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# “Makes Our Spirits Soar”

I recently watched a movie titled *The Dish*. It was about the U.S. sending Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to the moon in 1969. NASA needed two radio telescopes to track their flight and to return television pictures of the moon walk. One was located in California and the other in Parkes, Australia—one in each hemisphere.

The telescope in Australia was the greatest receiving dish in the world.

The movie was built around Parkes' part in the moon walk. IT GAVE AN INSIGHT INTO MAN'S INCREDIBLY GREAT HOPE, which most people still fail to see.

The moon walk was “science’s chance to be daring,” according to the lead character in the movie. And indeed it was. It captured the imagination of the world. Roughly 600 million people watched from around the Earth. According to the movie, “For one priceless moment all people on Earth are united.”

Never has the Earth been more divided than in modern times. Yet *all mankind was united in that brief but inspiring moment*. And it gives us an insight into how all humanity will soon be united. Isaiah said, “Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things” (Isa. 40:26).

Before men can be truly inspired, they must lift up their eyes. Our little Earth is like a grain of sand on a vast beach. And we know virtually nothing about that beach—the mind-staggering universe!

According to your Bible, the universe is there for mankind to finish by making it breathtakingly beautiful. But first, we must beautify the Earth in every way.

For one fleeting moment, 600 million people lifted up their eyes and were united in the excitement of that science project. But men and women quickly returned to their daily toil and evil ways. They forgot about the moon walk—AND ITS AWESOME IMPLICATIONS!

If you watched television footage of the moon walk in 1969, the pictures came from the dish in Parkes, Australia. And Australia made this inspiring movie (with only a few of-fensive words).

America made no such movie. They were not inspired enough to do so. But they should have been—or perhaps enough to have made a very inspiring documentary.

I think it is to our shame that Australia had to make the movie. And all they did was receive the pictures of the moon

walk, under NASA’s direction. But those men operating the dish kept reminding themselves of how amazing and mind-boggling their science project was!

Prior to the expedition, the lead character said that the “one big question we don’t know is if we can go there.”

That question was answered.

The same actor said the moon voyage was “THE GREATEST FEAT EVER ATTEMPTED.” And we were successful. But how quickly mankind has returned to their mundane, earthly projects. Not many people remember much about the moon walk—“the greatest feat ever attempted.” How we sleepwalk through life!

One character in the movie said that such a science project “makes our spirits soar.” And in these dangerous and trying times, we need our spirits uplifted. It changes us into better human beings.

The universe is there for a mind-dazzling purpose. The moon walk should have led us to understand more deeply *why it is there!*

*Why* is the universe out there? What does it have to do with YOU? After mankind makes “the desert [Earth]...blossom as the rose” (Isa. 35:1), then they will move on to the universe

and make it also “blossom as the rose” (Isa. 9:6-7).

Mankind will soon walk on all those planets in the universe, if we can “set [our] affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:2).

That vision will one day cause mankind to understand their incredible human potential. The human family will become deeply united.

No matter how terrifying circumstances upon this Earth become, this awe-inspiring hope still awaits us.

For one brief moment, mankind lifted up their eyes. But we should do this every day. If we do that properly, it “makes our spirits soar”—daily! (Write for our free booklet *The Royal Book of Revelation*.)

The lead character also said, “Failure is never as frightening as regret.” For fear, and other reasons, men won’t listen to God’s inspiring message today. And many of them are going to look back with some *regret* for all eternity.

We are involved in a work that truly “makes our spirits soar”—far more than just viewing Neil Armstrong walking on the moon. You need to understand *why*. This magazine will guide you into that work.



For one fleeting moment, 600 million people lifted up their eyes and were united in the excitement. But they quickly forgot about the moon walk—and its awesome implications!

# The POLITICS of ENERGY



**C**HEAP OIL AND GAS PROVIDED MUCH OF THE ENERGY THAT DROVE the prosperity of the 20th century. We enter the 21st century facing the prospect of known deposits of these resources drying up by this century's end.

Natural, renewable sources of energy have long been exploited by man. Wind, water, the sun, wood and peat fire, flammable vegetable oil—all are energy resources that man added to animal power and his own muscle to energize his society for millennia. Not until the 17th century did man have knowledge of the properties of steam as an agent of energy. By the 19th century, steam came into its own as an energy resource, powering the Industrial Revolution that changed society in Britain and the world forever.

