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What Really Caused the Orlando Terrorist Attack

AN ISLAMIC STATE-SUPPORTING GUNMAN MASSACRED 49 people at a homosexual nightclub in Orlando, Florida, on June 12. It was the largest mass shooting in modern American history and more proof that something very sinister and evil is happening in this nation.

Orlando is the home of Disney World and many other attractions synonymous with family fun. It is a children's dream world! But no place in America is safe today.



GERALD FLURRY

The Bible reveals the root cause of extreme violence in the United States and throughout the modern-day nations descended from ancient Israel. The Prophet Hosea wrote that “blood toucheth blood”: There is hardly a reprieve between mass shootings these days. His warning is for this end time.

The terrorist, 29-year-old Omar Mateen, was born in America but identified with foreign terrorist groups. He called 9-1-1 during the attack, pledging loyalty to the Islamic State and praising the men behind the Boston Marathon bombing. Mateen's radical tendencies were well known; the FBI investigated him for 10 months beginning in May 2013 for pro-terrorism statements.

Mateen's father is a supporter of the Taliban—killers of many American soldiers. Why is this man allowed to raise a demented child in America? Isaiah prophesied, “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 1:7). This prophecy is for the United States today (as we prove in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). Is Mateen's father a “stranger”? His allegiance lies with terrorists, not the country where he now lives and prospers. He passed on his radical Islamic ideology to his son.

Islamic State radio station Al-Bayan called Mateen “one of the soldiers of the caliphate in America.” These terrorists see themselves as *soldiers*, and they sacrifice their lives for an evil purpose. They understand that we are at war! America is under attack, yet Americans don't seem terribly concerned.

War in Heaven

Here is a scripture that most people would overlook, but it has everything to do with what happened in Orlando:

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:

he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:7-9).

The book of Revelation puts all prophecy in time sequence. As I prove in my booklet *America Under Attack*, 30 years ago, Satan and the demons tried to overthrow God, and God cast them out of heaven! They are now confined to Earth.

What are these evil spirits doing? Satan broadcasts to mankind in attitudes, moods, feelings and emotions (Ephesians 2:2). Think of his broadcasts as airwaves, like those that transmit radio and television signals. You see evidence of this all the time: Notice how emotionally inflamed some people can become, seemingly for no reason! Satan and the demons have a major influence on human beings.

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time” (Revelation 12:12). Satan and multiple millions of his minions now lurk in the dark places of this Earth, working to destroy as many lives as possible before Jesus Christ returns to kick Satan off Earth's throne. Satan's dominance over mankind is coming to an end very soon, and he knows it. This fact makes him extremely angry.

Satan is the original mass murderer (John 8:44). He swayed Cain to murder his brother Abel, tainting the first human family with appalling bloodshed. He has caused man to slay his fellow man for the past 6,000 years.

Man cannot solve the problem of mass murder. Wars and violence will intensify until we realize our utter incapability to bring peace to our families, nations and planet. Christ must return to save mankind from himself! (Matthew 24:21-22).

Who Is to Blame?

“And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child” (Revelation 12:13). When Satan was cast down, he immediately attacked and destroyed God's Church, pictured here by a woman (you can read about this in our free book *Raising the Ruins*). Then Satan began his assault on the nations of Israel: America, Britain and the Jewish state in the Middle East.

This is the unseen reason that America seems paralyzed in the face of radical Islamic terrorism!

For most of its history, America has experienced a tremendous amount of peace, while so much of the world has been in a constant state of war. Peace has made us naive. Our people don't realize the danger of handing power over to hostile rivals who don't value peace nearly as much as we do.



BREXIT



HEADING OUT Supporters of the 'Leave' campaign celebrate early referendum returns.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR BRITAIN?

The UK's decision to leave the European Union was prophesied in the Bible! What does this source of advance news say will follow?

BY RICHARD PALMER

ON THE DAY OF THE VOTE, June 23, the pound sterling reached its strongest level all year. The financial markets were absolutely confident: Britain would

stay. And little wonder. Bookmakers indicated there was less than a 20 percent chance that Britain would vote to quit the European Union.

But one man forecast this outcome decades before. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*: “[T]he

soon-coming resurrected ‘Holy Roman Empire’—a sort of soon-coming ‘United States of Europe’—a union of 10 nations [will] rise up out of or following the Common Market of today (Revelation 17). *Britain will NOT be in that empire soon to come*” (emphasis added).

In 1956, even before Britain joined the EU, Herbert Armstrong wrote: “Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe. Probably Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe. But Britain will be no part of it!”

The *Trumpet* has consistently proclaimed the same message. “We have ... said for *many* years Britain would not be a part of the final European Union,” wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in 2012.

Now that Britain has voted out, there is a huge amount of uncertainty. The pound experienced its biggest drop since the 1980s. The stock market dropped hundreds of points. Some banks saw their share prices fall over 30

percent. British Prime Minister David Cameron promised to step down by October.

Where is Britain going? What will its relationship with Europe be? Who will even be running the country in a few months? So much is up in the air.

Amid all this uncertainty, it makes sense to turn to the same sources that forecast Britain's exit.

We didn't know for sure if Britain's exit would come in this vote, but we knew it would happen. Equally, we cannot forecast exactly what will happen next. But the broad outlines are already clear.

New Dawn for Britain?

"Dare to dream that the dawn is breaking on an independent United Kingdom," announced the leader of the UK Independence Party, Nigel Farage, as the votes came in.

"Let June the 23rd go down in our history as our Independence Day!" he said to cheers.

Is this a new birth of freedom for Britain? At the *Trumpet*, we have certainly pointed to the flaws in Britain's relationship with Europe. We have lamented the loss of sovereignty to Europe. So is it sunlit uplands from now on?

Sadly, no. While the EU has certainly caused problems for Britain, the biggest wounds are self-inflicted and won't go away even when this divorce is finalized.

Britain has a huge debt problem. Household debt is forecast to borrow at an unprecedented rate this year, higher than at any point since records began in 1987, the official for Budget Responsibility warned in March. Total household debt is at \$2.17 trillion—an average of around \$44,000 (£30,000) a person. Among the G-7 group of advanced economies, only Canada has higher debt-to-income ratios.

Last year, Britain's government borrowed an equivalent of 4.4 percent of its GDP. The only EU nations with higher borrowing levels are Spain and Greece, both troubled economies that have required some form of bailout.

Britain's trade is in a dire position. Its

current account deficit is at 7 percent of its GDP—the highest peacetime level since record-keeping began in 1772. At the heart of this problem is the simple fact that Britain is importing far more than it is exporting.

The state of a nation's society is much harder to quantify than the state of its economy, but here too the situation is dire. Theodore Dalrymple concisely summarized some of the most disturbing statistics in an article for the *Australian* five years ago, in the midst of England's worst riots in decades: "British youth lead the Western world in almost all aspects of social pathology, from teenage pregnancy to drug taking,

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from drunkenness to violent criminality. ... British children are much likelier to have a television in their bedroom than a father living at home. One third of them never eat a meal at a table with another member of their household—family is not the word for the social arrangements of the people in the areas from which the rioters mainly come" (Aug. 11, 2011).

These problems are all unconnected with the European Union. Many EU nations do not share them, and leaving the EU won't fix Britain's social problems.

A House Divided

The EU referendum has left Britain more divided than at any point in history. Just one week before the vote, Jo Cox, a British member of Parliament and mother of two little children, was killed by a far-right madman. The shooting horrified the nation.

To many Europhiles, the pro-Brexit group that just won the vote is a group of racists, who—in creating a climate

of anti-foreigner hate—are in part responsible for Cox's death.

"For the last few weeks Farage, and his allies Boris Johnson and Michael Gove, has chosen to play the race card," reads one pro-Remain leaflet. "The Leave campaign's anti-immigrant rhetoric has stoked the British public's fears to the point that we now find ourselves in a country riven by hate. History tells us that scapegoating those we think are not like us always has terrible consequences. Jo Cox's tragic murder is possibly only the start."

Such an accusation against the Remain camp is wrong and deeply unfair. But it doesn't make the divide any less real. Journalists, politicians and even Church of England clergymen have all called the Brexit campaign racist.

Britain has no leadership that can unite the nation. Every major political party encouraged its voters to stay in the EU. Three quarters of Britain's M.P.s who declared a position on the EU voted to stay in.

The referendum also exposed a generational divide. Seventy-five percent of voters under the age of 24 voted to stay, according to a YouGov poll.

Meanwhile, both Scotland and London voted overwhelmingly to stay, only to be overruled by the rest of the country. "Scotland has delivered a strong, unequivocal vote to remain in the EU, and I welcome that endorsement of our European status," said Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon—hinting, as she has in the past, that Scotland will try to break away from the UK in order to stay in the EU.

Who can provide a unified vision for Britain in order to face the uncertainty ahead? Who can rally Britain to confront its problems? No one.

"UK historic goal is to stop hostile power dominating Europe," wrote veteran analyst Joseph de Courcy ahead of the vote. "Brexit [would] mean hostile EU whose first move will be to procure UK breakup." The fault lines are many, and Brexit hasn't changed that—it's made them worse.



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In Europe We Trust?

How will Europe respond to Brexit? This is perhaps the biggest unknown of all. Some have argued that European nations earn a great deal of money trading with Britain. Europe will not punish Britain, they argue, because it would be cutting off its nose to spite its face.

Others say that the EU will react irrationally. They say that Britain's exit will be like a messy divorce, with bitter recriminations on both sides. Still others point out that there are rational reasons for the EU to lash out at Britain. If the UK prospers now, other countries may do the same. Within just hours of Britain's referendum vote being announced, major political parties in Italy, France and the Netherlands called for their own referenda. If Britain's vote becomes a rush for the exits, the entire EU could fall apart.

This question will be played out in tough negotiations that will probably take place over the next two years. Again, no one can detail exactly how these will play out, but we can point out some fundamental trends and how they align with Bible prophecy.

Britain is reliant on the EU. Nearly half of all its exports go to the EU. On a more fundamental level, Britain relies

on the EU for its food supplies. Britain's membership in the EU's Common Agricultural Policy means that the nation is no longer self-sufficient in food, and most of the shortfall—70 percent of the nation's imported food and non-alcoholic drink—comes from Europe.

It is also reliant on Europe for defense. Britain currently has no aircraft carriers—instead, it relies on an agreement with France. If Argentina once again took the Falkland Islands, Britain's mili-

tary is currently too small to retake it. The UK would have to rely on the Anglo-French defense treaty. With France working hard to create some kind of European defense union, Britain could soon find itself reliant on a European military, even though outside the EU.

This dependency exists largely because Britain joined the EU in the first place. In 1962, when Britain first began seeking European membership, Hebert W. Armstrong warned that, "in her economic distress right now, Britain is ... going to the Common Market, undoubtedly to be dominated by GERMANY" (*Plain Truth*, July 1962).

He was right. Britain has already heavily invested its trust in Europe. Now, after Brexit, the nation is left simply hoping that this trust is not misplaced.

The Source of These Forecasts

How was Mr. Armstrong able to predict Britain's EU exit—right from the moment it joined? Why is the *Trumpet*

so sure our forecast for the next few years is correct?

Our analysis is based on Bible prophecy. Already that prophecy closely matches what we see happening in the world today.

The Bible says of Israel, which includes Britain, "[T]he whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores ..." (Isaiah 1:5-6). Britain's problems are deep and widespread. They cannot be repaired by a simple referendum.

The Bible also says that God has taken away "[t]he mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator;" (Isaiah 3:2-3). It does not have any leaders who can unify the country or rally it to solve the nation's problems.

The Bible says further that Britain will put its trust in this European power, but that its trust will be misplaced. Whether or not the EU punishes Britain for the Brexit, we don't yet know; it is certainly possible. Either way, soon Britain will deeply regret placing its trust in Europe.

The Old Testament book of Hosea describes how Britain puts its trust in other nations instead of God. Mr. Armstrong cites this passage in his 1962 article: "When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them: *I will bring them down ... I will chastise them WOE UNTO THEM!* for they have fled from me," says God to Britain TODAY (Hosea 7:12-13).

The Bible gives much detail about what is coming to Britain. With the Brexit vote, we see those prophecies being fulfilled in a dramatic way. ■



You need to understand what else the Bible says about Britain's near future. The same prophecies also contain vital warnings to America. To understand those prophecies, request our free book by Herbert W. Armstrong ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy.***

EMERGENCY MEETING Members of the French government attend a cabinet meeting after Britain voted to leave the EU.



... AND WHAT'S NEXT FOR EUROPE?

The time ahead will be tumultuous—but here is why Europe will emerge stronger than ever.

BY RICHARD PALMER

WHEN GERMAN Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble was asked in March what Germany would do in the event of a Brexit, he said, “We would cry.”

In the wake of Britain’s vote, there is a real sense of crisis in Europe.

If the vote happened in isolation, it would probably have been a bit of an anticlimax. Britain wakes up to Brexit on June 24, but then doesn’t actually leave the European Union until 2018 or 2019. The sense of radical change on June 24 would quickly dissipate, as

nothing much happened in the weeks and months immediately after.

But Brexit didn’t happen in isolation. Europe is reeling from the euro crisis, the migrant crisis and renewed terrorist attacks. Euroskeptic parties are rising to unprecedented heights in France, the Netherlands, Spain, Greece, Portugal, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and even Germany. In that environment, the EU just received what some believe is a knockout blow in the form of Brexit.

Europe’s crises just got much worse. But as one of Europe’s founding fathers, Jean Monnet, put it, “Europe will be forged in crises, and will be the sum of the solutions adopted for those crises.”

The European Council president put it slightly differently in the immediate aftermath of the vote: “What doesn’t kill you, makes you stronger.”

The Brexit crisis could be transformational for Europe.

Everyone Hates Europe

It is not just Britain that is disappointed with the EU. A Pew poll published in June found that only 27 percent of Greeks view the EU favorably, compared with 71 percent who see it unfavorably. The French dislike the EU even more than the Brits do, with 61 percent unfavorable. Even in Germany, the EU has at best lukewarm support, with 50 percent viewing it favorably, compared to 48 percent seeing it unfavorably.

Anti-EU parties are making waves far beyond Britain. In Austria, a fringe-right Euroskeptic party came close to winning the presidency. In Italy, the antiestablishment Five Star Movement won mayoral positions in Rome and Turin. In Rome, the party tripled its support from just three years ago.

Brexit is a wake-up call to Europe’s leaders. They need to transform the union from the ponderous unpopular bureaucratic machine, or they’ll be faced with Spexit, Frexit and Departugal.

Some in Europe are preparing for others to leave. Schäuble has called for Europe to change course to a core Europe. Former Vice President of the EU Commission Viviane Reding said, “We need a ‘core Europe,’ this must be imposed quickly” (June 19).

Europe’s six founding members held a crisis meeting the day after the Brexit result was announced. In that response and its need for a quick decision, we can already see the direction the EU is heading: a smaller, leaner, quicker union with more punch.

Part of the reason for the EU’s unpopularity is that it is stuck halfway toward a superstate. It is powerful enough to cause problems but not powerful enough to solve them. Europe’s open borders spread the migrant crisis across the Continent, for example, but the EU lacks any common border control.



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The EU is left with 27 nations without Britain. It has five different presidents, the European Council, the Council of the European Union and the Council of Europe are three different governing bodies. The governance of the EU is a mess.

The euro crisis and the migrant crisis have increased the pressure on Europe to act. In response, it has taken some major steps toward a fiscal union. It has also sped up plans for a European border guard, aiming to have it operational by the end of summer—instead of around 2030 as previously planned. These are major changes, but they don't solve the lumbering bureaucracy at the heart of the European project that makes every response to a crisis tortuous.

Now the pressure is on to act.

One area where Europe could move the quickest is defense. France has been pushing for unity on this issue since the November 2015 terrorist attacks. Germany is also keen for greater pan-European defense, but talk on this was delayed until after the Brexit vote. The turmoil in the wake of

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Brexit may delay it a little further, but Europe will not put off the discussion much longer.

Ahead of the Brexit vote, Agence France-Presse wrote that there is disagreement within Germany and Europe on how to react to a British exit. "Consequently, several sources believe that the EU partners would turn their attention to issues where there is greater consensus, such as security and defense," it wrote (June 21).

"We are going to talk a lot about

European defense in the coming months," AFP reported a French government source saying. It wrote that "heavyweights France and Germany—both founding members of the bloc—will find themselves under pressure to defend what's left of their vision for Europe."

"They may be forced to only pursue issues such as security, as enthusiasm for the bloc has eroded due to a morose economic outlook and as populist rhetoric gains ground," it continued.

French Economy Minister Emmanuel Macron told *Le Monde* that "to avoid contagion from Brexit" the EU must launch "a positive project for Europe." Many see a European defense union being just such a project.

A Chance to Move Forward

Brexit will also remove one of the biggest obstacles to EU integration: Britain. Guy Verhofstadt, leader of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe and former prime minister of Belgium, expressed exactly this hope in an interview with the *EU Observer* on June 3. "The whole discussion and referendum around British membership is an opportunity," he said. "Why? Because if it is a 'No,' we need to start negotiations."

