Creators love what they do. If you do not deeply love what you are doing, you will never be very good at it. Music composer Robert Fritz, in his book *Creating*, states: “LOVE is what creating is about

In the creative process, love is generative rather than simply responsive [A] creator

is able to love something that does not yet exist—even in the imagination—and bring it into existence.” The word *generative* basically means the power to originate or produce something.

Fritz further explains that generative love focuses not on the creator, but on what is *created*. Creation is a selfless, not a selfish, process. In reality this is a deeply spiritual concept.

The Bible shows us that God is both the great Creator and Lover (Genesis 1:1; 1 John 4:16). As a Creator, He is passionate about what He is doing. He is creating an incredible family to finish the creation of the universe (Romans 8:19-21). Look at God’s investment of love in His creative actions. God is so passionate about His plans that He gave up, or invested, what He valued most—His Son—to further His creation (John 3:16). And that Son, also God and a Creator, sacrificed His own life to unleash more power into God’s creative work (John 1:12). That is the highest form of generative love.

All those desiring to become creators will need to imitate and put into practice this kind of love. What a wonderful opportunity to be able to learn how to create. That education opens up new vistas to understanding God and deepens our relationship with Him.

It is crucial that parents help their children discover what they can be truly passionate about. Half-hearted interest produces half-hearted results. Every child has ability and aptitude to excel at some skillful enterprise. Yet there must be passion. Careful observation of your child as he experiences new things will unveil to you what your child will love doing.

Hard Work Works

Being a *very* good creator is *very* hard work. There is no way around it. Most people stop creating because they meet some obstacle along the way. That obstacle could come in the form of criticism or rejection. Most of the time, though, people

give up when the act of creating gets hard. Painting a masterpiece is hard work. Composing unforgettable music is hard work. Writing poetry that lasts forever is hard work! Creation requires sacrifice and a lot of time.

One of the great weaknesses in today’s Western society is the inability to delay gratification. We want what we want—now! When we set out to do something, we expect to see immediate results. Most often, when we don’t get immediate results, we give up. Creating requires patience and longsuffering.

Scriptwriter Steven Pressfield describes the creative process as *the war of art*. What does he mean by that? A former marine, Pressfield experienced the difficulties, exhaustion and personal trials that afflict soldiers. He believes that to create art requires the toughness of a soldier. The major battle that creators face is with their own self. So, when the creating gets tough, you must push through the toughness.

Geoff Colvin encourages us: “There is a path leading from the state of our own abilities to that of the greats. The path is extremely long and demanding, and only a few will follow it all the way to its end.” Never giving up is a vital key to successful creating. Recent research on Mozart has uncovered that he continually revised his compositions. This is what made his music such a great treasure. Mozart’s compositions did not magically appear on a music sheet.

Herbert Armstrong explained in *The Seven Laws of Success* that a person seeking any achievement must use *resourcefulness* and *perseverance* when the work gets difficult. The truly great creators knew how to use these two building blocks of work effectively.

Human beings are creators by nature. Challenge yourself to embark on a creative journey that will add a new and exciting dimension to your life. You will be pleasantly surprised when you open up your own dazzling creative possibilities. ■



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NEW ERA Newly elected speaker of the Egyptian parliament, Saad al-Katatni, of the Muslim Brotherhood, addresses the first parliament session after the ousting of former President Hosni Mubarak.

They Said the Islamists Had No Chance

Now those Islamists control 72 percent of Egypt's parliament. You need plain truth, not liberal fantasies. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

DR. SEUSS DIDN'T JUST WRITE BRILLIANT children's books. During World War II he supported America's war effort through cartoons. One of his most memorable showed a line of eager businessmen lining up to buy their "ostrich bonnet"—the neck and head of an ostrich that fitted onto their heads—after which, the men knelt down and buried their new ostrich heads in the sand.

"Forget the terrible news you've read," said a sign. "Your mind's at ease in an ostrich head."

Today, the mainstream media are selling ostrich heads: excuses to bury our heads in the sand.

Egypt has demonstrated this perhaps more quickly than anywhere else.

How Wrong Can You Be?

The press trotted out a host of experts to assure us that the Muslim Brotherhood and Islamic parties were not all that popular in Egypt. Their thoughts got most of the space and the last word in the discussion.

Men like former head of the International Atomic Energy Agency Mohamed ElBaradei were considered the foremost experts

on the subject. "For years the West has bought Mr. Mubarak's demonization of the Muslim Brotherhood lock, stock and barrel, the idea that the only alternative here are these demons called the Muslim Brotherhood who are the equivalent of al Qaeda," he told the *New York Times*. "I am pretty sure that any freely and fairly elected government in Egypt will be a moderate one ..." (Jan. 27, 2011).

As Hosni Mubarak was falling, McClatchy Newspapers informed its readers, "Political analysts say the [Muslim Brotherhood's] support and influence is greatly exaggerated ..." (Feb. 6, 2011).

On Feb. 3, 2011, a *New York Times* article with the title "Egypt's stumbling Brotherhood" assured readers that "The street ... manifests little support for the Brotherhood." "There is little reason for the United States to fear a takeover by the Muslim Brotherhood," it said, arguing that the poor people who received charity from the organization would not bother to vote for it. It had a member of the Muslim Brotherhood's guidance council, Essam El-Erriani, write an op-ed for it, where he assured the world, "We do not intend to take a dominant role in the forthcoming political transition."

As recently as December 11, Nicholas D. Kristof wrote in the *Times*: "Our fears often reflect our own mental hobgoblins. For a generation, we were terrified of secular Arab nationalists, like Gamal Abdel Nasser, who ruled Egypt in the '60s. The fears of the secularists proved overblown, and I think the same is true of anxieties about Islamic parties in Egypt today."

Even the usually solid *Foreign Policy* magazine got it wrong. "The main rationale for delaying elections comes from those who fear an Islamist-dominated transitional parliament," wrote Dalia Mogahed on November 28. "This view, however, shared by many in the West, is likely exaggerated. While the Muslim Brotherhood enjoy support from a significant segment of Egyptian society, more Egyptians see a parliament in which the group holds a strong, influential position as bad for the country."

The less solid *Huffington Post* published an interview with former UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. "[T]he power of the Muslim Brotherhood has been exaggerated," he said. "It's a European obsession more than an Arab reality" (March 25, 2011).

Now the results are in, it turns out that all of the above had their heads in the sand. Hardline Islamist parties have won 72 percent of all available seats in the lower house of Egypt's parliament.

The Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party won 47 percent of the seats. The even more hard-line Salafist Islamist al-Nour Party won 25 percent. A Muslim Brotherhood leader, Saad al-Katatni, was elected as the speaker of parliament.

Proved utterly wrong, the media immediately began looking for another way to bury their heads in the sand.

The New Lies

The new strategy is to argue that the Islamist parties aren't so bad after all. During one of Egypt's rounds of elections, CNN wrote, "The *relatively moderate* Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party won more than 4 million votes in the runoff for the second round of a three-part process" (emphasis added throughout).

The *New York Times* spun it this way: "Most races pit Islamists against Islamists, with the mainstream Muslim Brotherhood competing against the ultraconservatives known as Salafis."

Here is the reality: The Muslim Brotherhood “has influenced many terrorist leaders—including Osama bin Laden and Ayman al Zawahiri—and many of its members have engaged in terrorist activities,” according to the Anti-Defamation League.