Summarizing his comments, the *EU Observer* wrote, "No matter what the result of the British referendum on 23 June, it will lead to changes in the European architecture."

German EU Commissioner Günther Oettinger also believes the EU will advance after a Brexit. "[M]y expectation would be that the European project would gather new dynamics," he told Politico. The EU may have to wait until the next series of elections are finished in 2017, but then "I believe we will gather more power and strength," he said.

The *Telegraph* reported that anonymous European bureaucrats had made similar statements. They wrote about "senior sources" who are "insisting that the union will emerge stronger than before if its most reluctant member does choose to withdraw"

The *Telegraph* quoted one source as saying, "The EU will have found an

identity and will have moved forward, deepening in key areas like monetary union and defense."

The Rise of a German Europe

Just days ahead of the Brexit vote, Andrew Peek at the *New York Daily News* expressed his fervent hope that Britain would stay. "Britons would certainly be justified in junking the

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ANDREW PEEK

whole thing when they go to the polls on Thursday," he wrote. "But it is better for Americans, 3,000 glorious miles away, if they stay. The reason is Germany.

"The basic problem of Germany hasn't changed in nearly a century-and-a-half since its unification in 1870. With the highest population and largest economy on the Continent, Germany naturally dominates Europe" (June 20).

"It has historically tacked between Russia and the West, playing one off against the other, creating turmoil and insecurity among its smaller neighbors," Peek warned.

"Taking Britain's voice out of the EU will make its members countries more likely to follow Germany, wherever it leads," he wrote.

Brexit puts Germany in a dangerous position. On the one hand, Europe has just lost a major power with some ability to keep Germany in check. Germany's power and influence in Europe has increased.

But in a sense, Germany also lost an ally. Germany may have a lot of power, in terms of realpolitik, but many EU decisions are made by votes. Britain held a similar economic view of the EU as Germany. With Britain gone,

Germany is now more likely to be outvoted and could have economic policies imposed upon it that run against its fundamental interests.

Germany will be forced to consolidate its power within Europe to prevent that happening. George Friedman warned in his book *Flashpoints* that other European nations would try to get their hands on Germany's wealth. Brexit could accelerate that. "Germany will have a choice of accepting the punishment or using its vast resources to transform wealth into power," wrote Friedman.

"Germany will face stark choices, and increasing its strength in all dimensions will become more bearable than the alternatives," he wrote. "Germany will therefore become a full-fledged power, first flexing its political muscles and in time its military ones as pressures develop." Germany will be forced to push the EU away from decisions made by votes, and ensure that power is more directly controlled by Germany.

To *Trumpet* readers, this post-Brexit Europe will sound very familiar. This is exactly what we have been forecasting, based on Bible prophecy, for decades.

A Post-Brexit Superpower

In 1948, when the dust was still settling from World War II, Herbert W Armstrong wrote about the unification of "10 nations in Europe."

"It will be a 'UNITED STATES OF EUROPE,' but that probably will never become its official name," he wrote. "Leading statesmen in both America and Britain are actively advocating the idea of a United States of Europe" (*Plain Truth*, December 1948).

He continued to warn about this as European nations came together in the Coal and Steel Community and the common market.

Bible prophecy is clear that this power will be made up of 10 nations or groups of nations. The EU, minus Britain, has 27. The *Trumpet* and *Plain Truth* have said for decades that this number will shrink. Could that happen in the wake of Brexit?



EARLY FORECAST **Herbert W. Armstrong** warned of Europe's rise for decades.

In 1948, Herbert W Armstrong wrote about the unification of "10 nations in Europe":
"It will be a 'United States of Europe,' but that probably will never become its official name."

This shrinking of the EU, or the formation of a new 10-nation European body, certainly implies the EU has a tumultuous time ahead of it. Going from 27 nations to 10 may not be easy. During the euro crisis, in 2011 *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry warned that nations would leave the eurozone and maybe the EU. "When that happens, the pundits will say European unification is dead, that the European Union has failed," he wrote. "DON'T LISTEN TO THEM!"

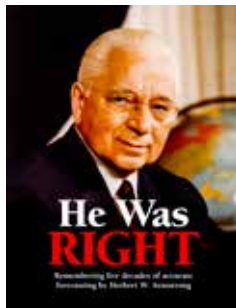
The Bible also forecasts the arrival of a stronger leader in Europe—something the EU sorely lacks. The union will require a "confidence-inspiring leader," Mr. Armstrong wrote in the

November-December 1954 *Plain Truth*.

He also wrote that the common market would become a military power. "The nations of Europe have been striving to become reunited," he wrote in the January 1979 *Plain Truth*. "They desire a common currency, a single combined military force, a single united GOVERNMENT. They have made a start in the Common Market."

Mr. Armstrong also forecast Germany's dominance. "This will be the heart and core of the united Europe," he wrote (*Plain Truth*, June 1952).

Remarkably, BRITAIN'S VOTE FOR AN EU EXIT COULD DRAMATICALLY HASTEN EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE TRENDS. ■



You need to understand where Europe is headed.

Especially now that its progress in that direction is speeding up. Our free booklet **He Was Right** demonstrates Herbert W. Armstrong's dramatic accuracy in global forecasts, as well as teaches you what the Bible says will happen in modern Europe.

The background is a stylized, textured illustration of the American flag. The top portion shows the blue field with white stars, while the bottom portion shows the red and white stripes. A hand with a reddish-brown skin tone is shown in the lower right, pointing upwards with the index finger. The overall style is graphic and layered, with a torn-paper effect at the top.

America's REAL Enemy

Politics in America today is full of people pointing fingers and casting blame. But the real source of the nation's problems is being overlooked. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

SEPTEMBER 11 IS A date that borders on sacred to most Americans. The day in 2001 when Islamic terrorists murdered nearly 3,000 people on American soil permanently changed the nation. It is seared in our minds.

Eleven years later on that day in 2012, as Americans were honoring those victims, Egyptians attacked the American Embassy in Cairo. They ripped the American flag to shreds and hoisted a black Islamist flag.

The same day, terrorists attacked the United States Consulate in Benghazi, Libya. They murdered four Americans, including the ambassador to Libya, Christopher Stevens.

The Benghazi attack in particular was horrific and deeply shameful for a number of reasons. Less than a year before, the U.S. had provided the military power to overthrow Libya's dictator, Muammar Qadhafi. Ambassador Stevens was personally involved. He risked his life to help ensure the Libyans would have a more democratic government. Because of his efforts to promote democracy, Stevens became the target of a terrorist group affiliated with al Qaeda. He knew about it and told Washington that his life was under threat. The last day of his life, he was pleading with the American government to send more help to protect him. There is evidence that the consulate staff was appealing for help while shots were being fired—and *help was denied*.

Why didn't the U.S. fulfill that request? Why not send help to a man so dedicated, so willing to risk his life for his country? That is a maddening question.

Sadly, however, it was only the first of *several* aspects of the Benghazi attack and its aftermath that should be a source of dismay and sadness for every American, and for anyone concerned for America.

First, the administration of President Barack Obama *immediately* implemented an aggressive strategy to cover up and deflect blame for what had happened. Though they

knew straightaway that it was an al Qaeda-linked attack, administration officials, including then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, downplayed it as a spontaneous demonstration against an anti-Muslim YouTube video. Rather than countering the murderous terrorist attack, they directed their loudest condemnation at *the video* for its religious intolerance! They went to tremendous lengths pretending this “inflammatory” video was to blame—even farcically arresting *the filmmaker*—while doing nothing to bring those terrorists to justice!

Investigations have since made abundantly plain just how numerous and blatant the administration's *lies* about what happened that night really were. *Never* has a president and his staff been so brazen and deliberate in using DECEIT!

To this day, NOTHING has been done about those Libyan terrorists who killed America's ambassador and three others on the most painful date possible! This is a massive insult to our country and our dead. But it doesn't infuriate our people the way it should.

AMERICA'S PATHETIC RESPONSE TO THE BENGHAZI ATTACK WAS FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN IT WAS INSULTING—BECAUSE IT SHOWED THE ENTIRE WORLD HOW WEAK THIS NATION HAS BECOME. IT WAS A SPECTACLE OF AMERICAN WEAKNESS. IT DID A LOT TO INFLAME THE DISRESPECT, DISGUST AND CONTEMPT THAT OUR ENEMIES ARE SHOWING WITH GROWING BRASHNESS.

Should it surprise us to see America under such attack today—when the nation's *own president* won't even defend it? The Obama administration's response to Benghazi was consistent with how the president has repeatedly *apologized* on behalf of America and acted like our enemies' hatred is justified. In his view, *America* is the cause of the world's grievances and ills. *The United States* is the real problem.

How could a U.S. president undermine America's interests so completely? How could he be so sympathetic to his country's enemies—and so casual about defending his country's honor and welfare?

Could there be a more deadly plan *against* America? And it is coming from within! Something has gone profoundly and horrendously wrong.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DEATH OF OUR NATION! (Ezekiel 33:11).

A pall of the blackest kind of evil is hanging over this land. It is about to bring a measure of suffering worse than anything this world has ever experienced!

Amassing Power

This president has *not* been weak on everything. Far from it. At the same time the Obama administration has undermined America's power abroad, it has *amassed* power within the nation *in the federal government*, especially in the presidency itself. This may seem contradictory, but in fact it is another side of the same story.

In case after case, this administration has taken more power for itself and increased its control over the American people. President Obama modified and ignored a number of provisions of the Affordable Care Act with barely a pretense of legality. He launched a military campaign in Libya without congressional approval. He evaded the constitutional requirement that the Senate confirm high-level government officials by appointing “czars.” He asserted the right to kill American citizens without due process if a “high-level official” says they pose an imminent threat to the nation.

Examples of this trend abound. Here is a short list: President Obama deciding to ignore laws he does not like, choosing not to deport illegal immigrants who would have been allowed to stay in the country *if* Congress had passed the “Dream Act”; the Federal Bureau of Investigation admitting it uses surveillance drones over U.S. soil; the powerful Internal Revenue Service targeting the president's enemies, mostly conservative and pro-Israel groups, to suppress their political involvement before the presidential election; the Justice Department secretly seizing the records of more than 20 Associated Press phone lines in what was called a “massive and unprecedented

intrusion”—while the attorney general claimed to know nothing about it; the National Security Agency (NSA) conducting illegal, covert surveillance programs in violation of the Fourth Amendment, keeping phone and Internet records of millions of Americans with the full cooperation of nine major Internet companies. Such revelations have surfaced repeatedly throughout this presidency.

Before President Obama was reelected, Franklin Graham, the son of the famous preacher Billy Graham, said

FORCED TO DO SO. However, the NSA says there is no cause for concern: An agency spokeswoman said that “[i]ts operations will be lawfully conducted in accordance with U.S. laws and policies.” Does that reassure you? Has this administration done *anything* to suggest that it is careful to follow the law?

When a ceremony was held in May 2013 to celebrate completion of the Utah data center’s exterior, it was “closed to the public—an exclusive, invitation-only gathering that barred even

terrorists is this program catching? Some analysts say jihadists tend to use online resources that popular search engines don’t even see. THAT MEANS THESE SURVEILLANCE TOOLS ARE BASICALLY ONLY GOOD FOR GATHERING DATA ON LAW-KEEPING CITIZENS.

William Binney, a 32-year veteran of the NSA turned whistle-blower, was asked where the surveillance data was heading. He said: “IT’S REALLY A TURN-KEY SITUATION, WHERE IT CAN BE TURNED QUICKLY AND BECOME A TOTALITARIAN

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two of his ministries were targeted by the IRS. He believed a newspaper ad they ran supporting an amendment against same-sex “marriage” triggered an audit jeopardizing their tax-exempt status. The process took more than twice as long as usual, and it wasn’t finished until just after President Obama was reelected. Many other conservative groups told similar stories. THIS INDICATES AN UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF POLITICAL MEDDLING! This administration *blatantly* manipulated the political process, and the nation is too weak to do anything about it!

If you aren’t paying attention to this trend, you should be. Many people are trying to pretend there is no real problem, and that those who are concerned are overreacting. But this should deeply trouble every American! THERE IS AN UNPARALLELED SPIRIT OF LAWLESSNESS HERE—and it is leading to an outcome far worse than most people realize.

Data Collection

In June 2013, we learned that the NSA has a secret data warehouse in Utah, a “billion-dollar epicenter” where it can store massive amounts of information. Microsoft, Yahoo!, Google, Facebook, YouTube, AOL, Skype, PalTalk and Apple were caught handing over to the government *all kinds* of information about Americans—including phone records, e-mails and other digital communications—AND CLAIMED THEY WERE

the mayor of Bluffdale,” the Associated Press reported. “The NSA also rejected a request by city officials to take a group of visiting Utah mayors on a bus tour of the outside of the facility. The agency said all tours—even of the exterior—are prohibited” (June 13, 2013).

WHY ALL THE SECRECY? Washington claimed it needs all this information for America’s war against terrorism. It was expanding the NSA’s powers exponentially, using the *war on terrorism* as the rationale. Yet at the same time, the president gave a speech telling Americans that *there is no war on terrorism*. “This war, like all wars, must end,” he said. America shouldn’t be on “a perpetual wartime footing.” He claimed that the war is winding down, thanks to several victories by his administration. If this is all true, *what does the government need that Utah facility for?*

Despite all the data the government is collecting, it did not stop the Boston Marathon bombers in 2013. It didn’t stop an Islamist from killing four Marines at two military installations in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 2015. It didn’t stop two Muslims from killing 14 people in San Bernardino that year. It didn’t stop a man who pledged allegiance to the Islamic State from killing 49 people in Orlando, Florida, in June. The “underwear bomber” wasn’t stopped in 2009 by the surveillance program, but by a tip from the would-be bomber’s parents. How many

STATE PRETTY QUICKLY. THE CAPACITIES TO DO THAT IS BEING SET UP” (emphasis mine throughout). *That is a chilling statement—it gets to the heart of the issue!* Look at the potential power the government *already* has.

What kind of a mind-set is behind the NSA secret data warehouse in Utah? This NSA veteran says “IT CAN BE TURNED QUICKLY AND BECOME A TOTALITARIAN STATE PRETTY QUICKLY”!

Are we afraid to even ponder what the radical left’s agenda really is?

Fox News’s Bob Beckel, a Democrat, said the NSA data mining “is strikingly close to authoritarian rule that has no place in this country and no place certainly under our Constitution.” Herbert Meyer served as an intelligence specialist in the Reagan administration, as special assistant to the CIA director and vice chairman on the National Intelligence Council. This man compared the actions of this administration to what the Nazis did under Adolf Hitler. (He didn’t say these officials are like the Nazis, but that they are going about their plan *the same way* the Nazis did.) Even the *Germans* have severely criticized President Obama for his NSA program! Some critics say he’s acting like the Gestapo.

The NSA is amassing *enormous power*. If it ignores the laws of the land, it can get practically anything it wants.

Imagine what a tyrannical government could do with all that information.



Are You at Risk?

Hundreds of millions are. Here's how to escape the danger. **BY JORG MARDIAN**

DIABETES IS NOW ONE OF THE TOP 10 KILLERS IN THE world. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), it ranked number eight in 2012, killing 3.7 million people each year. Since 1980, new cases of diabetes have nearly quadrupled worldwide, rising to a staggering 4.22 million people annually.

Once considered a disease of affluence, diabetes has now spread to every corner of the globe. Two thirds of cases occur in low-to-middle-income countries. The WHO said in its first Global Diabetes report that the crushing \$827 billion annual cost of the disease is a burden to the economies of all nations.

What Is Diabetes?

Diabetes occurs in three main forms. In type 1 diabetes, the pancreas stops producing the hormone insulin and, as a result, sugar builds up in the blood instead of being used as energy. This form has no known cure. In type 2 diabetes, the body uses insulin ineffectively. This is the most common form. The third form, gestational diabetes, is a temporary condition in women who have high blood glucose (sugar) levels during pregnancy.

The mechanisms of the disease are intricate. According to Dr. Robert Lustig, professor of pediatrics at the University of California, San Francisco, the way your body stores fat is a carefully regulated process controlled primarily by the hormone leptin. If you gain excess weight, the additional body fat produces extra leptin that sends satiation signals to the brain, causing us to stop feeling hungry.

But if you consume a diet heavy in sugar and processed foods, your body no longer hears the messages telling it to stop eating and to burn fat. This is because the continued onslaught produces abnormally high blood sugar levels with repeated surges in insulin. This in turn causes cells to become insulin resistant. In short, there is a metabolic miscommunication in the body when leptin and insulin levels are continually disrupted, eventually leading to type 2 diabetes (Mercola.com).

Grave Health Implications

Those with type 2 diabetes are two to four times more likely to develop cardiovascular disease, and 80 percent of these

will die from it an estimated 12 to 14 years prematurely. Other repercussions include nerve damage, blindness, kidney failure, infections leading to amputations, and medical costs two to five times higher than those of the average person (International Journal of Health Sciences).

The steady rise in diabetes is to a large degree a manifestation of our flawed, modern society. Fueled by rapid urbanization, unhealthy foods and increasingly sedentary lifestyles, the rise in diabetes has closely paralleled that of obesity, as almost 90 percent of people with type 2 diabetes are overweight or obese. Some refer to this overlap as “diabesity” (U.S. National Library of Medicine).

Still, science fiddles while Rome burns, seeking the unlikely prospect of a cure via the pharmaceutical pipeline or a discovery that puts the blame squarely on genetics. Yet the “miracle cure” to diabetes might be as simple as changing your lifestyle.

Effective Diabetes Lifestyle Tips

Studies show that exercise may be one of the most powerful ways to control diabetes. It increases the number of insulin receptors in muscle and the sensitivity of the body to insulin, which releases the pancreas of the burden of constant insulin production. Exercise also results in the release of neurotransmitters and appetite-suppressing hormones that help forestall overeating (GreenMedInfo.com).

Nutritionally, you should eliminate *all* refined grains, sugars and processed foods, especially those made with fructose and high fructose corn syrup.

Michael Pollan, author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, advocates building your diet around real foods: fruits and vegetables supported by lean protein and a smaller consumption of whole grain carbohydrates.

This approach also stays clear of chemicals and genetically modified organisms, focusing on organic and sustainable principles of food.

What Can You Do?

Scientists have proved that even small amounts of weight loss (10 pounds or more) can reduce your blood sugar levels toward a healthy range and reduce the risk of diabetic complications. But further, you can actually reverse diabetes or come off medications altogether, according to Ann Albright, Ph.D., director of diabetes translation at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In one study, people with type 2 diabetes exercised about three hours a week and limited their calories to between 1,200 and 1,800 a day. Within a year, about 10 percent improved to where their blood sugar level was no longer in the diabetes range, and 15 to 20 percent were able to stop taking their diabetes medications altogether (WebMD.com).

All of this information adds up to great news: You don't have to be a part of the diabetes epidemic. But remember, your lifestyle will make or break you if you are a diabetic or prediabetic. Be mindful of your diet; resist temptation and stick to whole, unprocessed foods; and get your body moving to avoid becoming a statistic. Keep the door open to a healthy, abundant life. ■

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China's Hundred-Year Strategy

Beijing has a documented plan to be the premier global superpower by 2049. It's over halfway there. **BY ANDREW MILLER**

AMERICANS THINK IN FOUR-YEAR election cycles. Chinese leaders think in terms of centuries. Just leaf through the glossy, cream-colored, gold-flecked pages of *The Governance of China*. This anthology of political theories by Chinese President Xi Jinping is considered almost sacred scripture in Beijing.

Across 18 chapters about leading the most populous nation on the planet, Xi outlines his utopian vision for the Chinese people. In the world he describes, the Chinese are heirs to an ancient and unique civilization entitled to a privileged position among nations. In this world, China is an economic, cultural and military superpower, while the United States is no longer a major geopolitical power.

If the Chinese people dutifully follow the program their paramount leader has laid out in *The Governance of China*, Xi promises they can achieve what he terms the China Dream by the year 2049—exactly one century after the founding of the People's Republic of

China during the Chinese Communist Revolution.

Achieving the China Dream has become a trademark slogan of Xi's administration since he first publicly uttered the phrase in a November 2012 speech. When Xi refers to the China Dream, however, he isn't making empty political promises like so many Westerners assume. He is actually making a subtle reference to a geopolitical strategy. Nationalist hawks in the Chinese military have been pushing this strategy since the days of Chairman Mao Zedong.

In a book actually titled *The China Dream*, People's Liberation Army (PLA) Col. Liu Mingfu outlines a strategy for China to surpass and replace the United States as the world's premier superpower. This book is a bestseller in China. Only parts of it have been translated into English.

This book is where American defense policy adviser Michael Pillsbury first came across a specific written reference to the "Hundred-Year Marathon."

Strategic Lessons From History

Colonel Liu is now a scholar at China's National Defense University, an institution that trains future generals for the People's Liberation Army. His strategy for supplanting the United States as the global superpower calls on Chinese leaders to learn from history—particularly from the history of America's rise to superpower status in the 19th century, and from the Soviet Union's failure to replace America in the 20th century.

Liu writes that China should strive to avoid directly antagonizing the United States too soon as the Soviet Union did in the Cold War. Rather, he advises that China influence U.S. foreign policy in such a way as to ensure that Washington behaves like Great Britain in the early 20th century. What happened to Britain in the 20th century? It declined and gave way to the U.S.

"The competition between China and the United States will not take the form of a world war or a cold war," Liu writes in his book. "It will not be like a 'shoot-ing duel' or a 'boxing match' but more

like a ‘track and field’ competition. It will be like a protracted ‘marathon.’” Like many other Chinese nationalists, Liu foretells that China’s Hundred-Year Marathon will be a struggle for supremacy over economics, trade, currency, resources and geopolitical alignments.

Like President Xi, Colonel Liu estimates that it will take about a century for China to surpass America as the global superpower. He allots 30 years for China to match the U.S.’s gross domestic product, 30 years to match its military strength, and 30 years to equal its per capita GDP. Unlike Xi, Liu obviously considers this 100-year plan to have begun at some point after the 1949 Communist Revolution.

In fact, Colonel Liu is something of a latecomer to the idea of the Hun-

strategic lessons from China’s Warring States Period—an era between 475 and 221 B.C. when eight states warred against each other until they were conquered by the Qin dynasty. Many of the proverbs used in modern-day Chinese foreign policy originated during these struggles between states.

Perhaps the most famous proverb from this period is: *Never ask the weight of the emperor’s cauldrons.*

Ancient Chinese legend says the Kingdom of Chu was rising while the Kingdom of Zhou was declining. The leader of Chu knew that the Zhou dynasty had nine cauldrons symbolizing its authority. These cauldrons would be removed when the emperor of Zhou lost the “Mandate of Heaven.” So, while the leader of Chu was reviewing

By 2049, the Chinese economy is projected to be much larger than the U.S. economy—perhaps double or triple the size, according to some estimates. At that point, it will be easy to bring the Chinese military into compliance with the ancient Rites of Zhou by making it four times larger than America’s armed forces. Until then, China’s policy is to induce the old American emperor to sit back and enjoy the delicacies provided to him by his “loyal” Chinese allies!

Wielding the Assassin’s Mace

One ancient Chinese legend describes a warrior who confronts a powerful enemy who is said to be stronger than the strongest giant. Yet the warrior prevailed using a secret weapon: a *shashoujian*. This term combines three Chinese words meaning *hand*, *mace* and *kill*.

The assassin’s mace that this warrior used looked like any other mace, but it had the power to knock out any enemy with a single blow. In military histories, the term *shashoujian* has been referenced in Chinese texts since the Warring States Period. An “assassin’s mace” is any military strategy that allows a warrior to defeat a powerful foe using unconventional means.

In his book *The Hundred-Year Marathon: China’s Secret Strategy to Replace America as the Global Superpower*, Pillsbury recounts how he first came across the term “assassin’s mace.” He read an article by three of China’s preeminent military strategists that discussed new technologies that might contribute to defeating America without arousing the same level of suspicion that a Soviet-style arms race would.

The article called for the development of tactical laser weapons to be used in antiship missile defense systems, electromagnetic pulse weapons, radar-jamming technology and cyber weapons.

Maj. Gen. Li Zhiyun, the director of foreign military studies at China’s National Defense University, published an anthology of the works of 64 Chinese military authors. The anthology details a long list of U.S. military weaknesses vulnerable to exploitation by “assassin’s mace” technologies. The most prominent weaknesses listed are America’s overreliance on high-tech computer systems, satellite technology

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—PEOPLE’S LIBERATION ARMY COL. LIU MINGFU

dred-Year Marathon. Chinese author Zhao Tingyang published an essay in 2005 that is swiftly gaining mainstream acceptance in China. This essay, “The All-Under-Heaven System,” calls for the establishment of *Tianxia*—a Chinese-led empire that “values order over freedom, ethics over law, and elite governance over democracy and human rights.”

In a July 2012 interview with Michael Pillsbury, Zhao explained that the ancient Rites of Zhou mandated that a Chinese emperor have a 4-to-1 military superiority over his rivals to ensure his ability to enforce the All-Under-Heaven System.

Therefore, Chinese nationalists like Xi, Liu and Zhao admit that, in order to protect its growing economic empire, Beijing will eventually need a military force more powerful than any other!

Weighing the Emperor’s Cauldrons

A committee of 21 Chinese generals has sponsored the publication of a nine-book series titled *Strategic Lessons From China’s Ancient Past*. This series draws

his troops along with an ambassador from the declining Zhou dynasty, he couldn’t help but ask about the size of the Zhou emperor’s cauldrons. The ambassador from Zhou then scolded the leader of Chu for his impertinence. By asking the weight of the Zhou emperor’s cauldrons, he inadvertently revealed his true intention to challenge him—before the time was right for the “Mandate of Heaven” to be moved.

The lesson, in short: Don’t let your enemy know you’re his enemy until it’s too late for him to stop you.

During the Warring States Period, successful Chinese kingdoms often conquered rivals by inducing them into complacency. In some cases, rising challengers even duped the old emperor into unwittingly assisting their rise.

Based on this wisdom, the committee of generals has advised that the Chinese government should not challenge the U.S. by matching its military strength plane for plane, ship for ship. They advise China to hide its full strength until the “Mandate of Heaven” is officially moved.

and long maritime supply lines for ammunition, fuel and other resources for waging war.

The PLA is currently developing high-tech computer viruses, building antisatellite missiles, and militarizing the world's most important maritime choke points. China's generals are preparing to use the assassin's mace to strike America in its Achilles' heel should Washington ever wake up to China's true intentions.

Anticipating Europe's Response

Most American foreign-policy experts seem to think that nationalist generals are a fringe element in Chinese politics that should not be taken too seriously. Even if this had been true under the leadership of Hu Jintao, it certainly is no longer. President Xi is closely connected to the hawks in the PLA and has even borrowed their slogan, *fuxing zhi lu*—meaning “road to renewal.”

For eight years, the United States has been governed by a president who considers Anglo-American imperialism the world's greatest evil. While President Barack Obama may like to see China assume a seat at the table in a multipolar world, the leaders of China have no interest in sharing superpower

status with America.

Xi Jinping and the nationalist generals of China well remember the admonition of the ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius: “There cannot be two suns in the sky, nor two emperors on the Earth.”

The clock ticks toward Chinese

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global domination in 2049. While U.S. leaders seem willingly blind to this fact, there is a cabal of technocrats in Europe that is aware that time is running out. Since Adolf Hitler's defeat at the end of the Second World War, this cabal has worked to unify the European continent into a corporatist superstate capable of rivaling the U.S. and China on the world scene.

The geopolitical architects behind the European Union are waking up to the fact that even a pan-European superstate won't have enough economic power to thwart China's Hundred-Year Plan. A Citigroup report forecast that Western Europe will

only account for 7 percent of the global economy by 2050, while “developing Asia” will account for 49 percent.

To reverse this trend toward European decline, corporatist technocrats are pushing for the merger of U.S. and EU economies. A Transatlantic

Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), currently being negotiated in secret by American bureaucrats and European technocrats, would create an “economic NATO” with a combined economy valued at around \$35 trillion. Such a transatlantic economic alliance would have the economic and geopolitical might to rival the Chinese empire.

Yet this path to geopolitical power comes at a dear price. In addition to establishing a free-trade area, the TTIP would harmonize U.S. and EU regulations governing industrial standards, labor laws and intellectual property rights. To enforce these

One Man to Rule a Billion

FIFTY YEARS AGO, CHINESE DICTATOR MAO ZEDONG unleashed his Red Guards against members of his own Chinese Communist Party accused of having capitalist sympathies. This paramilitary group of Chinese youth carried out mass killings in Beijing and other major Chinese cities in the name of Mao Zedong and Communist orthodoxy. In the southern region of Guangxi, these violent pogroms escalated to the point of cannibalism—with teenagers killing their school principals and eating them in celebration of their triumph over “counter-revolutionaries.”

While there is no official count of the number of people murdered during these purges, historians estimate that millions—even 30 million or more—may have perished in the decade-long Cultural Revolution that began in May 1966.

The bloodbath of the Cultural Revolution was so horrific that Chinese leaders amended the country's Constitution in 1982 to prohibit one-man rule after Mao's death. Instead of being governed by the whims of the chairman of the Communist Party, the government is now allegedly run by the collective will of the Standing Committee of the Politburo—a group composed of five to nine top Communist officials.

Disturbing reports out of Beijing, however, indicate that the Communist Party is abandoning this collective leadership model. President Xi Jinping has consolidated more power than any Chinese leader since Mao. He has assumed seven top government positions. He is the general secretary of the Communist Party, the president of the People's Republic of China, the chairman of the Central Military Commission, the chairman of the Central National Security Commission, the head of the Joint Operations Command Center, the leader of the Central Leading Group for Military Reform, the leader of the Central Leading Group for Comprehensively Deepening Reforms, and the leader of the Central Leading Group for Internet Security and Informatization.

At least seven provincial-level party bosses have publicly proclaimed Xi as the “core leader” of China. This title hasn't been used in China since the retirement of Deng Xiaoping in 1989, and it is widely seen as a sign indicating a Maoist-style cult of personality.

While ultimate power in China still rests with the Standing Committee of the Politburo, Xi has reduced the number of people on this committee from nine to seven and has used

regulations, the European Commission is insisting on an Investor-State Dispute Settlement Mechanism. Such a mechanism would bypass domestic courts and override the will of national legislatures. It would subject the U.S. to the same type of authoritarian, technocratic regulations that member states of the European Union endure!

The Real 'Mandate of Heaven'

Most politicians would scoff at the idea that there is a God in heaven who gives power unto kings. Yet it is true. "[T]he most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. ... Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing" (Daniel 4:17; Isaiah 40:15).

The fact that Britain has fallen from greatness and that China is eclipsing America does not escape God. We must see such seismic global power shifts with His perspective. In the end, the problems afflicting America and Britain are actually *correction from God* to help the Anglo-American people see their sins and repent. Because a spirit of lawlessness and rebellion has taken hold in

Anglo-America, God will send foreign enemies to *punish* America and Britain!

The Bible describes a time of "great tribulation" for the Anglo-American people in astonishing detail. Neither America nor Britain will willingly surrender sovereignty to the cabal of technocratic corporatists who run the EU. Instead, as the Prophet Isaiah forecast over 2,700 years ago, a German-led European superstate will betray America and Britain by forming a short-lived economic alliance with the nations of Asia, including China, Russia and Japan. This anti-American alliance will literally besiege the United States and Britain—economically freezing them out of world trade.

The Prophet Daniel foretells that when this siege has weakened America and Britain to the point of complete societal breakdown, the king of the German-led superstate will break his alliance with the kings of Asia and unilaterally invade North America. With the economies of America and Britain forcibly integrated into Europe's technocratic dictatorship, this German-led empire will have power to rival China and its Asian allies. The Chinese generals can talk about not asking the weight of the emperor's cauldrons, but the German

General Staff uses a different military strategy: **BLITZKRIEG!**

With the Anglo-American people enslaved and the vast economic resources of North America at its disposal, the German empire will still only have a short window of time to stop Asia's rise. The Apostle John prophesies in the book of Revelation that this German-led, Catholic empire will launch a preemptive military strike against the kings of Asia. Just like Kaiser Wilhelm II launched a preemptive strike designed to halt Russia's ascension to superpower status during World War I, this German empire will strike out in a desperate attempt to thwart China's Hundred-Year Plan.

To counter this attack, the Bible foretells that Russia and China will amass an army of 200 million men!

Every human being would actually face extinction in a devastating nuclear war between Europe and Asia, unless Jesus Christ Himself intervenes in world affairs (Matthew 24:22). Fortunately, the Bible records a definitive promise from God that Jesus Christ will intervene to end this madness. After accumulating 6,000 years of evil and suffering, the human race will finally be ready to listen to God and be taught His way of life! ■

his political influence to ensure that these seven people are all members of his own inner circle. Only three years into Xi's presidency, the Standing Committee of the Politburo issued a public statement demanding unwavering loyalty to the person of Xi Jinping.

In addition to practically anointing Xi as "Chairman of Everything," the Chinese government is financing a media campaign designed to update Xi's image for the social-media generation. Officials from the Communist Party of China have hired Sameh al-Shahat, the founder of British communications consultancy China-i Ltd., to advise them on how to produce publicity films to promote Xi to younger audiences.

This government-sponsored propaganda campaign relies heavily on Mao-era imagery, prompting worries of an emerging cult of personality and a coming era of dictatorial rule!