These news reports ignore such facts. They make no mention of the Muslim Brotherhood being the parent party of Hamas. CNN’s article doesn’t mention sharia law. There’s no mention of the Brotherhood’s link to Hamas. To CNN, this organization is “relatively moderate.”

In a way, the *New York Times* got it right, though. The Muslim Brotherhood is mainstream: Its political wing is the most popular party in Egypt.

CNN went on to describe the al-Nour Party as “conservative.” So is it an Egyptian version of the Republicans? Not exactly. It calls for sharia and strict punishments, including flogging and amputation. A member of its supreme committee, Shaaban Darwish, said, “We must obliterate the liberalism that was introduced by Sadat and Mubarak and reinstate the rule of Islam.”

Israel in Real Danger

According to this new myth, the Muslim Brotherhood will get on fine with Israel. The media reported that al-Nour said it wouldn’t end Egypt’s historic peace treaty with Israel. “Egyptian Islamists OK with Israeli peace treaty” was one headline on CBS News.

“The prevailing optimism in media reports concerning the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood and the Salafist party’s readiness to adhere to the peace treaty with Israel is based on general statements made by senior officials in both parties,” wrote Lt. Col. Jonathan D. Halevi (Ret.) for the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. “Yet a more rigorous examination of the two parties’ stances identifies a markedly different tendency. Both seek a way to cast off the Camp David agreement in a manner that will incur minimal diplomatic and economic damage to Egypt, and restore Egypt to its leading role in the circle of states confronting Israel” (Dec. 26, 2011).

He cited a number of leaders from both parties, including leader of the Muslim Brotherhood Dr. Mohammed Badie, saying the treaty should be abandoned or key points amended.

Last December, Badie met with Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. Badie embraced Hamas as a role model for the Brotherhood, saying, “The Brotherhood center has always embraced issues of liberation, foremost the Palestinian issue.”

“The optimism regarding a radical

change in the positions of these extreme Egyptian Islamic movements regarding Israel grasps at the straws of general statements that do not attest to an ideological reversal, but convey the tactics for obtaining the strategic objective: casting off the Camp David agreement and transforming Egypt into a prime regional force that will lead the diplomatic and military battle against Israel,” Halevi concluded.

Indeed, the Brotherhood’s deputy chairman, Rashad al-Bayumi, told the Italian newspaper *L’Unita* on January 2: “The Muslim Brotherhood ... claim[s] the right to revise, wholly or in part, treaties such as the one with Israel. One thing is for certain: Parliament will have the last say, and, if necessary there will be a popular referendum.”

The Islamists are simply trying to have their cake and eat it too: They are looking for a way to end the peace treaty with

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Israel while maintaining for as long as possible the flow of money and arms they receive from America.

And meanwhile, they’re giving the American ostriches more excuses to keep their heads in the sand.

This puts Israel in deep danger. Geographically and geopolitically, Egypt is crucial to Israel’s security. The Israel-Egypt peace treaty has been the backbone of the Jewish state’s national security for nearly 30 years. Israeli leaders have heavily relied on the enmity that existed between Egypt and Israel’s number one enemy, Iran.

Now that enmity is gone. Israel is scrambling to respond to the threat of a radicalized Egypt. It knows that if Egypt joined up with Iran, then suddenly it would be caught in an Islamist vice-grip: Hezbollah in the north, Fatah in the east, and Hamas and Egypt in the south could launch a co-ordinated attack. The little nation is literally surrounded by radical Islam.

The Source of Accurate Forecasting

Are you going to trust the news outlets that made predictions just months ago that have already been proved wrong? Or will you heed the source that has been forecasting

the Egyptian revolution for years?

In 1996, in the first edition of his booklet *The King of the South*, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry forecast that Egypt would eventually ally with Iran. “I believe ... we are to see a radical change in Egyptian politics!” he wrote.

How could he have known? Mr. Flurry based his forecasts on biblical prophecy.

These prophecies, written thousands of years ago, are far more accurate than predictions by journalists written last year.

After quoting a pivotal prophecy in Daniel 11, Mr. Flurry asked, “Does that mean radical Islam will soon control or direct Egyptian politics?”

“In the past, Egyptian politics have been changed radically by Middle East assassinations and other violent acts directed by Iran,” he continued. “Such acts can rapidly change the minds of people. Revolutions often result. However it happens, Egypt will also become the enemy of the king of the north [Europe].”

Iran’s Fars News Agency even publicized some of these predictions. Plagiarizing one of our articles, it wrote in late 2007: “*Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has predicted for over 13 years that Iran would be the king of the Middle East, and that we would witness an alliance take place between Iran and Egypt.”

Egypt is turning radical before our eyes. This development ties in to a host of prophecies the *Trumpet* has been drawing attention to for years. It puts Israel in great danger. Egypt’s control of the Suez Canal means radical Islam can hurt Europe more than it ever could before. As Islamism grows in Egypt, that nation will ally with Iran, radically increasing the power of this aggressive movement.

So whom will you trust? The liberal media with their heads in the sand—the same people who said the Islamists had no chance of winning an election in Egypt—who now say the Muslim Brotherhood will abandon radical Islam? Or the Bible, that prophesied this outcome millennia ago?

Mr. Flurry has additionally predicted, based on Daniel 11, that Libya and Ethiopia would also fall to radical Islam. If you need any further proof of the Bible’s accuracy, watch these nations!

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WHY, IF THE RIGHTEOUS GO TO HEAVEN, DID Jesus say: “No man *hath ascended up to heaven*, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man [Jesus Christ] which is in heaven”? (John 3:13).

If the saved go to heaven when they die, why did Peter say that King David, a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22), “is both *dead and buried*, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. . . . For *David is not ascended into the heavens*”? (Acts 2:29, 34).

Yes, why?

What a paradox! Millions today believe the saved go to heaven, yet righteous David didn’t go there!

And if the saved go to heaven when they die, what need is there for a resurrection from the dead? Why a *resurrection* if they have already “gone to their reward”?

Isn’t it about time these puzzling, yet vitally important, questions were answered?

To Inherit the ‘Kingdom of God’

1. What message did Jesus Christ proclaim during His ministry on Earth? Mark 1:14; Matthew 9:35.

Comment: Christ preached the gospel—the “good news”—of the coming Kingdom of God.

2. Will all the righteous men of old be “*in*” the Kingdom of God? Matthew 8:11; Luke 13:28.

Comment: The promises God made to the fathers *included entrance into the Kingdom of God!*

3. What did Jesus say Christians should strive to enter? Matthew 6:33; 7:21.

Comment: Notice in Matthew 7:21 that it is the Kingdom “*of*” heaven—not *in* heaven! It is the Kingdom *of*, or owned and ruled by, heaven, in the same sense that the Bank *of* Morgan was not *in* Mr. Morgan—but was owned and managed by him.

Matthew uses the term “kingdom of heaven” to express exactly the same idea that Mark, Luke and John express as “kingdom of God.” But the expression “kingdom of heaven” does not mean a kingdom *in* heaven, any more than it means a kingdom *in* God! But it does mean a kingdom *owned and ruled* by God, whose throne and dwelling place is in heaven.