As China approaches the final stages of its planned

"hundred-year marathon" toward global domination, it is reverting to the one-man leadership model it had during the 1949 Communist Revolution. If this consolidation of power continues unabated, Xi Jinping could emerge as a political figure whose role in history outweighs that of Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping combined!

ANDREW MILLER



REVOLUTION Students march with copies of Mao's Little Red Book in 1966.



MAO ZEDONG

An illustration in a brown, sketch-like style showing three men from the chest up. They are positioned in front of a stylized representation of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, including its iconic cooling towers. The man on the left has a mustache and is smiling. The man in the center has a serious expression. The man on the right is also serious. The background is a light, hazy orange.

Three Men Who Saved Millions

Chernobyl could have been a far worse disaster, but for the sacrifice of these heroes most of us have never heard of. BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

THIS YEAR MARKED THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE nuclear power plant disaster that devastated Chernobyl, Ukraine. On April 26, 1986, employees conducted a systems test that triggered two explosions and fires at one of the plant's four nuclear reactors. The reactor melted down, and the resulting disaster was the worst nuclear power plant accident in history, both in costs and casualties.

The explosion released 400 times more radiation than the atomic bomb that exploded over Hiroshima, affecting parts or all of Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Poland and the Baltic nations. Dozens of people died immediately, and, in the aftermath, tens of thousands more. Hundreds of thousands of others were scarred for life. Experts say the long-term death count from the radiation poisoning is still growing 30 years after the catastrophe.

The Chernobyl disaster was horrific beyond words. But without the effort and the sacrifice of three individuals, it would have been horrific times horrific.

Racing Toward a Second Explosion

On May 1, 1986, just five days after the explosion, Soviet authorities at Chernobyl made a terrifying discovery: The core of the reactor that had exploded was still melting down. The core contained 185 tons of nuclear material, and the nuclear reaction was continuing at an alarming rate.

Beneath those 185 tons of melting nuclear material was a 5 million-gallon pool. The water was used as coolant for the power plant, and the only thing between the melting reactor core and the water was a thick concrete slab. The melting core was slowly burning through that slab, descending toward the water in a smoldering flow of molten radioactive metal.

When that white-hot, melting reactor core touched the water, it would trigger a thermonuclear explosion. The death toll would make the first Chernobyl blast look almost insignificant.

Journalist Stephen McGinty wrote, "This would trigger a nuclear explosion that, so Soviet physicists calculated, would vaporize the fuel in the three other reactors, level 200 square kilometers [77 square miles], destroy Kiev, contaminate the water supply used by 30 million people, and render northern Ukraine uninhabitable for more than a century" (*The Scotsman*, March 16, 2011).

The 2009 School of Russian and Asian Studies had an even bleaker assessment: If the melting core reached the water, the resulting explosion "would have wiped out half of Europe and made Europe, Ukraine, and parts of Russia uninhabitable for approximately 500,000 years."

The experts on hand saw that the melting core was devouring that concrete slab, burning through it—getting closer to the water with each passing minute.

Engineers rapidly drew up a plan to prevent the other three reactors from exploding. Three men in scuba gear would dive through the flooded chambers of Reactor 4. When they reached the cooling pool, they would locate a pair of gate valves and twist them open, allowing the water to drain out completely before the melting reactor core made contact.

For the millions of Soviets and Europeans who would be killed, maimed, scarred and otherwise affected by the impending detonation, it was a good plan.

But for the three divers, it was not a good plan. The water beneath the slowly melting Reactor 4 was the worst place on the planet to touch. Everyone knew that anyone who went down into that radioactive brew would live long enough to do the job, and that was about it.

The Chernobyl Three

The Soviet authorities explained the impending second

explosion, the plan to stop it, and the consequences: certain imminent death by radiation poisoning.

Three men stepped forward.

Three men volunteered, knowing it would probably be the last thing they did. They were a senior engineer, a mid-level engineer, and a shift supervisor. The shift supervisor's job was to hold an underwater lamp so the two engineers could identify the valves they needed to shut.

The next day, the Chernobyl three suited up and dove into the fatal pool.

The pool was totally dark, and the supervisor's waterproof diving light was reportedly dim and periodically flickered out.

Groping in the murky dark, the search was fruitless. The divers wanted out of the radioactive swim as soon as possible: every minute submerged was another minute that isotopes freely ravaged their bodies. But they had not yet located the drain valves. So they kept searching, even though the dive light could fail at any moment, letting the darkness close in.

The light did burn out, but it was just after its beam crossed a pipe. The two engineers spotted it. They knew it led to the valves they were looking for.

The three divers swam in the dark to where they had seen the pipe. They grabbed onto it, and climbed along, hand over hand. There was no light. There was no protection from the radioactive ionization destroying their bodies. But there, in the darkness, were the two gate valves that would save millions.

The divers twisted them open, and the water began rushing out. The pool rapidly began to drain.

When these three men surfaced, their job was done. Workers and soldiers embraced them as the heroes they were. Reports say the men were literally jumping for joy.

Over the next day, all 5 million gallons of radioactive water drained out from beneath Reactor 4. By the time the melting core above devoured its way through to the pool, the water was gone. There was no second explosion.

The analyses conducted in the aftermath of this dive all agree: If the trio had not dived in and drained the pool, a history-altering second explosion would have claimed and affected hundreds of thousands, or even millions of other people.

The lives of hundreds of thousands were saved by three men.

Within a few days, those three began to experience inevitable and unmistakable symptoms: radiation sickness. Within weeks, all three had died.

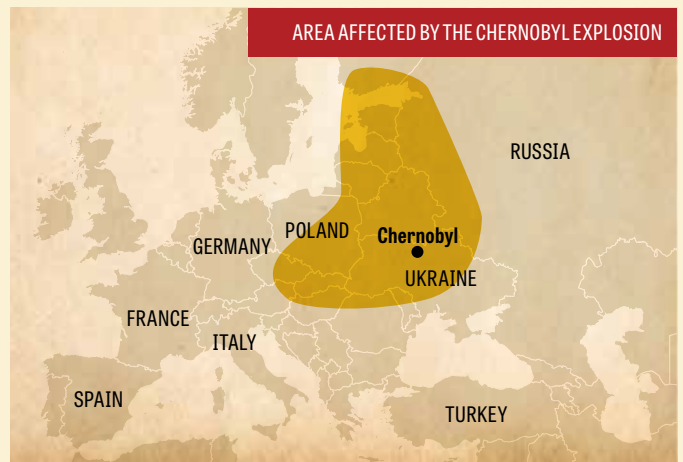
They were buried in lead coffins, the lids soldered shut. Even in death, their bodies remained saturated with radioactivity.

Many heroes have done great deeds for others, with only a slim chance of survival for themselves. But these three men knew that there was *no chance* for them. They were staring down into the waters of certain death. And in they dove.

Their names were Alexei Ananenko, Valeri Bespalov and Boris Baranov. ■

**“Greater love hath no man
than this, that a man lay down
his life for his friends.”**

—JOHN 15:13



The Chernobyl Three

By David B. Brandon

*At Chernobyl, man strove to yoke the earth,
and bend the primal elements of it
until they cracked with pure atomic power.
And then the yoke came loose, and all was chaos.*

*A continent lay sleeping, unaware
that in the frozen north a molten stream
crept ceaselessly toward apocalypse.
Let it touch water, and a poisoned cloud
of steam would pour into the sky above,
an upraised scythe to reach the whole of Europe.*

*The workers, soldiers, firefighters, all
knew that the plant was poised to blow again.
One valve would stop it, but the way was long.
No man who went into the plant would live.*

*Three men came forward from the group to volunteer.
Three men to stand between a continent
and certain doom. No statues would be theirs.
Just six feet by four feet of permafrost,
three lead-lined coffins, and their duty done.*

*Death does not always come in fire and blood.
A brave man stands and does his duty well
when he is called upon to face the sword.
But take away the sword, and send him doom
slow-creeping, with a taste of bitter iron,
and pins and needles prickling at the skin—
the heartiest might quail. But not that day.*

*In Kiev and Prague, grandmothers walk the streets
and see their children's children play around them
because the three of Chernobyl gave all.
And somewhere in a quiet Russian field,
three lie at rest, their duty to mankind
now done.*



BARACK OBAMA
U.S. PRESIDENT
May 19, 2011

“[W]e have witnessed an extraordinary change taking place in the Middle East and North Africa. ... There must be no doubt that the United States of America welcomes change that advances self-determination and opportunity. Yes, there will be perils that accompany this moment of promise. But after decades of accepting the world as it is in the region, we have a chance to pursue the world as it should be.”



HILLARY CLINTON
U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE
During a visit to Tripoli
on Oct. 18, 2011

“On behalf of the American people and government, our congratulations, our best wishes to the Libyan people for what, through great hardship, sacrifice and courage, they have achieved in opening the door to a more promising future for Libya after 42 years of the Gadhafi dictatorship.”



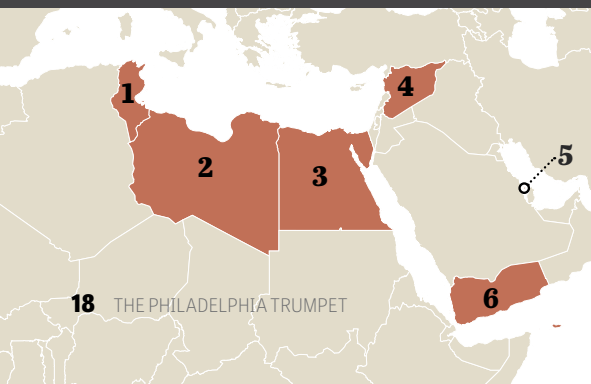
JOHN KERRY
U.S. SENATOR
Feb. 11, 2011, following President
Hosni Mubarak's resignation

“This is an extraordinary moment for Egypt. Courageous and peaceful demands for freedom and opportunity have now won the Egyptian people a chance at a new beginning. Now the hard work intensifies to prepare for free and fair elections that will allow the people to choose a broadly representative and responsive government.”

THE ARAB SPRING FIVE YEARS ON

UPRISING Anti-government protests fill Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, on Feb. 10, 2011.

Five years ago, millions of people filled streets across the Middle East and North Africa demanding revolution. Many in the Western world celebrated the progress and freedom that were sure to follow. But five years later, has the Arab Spring improved life for these millions? Did the revolutions stabilize the region and the world? Or was this an Arab Winter?



1 | TUNISIA The 'success story'

On Dec. 17, 2010, Mohamed Bouazizi set fire to himself to protest unemployment and police harassment after authorities confiscated his fruit stand. This was the spark that lit the Arab Spring. Tunisian protests soon forced Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the nation's dictator of 25 years, from power. Though the nation has experienced its first free elections, tumult, terrorism and human rights abuses persist. Nevertheless, in 2015, Freedom House said Tunisia had become democratic and free. Despite ongoing uncertainty, Tunisia is considered the only relative “success story” of the bleak Arab Spring.



CHAOS Libyans flee air strikes in 2011.

33 Percent of Middle Easterners who admit to having paid a bribe in the last year in order to access water, medicine or education

2 | LIBYA Collapsed into chaos

In February 2011, Libyans marched in the streets demanding the ouster of Muammar Qadhafi. Qadhafi responded with a violent crackdown. The United Nations Security Council turned on the dictator and authorized air strikes against his forces. After six months and thousands of deaths, UN-aided rebels took the capital of Tripoli. Qadhafi fled but was captured and killed. Libya has since collapsed into chaos. All governments that have attempted to stabilize the nation have been rent asunder by rebels, foreign interventions and various militias, many of which fly the banners of the Islamic State or al Qaeda. Some 500,000 Libyans have fled the country; 430,000 are displaced within the nation; and 2.5 million need humanitarian assistance.

4 | SYRIA Sunken into the abyss

Inspired by uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt, protests against Syrian President Bashar Assad began in March 2011. Within four months, the conflict had escalated into full civil war. From there, Syria quickly became a proxy war, with Russia and Iran backing Assad while Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar back rebel forces. Dozens of belligerent groups have entered the fray. Taking advantage of the chaos and separating themselves from al Qaeda, the Islamic State declared rule over large areas where it routinely carries out the most barbaric carnage imaginable. Since the uprisings began, an estimated 250,000 people have been killed, and 65,000 more are missing. Half of the nation's population, 11 million people, has been displaced. The worst refugee crisis since World War II has resulted as 4.5 million people have fled Syria altogether. In addition to the region's bloodiest conflict and heinous crimes being committed on a mass scale, those who remain in Syria also face a full-blown humanitarian crisis, 44 percent inflation rates, negative GDP growth rates, and stratospheric unemployment.



CIVILIAN TARGETS
Volunteers rescue Syrian residents from a building hit by an air strike.

80

Percent of those surveyed who believe the level of corruption in their nation has risen in the last year

3 | EGYPT More autocratic than before

On Feb. 11, 2011, longtime strongman Hosni Mubarak resigned and transferred power to the nation's army after being targeted by violent protests and abandoned by the United States and other Western allies. Egypt's voters elected the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood's political wing, Mohamed Morsi. But after he unveiled a draft constitution granting himself nearly unlimited power, Morsi too was ousted. The military took over again and cracked down on the Brotherhood. In 2014, armed forces chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi became president. Under Sisi, Egypt is again under military rule and facing a more repressive atmosphere than at any time during the Mubarak regime. Suppression of student organizations and independent civil society groups has reached levels not seen in five decades. By the start of 2016, the government had arrested 16,000 people and killed more than 2,500. The nation's vital tourism industry is reeling, and government debt levels are soaring. With 9 percent annual inflation, Egypt's currency is in sharp decline. Every year since the revolution, the budget deficit has exceeded 10 percent. Unemployment hovers around 13 percent—26 percent for youth.

6 | YEMEN Leaderless country

"The hopes and dreams of Yemen's youth have been crushed," wrote Omar Mashjari in the February 2016 *Fair Observer*. This crushing started in November 2011, when after 33 years of rule, Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh succumbed to protests and stepped down. Protesters in the streets were optimistic about the nation's future. Former Vice President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi became president. Yet Saleh remained in Yemen and used some of the millions he had pilfered from government coffers over the years to buy the loyalty of parts of Yemen's military. From there, he allied himself with his former enemy, the Iranian-backed Houthis, in order to exact revenge on the Hadi government that had replaced him. The country collapsed in 2015, with the government torn apart by the various competing militias and rebels and by foreign interventions. Hadi fled in February 2015, leaving Yemen leaderless, fragmented and desperate. Sectarian violence there rages on.

5 | BAHRAIN More dictatorial than ever

In February and March 2011, hundreds of thousands on the island kingdom of Bahrain protested against the ruling Khalifa family. Government forces violently broke up demonstrations, killing dozens and jailing hundreds. While demonstrations have subsided, unrest still continues between the Shia majority and the Sunni-led monarchy. Authorities continue cracking down on dissent with brutal force, jailing opposition figures and journalists, and routinely torturing and killing prisoners. As with Egypt, experts agree that Bahrain is now more dictatorial than before the protests began. The uprisings also cost the nation's economy over \$2 billion, decreased the GDP by \$391 million, and reduced public finance by \$690 million.



RAGING Tunisian protesters clash with security forces in January.

Scientist, Astronomer, Mathematician— and **Father of Nations**

The fact that ancient records speak of a scientist among the Chaldeans who had a special relationship with 'the mighty God' isn't coincidence. **BY ANDREW MILLER**



HISTORY RECORDS A MAN WHO lived 10 generations after a great Flood who used celestial science to prove the existence of God. This wealthy and influential ruler became a key figure in the history of ancient Austria. He was a skilled scientist, astronomer and mathematician. His astronomical discoveries shook the foundations of Babylonian religion. He heavily influenced not only Austrian culture, but also Egyptian scientific thought. He led armies that altered the course of Assyrian history.

And all this took place BEFORE he became the forefather of the Arab, Turk and Israelite peoples!

This man's name was Abraham. Yes, the astounding evidence of both biblical and secular history proves that the patriarch Abraham was not only real; he exerted a tremendous effect on the ENTIRE ANCIENT WORLD! This influence is recounted in the writings of the Jewish historian Josephus, the Babylonian historian Berossus, the Roman historian Eusebius and in the medieval *Austrian Chronicle*.

Before the philosophy of German rationalism took root in modern education in the 19th century, secular histories regarding biblical patriarchs were widely taught. Based on the record of Berossus and other ancient historians, many books were written by scholars in the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th centuries that recounted the lives of Noah, Shem, Nimrod, Abraham, Moses and many others.

These ancient records reveal that Abraham used mathematics and astronomy to discredit the pagan priesthood of his time, and to PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF THE ONE TRUE GOD.

Assyrio-Babylonian Empire

Abraham was born in the city of Ur, in the land of the Chaldees, sometime around the year 1996 B.C. (James Ussher, *Annals of the World*, A.D. 1650). This

city was then part of the world-ruling Assyrio-Babylonian Empire. While modern historians often downplay the impact of the old Assyrio-Babylonian Empire, the Roman historian Velleius Paterculus lists this kingdom as the first world empire.