4. What did Jesus say the “meek” shall inherit? Matthew 5:5. But what did He say of the “poor in spirit”? Verse 3.

Comment: Is this a contradiction? Of course not! The “meek” and the “poor in spirit”—in other words, humble *Christians*—shall inherit the Earth for an *everlasting* possession, and shall enter the “kingdom of heaven,” which will be *on* Earth! As is explained in our free booklet *Just What Do You Mean Born Again?*,

the Kingdom of God, which Christ will establish on Earth at His return, is the divine *Family* of God, which will rule by the government of God!

To enter into—or “*inherit*”—the divine Kingdom of God is a destiny of such marvelous glory that the human mind cannot really grasp it! We mortals have *no concept* of what is really in store for those who obey God.

As we read in 1 Corinthians 2:9, “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” The full extent of the inheritance God has promised true Christians cannot be even remotely imagined by the natural mind of man—but God *does* reveal it to us “by his Spirit” (verse 10).

5. What does Matthew 6:10 also tell us about God’s Kingdom?

Comment: Christians today are to pray earnestly: “thy kingdom *COME!*” The word “come” implies it will come to Earth. Christ did not tell us to pray, “Let us go to heaven”! Obviously God’s Kingdom has not come to the Earth yet.

6. Where is the Christian’s inheritance being kept? 1 Peter 1:3-4; Matthew 5:12; Luke 6:23.

Comment: These verses do not say, “Great is your reward *when you get to heaven*.” They do not tell us *when* or *where* Christians will receive their inheritance and rewards—only that they are now being “reserved” for them *in heaven!*

7. When will the righteous inherit the Kingdom of God? Matthew 25:31-34. Is this also when the rewards reserved in heaven will be conferred? Revelation 22:12.

Comment: Clearly, it is when Christ returns that Abraham and his children through Christ will become *inheritors* of the promises and receive their reward! But notice what else will happen at Christ’s coming.

Importance of the Resurrection

1. Can anyone inherit the divine Kingdom of God while still a mortal flesh-and-blood human being? 1 Corinthians 15:50.

2. What did Paul say must happen to our mortal bodies in order to inherit—to actually become a part of—that spiritual Kingdom? Verses 51, 53. *When* will our bodies be changed—converted from flesh to spirit? Verse 52. Does that trumpet sound at the Second Coming of Christ? 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. Is this when Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David and others will inherit the promises? Same verses. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus about this change? John 3:6, 8. And if we are “born of the spirit,” can we finally “see”—enter—the divine, spiritual Kingdom of God? Verse 3.



PEARLY GATES

The afterlife is simple: heaven if you're good, hell if you're bad—right?

Comment: At Jesus Christ's Second Coming, all the dead *in* Christ will be raised with new spirit bodies. Those Christians still alive at His return will be *instantly changed* into the same kind of spirit bodies—bodies that will then be in the Kingdom or Family of God. Our present flesh is corruptible, subject to death and decay. *Spirit beings*, however, are eternally new—immortal, incorruptible, never subject to death or decay!

3. Did Jesus declare that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will—in *the future*—be resurrected? Matthew 22:31-32.

Comment: This text is often twisted and perverted in an attempt to prove that Abraham is *not* dead—that he went to heaven when he died—just the diametric opposite of what Jesus used this illustration to point out.

God is the God of the *living*, not the dead. God sometimes speaks of things that are *to be* as though they have already happened (Romans 4:17). Jesus was speaking of their *future* resurrection to immortal life! For He plainly said, *in context*, “As touching the resurrection of the dead . . .”

We can now see why Abraham and his children through Christ have not, as *yet*, inherited the promises. They simply cannot come into their eternal inheritance until they receive eternal life! This, as Paul explained, will happen at the *resurrection* from the dead!

Without a resurrection, the dead would never live again (1 Corinthians 15:16, 18); therefore, the

resurrection of the dead is central to God's plan. And, unless Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all deceased Christians are resurrected from the dead at Christ's coming, they *cannot* inherit the promises!

How different the plain truth of God's Word is from the ancient religious fables and myths the world embraces today!

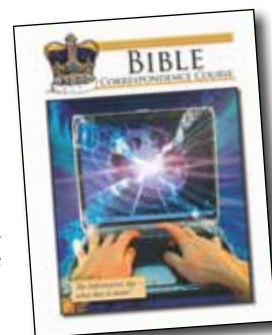
Heaven on Earth

After studying the Bible carefully, we see that the plain truth is that heaven is not the “reward of the saved.” Christians do not go to heaven when they die, or when resurrected.

The surprising truth is that heaven is coming to the *Earth*. The Earth will eventually become the very headquarters from which the Father will rule His vast creation!

Will you dwell on that new Earth? Will you be a part of that glorious world?

When Jesus Christ returns, He will say, “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you . . .” (Matthew 25:34). May God help you to be among those who will inherit the Kingdom of God along with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!



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THERE IS A TYPE OF MAN WHO NEVER goes without work for long.

“Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted; his kind is so rare that no employer can afford to let him go. He is wanted in every city, town and village—in every office, shop, store and factory. The world cries out for such: He is needed, and needed badly”

At the turn of the last century, Elbert Hubbard described this man in “A Message to Garcia,” an essay that was printed and reprinted around the world and even given to every enlisted man in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps during both world wars.

This man is resourceful. He is industrious. He has initiative. He listens to what his boss tells him to do and then does it.

But in today’s abnormal global economic climate, even a man of this quality may still find

himself without work, laid off with thousands of others. What can he do then?

If you find yourself in this situation, you need a strategy. Here are seven practical steps to take if you’re looking for work.

1. Assess your spending

If you’ve just lost your job, or the end of your present job is in sight (and by the way, today’s labor market is tough, so don’t ever quit unless you have another job lined up), then stop and take stock of your financial situation immediately.

Depending on how much money (if any) you have in savings, you may have to curtail or sharply cut your monthly expenses. Take a long, hard look at your spending habits. Don’t hesitate to drastically reduce your standard of living. You may need to get rid of some or all of your non-essential bills and discretionary spending in order to survive. For example, you may need to cancel such things as your cable tv, gym membership and

magazine subscriptions, and curtail dining out and entertainment.

In some cases, it may be advisable to quickly pay down—or pay off—as many short-term debts as you can. You might consider refinancing your home mortgage or auto loan to a lower interest rate in order to further reduce monthly debt payments.

At the same time, you will need to work out a new, realistic budget. Get help from a public credit counseling service if you can’t work out a budget on your own.

Resist the temptation to use credit and dig yourself into a hole that you might not get out of for a long time.

When it is time for you to go job hunting, first calculate how much income you will need to earn in order to make ends meet. The classic career guide *What Color Is Your Parachute?* by Richard Bolles lists these expenses to consider when determining your “minimal survival salary”: Housing; cleaning, maintenance, repairs; food; clothing; automobile/transportation;

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insurance; medical expenses; support for other family members; charity giving/tithes; school/learning; pet care; bills and debts; taxes; savings; retirement fund; amusement/discretionary spending.

2. Prepare for the long haul

Getting yourself back into the working sector requires a lot of confidence and enthusiasm. But don't pin your hopes on unrealistic expectations of landing another job easily and immediately, or your hopes may soon fade. It could take time—perhaps a year or so—to find the right job, so you also have to have steely determination.

This is why it is important to diligently reduce your debt load and get into a good cash position *when you are employed*. If you currently have a job, set aside funds for unexpected expenses. Each pay period, you should budget about 5 percent of your net earnings until you have accumulated enough emergency savings to pay your essential expenses for six months. Then, when an emergency occurs—like the loss of a job—that reduces your reserve, build it back up with the same diligence as before.