Quoting an earlier source in his book *Roman History*, Paterculus writes, “Between this time [when Rome conquered Macedon] and the beginning of the reign of Ninus, king of the Assyrians, *who was the first to hold world power*, lies an interval of nineteen hundred and ninety-five years” (emphasis added).

Rome conquered Macedonia during the middle of the second century before Christ, so King Ninus probably began his hold on world power sometime during the 22nd century B.C.

This was less than 200 years before Abraham’s birth.

Ninus is identified in the first-century *Recognitions of Clement* as the biblical Nimrod. The Bible records that Nimrod became the post-Flood world’s first emperor by protecting people from wild animals and gathering them into cities such as Babel, Erech and Accad (Genesis 10:8-12).

This biblical passage also records that Asshur, forefather of the Assyrians, went out of Babel and founded Nineveh. As the context of these verses indicates, however, it was Nimrod who led Asshur out of Babel and who actually supervised the construction of Nineveh (the city of Ninus).

Greek historian Diodorus of Sicily wrote his *Bibliotheca Historica* sometime between 60 and 30 B.C. He records that Ninus and his wife Semiramis ruled an empire stretching from Libya to the borders of India. Yet they rebelled against God and set up a pagan religion based on the worship of the sun and the fiery serpent associated with it.

Babylonian Mystery Religion

The pagan Babylonian priesthood publicly taught the masses to believe that the sun, moon, stars and planets were gods. Semiramis was identified with the planet Venus, while Nimrod was honored as the sun god. These priests used their knowledge of astronomy to predict the movements of the heavenly

bodies, deceiving the masses into thinking they could communicate with the gods of the Babylonian pantheon (Israel Smith Clare, *The Standard History of the World*, Vol. 1).

As Nimrod and Semiramis expanded their kingdom, they ran into opposition from Noah’s son Shem. An ancient tradition relates that the apostates who joined in the rebellion of Nimrod made war against Shem and his followers. Shem is said to have obtained the aid of a group of Egyptians to overcome Nimrod. After Shem killed Nimrod, he had his body cut into pieces, and the pieces sent to various areas as a warning against idolatry (Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*).

Shem’s actions, however, only temporarily halted the spread of idolatry. As Herbert W. Armstrong noted in *Mystery of the Ages*, “The religion started by Semiramis was carried into the different nations in the language of each. Semiramis and Nimrod were also identified with the names Isis and Osiris in Egypt. Each nation had its own names for its gods. But the whole labyrinth of pagan religions developed from that which originated with Semiramis.”

In the province of Sumeria, Semiramis was worshiped as the goddess Inanna, the morning and evening star. Nimrod was called Dumuzid, a god who was a precursor of the Babylonian Tammuz.

According to a list of Assyrian kings that Sextus Julius Africanus recorded in his early third century A.D. *Chronographiai*, Nimrod’s father, Cush, ruled 55 years. Nimrod ruled 52 years after his father’s death, and Semiramis ruled 42 years after Nimrod’s death.

Taking into account evidence of a joint reign between Nimrod and Cush, it becomes evident that Abraham was likely born around the end of the reign of Empress Semiramis. Ctesias of Cnidus, a Greek physician in the court of the Persian king Artaxerxes II, records that Semiramis was killed in a palace coup led by her son Ninyas after she returned from a failed invasion of India.

This was the political climate into which Abraham was born.

Chief Scientist of the Chaldeans

Now consider the record of the ancient

Babylonian historian Berossus: “In the tenth generation after the Flood, there was among the Chaldeans a man righteous and great, and skillful in the celestial science.” While Berossus doesn’t give this great scientist a name, the first-century Jewish historian Josephus tells us Berossus was writing about Abraham, the same man recorded by the Bible.

Josephus mentions that the Greek historian Hecataeus of Abdera wrote an entire book of the accomplishments of Abraham (*Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 1, Chapter VII). Since Hecataeus was a scholar during the time of the Ptolemaic dynasty in Egypt, it can be assumed that his book on Abraham was lost when the royal Library of Alexandria was burned.

There is even an ancient Jewish hymn cited by Clement of Alexandria about “a certain unique man, an offshoot from far back of the race of the Chaldeans.” This man was “knowledgeable about the path of the star and how the movement of the sphere goes around the Earth, both in circular fashion, but each on its own axis.” The poem related that this scientist of the Chaldeans was the only man of his era to see Zeus, “the ruler of mortal men.”

Of course, ancient Greek poets tended to call the chief god of any religion by the name Zeus. The fact that this poem speaks of a Chaldean scientist who had a special relationship with “the mighty God” isn’t coincidence!

The fourth-century Roman historian Eusebius cited an earlier source by a man named Eupolemus: *Concerning the Jews of Assyria*. Quoting this source, Eusebius says Abraham “surpassed all men in nobility and wisdom, who was also the inventor of astronomy and the Chaldaic art, and pleased God well by his zeal towards religion.”

As a young man, Abraham “determined to renew and to change the opinion all men happened then to have concerning God; for he was the first that ventured to publish this notion, that there was but one God, the Creator of the Universe” (Josephus, op cit).

Abraham was teaching the people of Chaldea about the ONE TRUE CREATOR!

BANKRUPT Venezuelans form lines before sunrise to buy basic foodstuffs.



redistributed them to his loyal yet incompetent supporters.

Venezuela faces acute shortages of food staples, cash and other basic commodities. A black market is thriving, and corruption is rampant. There has been an outbreak of violent crime and looting. The nation's health-care system is collapsing; its economy is free-falling; prices are skyrocketing; and Venezuelans are suffering.

In an effort to calm some of the tension, the Venezuelan government raised the minimum wage by 30 percent. Yet the extra cash won't bring much actual buying power, if any. The

boost won't quite keep pace with the current inflation rate of 180 percent. It will certainly fall short of next year's rate, which is projected to increase by 1,642 percent. Venezuela's fiscal deficit is estimated at about 20 percent of gross domestic product.

Venezuela's crisis is almost identical to Zimbabwe's during the decade of the 2000s, when hyperinflation led to severe cash shortages, selling hard cash via wire transfer at an exorbitant premium, the relentless printing of trillions of Zimbabwean dollars, and ultimately, the collapse of the Zimbabwean currency in 2008. Rival political parties were then compelled to coalesce into a power-sharing government in 2009. The Zimbabwean dollar was replaced by multiple foreign currencies, including the United States dollar, the British pound, the South African rand and the Chinese yuan. No longer could the nation function without heavy foreign influence and exploitation.

Some analysts say Venezuela is treading a similar path toward hyperinflation.

"Hyperinflation means that the currency has lost its value, people have to go to the stores with bags full of money, and prices rise almost by the hour," said Robert Rennhack, an International Monetary Fund official. "What we saw in previous cases of hyperinflation

Lessons From a Broken Land

Venezuela is becoming a failed state.

What will it be after it falls? **BY ANTHONY CHIBARIRWE**

VENEZUELA IS THE ZIMBABWE OF Latin America. As a native of Zimbabwe, I can say that from personal experience.

Both nations have tremendous wealth potential. Zimbabwe has rich soils, an advantageous climate and abundant mineral wealth. It was once the breadbasket of Africa. Across the South Atlantic, Zimbabwe's Latin American counterpart is also rich in natural resources. It once supplied about 5 percent of the world's oil; its oil reserves are the largest in the world.

Today, both nations have little to show for all their natural wealth. Instead, they have become the poster children for some of the most embarrassing and disastrous consequences of socialist policies.

The Legacy of Chavismo

Nationalization of businesses and the consequent erosion of investor confidence, government subsidies and the

subsequent "remedies" of money printing, price fixing and complicated currency controls produced nightmares. This was the "21st-century socialism" of former Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez and his successor, President Nicolás Maduro.

In Venezuela, cell phone service providers have suspended long-distance calls. In May, Coca-Cola FEMSA suspended all production in Venezuela because of a sugar shortage. Toilet paper is now scarce. In April, state employees were awarded two months of three-day weekends in order to conserve electricity. Then the government added in two extra rest days per week. The government plans to create a new time zone to help save electricity. Women have been asked to not blow-dry their hair. It's almost laughable were it not indicative of bigger problems.

Like the Robert Mugabe regime in Zimbabwe, the Chávez administration appropriated productive farms and

in Latin America is that there was a political consensus that policies had to change.” Syndicated columnist Andrés Oppenheimer noted, “[N]o Latin American government in recent memory has been able to survive a hyperinflationary crisis. When you reach five-digit inflation rates, governments either make a dramatic political U-turn, or they fall” (April 20).

Venezuela's Fate

For relief, Zimbabwe implemented a “look East” policy—a marriage of convenience of sorts with a culturally distant China. Venezuela may implement a similar policy, but, unlike Zimbabwe, it has other options. Perhaps the only major distinction that separates Venezuela from Zimbabwe is that, like most Latin American nations, it has strong European and Roman Catholic roots. The stakes—and the likely solutions—for Venezuela and Latin America are significantly different.

It appears Venezuelans have had enough of the socialist regimes of Chávez and Maduro. They have taken to the streets to demand a recall referendum on Maduro's presidency.

“Another day, another protest in Caracas,” wrote the *Guardian's* Latin America correspondent Jonathan Watts. “President Nicolás Maduro remains defiant that Venezuela will not be the next left-wing domino to fall in Latin America, but he may not have a choice” (May 19).

Opposition leaders see Venezuela as a ticking time bomb, as flag-waving protesters chant, “The government will fall.” But to Maduro, the referendum is “not viable,” and his government has deployed security forces to block the protests.

As more and more Venezuelans express frustration at Maduro, the nation's military may be forced to pick a side.

May 21-22, President Maduro presided over Venezuela's largest military exercises in its history, just a week after he declared a 60-day state of emergency for what he called a looming invasion from the United States. The state heightened alarm by alleging that U.S. spy planes had illegally entered Venezuela's airspace. “We're as ready for an invasion as we've ever been,”

Maduro said on May 21. Half a million personnel participated in the exercises.

But the idea that the Obama administration was planning to launch a war against Venezuela is ridiculous. This was a theatrical effort to increase popular support for Maduro and stave off efforts to remove him from office. “The government is looking to victimize itself to both the international community and its own followers,” Rocio San Miguel, the director of the Citizens' Control security firm, explained. “They're looking for a distraction to buy time, and there's no better distraction than the military one.”

Perhaps Maduro hopes a military show of force may also have a certain chilling effect on disgruntled citizens. Yet even Venezuelan soldiers and officers are not immune to the upheaval in their country.

So which side will the military pick?

Over the years, the Venezuelan military has been purged of antisocialist elements, and its most powerful leaders have become intrinsically connected to the Maduro administration. Regardless, Venezuelan history professor Margarita López Maya assessed that Venezuelan soldiers unconnected to corruption networks were feeling the same hardships as the average Venezuelan. Case in point: Venezuela's *El Nacional* newspaper reported May 1 that six Venezuelan soldiers had been arrested for stealing goats. The director of the Latin America Economic Growth Initiative at the Atlantic Council, Jason Marczak, noted, “It's not a good sign when your military doesn't have enough food, and when the military has been relegated to guarding and protecting food lines.” This is among the evidence suggesting that at least a major segment of the military would support Maduro's ouster.

Venezuelan opposition leader and governor of the state of Miranda, Henrique Capriles, announced on May 18: “I tell the armed forces: The hour of truth is coming, to decide whether you are with the Constitution or with Maduro.” Observers like Cynthia Arnson, director of the Wilson Center's Latin American Program, believe Capriles never would have made such a statement “if there wasn't a section of the military willing to stand up for the Constitution and oppose the slide into authoritarianism.”

The Vatican Connection

In January 2015, the Roman Catholic Church's Venezuelan Episcopal Conference sharply criticized the Venezuelan government and blamed the nation's economic malaise on a “politico-economic system of a socialist, Marxist or Communist nature.”

If Maduro's regime collapses, we can expect people like Capriles to fill the leadership void in Venezuela. He leads the *Primero Justicia* party, one of the opposition parties that formed a united coalition to challenge the party of Chávez and Maduro. The opposition coalition already has a supermajority in Venezuela's National Assembly.

Capriles is a staunch Catholic, educated at the Catholic University in Caracas. He had challenged Chávez and Maduro in the presidential elections of October 2012 and April 2013 respectively. While campaigning for the 2013 elections, he stated that the first thing he would do after winning is pay homage to the Virgin Mary. In November 2013, Capriles had a private audience with Pope Francis, in which he pleaded for the Vatican's intervention in Venezuela's political crisis.

The Catholic Church's history of mediation in political affairs and influence in national outcomes must have given Capriles reason for confidence. Adding to his confidence was the fact that Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin served as apostolic nuncio (ambassador) to Venezuela from 2009 to 2013. “I'm sure that Msgr. Parolin can help greatly, using his new position here at the Vatican to promote dialogue in our country,” said Capriles in 2013. During his tenure as the Vatican's top diplomat to Venezuela, Parolin experienced all the church-state tension that came with Chávez's socialist revolution.

Though Chávez didn't get along with the Vatican, Maduro is not nearly as antagonistic. Pope Francis received Maduro during a visit in July 2013. This relationship positions the Vatican perfectly for a mediation role in Venezuela.

In April this year, the Venezuelan Episcopal Conference warned that the situation in Venezuela was “very grave.” Following that assessment, Pope Francis wrote Maduro a letter urging him

to find a solution. The Vatican did not reveal the letter's contents but said that "the pope follows the situation with a lot of attention and participation."

Regional 'Participants'

Venezuela's neighbors in Latin America have increasingly voiced their opposition to Maduro's rule. The secretary general of the 35-member Organization of American States, Luis Almagro, urged Maduro to allow the recall referendum. "To deny the people that vote," he said, "to deny them the possibility of deciding, would make you just a petty dictator like so many this hemisphere has."

Recent political transitions in Latin America have hurt Maduro's fortunes. Old ally and former Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner was replaced by current President Mauricio Macri, who announced in May that the situation in Venezuela cannot remain as it is and that Maduro should make way for a replacement. In Brazil, the suspension of President Dilma Rousseff has opened up more criticism of Maduro. In early June, a senior Brazilian official said his nation would block Venezuela from taking the rotating presidency of the five-member Mercosur trade bloc in an effort to prevent Maduro from solidifying his grip on power.

Some of Venezuela's biggest critics in Latin America, like President Macri, have close ties to Europe. German-Foreign-Policy.com noted that all current cabinet members in Brazil are "descended from former European colonial elites" (June 2; *Trumpet* translation).

The Holy Roman Empire

Across the Atlantic, other nations with strong ties to Latin America are just as concerned about Venezuela. Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel García-Margallo said in May that "the EU cannot remain impassive in the face of these events." He added, "The latent threat of a social explosion demands that we act and that we become involved in finding a solution to the humanitarian crisis and the political crisis."

Germany, the EU's most powerful nation, has been very assertive in its efforts to take advantage of the crises in Venezuela and other Latin American nations. During a visit to Argentina in

February, Minister of State in the Foreign Ministry Maria Böhmer declared that Argentina's political transformation presented possibilities to "use this unique opportunity to make a political, economic and social revival" and "draw on that what [Argentina has] in common with Germany, Europe



TOP Shelves are empty at a supermarket. MIDDLE Even basic commodities like toilet paper are at a premium. BOTTOM The Venezuelan bolivar is basically worthless.

and the world." When German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier visited the nation in June, he spoke of "new momentum in German-Argentine relations." In a series titled "Turning Point in Latin America," German-Foreign-Policy.com explained that a new government in Brazil "creates space

for the expansion of relations with Germany and the EU" and that the "political developments in South America promises Berlin new opportunities" (June 2-3; *Trumpet* translation).

There's a reason Europe has such a strong interest in Latin America.

"The people of Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe have a long history of common aspirations," said EU Foreign Policy Chief Federica Mogherini at the EU and the Community of Latin America and Caribbean States Summit in June 2015. "We have often been brought together by destiny, and lived through difficult and even dramatic times. Nowadays, we share a wish for peace and prosperity that our cultural and historical roots have helped to strengthen from generation to generation."

The fact that Venezuela is facing such a difficult time could help unite the two regions.

About those historical roots, Pope John Paul II said during a November 1982 pilgrimage to Spain: "I, bishop of Rome and shepherd of the universal church, from Santiago, utter to you, Europe of the ages, a cry full of love: Find yourself again. Be yourself. Discover your origins; revive your roots. Return to those authentic values which made your history a glorious one and your presence so beneficent in the other continents. *Rebuild your spiritual unity.* ... You can still be the guiding light of civilization."

Bible prophecy discusses a soon-coming, Catholic Church-led European empire whose tentacles will reach Latin America, the continent with the greatest number of Catholics. History—especially that of the Holy Roman Empire during the 16th century under Charles V—and prophecy—particularly Revelation 17—indicate that the Vatican will provide the religious-political cement that will bind the nations comprising this empire together with their Latin American outposts.

The crisis in Venezuela might create an opportunity for Latin Americans, the Vatican and Europe to take advantage of the mounting anti-Maduro sentiment and use it to usher in pro-Europe, pro-Catholic administrations in Venezuela and other parts of Latin America to help secure a future empire. ■

Americans have grown accustomed to and complacent about this steady erosion of their privacy and liberty. They do not prize freedom as they once did. This carelessness is going to come at a high cost.

Destroying Separation of Powers

In cases when Congress refused to implement his radical agenda, President Obama has simply sidestepped the legislative branch of government and ruled by executive decree.

“We’re not just going to be waiting for legislation in order to make sure that we’re providing Americans the kind of help they need,” he told reporters before one of his cabinet meetings in 2014. “I’ve got a pen, and I’ve got a phone. And I can use that pen to sign executive orders and take executive actions and administrative actions that move the ball forward in helping to make sure our kids are getting the best education possible, making sure that our businesses are getting the kind of support and help they need to grow and advance, to make sure that people are getting the skills that they need to get those jobs that our businesses are creating.”

To make it harder for the courts to rein in his executive decisions, President Obama has substituted “executive actions” for executive orders. Unlike executive orders, which are issued as an official cataloged transcript, executive actions are informal orders from the president to his underlings in the executive branch, *making them more difficult to challenge legally*, and making it easier for him to trash the Constitution—the supreme law of the land. It’s all about lawlessness!

Georgetown law professor Jonathan Turley, a political liberal, is one of the few legal minds warning of the danger behind such executive power grabs. “The system of separation of powers was not created to protect the authority of each branch for its own sake,” he wrote in a *Los Angeles Times* editorial. “Rather, it is the primary protection of individual rights because it prevents the concentration of power in any one branch. In this sense, OBAMA IS NOT SIMPLY POSING A DANGER TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM; HE HAS BECOME THE VERY DANGER

THAT SEPARATION OF POWERS WAS DESIGNED TO AVOID” (March 9, 2014).

Please read that paragraph again. If it doesn’t strike fear in you, it should!

In midterm elections later that year, Mr. Obama and his Democratic Party took a shellacking. Voters made clear that they were unhappy with the president’s record over the previous six years. Yet when the president spoke about the result, he acknowledged no fault or error on his part. Immediately after the election, Mr. Obama renewed battles over immigration and net neutrality. That November, he issued executive action on immigration policy. He instructed the executive branch of government to offer temporary legal status to millions of illegal immigrants. This order unilaterally enacted immigration reform that congressional lawmakers wouldn’t enact themselves.

When confronted about his record of executive overreach, the president taunted his critics: “Middle-class families can’t wait for Republicans in Congress to do stuff. So sue me.”

Trashing the Constitution

When he became president, Barack Obama promised his supporters a *radical transformation* of the U.S. By the end of his first term, some supporters felt the change he promised wasn’t coming fast enough. To them the president explained: “What’s frustrated people is that I have not been able to force Congress to implement every aspect of what I said in 2008. ... Well, you know, it turns out that our founders designed a system that *makes it more difficult to bring about change than I would like sometimes.*”

This is one of several statements the president has made showing his distaste for America’s Constitution. Mr. Obama is an outspoken critic of the Constitution and has long desired to cast off its restraints. In a 2001 public radio interview, then Senator Obama said the Constitution reflected the “fundamental flaw” of the United States. He characterized the supreme law of the land as “a charter of negative liberties. Says what the states can’t do to you. Says what the federal government can’t do to you, but doesn’t say what the federal government or state government must do on your behalf.”

THERE IS A REASON THE CONSTITUTION FOCUSES ON WHAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN’T DO TO YOU: IT AIMS TO RESTRAIN DESPOTISM AND TO PRESERVE FREEDOM! THAT IS ITS GREAT STRENGTH, NOT ITS FUNDAMENTAL FLAW!

America’s Constitution has given more freedom to more people than any other government charter in history. It is a noble document that has inspired and enabled so many to attain accomplishments that any other system anywhere else in the world would have denied them.

You would think Americans would love the Constitution, but that is not the case in this country anymore. The radical left wants to DESTROY the Constitution! The Obama administration and the radically left Democrats are *very hostile* to the Constitution, and so are the media. Some in the media say Mr. Obama’s only real problem has been that he HASN’T USED EXECUTIVE ACTIONS TO ENACT RADICAL POLICY ENOUGH. Many liberals now preach that for America to solve its many problems, it needs to ABANDON the Constitution. Most of the educational institutions would like to get rid of it. Many even argue that it is not even the supreme law of the land! Even one of the *Supreme Court justices* said the Constitution is outdated and should not be used.

This too is a liberal strategy to usurp power that America’s founders never intended politicians to have. An administration that pays no attention to the Constitution when it doesn’t match its own agenda has *a lot of power!*

More recently, the attack on the Constitution has become even more vile. People have criticized it not simply for making change more difficult, but because it represents what they perceive to be *institutionalized racism* inherent within the American system!

“The goal of the Constitution was to make an agreement between factions known as states, which were built on the backs of black slaves.” That’s a paraphrase of what Alicia Garza said during a University of Missouri Black Lives Matter event in February of this year. Garza is one of the three founding members of Black Lives Matter, *an organization for which President Obama and the radical left have been major supporters.* “The

people vowing to protect the Constitution,” Garza said, “are vowing to protect white supremacy and genocide.”

That is a satanic lie! How can the president and the radical left support such a racist organization? The truth is that it was the system built by the Constitution that allowed the United States to become one of the first societies in history to completely *abolish* slavery!

Comments like these are a contemptible attack on the U.S. Constitution—the *supreme law of the land!* Such vile statements are stirring up a lot of anger and bitterness against the system of government established by America’s framers.

have LIED and LIED and LIED—and have been *caught* in their lies! This administration covers itself in a *cloak of deceit*. In some cases, they have even joked or bragged about their lies!

It is impossible to measure the damage that such deception has wreaked on the fabric of our politics and our society. But *nobody seems to care*. When Secretary Clinton was later investigated over the lies in the White House’s response to the Benghazi attack, she responded, “WHAT DIFFERENCE AT THIS POINT DOES IT MAKE?” Apparently a lot of Americans agree with her. Mrs. Clinton is now the presumptive Democratic nominee and

We must *know our enemy* in order to understand what is going on in America.

Revelation 12:12 reveals that *Satan* is our deadly adversary. He is the one behind these dangerous developments. The devil is full of wrath, and he has gotten CONTROL of the government of this land! He controls the radical left. The fruits prove it. These people want to bring this system down. They are deceived (verse 9).

Our people don’t understand their Bibles as they once did. They don’t understand the many scriptures about Satan the devil. He has his agenda against America, and it will prevail.

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Lies

MR. OBAMA REPEATEDLY SAID HOW TRANSPARENT HIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE—YET VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE HAS BEEN IN THE DARK. MANY JOURNALISTS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT HIS HAS BEEN THE MOST OPAQUE ADMINISTRATION IN HISTORY.

That is the path to a violent dictator ruling America! And it wouldn’t take but a few large and destructive riots to reach that nightmare.

In March of 2013, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper was called before Congress and asked, “Does the NSA collect any type of data at all on millions or hundreds of millions of Americans?” Clapper replied, “No sir ... not wittingly.” That was a lie, and he knew it.

Attorney General Eric Holder has also lied to Congress—about the Fast and Furious scandal, and about what his department did to reporter James Rosen.

As these scandals pile higher and higher, nobody can get administration officials to tell them *anything!* They

could become America’s next president!

That speaks volumes about our people. *We get the leaders we deserve*. Especially in a democratic republic, WE THE PEOPLE MUST ACCEPT THE BLAME FOR THE PROBLEMS!

Many Christians *pray* for more righteous leaders, but their prayers are not being answered. Why? Because of their sins.

What happens to a nation when people come to *expect* their leaders to lie? When people EMBRACE DECEIT? That is a far deadlier crisis than most people realize. Lies enslave and destroy us. Lies are the tools of tyrants. It is *truth* that sets us free. We should be passionate lovers of TRUTH.

We must see reality: Something deadly dangerous has seized the country—far more than what people realize. There is a *spiritual dimension* to what is happening, and you cannot understand these events unless you recognize that.

Know Your Enemy

What is happening to America’s leadership, its domestic policy and foreign policy is not just a quirk of history. The fact that Americans are casting the Constitution to the ground and encouraging lawlessness in their marriages, in their government and in their foreign policy has a very definite CAUSE.

Only God can protect us from this powerful evil spirit.

In his second epistle to the people of Corinth, the Apostle Paul drew attention to this evil spirit being. In 2 Corinthians 4:4 he called him “the god of this world” who has “BLINDED THE MINDS OF THEM WHICH BELIEVE NOT.” In 2 Corinthians 6:15 and 11:3 he warned about how easy it is to be beguiled through his subtlety. In verse 14, he wrote that Satan actually transforms himself into an *angel of light*, and his ministers look like ministers of righteousness! (verse 15). This is an extremely deceptive being with a lot of power!

Paul cautioned the people to be careful and vigilant, “[l]est Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11). In any war, ignorance of the enemy is dangerous. We are far more vulnerable to the devil if we are ignorant of his devices, designs or schemes. The more you know, the better equipped you are to resist and fight! Satan is laying a trap, and you need to recognize it!

The devil’s fingerprints are all over what is happening to America today. The rampant deceit bears the stamp of the father of liars (John 8:44). The contempt for law springs from Satan’s own lawlessness. The support for America’s enemies, the appeasement of dictators,

the undermining of alliances, the hatred of the Jewish state—all these are telling signs of Satan's influence. Even the way that all of these problems are originating from the very top is consistent with the devil's methods of operation.

Still, many people *scoff* about there even *being* a devil—*while he is tearing them apart!* They know little or nothing about their Bibles. They don't understand anything about God, nor do they know the devil. Until they do, the problems will only intensify.

THOSE WHO FAIL TO SEE THE DEVIL BEHIND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AMERICA TODAY WILL END UP BEING HIS VICTIMS.

Let me warn you *again* not to forget Revelation 12:7-12. Satan and millions of his demons have been cast down from a war in heaven. They are now *confined to this Earth*. Their time is short because of Christ's imminent return, and they are full of their worst wrath ever!

You see evidence of that wrath in this violent world full of treacherous deceit.

America is being attacked from within and without. There are failures everywhere: economically, culturally, politically, militarily and morally. Anyone who says there isn't a real problem here needs to open his eyes! We need to see what is happening to our nation.

The radical left is not our big problem. It is only leading the way. Ultimately, this isn't about a man or an administration; it's about an *evil spirit being* who is working to destroy this nation—and about WHY God is allowing it to happen!

Time Is Short

God is *against* three nations in particular—America, Britain and the Jewish nation—because of their history with God, the birthright and scepter blessings today, and their unparalleled rebellion. Not only is God not helping us, *He is against us!* (Ezekiel 5:8). (This is all explained in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

Look at what God says about this through the Prophet Ezekiel: "Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled" (Ezekiel 7:23-24). That

prophecy is about America in particular (for proof, request our free book *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophecy*).

"The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: *I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD*" (verse 27). GOD BLAMES THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR SINS, NOT THE LEADERS! America is full of sins—and the *whole world* sees them! The leader may lead us to destruction, but God blames the PEOPLE.

God says He has broken the pride of our power (Leviticus 26:19). Benghazi is just one example that perfectly shows that although America has tremendous power, we fear to use it. It is a *sign* that America has receded into the background and is declining rapidly.

Being weak *causes* violence and wars! The fact that America will not respond will only allow evils like this to increase. As we get weaker, people will attack us more and more violently.

Why is America so *weak*? Study Leviticus 26. Again—it is BECAUSE OF OUR SINS. This is why God has brought this curse upon us.

The curses on America are plain to see. Prophecy *is* being fulfilled in events all over the globe! You would think that as times get worse and worse, people would look to the Bible to see what God has to say. Conditions are intensifying and getting so bad that *anybody* can recognize something is terribly wrong. *But virtually nobody is turning to God.* That is to our shame.

America's problems are a direct result of AMERICA'S SINS. No political candidate is going to "make America great again," no matter what people think! I would like to see it happen, but it isn't going to happen in this age. *Everyone* will come to recognize that truth before much

longer! GOD will make America great again *in the World Tomorrow*. He is going to solve our problems—in spite of our rebellion. He will SAVE America—and the world—at Jesus Christ's return, which will occur immediately after all these crises climax.

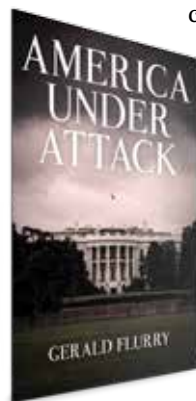
Notice the end of verse 27 of Ezekiel 7: All the punishment that is coming upon us is intended to *bring people back to God*. This is good news: In the end, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO KNOW GOD!

You absolutely need to understand the truth about what is happening to America today. We have been protected in this country for a couple hundred years. We have not experienced the turmoil that many other nations have. Yes, we were involved in two world wars, but God has given us a lot of peace. As a result, our people have settled into an *unreality* about what is really happening around us. They don't understand how deadly dangerous this world is!

This is not God's world. There is a lot of evil in this world. It is full of tigers waiting to tear people apart. It has always been that way. As Winston Churchill said, the history of man is the HISTORY OF WAR. Yet somehow we can't come to grips with that today.

Are you willing to face reality? Most people are not. A haze of deception enshrouds our world. It is absolutely stunning how easily the people in this land today are duped.

Many people are alert to the problems in America today, but have only become deeply *discouraged* and *anxious* as a result. But if you open your eyes to the spiritual dimension, then you will see the tremendous *hope* BEYOND the tragedy that is unfolding. Putting these events in their full prophetic context shows how God is using these events to serve His purposes—and how they are quickly leading to the greatest event ever: when He will intervene to establish His rule on Earth! ■



You have to know who is behind America's problems.

Open your eyes to a spiritual dimension; request our free booklet **America Under Attack**.



CONTROVERSIAL **Avigdor Lieberman's appointment has generated criticism.**

WORLDWATCH

Israel's new defense minister

On May 18, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's efforts to expand and stabilize his coalition government of right-wing and religious parties resulted in a new coalition partner for his party and a new defense minister for his nation. The deal increased the coalition government's majority in the Knesset

from one seat to six and replaced defense minister Moshe Ya'alon with Avigdor Lieberman.

Back-room negotiations prior to the deal indicated that Ya'alon would have become the foreign minister as consolation, but he preemptively resigned on May 20, warning that Israel was being taken over by "dangerous and extreme elements."

Iran taking control of Iraq

In the battle of Fallujah, Iraq, starting in May, the United States, Iran and Iraq have collaborated in one form or another to fight against the Islamic State. That battle has proved to be "the latest example of how Washington has looked the other way as Iran deepened its military involvement in Iraq over the past two years," Reuters wrote (June 2).

To lead the fight for Fallujah, Iran has mobilized thousands of Iraqi soldiers and Shiite militia members under its own Quds Force commander, Gen. Qassem Suleimani.

"[T]he battle over Fallujah highlights Iran's growing military and political influence over Iraq," Reuters wrote. "If

there is one regional player that gained the most from America's gamble in Iraq, it is Iran. With its invasion in 2003, the United States ousted Tehran's sworn enemy, Saddam Hussein, from power. Then Washington helped install a Shiite government for the first time in Iraq's modern history. As U.S. troops became mired in fighting an insurgency and containing a civil war, Iran extended its influence over all of Iraq's major Shiite factions. Today, the Iranian regime is comfortable taking a lead role in shaping the military operations of its Iraqi allies. There is no one to restrain Tehran ..." (ibid).

Regarding Baghdad's last-minute change of plan to target Fallujah instead of Mosul, a former U.S. commander with extensive experience in Iraq said, "Teheran has more influence

Lieberman is known for his blunt rhetoric and "ultra-nationalist" ideology. He has repeatedly voiced skepticism about pursuing peace with the Palestinians, and he believes Israel was not decisive enough during the 50-day Gaza war in the summer of 2014. Lieberman has talked openly about toppling the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and assassinating Hamas leaders in the Gaza Strip.

The mainstream press was very critical of the appointment. A *Baltimore Sun* editorial called Lieberman "Netanyahu's loose cannon," whose appointment "erased virtually any chance of peace with the Palestinians." U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Israel's new coalition "raises legitimate questions about the direction it may be heading in and what kind of policies it may adopt."

After the appointment, Hassan Nasrallah, leader of the Hezbollah terrorist group, called on Arabs to wage a "comprehensive resistance"

against Israel. He told Palestinians, "Your only way to end the occupation is resistance." He also assured, "Iran will go on with supporting the Palestinian resistance."

A Palestinian jihadi group called Afnad Beit al-Maqdis seemingly responded to Nasrallah's call when it fired a rocket at Israel and ominously said, "We announce our responsibility for targeting the Nahal Oz military base with a missile."