3. Assess your skills

Analyze your main interests in life in order to find the job that is right for you—not just one that pays a high salary. You usually enjoy the activities at which you excel. Think slowly and carefully over your entire life and write down a list of areas in which you excel, including school activities, handicrafts, hobbies, and all of your past jobs. Do you enjoy working on cars? Are you a fast painter? Do you like tinkering with computers? Fascinated by nature and biology?

Also note any specialized vocational training you received in school, the armed forces, or elsewhere. For an even deeper look at your aptitudes, consider taking a vocational guidance test from a college, university, employment agency or other institute.

Such lists will probably reveal a pattern. You will begin to see the type of job that would make use of your talents and in which you can excel, and also the type of job in which you would be a miserable misfit.

Bolles says self-assessment “involves sitting down and doing some inventory on what are called your functional or transferable skills. Your education and previous

experience don't lock you into only finding a job in a particular sector of the economy or in a particular job title. You have to take the blinders off and think, ‘I'm a person who’ and fill in the blank. Not, ‘I'm a human resources executive,’ for instance. Rather, think ‘I'm a person who's good at analyzing things’ or ‘I'm a person who's good at organizing things.’ Then you look for an organization that needs these skills and interests” (ibid). Perhaps your skills can be adapted to a job other than what you have previously done.

Your jobless situation can be a time not only for self-analysis, but also for education in new skills. There are many training courses and seminars offered by vendors, local schools and government-sponsored institutions. If you are Internet savvy, consider taking an online course or “webinar” to enhance your skills or learn new ones.

Go to your local library or bookstore and read up on the career fields that are on the rise. In addition to *What Color Is Your Parachute?*, you might find one of these titles very helpful: *Guide for Occupational Exploration*, *The Pathfinder*, and *The UnCollege Alternative*.

If you're considering going back to school to get a degree in some “hot” field, be aware that a college degree does not guarantee you a job. While in some cases a degree can help you find work, according to Danielle Wood's book *The UnCollege Alternative*, the majority—about 70 percent—of all jobs in the United States only require alternative education and on-the-job training.

4. Make a job out of finding a job

Too many go on the job hunt halfheartedly. It's no wonder so many can't find work and/or are living on public welfare.

Being jobless is not an extended holiday. If you don't have a job, now is the time to work “overtime” every workday looking for a job. Stay in a regular work routine every day. Resist the temptation to aimlessly surf the Internet or watch tv. Don't view your seemingly endless “free” time as something to fritter away on hobbies and backyard projects. Force yourself to get up and get going each day.

Be zealous in your quest for a job. Get up early in the morning—every morning—and start researching for openings, applying for jobs, arranging interviews

and pounding the pavement—before lunchtime! Don't quit until you've put in a full eight- or nine- or ten-hour day's work looking for work. Keep at it for at least 40 hours a week. Be resourceful and persistent. Job researchers insist a job hunter who is looking for a nonexecutive job should be able to submit 40 applications a week. Set a goal of a certain number of applications a day until you land your job.

Besides your traditional job search—sifting through job websites like Career-Builder and Monster, looking in classified ads, reading trade journals and professional publications, and checking out employment agencies—try networking. Get out and talk with your friends, neighbors, relatives and business acquaintances. Word-of-mouth referrals are often much more effective at gaining job interviews than merely answering want ads. In fact, some employment experts say that the majority of jobs available on any given date aren't publicized. Bolles says that “80 percent of all vacancies that are filled are never advertised. They use their own grapevines within the company. ... [N]etworking is the single most important way of going job hunting” (*Business Week*, March 22, 2004).

With this in mind, you may also want to use the Yellow Pages (www.YP.com) to look up potential employers. Call them and ask if they are hiring for the kind of position you are interested in applying for. According to Bolles, this method has a 69 percent success rate.

If possible, ask to speak with the director, the department manager, the foreman or whoever has decision-making authority. If you have good qualifications, the director may hire you even if there is no opening at the moment, because he is looking ahead to future needs.

Too many job hunters rely on the Internet alone. This approach has a low success rate. “The Internet has obviously increased the ability of people to locate jobs. But sending your résumé out unsolicited and using the Internet doesn't really work even during a good economy. These strategies are miserable failures when you have a sour economy. Forrester Research has found that 10 percent at best and 4 percent at worst find a job through the Internet” (ibid).

5. Knock on some doors

One of the best ways to try to find a job, says Bolles, is to “[knock] on the door of any employer, factory or office that interests you, whether they are known to have a vacancy or not” (op. cit.). This tactic may seem outmoded; however, Bolles states this method has a 47 percent success rate.

Before you go knocking on doors, develop a plan. Avoid trudging up and down the streets at random in hopes that some company out there will have a position available. First take the effort to find out the exact name and location of businesses that hire people who have your abilities and skills.

After targeting a business or employer you are interested in working for, try to get in to see the hiring manager. If you can, avoid going through the Personnel Office, because its job is usually to screen out job seekers. Strive to make a good first impression. Dress appropriately, be clean, and present yourself with poise and enthusiasm. Put your best foot forward. And, with each manager you meet, leave a neatly prepared résumé and cover letter briefly detailing your education, work experience and personal information (see our February issue).

In big cities, and especially within big corporations, it may be difficult to get past security to talk to someone “in charge” without an appointment. Even so, Bolles says, “It’s uncanny how many people will say ‘Sure’ or ‘I’ll see if there’s someone who you can talk to ...’ It’s perfectly true that these monoliths that have 38 floors don’t pay off so well. But smaller companies are filled with people who are very interested in taking the time to talk to you” (op. cit.). Concentrate on organizations with 50 or less employees, he says. “When you approach companies like that—and when you know enough about interviewing—you often come as the answer to their prayers.”

6. Be flexible

The average person changes jobs at least eight times in a lifetime. Sometimes job changes involve career changes. Accept the possibility that you may need to switch careers. This involves thinking big: You may have to consider changing from a white-collar job to a blue-collar job—or vice versa. You may need to adjust to a lower pay scale. You may have to take a temporary or part-time job—or maybe two of them—in order to get by. You might be required to commute long-distance or even relocate.



More Americans out of work than reported

The state of the U.S. economy is shaping up to be a major issue in the 2012 presidential election. No presidential incumbent since Franklin Roosevelt has been reelected in a year when the national unemployment exceeded 7.2 percent. Perhaps this is why the current administration is trying so hard to downplay America’s joblessness. Most news media outlets made a big deal over the fact that the U.S. Labor Department announced that the U-3 unemployment rate fell from 9 percent to 8.6 percent during the month of November. Trouble is, the government-reported U-3 unemployment rate does not reflect how many people are actually out of work, but rather how many unemployed people are actively applying for government benefits. Further examination of the data shows that 315,000 people stopped looking for work during November, dropping out of the job market. The situation looks even worse when you consider the government-reported U-6 under-employment rate, which includes those who are currently working part-time until they can find a full-time job. The overall under-employment rate in America is currently at 15.6 percent.

Be open-minded about seeking a new job or career. Ideally, though, you should try to find a job where you can use many of your abilities and talents.

In any case, be adaptable. Don’t become overly anxious about the transitions you may have to go through along the way to becoming gainfully employed again. Excessive worry can hurt your health; it is nonproductive and can even be counterproductive.

7. Seek guidance

If you are unemployed or are thinking of changing jobs, be sure to seek advice and counsel. As Proverbs 11:14 states, “Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.”

Talk to a career counselor. Visit job sites and ask for personal interviews with experienced people in a variety of careers. Especially ask for help from close friends and relatives—those who know you best—since they may be able to see your strengths and weaknesses more objectively than you can and aid you in considering a career path or job right for you.

Above all, don’t forget to seek counsel from above—heavenly guidance from God. Many turn to God only out of desperation as a last resort. But the power of prayer can work, and has worked, miracles in the lives of many who have experienced unemployment woes in the past. Use this vital tool throughout the job-seeking—and job-keeping—process!

God knows your needs even before you ask. However, He won’t necessarily supply what you don’t ask for (Matthew 6:8; James 4:2). Be sure to seek His help diligently. Be persistent and wholehearted. James 5:16 states that “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” If you expect God to hear, you must pray fervently, earnestly, zealously and without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Pray, and then wait, with patient faith—doing your part all the while—to see the amazing results. God will never fail you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5), so long as you put Him first in everything. Know that He can, most definitely, guide you to success in finding the job you need.

Many nations are heading into the worst economic times since the Great Depression. The struggle to find—and keep—a good job will only intensify. But if you do your part and follow God’s laws, God will bless you and provide for all your needs. As Jesus said, “[S]eek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these [material] things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

Pray for favor. Stay positive. Realize that if Almighty God is with you, you will eventually succeed. Have faith: “Unemployment may reach 50 percent or more, but there is no reason that you cannot be one of the 50 percent with a job” (*Solve Your Money Troubles!*; request your free copy). In today’s global economic climate, finding a job can be tricky, but with God’s help it is possible. ■





A Better Pick-Me-Up Than Coffee

Boost your productivity without the nasty side effects!

TWO BLACK LIQUIDS KEEP AMERICA GOING—OIL AND COFFEE. That's how one university professor recently described our addiction to caffeine. You could argue that coffee runs the ENTIRE WORLD. An estimated 400 billion cups of the world's most popular beverage are consumed every year.

The amount of caffeine many people now consume, particularly in America, has health officials concerned. Gone are the moderate 1950s, when caffeine consumption meant occasionally enjoying a five-ounce coffee after lunch. People today put down three times that amount with just one “medium”-size coffee at Starbucks.

And these days, a double espresso is hardly the only way to get your caffeine fix. Prescription drugs like Ritalin, 5-Hour Energy shots, trendy beverages like Red Bull and Full Throttle, even weight-loss supplements, are all *loaded* with caffeine. And don't forget those supersized buckets of soda at the convenience store. If a 64-ounce Mountain Dew won't *do it* for you, you can now buy the *extra*-caffeinated version. Not to be outdone, other companies are introducing all sorts of caffeinated novelties—beer, soap, lip balm; even a caffeine *inhaler*.

Consumed in moderation, a hot cup of coffee or tea can provide a temporary energy boost and even lift our spirits. But Americans have gone overboard—and our health is suffering for it.

“While every individual has a different tolerance for the drug,” the *Washington Times* reports, “experts agree that ingesting more than 500 mg a day can result in anxiety, irritability, headaches, sleeplessness, diarrhea and other health problems” (January 17).

The *Times* links skyrocketing caffeine consumption with the rise of the Internet. “We're surrounded by round-the-clock entertainment, stimulated at every turn,” it says. There's just so much to do—so much opportunity for stimulation. So we end up sacrificing the healthiest, most important, longest-lasting energy boost there is: sleep.

“No single behavior ... more fundamentally influences our effectiveness in waking life than sleep,” wrote the authors of *The Way We're Working Isn't Working*. In fact, a growing body of research indicates that sufficient sleep is even more important than diet and exercise in living healthy, energetic lives.

“Lack of sleep makes us more inefficient at work and more dangerous behind the wheel of a car. It undermines the quality of our lives and makes us more vulnerable to illness,” wrote Charles Leadbeater in *Dream On: Sleep in the 24/7 Society*.

Of course, the law of moderation applies here too. There is such a thing as too much sleep (Proverbs 6:9; 20:13). But the Bible also talks about the “sweet sleep” of one who labors hard during the day (Ecclesiastes 5:12).

God designed the human body to need seven or eight hours of sleep per night. Yet, on average, Americans get in about 6.5. We sacrifice sleep in order to squeeze more in, to have more fun, to “get more done.” But it's actually making us less productive, and

our health is suffering. We're becoming increasingly dependent on caffeine and sugar to get us going. It's a vicious cycle.

What can YOU do to break some of these unhealthy habits, to benefit from the recuperative effects of regular sleep and rest and to experience what it really feels like to be AWAKE?

For one, if you're like most Americans, you almost certainly need to go to bed earlier. Set a specific bedtime and then stick to it, even if it feels too early. It may take a while for your internal clock to adjust, but unless you set a specific time, you'll end up going to bed when you *feel* like it—or after *one more* television show. This will rob you of the precious rest you need in order to be FULLY ALIVE tomorrow!

Added to this, set a definite time for turning off all media devices—and make it a good while *before* bedtime. The earlier the better. If you want to watch a program with your family, plan for it, watch it, then turn it off. Leave the computer at the office if you can. Turn off mobile devices after dinner. Enjoy a family activity, squeeze in a quick workout, pour your heart into Bible study. And then when it's time for bed, go to bed!

Lastly, cut back on caffeine, sugar and alcohol—particularly late in the day. This will help you sleep longer and deeper during the night. And there will be a big payoff in the morning! You'll feel refreshed and ready to go. *And you'll be less inclined to go looking for that quick-fix jolt.*

The Way We're Working Isn't Working refers to a successful investment banker who rearranged his daily schedule so he could squeeze in one more hour of sleep each day. He was amazed. “I was more rested, I felt better, I thought more clearly, I got less tired as the day wore on, and I had more energy when I got home. *I never would have believed an hour more of sleep could make such a difference*” (emphasis added throughout).

There is no substitute for refreshing sleep. “Adequate sleep, we're convinced, sets the stage for TAKING MORE CONTROL of *every other part of our lives*” (ibid). Sufficient sleep is definitely not wasted time. It's a foundational building block to a more productive, energetic life!

So if you've been living out of balance—overdosing on caffeine and sugar and lacking the energy and vitality to really drive yourself in service to God—then take control of your life! Give your mind and body the one, God-ordained energy boost that makes you REALLY LIVE at work, school or play, and results in a longer, more fulfilling life. ■



Betrayed again

Thank you for your great article, Mr. Flurry, and for giving us the news behind the news (“Germany Is Betraying Britain—Again,” February). It’s amazing Germany starts two world wars killing millions of people, and the U.S. and England, two nations the Germans wanted to destroy, poured millions of dollars into rebuilding the German nation shortly after the war. It’s incredible and mind-boggling to read the quotes and old articles of Mr. Armstrong and yourself written years ago and to watch it all play out in front of our eyes, according to biblical prophecy.

Bill Sydney—N.S.W., AUSTRALIA

The Isles are alone again

You have been right about the UK’s long-term prospects as a member of the EU (“Beware Britain, Europe Is Gunning for You!” February). I think you are right on target again on near-term EU pressure and threats against the UK. The UK should now vote on leaving the EU, the sooner the better. It’s better to take the blow standing than to submit on your knees like a dhimmi.