Lieberman's appointment could be symbolic of Israel's dire straits and its intention to continue fighting against Arab aggression. While Lieberman is not new to Israeli politics, he has never held the nation's second-most powerful office.

Zechariah 14:2 prophesies that Israel will lose half of Jerusalem. That prophecy implies that Israel will not surrender Arab-dominated East Jerusalem peacefully. It also implies, as is already the case, a hawkish, right-wing government in Israel. ■



GETTING HELP
Iraqi forces attempt to retake Fallujah.

on [Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's] focus, whether on Fallujah or anywhere else, than Moscow, Washington and Ankara combined."

Columnist Caroline Glick wrote that the Islamic State "is the only thing checking Iran's westward advance. Ironically, the monstrous group also facilitates it. [The Islamic State] is so demonic that for Americans and other Westerners, empowering Iranian-controlled forces that

fight [the Islamic State] seems a small price to pay to rid the world of the fanatical scourge" (June 2).

Iran has seized this opportunity to increase its control in Iraq. The facts on the ground prove it. So too does the graffiti scrawled by Iraqi militants on one of Fallujah's many battered walls: "Thank you, Iran." To learn how Iran's growing influence in Iraq was prophesied in the Bible, request a free copy of *The King of the South*. ■

China decries 'provocative' U.S., cements power

China said on June 1 that it may impose an air defense identification zone (ADIZ) in the South China Sea if the United States continues conducting what Beijing labels "provocative moves."

The *South China Morning Post* quoted a source close to the People's Liberation Army as saying, "If the U.S. military keeps making provocative moves to challenge China's sovereignty in the region, it will give Beijing a good opportunity to declare an ADIZ in the South China Sea" (June 1).

An ADIZ is an extension of a country's territorial airspace, providing it with an early warning system to detect and respond to unidentified and possibly hostile aircraft.

In November 2013, Beijing dropped a bombshell by announcing that it had established an ADIZ in the East



China Sea, which included the Senkaku Islands—uninhabited territory controlled by Japan but claimed by both Tokyo and Beijing. Many experts denounced this ADIZ, calling it confrontational. The *Trumpet* said, "Beijing's main motivation for setting up the ADIZ was to further expose the U.S. as an unreliable ally."

If China attempts another ADIZ in the South China Sea, its motives would again be to showcase its power and to test America's response. It would allow Beijing another chance to display U.S. weakness to the world.

Hiroshima and America's dangerous amnesia

May 27, Barack Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Hiroshima. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe gave what he called a "wholehearted welcome" to Mr. Obama when he toured the memorial of the world's first atomic bomb attack.

"Mr. Obama's predecessors had good reasons to avoid Hiroshima," the *New York Times* wrote May 25. "None wanted to be seen by American voters as apologizing for a decision that many historians even today believe, on balance, saved lives."

The president's speech struck an apologetic tone, saying that the bombing shows "how easily we learn to justify



violence in the name of some higher cause."

The president refrained from mentioning the fact that Japan inarguably started the war by bombing Pearl Harbor in peacetime. His visit to Hiroshima was broadly interpreted as an endorsement of Abe's campaign to reinterpret Japan's constitution and lead the country away from past guilt and into a more aggressive position in the world.

Taiwan to stop submitting to China?

Newly elected Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen announced on June 1 that she is repealing controversial changes to the high school curriculum that had prompted protests in 2015 for being too "China-centric." Three days later, Tsai took to Facebook to tell Chinese President Xi Jinping not to fear democracy. "[T]here's nothing scary about democracy," she wrote, adding that China should look to Taiwan as an example of how to have an

effective but fair government.

Tsai was elected in a landslide victory on January 16 based on promises to lead Taiwan off the path of submission to China that it had been on under the previous government. It is now clear that she intends to make good on those promises. Watch to see how China responds. With influence from Taiwan's one-time ally America waning within the region, China is unlikely to allow Taiwan to slip from its grasp.

Russia violates new arms treaty

Russia has attempted to deceive U.S. nuclear arms inspectors regarding reductions to its nuclear missile arsenal. The *Washington Free Beacon* reported on June 9 that, despite its claims, Moscow has not been eliminating its nuclear arsenal as required by the 2010 New START treaty.

Critical components of certain missiles were found to have been unbolted rather than cut. This means that instead of being permanently disabled, the sophisticated weaponry could be quickly re-bolted and brought online. American inspectors were also unable to verify that missiles marked for elimination

had actually been destroyed.

Analysts believe the Russians are attempting this deceit because they are sure the current U.S. administration will take no serious action. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry said, "Whether it's Russian violations of the Open Skies Treaty, the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions, or multiple violations of the INF treaty, this administration has proven singularly unconcerned with arms control compliance. ... Never having been made to pay a price, why wouldn't Putin conclude that violations of the New START treaty would go unpunished as well?"

First train from India to Russia

By the end of August, the first train route from India to Russia will become operational. The first freight train will transport goods from Mumbai, transit through Iran and Azerbaijan, and arrive at its final destination in Russia. The route is part of the North-South project, which will also run through Southeast Asia. An estimated

5 million tons of cargo per year will be transported during the first stage. In the future, an estimated 10 million tons will be transported annually along the route. Collusion between Russia and India will prove to be helpful in the development of a massive Asian alliance. To learn about the Bible's prophecies of this alliance, request a free copy of *Russia and China in Prophecy*.

COVER-UP Former State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki admitted secret talks with Iran began while Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was president.

State Department admits to lying about nuclear deal

The United States State Department admitted on June 1 that it intentionally deleted an 8-minute exchange between a Fox News journalist and then-State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki on a video that was posted Dec. 2, 2013. During the exchange, Psaki essentially admitted that the Obama administration had lied about having secret talks with Iran.

"Is it the policy of the State Department, where the preservation or the secrecy of secret negotiations is concerned, to lie in order to achieve that goal?" the reporter asked. Psaki answered: "I think there are times where diplomacy needs privacy in order to progress. [The Iran nuclear negotiation] is a good example of that."

Several months previously, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland emphatically stated that there had been no secret "government to government" negotiations with Iran. When Psaki contradicted that statement later that year, someone in the State Department scrubbed the confession from the record.

The video edit wasn't discovered until recently, at which point the State Department

lied, blaming the deletion on a "glitch." After being held to account, however, the State Department came clean, admitting it was "a deliberate request to excise video."

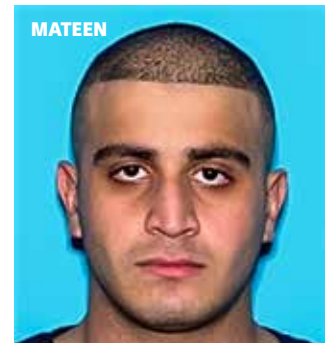
The State Department's confession came just weeks after Ben Rhodes, a top aide and speech writer for President Barack Obama, told the *New York Times* he helped manufacture the narrative needed to garner support for the Iran deal. Part of this fictional narrative was that the White House only entered into negotiations with Iran after Hassan Rouhani became president in 2013; he was much more "moderate" than Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and was ready to make a deal. The truth is, the Obama administration started negotiating with Iran long before Rouhani took office—while the hard-liner Ahmadinejad was still in office. And to garner support for the deal from Congress and the American people, they manufactured a false narrative. To paraphrase Psaki, they had to lie in order to make progress on the deal. The end justified the means.

This administration's facile use of deliberate deceit should be deeply concerning to Americans. Sadly, most people seem to have accepted it as part of politics. ■

Has the Islamic State infiltrated U.S. Homeland Security?

Omar Mateen—the man who murdered 49 people at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida, on June 12—held an associates degree in criminal justice and worked as a security guard for a major contractor for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The company, G4S, is a British multinational security service company with U.S. operations in Florida. This has raised serious concerns that sympathizers and agents of the Islamic State have infiltrated a federal agency that was established after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to combat terrorism.

It is still unclear whether Mateen worked on federal



contracts for his employer. He was assigned to guard the PGA Village Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida, according to local newspaper *TC Palm*.

Despite the fact that Mateen was interviewed by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation twice on suspicions that he supported jihadist groups, he held two firearms licenses, a security officer license and purchased the weapons he used in the massacre legally. ■

Trade agreement threatens U.S. sovereignty

Little-known negotiations are taking place that are violating America's sovereignty. When a deal that holds force of law is finalized, the nation will lose even more sovereignty. Negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) are now underway, in total secrecy and involving only unelected Washington technocrats.

The TTIP is a plan for creating a single economic market between the U.S. and the European Union. It aims to subject both countries to a single set of regulations on industrial standards, labor laws and intellectual property rights. To enforce these rules, the European Commission is insisting on an Investor-State Dispute Settlement Mechanism. As reported by the *Guardian*, these mechanisms would allow megacorporations

"to sue governments before secretive arbitration panels composed of corporate lawyers" (Dec. 3, 2013).

Such arbitration panels would bypass domestic courts and override national legislatures, including Congress. They would subject the U.S. to the same anti-democratic, technocratic regulation currently in force on member states of the EU. Under the agreement, if Congress passes a law in violation of these new transatlantic regulations, the government must use taxpayer funds to compensate foreign corporations.

U.S. President Barack Obama met German Chancellor Angela Merkel in April to encourage the passage of this controversial trade union. While some 70 percent of the German people oppose the TTIP, Obama and Merkel announced they hope for a deal by the end of this year. ■

American males: Jobless or incarcerated

One in six of America's 18-to-34-year-old men were out of work or in prison during 2014. Out of 37.8 million males, about 5 million were jobless and 1 million incarcerated, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reported May 9.

"Nearly one third of young men without a high school education were jobless or incarcerated," the CBO report said, "as were more than one fifth of young men with only a

high school education."

The report's authors attributed these record numbers to economic changes, policy changes and changes in the skills of young men with less education. These changes affect young men with the least education the most. "The especially large increase in joblessness among less educated young men may be partly attributable to changes in technology that have reduced demand for [their] labor," the report said.



Save a gorilla or save a child?

After a silverback gorilla at the Cincinnati Zoo was shot dead on May 28 when a 3-year-old boy fell into its enclosure, many people expressed outrage.

Harambe, the gorilla, grabbed the child, dragging him back and forth in a moat for 10 minutes before zookeepers decided to shoot the gorilla to rescue the child. The boy was fortunate to

walk away with only a concussion and a few minor scrapes.

The story made headlines worldwide. Much anger was directed at the child's mother, as well as at the zoo itself for not providing adequate fencing. Celebrities spoke out, ranters and trolls bombarded comment sections and social media feeds, and animal rights activists condemned the treatment of animals in captivity. A candlelight vigil and memorial adorned with flowers and cards for Harambe were set up at the zoo.

This outrage over a dead gorilla should be viewed in contrast to the silence over the increasing violence in America today. In the first 150 days of 2016, over 5,475 Americans were killed in gun-related violence. Murder rates have increased in

It also suggested that federal spending on means-tested benefits (cash payments or other benefits for people with relatively low income or few assets) could have reduced young men's incentives to work.

The most striking cause suggested by the CBO was minimum wage increases. Minimum wage limits don't affect those with higher education as much: Workers holding bachelor's, master's or professional degrees make up only 8 percent of minimum wage earners.

Raising the minimum wage to \$15—as is happening in New York and California—mostly hurts low-skilled workers in their search for jobs. To an employer legally obligated to pay workers significantly higher wages, the 5 million largely uneducated young men look less desirable.

On signing the California bill for the \$15 minimum wage, Gov. Jerry Brown said, "Economically, minimum wages may not make sense," yet the push for a higher minimum wage continues. ■

at least 30 major cities. Nearly half of all cities surveyed by the Major Cities Chiefs Association showed an increase in murders over the same period in 2015.

At the time of Harambe's death, his hometown Cincinnati suffered 27 homicides on the year and a total of 855 violent crimes, including homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. And these tragedies are dwarfed by the violence in Chicago, where murders have jumped a staggering 72 percent this year to 302 and counting; roughly 12 murders per week. Shootings are up more than 88 percent.

The fact that none of this raises much outcry, at the same time that people denounce the death of a gorilla to save a child, reflects some terribly warped moral values. ■

Radical Ozzie prisons

Prison may no longer be the best place to send Australia's terrorists. Recent reports indicate that Muslim radicals are using penitentiaries to garner new converts. Through intimidation, violence and coercion, the Islamic State has gained a foothold in prisons nationwide, sparking fears that when prisoners are released, many will be newly converted, dangerous extremists.

The *Australian* reports that 8 to 9 percent of prisoners in Victoria and New South Wales identify as Muslim, compared to the 2 to 3 percent of the Australian public. Many of these prisoners want to convert non-Muslims—by force if necessary. The *Daily Telegraph* reported Oct. 10, 2015, that authorities had uncovered plots to behead those who refused conversion, including guards and staff. One entire yard apparently had been converted to Islam, except for six Christians. The Muslim inmates planned to behead one Christian, film it on a phone, and post it online as propaganda for the Islamic State.

Australia has been conducting raids and police stings across the nation to crack down on those seeking to join the Islamic State. But as it turns out, those caught and convicted have opportunities to teach, train and convert within prison. In a situation where being part of a gang is often considered necessary for survival, conversion by the fist is an effective recruiting tool. The system is also full of young men looking for protection, purpose and justification for their actions, a promising profile for radical Islam. ■

The Fight Against Paganism

The pagan priesthood established by Nimrod and Semiramis was teaching the masses to believe that the sun, moon, stars and planets were manifestations of the gods. They deceived people into thinking priests could communicate with these gods.

In addition to being a scientist, however, Abraham was a great teacher. He taught the people physics and mathematics, and showed them that the celestial bodies moved according to preordained laws.

Josephus paraphrases Abraham's words: "If these bodies had power of their own, they would certainly take care of their own regular motions; but since they do not preserve such regularity, they make it plain, that in so far as they cooperate to our advantage, they do it not of their own abilities, but as they are subservient to Him that commands them, to



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whom alone we ought justly to offer our honor and thanksgiving" (ibid).

Abraham taught the Chaldeans what the priests secretly knew: The movements of the stars and other heavenly bodies are one of the greatest proofs of God's existence. **THE PRESENCE OF LAW DEMANDS THE PRESENCE OF A LAWGIVER!**

As perhaps the most famous scientist in the land of the Chaldeans, Abraham declared the stars and planets were only physical objects created by the one true God!

As *Trumpet* managing editor Joel Hilliker writes in *Our Awesome Universe Potential*: "What is most certain is that Abraham's scientific knowledge came through his connection with the

Creator God, the one source powerful enough to create stars and galaxies and suns and moons and planets, brilliant enough to set them all in order according to perfect laws—and loving enough to teach those laws."

What many historians are unwilling to admit is that Abraham possessed advanced astronomical knowledge that would not be rediscovered for thousands of years!

Yet Josephus further records that Abraham wasn't the first astronomer in his family. The study of astronomy originated in the family line of Seth, the third son of Adam. He wrote that "God gave [those who lived before the Flood] such long life that they might perfect those things which they had invented in astronomy." Other ancient records indicate that Noah had knowledge of maritime astronomy involving navigating by the stars. This noble and elderly patriarch likely brought knowledge of mathematics, astron-

omy and other sciences from one side of the Flood to the other, passing it down from generation to generation to Abraham!

Father of the Faithful

According to *The Biblical Companion*, a Bible study aid published by William Carpenter in 1836, the idolatrous worship introduced by Semiramis didn't obtain great ascendancy in Assyria till the days of her grandson Arioch, whom Abraham would later end up fighting in war (Genesis 14). As the pagan priests of the Assyrio-Babylonian Empire gained power and influence, they lost patience with Abraham and his teachings about the one true God.

Josephus records that the Chaldeans and other peoples of Mesopotamia "raised a tumult" against Abraham, forcing him to flee the country. Unlike the priests of this Babylonian mystery religion, Abraham refused to teach lies to receive the praise of men.

These pagan religious leaders would have killed Abraham for publishing the truth and likely did kill his older brother Haran. The Bible only records that Haran "died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees" (Genesis 11:28). Josephus adds that a monument was erected in Haran's honor, and that "Terah [hated] Chaldea, on account of his mourning for Haran" (op cit).

While Terah himself fell into idol worship, Abraham never lost faith in the existence of the great Creator of the universe.

To recount all the various histories of the things Abraham suffered during this period would fill many pages. He fought in battle against the feudal lord of the land of Aligemorum and lost. He was driven from his country and for a long time fell into poverty. He wandered with his followers along the banks of the Danube River until he came to the edge of the known world. There, in the Alpine valleys of Europe, he helped found one of the most sophisticated cultures of the ancient world. Then, in the course of time, he returned to Chaldea to connect with the family he had to leave behind.

Through his trials and tribulations, however, Abraham stayed faithful to his belief in God until—when he was 75 years old—God Himself actually appeared to Abraham and made a covenant with him that would change the course of history! Abraham knew more about the stars than any man of his era; so God made him a promise that if he continued to obey the one true Creator God, his descendants would be more numerous than the stars.