Arius—CALIFORNIA

I believe that continental European hate toward the British also translates into virulent anti-Jewish sentiment as well. Partly because within Britain resides that special family with a Jewish royal lineage that continues to actively fulfill the scepter promise And partly because it has simmered for centuries culminating in the extermination camps of World War II. As Mr. Armstrong and the *Trumpet* have warned for many decades, the war of words and trade wars that lead to hot wars is fully aimed at the Anglo-Saxon world.

Howard V. Fleisher—TENNESSEE

Isn’t it exciting to witness how everything in Europe is now happening exactly as Mr. Armstrong predicted? I admire the courage of Mr. Cameron. The British have now thrown down the gauntlet to the rotten EU and our corrupt politicians in Berlin who think they can rearrange Europe according to their socialist-corporatist Franco-German model. ... I am sure Britain will leave the EU very soon, exactly as Mr. Armstrong predicted. And then we will witness the emergence of



the prophesied strongman of Europe. The British better start to transform their island into a fortress.

Thomas Pfeifferle—GERMANY

How to get banned from comment

I followed a link on Drudge Report about that *Glee* episode (“Flee Glee,” February). It took me to an online

version of what can only be described as a modern *Tiger Beat* or *16 Magazine*, publications geared towards teens. At the bottom of the article, which praised Fox for being so “progressive” about teen homosexuality, there appeared literally hundreds of comments from teenagers completely enraptured with the “beautiful, sensitive and moving” way in which homosexual sex was going to be portrayed. More than one teen wrote, “There’s nothing wrong with homosexuality!” By the way, I condemn homosexuality whenever I see an article about it, which gets me banned from commenting further 100 percent of the time.

John Hopkin—NORTH CAROLINA

Radical Islam circling Ethiopia

“Islamists gain control of Ethiopia, Eritrea.” Such boldness is refreshing (“Ethiopia in the Crosshairs,” February). Bold predictions are the hallmark of the *Trumpet*, and will soon make it known to the world.

J.B.—UNITED STATES

Mourning for a dictator

In reading this article (“The Mourning After,” February), the first thing that came to mind is how fortunate and blessed we are to live in a free nation. A nation that God has blessed with every available resource. A nation where one can worship freely or not worship at all. Although the peoples of this nation abuse our freedom, and our recourses, many lives were given to protect them and we should thank our Maker each day for giving them, and for preserving them.

Russell Rubino—NEW YORK

The American dream is over

Great article! (“Will Your Children Be Better Off Than You?,” February). In today’s troubled world, it’s easy to have a negative attitude and overlook the fundamental lesson we all need to learn. Without God, our loving Father, and His loving law in our lives, our lives are

finite and fundamentally empty. God is our true Father. ... And being the good Father that He is, we can rest assured that He will definitely leave a mind-staggering inheritance to His children’s children.

N.S.W., AUSTRALIA

Thankful for the *Trumpet* sound

The *Trumpet* is constant in gently encouraging godly change in our lives! Like the faithful men and women of the Bible, the authors of the *Trumpet* articles offer helps toward godly growth and a vision of hope more beautiful than *anything* this world has to offer—straight from the mind of God, preserved for us within the Bible! ... Again, I thank God for the sound of the *Trumpet*! This world has served its lusts for so many generations, it will take some major unlearning for us to let go of our desire to satisfy “self.” We don’t have all the time in the world to make changes anymore. There is an urgency present now to get off of the fence—to either become a part of the solution or end up part of the problem. ...

TEXAS

Perfectionist

Thank you for this great and inspiring article (“Steve Jobs and His Burning Passion to Be Perfect,” January). There are so many mixed and varied reports about Steve Jobs that I had not noticed these excellent points that you bring out. I find it amazing that he was able to work even when he did not feel like it, or was ill. I remember seeing a picture from one of his presentations where he puts up his blood pressure reading on the large screen for the audience as some light humor, after media reports indicated his health was waning. He encouraged his employees to reach their potential and feel a great sense of belonging and purpose from their work with Apple. Your article helps us to see that for all of our faults, it is always possible to see some good in people

Daniel—AUSTRALIA

If I were to pick articles that motivated me to great heights, this one would surely be one of them. I, like many, had my eyes on many, many things, and because of that I was on the road to destruction. [Through] this article, you brought me back to my feet and enabled me to, like David, be after God’s own heart. I want to be spiritually perfect to God. I too, like Jobs, want to change the world; I want to put a dent to the universe! I thank you and God for such words. You brought me back to my feet, and I have this burning desire to be perfect and to get close with God!

Kervin Jacquet—NEW YORK

Shocked. Indignant. Outraged.

Who is dictating our moral standards?

WHY DOES IT SEEM THAT THE ONLY TIME THE AMERICAN government expresses shock, dismay and horror, it is over the conduct of its soldiers on the battlefield?

Through the Prophet Isaiah, God calls America a “hypocritical nation.” It’s at times like these it becomes clear why.

Surely you heard of the crude homemade video that emerged in January apparently depicting a Marine sniper team in Afghanistan urinating on the corpses of some Taliban fighters. The press jumped on the incident like it was Abu Ghraib all over again, and the highest leaders in the land came out in fire-breathing condemnation.

“Deplorable ... reprehensible,” President Obama said through his spokesman. “I condemn it in the strongest possible terms,” said Leon Panetta, the defense secretary. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton expressed “total dismay.” Civilian and military leaders promised the guilty soldiers would be found out and punished to the full.

Why was everyone so upset? Let’s be honest: The biggest reason is that they are deathly afraid of offending Muslims. U.S. leaders continue to hope, against all evidence, that avoiding offense will solve problems.

Their man in Afghanistan, President Hamid Karzai, called the soldiers’ act “simply inhuman.” Is Karzai an authority on moral and ethical conduct? He said he was “deeply disturbed” and that the incident was “condemnable in the strongest possible terms.” But where is his condemnation for Taliban atrocities *far worse* than this? That means he either sympathizes with the Taliban’s extremism or feels he must pander to it.

Clearly the ones in the driver’s seat—dictating to both Afghan and U.S. leaders about what is an appropriate response—are radical Muslims.

For their part, Taliban leaders in Pakistan called the marines’ conduct “barbaric” and claimed, “No religion that follows a holy text would accept such conduct. This inhuman act reveals their real face to the world.”

Behold: a sermon from the Taliban about what is barbaric and inhuman. They have never condemned the torture, beheading or murder of a single non-Muslim. They have murdered thousands of civilians with roadside bombs. They execute people without trial for crimes like laughing at soldiers. They hang the dead bodies of defectors from lampposts to serve as a public warning. And we are supposed to listen to them condemn these marines?

Are Hamid Karzai or American leaders “deeply disturbed” by the Taliban’s sanction of polygamous “marriage” that allows old men to rape young girls? What about the Taliban commander ordering that an 18-year-old girl who fled her abusive in-laws be punished by having her nose and ears cut off? Who is condemning *these* acts “in the strongest possible terms”?

The Taliban deliberately assassinate civilians by the hundreds. They exploit children not just as soldiers but as *suicide bombers*, strapping explosives to them and sending them to their deaths. They consider anyone who is actively trying to rebuild Afghanistan—doctors, teachers, construction workers—worthy of death.



UNDER THE GUN

American soldiers have been denounced for their actions on the battlefield.

The *New York Times* has reported that insurgents in Afghanistan kill *twice as many civilians* as they do uniformed government or coalition forces. Where is the outrage against that? Why no indignation over those “deplorable” and “reprehensible” practices?

No one is defending what those soldiers did. But to single them out for such damnation is to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

America’s leaders have allowed their moral standard to be skewed out of all proportion by extremists whose goal is to use every ounce of leverage possible to cripple America.

It is political correctness run amok: dismissing Muslim evils as irrelevant—after all, who are we to judge them?—while viewing Western actions through a distorted but harshly exacting moral lens.

We need a reality check. And that can only come from looking at the one true *absolute standard* of morality, the one supplied by the Being who defines good and evil.

God sees plenty of acts in America that are deplorable and reprehensible, that He views with total dismay and condemns in the strongest possible terms, and that He promises to punish to the full. But guess what? The action of these soldiers hardly registers on His radar screen.

Does it matter to you what *God* finds abominable? Instead of concocting our own standards of righteousness and appointing ourselves as judge and jury, how about aligning our thoughts with those of the Author of righteousness?

Forget the Geneva Conventions: God is outraged over our breaking the *Ten Commandments*. Blacklisting Him and worshipping idols. Urinating on His holy Sabbaths. Enslaving ourselves in greed, materialism, covetousness and debt, such that it sabotages the nation’s future. Glorifying violence. Desecrating the family. Turning our children out to pasture. Mass promoting and celebrating rank sexual immorality. Embracing fornication, cohabitation, adultery, divorce, homosexuality and other perversions.

God is “deeply disturbed” by such things. The fact that 40 percent of pregnancies in New York are aborted. *That* is an “atrocious.” The existence of an abortion butcher like Dr. Kermit Gosnell. *That* is “barbaric.” The support he received from state abortion lobbyists and clinic inspectors—and the pass he got from an appallingly liberal national media. *That* “inhuman act reveals their real face to the world.”

Why aren’t monsters such as that “urgently investigated” and given “the most severe punishment”?

Yes, this is a “hypocritical nation”—smug and self-righteous, praising, pardoning and punishing according to whatever standards it chooses. “There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes,” Proverbs 30:12 says, “and yet is not washed from their filthiness.”

America wallows in rivers of moral sewage. It’s a little hard to stomach the sanctimonious moralizing about where a few soldiers chose to pee.

At the end of the day, no one really cares how many Twitter followers or Facebook “friends” you once had—not even you. What really matters is your family and your actual relationships.

Smart devices might be some of the greatest inventions of all time. They allow instant access to information, they can help with scheduling and time management; they can connect you face-to-face with distant friends.

But sadly, these smart little devices can also become perfect assassins of real, human, flesh-and-blood, vibrant and alive, heartfelt and sincere *family time*. They can be the destroyers of lives.

It is reported that J. Paul Getty, supposedly one of the richest men to ever live, once said that he would happily give all his wealth in exchange for a happy marriage. How many people are setting themselves up to someday, at the end of their lives, wish they could go back and praise the first feeble steps their daughter took—which they missed because they were too busy to notice? Or go back and see the look on their son’s face when he hit his first home run—which they missed because of the glare on their screen? Or take more time to notice from the beginning that their teenager was being verbally bullied day in and day out through her Internet phone—and help to change her whole high school experience?

Don’t be one of those people. Take the time now to reconnect in a real, personal way with your family before it is too late.

Curing Addiction

If your children already have addiction problems, take action immediately, before it gets worse.

As parents, it is our job to control what is in our homes and what our children are doing. We need to teach our children how to handle the technology we give them. We have to make sure that its use is supplementing, not hindering, their development. And we need to put safeguards in place until they are ready to head out on their own.

Do what you need to do. Replace the smartphone with a basic calling-only version. Monitor computer usage. Curtail or even throw out the video games. If necessary, detechnologize your family.

Your children may not like you for it now. They may kick and scream and even say they hate you. Detoxification is never easy. But they will love you for it later! ■

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Nationwide Satellite Galaxy 3 Trans. 21 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu
Galaxy 5 Trans. 7 8:00 ET

Direct TV DBS WGN Chan. 307 8:00 ET, Sun
Direct TV DBS ION Ch. 305 6:00 ET, Fri
Dish Network ION Ch. 216 6:00 ET, Fri
Dish Network DBS WGN Chan. 239 8:00 ET, Sun
Nationwide cable WGN 8:00 ET, Sun
Alabama, Birmingham WPXH 5:00, Fri

Dothan WTVY-DT 8:30, Sun
Montgomery WBMM/WBMM-DT 8:30, Sun
Alaska, Anchorage KIMO-DT 8:30, Sun
Fairbanks KATN-DT 8:30, Sun
Juneau KJUD-DT 8:30, Sun
Arizona, Phoenix KPXX 5:00, Fri
Yuma-El Centro KSWT-DT 9:30, Sun
Arkansas, Fayetteville KWFT 8:30, Sun
Fort Smith KCWA 8:30, Sun
Jonesboro KJOS 8:30, Sun
Rogers KWFT 8:30, Sun
Springdale KWFT 8:30, Sun

California, Bakersfield KGET-DT 9:30, Sun
Chico KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun
El Centro KWUB 9:30, Sun
Eureka KJUV-DT 9:30, Sun
Los Angeles KPXN 6:00, Fri
Monterey KMWB 9:30, Sun
Palm Springs KESQ/KCQW-DT 9:30, Sun
Redding KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun
Sacramento KSPX 6:00, Fri
Salinas KION 9:30, Sun
San Francisco KKPX 6:00, Fri
Santa Barbara KSBY-DT 9:30, Sun

Colorado, Denver KPXC 5:00, Fri
Grand Junction KKCO-DT 10:30, Sun
Montrose KKCO-DT 10:30, Sun
Connecticut, Hartford WHPX 6:00, Fri
Delaware, Dover WBD 9:30, Sun
Salisbury WMVD-DT 9:30, Sun
Florida, Gainesville WCJB-DT 9:30, Sun
Jacksonville WPXC/WPXJ-LP 6:00, Fri
Miami WPXM 6:00, Fri
Orlando WOPX 6:00, Fri
Panama City WJHG-DT 8:30, Sun
Tallahassee WTXL 7:30, Sun
Tallahassee-Thomasville WTLF-DT/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun
Tampa WXPX 6:00, Fri; WTTA 8:30 am, Sun
West Palm Beach WPXP 6:00, Fri

Georgia, Albany WBSK 9:30, Sun
Augusta WAGT-DT 9:30, Sun
Brunswick WPXC 6:00, Fri
Columbus WLGA 9:30, Sun
Macon WBNN 9:30, Sun
Savannah WGSB/WGCW-LP 9:30, Sun
Hawaii, Hawaii Na Leo Chan. 54 6:30, Sun; 8:30, Wed
Kauai Ho’Ike Chan. 52 9:30, Tue
Maui/Lanai/Molokai/Niihau/Akaku
Chan. 52 6:30 pm, Sun; 3:30, Mon

Idaho, Idaho Falls KPFI/KBEQ 10:30, Sun
Pocatello KPFI 10:30, Sun
Twin Falls KMVT-DT/KTWT-LP 10:30, Sun
Illinois, Bloomington WHOI-DT 8:30, Sun