Most of this amazing history is actually corroborated in secular sources. Yet God summarizes what is most vital for us to know about Abraham in the pages of the Bible. James 2:23 states: "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God." ■

Stuff Breaks—Deal With It

The state of your property reflects the state of your character.

IF YOU OWN A HOME, YOU UNDERSTAND THE SECOND LAW OF thermodynamics: ENTROPY, the degradation of matter and energy. Yes, owning property is a blessing, be it a home or otherwise. But it is also *work*. Why? Because *everything breaks down*.

God created physical material to decay and return to dust. It happens to our homes, our gardens, our vehicles, our possessions, even our *bodies*. Why did He create matter this way? Because it compels us to *care for* these things, to preserve and protect them. He wants us to perform regular maintenance.

Our homes need a lot of it—from simple daily tasks like cleaning dirty dishes and dusty floors to heavier maintenance like repairing plumbing and replacing electrical fixtures. Every home needs occasional patching, painting, sealing; landscaping and property need pruning, seeding and weeding.



JOEL HILLIKER

Note the wisdom in Proverbs 24:30-32: “I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.”

Even a slothful man can come to *possess* property. Acquiring something might not even require money, and it certainly does not require virtue. *Getting* isn’t necessarily hard. *Maintaining* is. The author of this proverb knew this field owner was lazy and ignorant, though he didn’t even *meet* him. How could he have such insight into this man’s character? Because it was reflected in the state of his property.

Perhaps this field owner was like so many of us today who are so prosperous that we just tend to accumulate more and more stuff. Look around: Is your life full of *stuff*? For each object you accumulate, you have three options: get rid of it, let it break down, or *maintain* it.

Many of us probably need to choose the first option more frequently. Don’t just let *stuff* come into your life and pile up. When you want to acquire something, ask yourself more than just, *Can we afford the money to buy it?* Also ask yourself, *Can I afford the time to maintain it?*

When you own something, the duty to *maintain* it comes with it.

Limit your possessions to what you can take care of. If you can’t afford the time or resources to maintain it, don’t acquire it. Or, if you already have it, get rid of it.

This is not a “throwaway” mentality; it’s the opposite. The throwaway mentality is what leads to acquiring piles of stuff inside a house in disrepair with an overgrown yard. To start, you may need to purge a lot of possessions, to sell, donate or

even throw away piles of things you never should have bought in the first place. But once you have done this, build a mind-set to keep and preserve what you have, and to *abstain* from acquiring something new unless you intend to preserve it.

Colossians 1:16-17 say God created all things, and “by him all things hold together.” Read Psalm 147 for an inspiring homage to the great Sustainer! It shows how detailed God’s work of preserving and maintaining His creation is. God is using the maintenance mind-set to build your character to *think like Him!* He is Creator *and* Sustainer. He maintains what He creates.

God “PRESERVES what He creates by His government,” Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The Incredible Human Potential*. “What God creates, He has created for a purpose—to be used, *preserved* and *maintained*. And this use is regulated by God’s government. ... God is Creator, *Preserver* and *Ruler*,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “Satan is Destroyer!” Little wonder that in Satan’s world, the easiest thing is to neglect maintenance and “just buy another one.”

Reject that mind-set! Think like God, care like God and work like God.

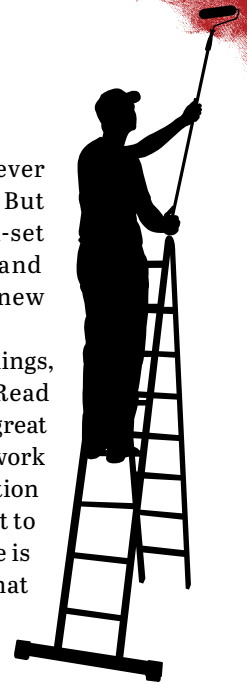
Here are some actions you can take right now to better prioritize maintenance:

Inventory the things you own. Look around: Are these vehicles, appliances, furnishings, housewares you see in good working order? If not, fix it or purge it. Remember, the state of your possessions is speaking loudly about the state of your character!

Print and post a home maintenance checklist (there is a great one available at ArtofManliness.com). Start by taking *one* step toward learning a new manual skill. Need an idea on what skill to start with? Look around the house to see what’s broken. This will point you to a skill that is immediately needful and will start you in with real, hands-on practice that gets results. Change your car’s oil, fix a leaky faucet, install a ceiling fan, tune your bike, fell a tree, wire a light, lay tile, solder an electronic component, landscape your driveway, plant a garden, or go out to your yard and clear the nettles thereof.

Online step-by-step tutorials and videos are available in abundance, not to mention the how-to section at your local library or bookstore. If you’re still overwhelmed, ask someone you know who is handy. You can even take a course at your local technical college.

Getting comfortable with home maintenance involves more than one project. It is a mind-set that will benefit you for the rest of your life, physically and spiritually. Embrace it! ■



What a sobering yet inspiring message (“China Is Steering the World Toward War,” theTrumpet.com/go/13880). This world needs this warning of the difficult times that lie ahead. Thank God for this message and the hope-filled future that lies beyond the coming tribulation. It’s a pity that nothing less will get the attention of this stiff-necked world.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

I saw your magazine (July 2016) in the doctor’s office and being a Marine, I was disgusted by your cover. By using the Chinese flag and sailors raising their flag like the Marines did on Iwo Jima during World War II is an insult to the Marines and those who died on that island. I showed this cover to the other patients in the office and the nurses; they all asked me to get rid of this garbage. Of course, you don’t give a hoot if you insult a great moment in American history as long as you sell your magazine.

Charles Hightower, U.S. MARINE CORPS

Joel Hilliker, MANAGING EDITOR: I can appreciate and respect your response. Yours was the only response of this nature that we received, and to be honest I wish more Americans reacted along these lines. Certainly I wish more Americans were alarmed and offended over what China is doing in the South China Sea and elsewhere: It is extremely dangerous and hostile to America’s interests. Step by step they are undoing the work that America, including its Marines, has accomplished over the last several generations, and it is leading to more war. Yet most Americans are indifferent. I believe someone with your experience can see better than most people just how much

more volatile and dangerous the world is becoming as America pulls back and allows nations like China to fill the gap. The cover image was intended to show at a glance how the world order is being flipped upside down. We did not intend it to be an insult to Marines, although I can see why it can be taken as such and do apologize for the offense. Incidentally, we do not sell our magazine; it is free. We are simply trying to draw people’s attention to what we believe to be the most important trends in the nation and in the world today, as a public service.

Where’s a Churchill or a Patton or perhaps a Roosevelt when you need one? It’s just Moe, Larry and Curly left now. Or maybe it’s worse. At least Moe, Larry and Curly weren’t afraid to throw a punch.

Matthew Bullock AUSTRALIA

Youth embrace socialism

Capitalism has not failed (“Falling in Love With Socialism,” theTrumpet.com/go/13884). It’s the character of people that has failed.

Susan Hire FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Jesus said to help the poor, not enslave them (“Is God a Socialist?”, theTrumpet.com/



[go/13886](http://theTrumpet.com/go/13886)). Capitalism is fine. The problem is that so many people at the top are greedy. Is it fair that the cost of living has gone out of control while wages have sat stagnant for over 20 years? The Bible says a laborer is worthy of his hire. Go back to how it was 30 years ago when people got paid for what they were worth.

Beverly Smith-Whitman EATON, OHIO

I wish every high school student could read this! I still remember a teacher in social studies even saying that socialism is something that was taken from the Bible narrative!

Laskey Hart CANADA

Cost of greed

It is incredible and very sad! (“Not Much Bang for the Buck,” theTrumpet.com/go/13887). This perfectly describes the deadliness of the “get mentality”—lust and greed—at the expense of our national security!

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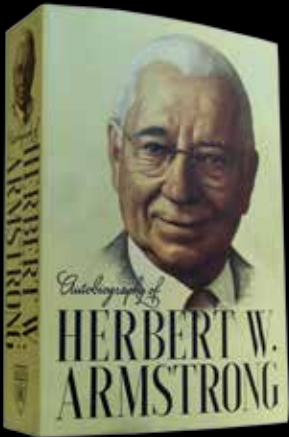
What an excellent and sad article. This is no longer a country that can or will win any wars. History is proof of that. No wars have been won since World War II. All the singing of “God Bless America” will not mean a thing if He is not!

Howard Lieberman FLORIDA

Trump’s edge

May I ask why you are so anti-Trump please? (“This Election Disaster Is Not America’s ‘Best Hope,’” theTrumpet.com/go/13896). In my very humble opinion, the world and the U.S., for once, has a very strong politically right-minded person running for the presidency. So far, all his planned policies make perfect sense to bring order and stability in a world that is rotten to the core by the new world order leftists and the establishment.

Garret Pelsler NEW ZEALAND



Drop the self-help book. Read this:

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Orlando Massacre: The Wrong Lesson

A Muslim jihadi mass shooting proves the imminent threat of ... Christians? **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

THE ORLANDO MASSACRE ON JUNE 12 THAT KILLED 49 PEOPLE was a terrible, grisly tragedy. But some of the public discussion afterward may have been even more astonishing. Mainstream media outlets insisted that a major *cause* for the carnage—aside from the right to bear arms—is the “climate of hate” in America created by *Bible-believers*.

The killer, Omar Mateen, was a Muslim. He had bought into a culture that dominates more than 30 countries, 10 of which punish homosexuality with the death penalty. The Islamic State, to which Mateen pledged allegiance, throws homosexuals off rooftops. But after the Orlando attack, commentators acted like Mateen’s Islamism had *no bearing* on his murder spree. No—the real culprit is “homophobia” and “religious intolerance.” So, if you don’t celebrate homosexuality, you’re in the same category as an Islamist who murders homosexuals.

This wasn’t just a shoot-from-the-hip opinion offered by a few fringeers. The *New York Times* editorial board put Mateen’s “hatred toward gays and lesbians” in context: “Hate crimes don’t happen in a vacuum. They occur where bigotry is allowed to fester, where minorities are vilified and where people are scapegoated for political gain. Tragically, this is the state of American politics, driven too often by Republican politicians who see prejudice as something to exploit, not extinguish.” In three sentences, the *Times* leaped from a psychotic jihadist to the Republican Party. The whole editorial decried Republican bigotry—it called 49 Orlando victims “casualties of a society where hate has deep roots” (not the Islamic State, but *America*)—but never even mentioned Mateen’s religion. Apparently the *Times* thinks radical Muslims kill homosexuals because of cheerleading from evangelicals.

An American Civil Liberties Union lawyer tweeted, “The Christian Right has introduced 200 anti-LGBT bills in the last six months and people blaming Islam for this. No.” This man wants you to believe that legal efforts to check the aggressive advancement of homosexuality and transgenderism are equivalent to gunning people down. That if you say biology should determine bathroom access, you essentially believe homosexuals are so disgusting they should be slaughtered. Some talking heads bizarrely insisted that blaming Mateen’s religion was *scapegoating Islam* to deflect blame from Christian homophobia.

As strange as it may seem to these folks, it is quite possible to believe homosexuality is wrong and also to believe that homosexuals should not be murdered. You can believe the Bible and still be appalled to see fellow human beings, made in God’s image, slaughtered. But in these commentators’ distorted view, this is *hypocrisy*. Some pundits *mocked* those

who, after the tragedy, advocated prayer. CNN’s Anderson Cooper grilled Florida’s attorney general on the air for helping victims of the attack, because she had previously defended the state’s constitution as defining marriage as a male-female union. He implied she was some kind of *fraud* for expressing compassion after having no previous record of LGBT advocacy.

If people are honestly wondering what provoked Omar Mateen, they certainly won’t find it in the rapidly backpedaling effort to maintain the status quo on marriage and sex in America. They’ll find *much* more provocative evidence in the bold, brash, “loud and proud” homosexual-rights movement that bullies people into compliance, even against their personal convictions. Yet somehow, the big lesson people take from this tragedy is that Americans need to become *stronger advocates* of homosexuality. After Orlando, politicians and media outdid themselves to prove what strident champions of the LGBT community we all are now.

Three years ago, I wrote a booklet called *Redefining Family*. At the time, there was tremendous social pressure to accept same-sex “marriage.” This booklet reveals how homosexuality’s move from fringe to mainstream was the result of a deliberate strategy. It speaks of how the cause was taking over the courts and public policy, and how *lightning-fast* the change was.



VIGIL Mourners memorialize the Orlando shooting victims.

What strikes me about this booklet today is just how *out of date* parts of it are. The three years since it was published have brought a *tsunami* of additional changes. We’re not debating same-sex “marriage” anymore: That is now the law of the land. *Transgender* is mainstream, and anyone who disapproves can lose his job. President Barack Obama, who publicly opposed same-sex “marriage” when he took office, has now directed *all public schools—even elementaries—to give transgender children access to bathrooms and other facilities based on the gender they say they are, or risk losing federal funding. This is a phenomenal, revolutionary change.*

Back in 1987, two activists laid out a strategy to erase the stigma of homosexuality, called “The Overhauling of Straight America.” They advocated a restrained, gradual approach, keeping the discussion broad and abstract while downplaying actual homosexual behavior. “First let the camel get his nose inside the tent,” they wrote—“only later his unsightly derriere!”

Those men can congratulate themselves. Today the whole horrid beast is in the tent. There’s less and less room for an individual to freely live according to the teachings of the Bible. And anyone unwilling to pretend the camel is just one of the guys is being told to *get out*. ■

If you want to know why this change is so dangerous, request a free copy of ***Redefining Family***.

God warned that He would break America's will to fight (Leviticus 26:19). Read this entire chapter for context: It is about blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. America has won its last war, and SIN is to blame. THE FAULT LIES NOT WITH A LEADER OR POLITICAL PARTY, BUT WITH THE SINFUL PEOPLE.

"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" (Isaiah 1:4). God blames the people because of their sins. Most Americans don't even really know what sin is!

Make no mistake: America's problem with radical Islamic terrorism is a WAR in which *only one side is fighting*. Because of sin, there is no way America will win.

"Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 33:10-11). SIN KILLS! When we suffer, GOD suffers. But the suffering won't stop until people heed the warning.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God" (Ezekiel 13:8). Ministers and leaders today are not speaking truth from the Bible! God will severely correct this lying society. Satan and his demons are causing violent attacks like the one in Orlando, but GOD HIMSELF is orchestrating this as punishment for our sins.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children" (Hosea 4:6). Will you turn to God? It is our responsibility to know the Bible. IF WE FORGET GOD'S LAW, HE WILL FORGET OUR CHILDREN!

How many mothers of those Orlando victims are shedding tears today?

Remember Revelation 12:12: Satan is stuck on Earth! This is a *defining*, MAJOR truth of the Bible. He is wrecking America, and we need to know how to protect ourselves.

"And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but *he shall be broken without hand*" (Daniel 8:24-25). Satan has prevailed in God's Church and in the nations of Israel, but good always triumphs over evil in the end. Our Savior will soon return to establish peace on Earth. Never again will we experience attacks like the one in Orlando. ■

Request my free booklet *America Under Attack* for more information.

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Kearney KWBL 8:30, Sun
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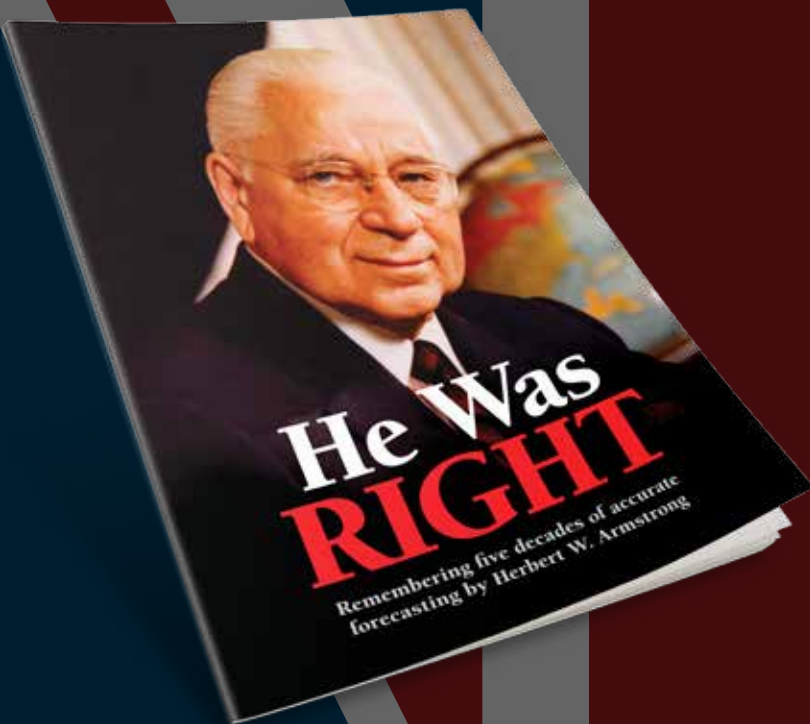
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