Chicago WCUU 7:00, Mon-Fri; WCIU 9:30, Sun; WCPX 5:00, Fri

Peoria WHOI-DT 8:30, Sun
Rockford WREX-DT 8:30, Sun
Indiana, Fort Wayne WPTA-DT 21.2 9:30, Sun
Indianapolis WIPX 6:00, Fri
Terre Haute WBI 8:30, Sun
Iowa, Austin KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun
Cedar Rapids KPXR 5:00, Fri
Des Moines KFPX 5:00, Fri
Keokuk WEWB 8:30, Sun
Kirkville KWOT 8:30, Sun
Mason City KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun
Ottumwa KWOT 8:30, Sun
Mason City KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun
Sioux City KTIV-DT 8:30, Sun

Kansas, Topeka KSNT 8:30, Sun
Kentucky, Bowling Green WBKO 8:30, Sun
Lexington WUPX 6:00, Fri

Louisiana, Alexandria KBCA 8:30, Sun
El Dorado-Monroe KNOE-DT 8:30, Sun
Lafayette KLWB 8:30, Sun
Lake Charles WBLC 8:30, Sun
New Orleans WPXL 5:00, Fri

Maine, Bangor WABI-DT 9:30, Sun
Presque Isle WBPO 9:30, Sun

Maryland, Salisbury WBD 9:30, Sun
Massachusetts, Holyoke WBQT 9:30, Sun
Springfield WBQT 9:30, Sun

Michigan, Alpena WBAE 9:30, Sun
Cadillac WGTU/WGTQ 9:30, Sun
Detroit WPXD 6:00, Fri; WADL 10:00, Sun
Grand Rapids WZPX 5:00, Fri
Lansing WLAJ-DT 9:30, Sun
Marquette WBKP 9:30, Sun

Traverse City-Cadillac WGTU-DT/WGTQ-DT 9:30, Sun
Minnesota, Duluth-Superior WDLH 8:30, Sun
Mankato KWYE 8:30, Sun

Minneapolis KPXM 5:00, Fri
Rochester-Austin KTTC-DC 8:30, Sun
Sioux Fall (Mitchell) KWSB/KSWD-DT 8:30, Sun

Mississippi, Biloxi WBGP 8:30, Sun
Columbus WCBT-DT 8:30, Sun
Greenville WBWD 8:30, Sun
Greenwood WBWD 8:30, Sun
Gulfport WBGP 8:30, Sun
Hattiesburg WBH 8:30, Sun
Laurel WBH 8:30, Sun

Meridian WTOK-DT 8:30, Sun
Tupelo WCBT-DT 8:30, Sun
West Point WCBT-DT 8:30, Sun

Missouri, Columbia KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun
Hannibal WGEN-DT 8:30, Sun
Jefferson City KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun

Joplin-Pittsburg KSNF 8:30, Sun
Kansas City KPXE 5:00, Fri
Quincy-Keokuk WGEN-DT 8:30, Sun
St. Joseph WBJO 8:30, Sun

Montana, Billings KTVQ-DT 8:30, Sun
Bozeman-Butte KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 10:30, Sun
Glendive KQWZ 10:30, Sun
Great Falls KRTV-DT 10:30, Sun
Helena KMFT-DT 10:30, Sun

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New York, Albany WYXP 6:00, Fri
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Buffalo WPXJ 6:00, Fri; WUTV 10:00, Sun
Elmira WBE 9:30, Sun
New York City WPXN 6:00, Fri
Syracuse WSPX 6:00, Fri
Utica WBU 9:30, Sun
Watertown WWTI-DT 9:30, Sun
North Carolina, Durham WRPX 6:00, Fri; 9:00 am, Sun
Fayetteville WFPX 6:00, Fri
Greensboro WGFX 6:00, Fri
Greenville WEPX 6:00, Fri; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Lumber Bridge WFPX 6:00, Fri
New Bern WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Raleigh WRPX 6:00, Fri; 9:00 am, Sun
Washington WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun
Wilmington WBW 9:30, Sun
North Dakota, Bismarck KWMK 10:30, Sun
Dickinson KWMK 10:30, Sun
Fargo WDAY-DT 8:30, Sun
Minot KWMK 10:30, Sun
Valley City WDAY-DT 8:30, Sun
Ohio, Cleveland WVPX 6:00, Fri
Cincinnati WSTR 8:30, Sun
Lima WLIO-DT 9:30, Sun
Steubenville WBWO 9:30, Sun
Zanesville WBZV 9:30, Sun
Oklahoma, Ada KSHD 8:30, Sun
Lawton KAUZ 8:30, Sun
Oklahoma City KOPX 5:00, Fri
Tulsa KTPX 5:00, Fri
Oregon, Bend KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Klamath Falls KMFD 9:30, Sun
Medford KMFD 9:30, Sun
Portland KPXG 6:00, Fri
Pennsylvania, Erie WBEP 9:30, Sun
Philadelphia WPPX 6:00, Fri
Wilkes Barre WQPX 6:00, Fri
Rhode Island, Providence WPXQ 6:00, Fri
South Carolina, Charleston WCBD-DT

9:30, Sun
Florence WWMB/WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun
Myrtle Beach WWMB/WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun
South Dakota, Mitchell KWSD 8:30, Sun
Rapid City KWBH-LP 10:30, Sun
Sioux Falls KWSD 8:30, Sun
Tennessee, Jackson WBJK 8:30, Sun
Knoxville WPXK 6:00, Fri
Memphis WPXX 5:00, Fri
Nashville WNPX 5:00, Fri
Texas, Abilene KTWS-DT 8:30, Sun
Arillo KVII-DT/KVIH/KVIH-DT 8:30, Sun
Beaumont KFDM-DT 8:30, Sun
Brownsville KSFE-LP/KTIZ-LP 8:30, Sun
Corpus Christi KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun
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Port Arthur KFDM 8:30, Sun
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San Antonio KPXL 5:00, Fri
Sherman-Ada KTEM-DT 8:30, Sun
Sweetwater KTWS-DT 8:30, Sun
Tyler KCEB 8:30, Sun
Victoria KWVB 8:30, Sun
Weslaco KSFE-LP/KTIZ-LP 8:30, Sun
Wichita Falls KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun
Utah, Salt Lake City KUPX 5:00, Fri
Vermont, Burlington WVNY 10:00, Sun
Virginia, Charlottesville WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun
Harrisonburg WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun
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Roanoke WPXR 6:00, Fri
Washington D.C. WDCW 8:00, Sun; WPXW 6:00, Fri
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Seattle KCPO 7:00, Sun
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West Virginia, Beckley KVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
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Wisconsin, Eau Claire WQOW-DT/WXOW-DT 8:30, Sun
La Crosse WQOW/WXOW 8:30, Sun
Milwaukee WPXE 5:00, Fri
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Wyoming, Casper 10:30, Sun
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Riverton 10:30, Sun

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Portugal ZonTV Cabo channel 210 11:00 am Central European Time, Sun
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Panama WGN 7:00, Sun

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Cuba WGN 8:00, Sun
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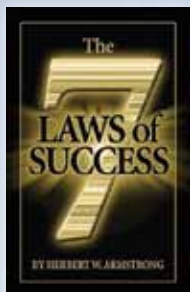
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