As Churchill once mused, "He must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below." It is no coincidence that at the time when Britain and America suddenly burst upon the international scene as great powers around 1800-1803, the means to energize their expansion, economically, industrially and commercially, was just as suddenly at their disposal.

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"The most amazing fact of all history is this sudden skyrocketing from virtual obscurity of two nations to the most fabulous wealth and economic power ever possessed by any people. Britain became GREAT Britain—a gigantic, stupendously wealthy commonwealth of nations—the United States, the greatest nation of history" (Herbert W. Armstrong, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, p. 129).

The proof that these great national blessings were deliberately bestowed by God, in a timely manner, on those two nations is available without cost to you in our booklet *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

Very simply, during the 19th century, steam power energized the most rapid expansion of industry, trade and transport ever in mankind's history. The growth of factories in the towns and cities, the development of vast rail networks, the leap from sail to steam-powered shipping, this all contributed to the British Empire and the United States leading the world in the creation and movement of goods more rapidly and freely than ever before. It sped up and freed up the movement of people such that international travel was no longer restricted to the hardy adventurer relying on four-footed beasts or the migrant prepared to brave the hardships of months at sea in pursuit of a better life in the new world. Steam power shrunk the world in time and distance and spawned a whole new industry—tourism. Britain's mighty steam-powered Navy secured the principle sea gates of the world, thus allowing free and secure access to its people and goods throughout the 19th century.

One hundred years on from that time, in 1898, the first oil well, at Titusville, Pennsylvania, was drilled. Just three years earlier, in 1895, a Parisian of Bavarian parentage, Rudolph Diesel, perfected his four-stroke cycle, oil-fueled internal combustion engine.

Both of those seminal events led to the explosion of exploration, extraction and processing of liquid fossil fuel throughout the 20th century as it became the prime energy source dri-

As the world feeds its increasingly voracious appetite for energy from rapidly diminishing, non-renewable resources, a powerful new strategic weapon is being deployed to squeeze the giant U.S. economy. BY RON FRASER

ving the unfettered expansion of the world economy. Through boom and bust, cycle after cycle, oil has filled the energy thirst of burgeoning national economies to the point that, at the dawn of a new century, the prospect of exhaustion of the world's supply of this energy source is now seen as a foreseeable reality.

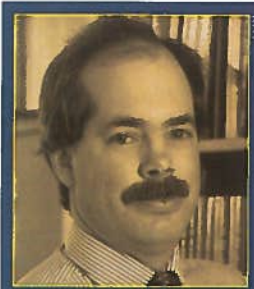
"Coal was king in 1800; coal was still king in 1900; coal is a dethroned monarch in 2000. Oil is king in 2000; oil will have abdicated before 2100" (*The Times*, London, Aug. 30, 1999).

### Oil's Troubled Waters

The International Energy Agency (IEA) publicized their findings, in November 1998, that growth in oil output could not be expected to continue beyond about 2001. Although it has been recognized for at least 25 years that known resources of oil, as a finite, limited source of energy, would run out in the present century, little or nothing has yet been done to deal with this prospect. Policy analyst David Fleming states, "The essential problem has been known for a long time. It is a fact, written up exhaustively in the literature, that the period around the turn of the millennium marks the end of growth in the world production of oil, and the start of its long decline toward depletion. In 1956, the geologist King Hubbert accurately forecast that the U.S.'s oil production would peak in 1970. In 1970, Esso forecast that global production would peak in about 2000" (*Prospect*, Nov. 2000).

Far from seeking to reduce our global dependence on oil as our prime energy source, during the past ten years the world went on an oil binge that increased consumption by 9 million barrels a day. Christopher Flavin, acting president of Worldwatch Institute, declared last year, "Unless we use the current crisis as an opportunity to im-

prove fuel economy and diversify energy supplies, we will put the health of both the world economy and the global environment at risk" (*International Herald Tribune*, Sept. 26, 2000). Flavin went on to point out that the United States, which possesses only 4 percent of the world's population, is consuming nearly 25 percent of the world's oil, and it imports more than half its supply. This dependence on foreign sources poses an extreme strategic risk to the U.S. economy.



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**Christopher Flavin**

Added to this, Flavin points to the debilitating effect on planet Earth that the consumption of oil is having: "Burning vast quantities of oil contributes to the inexorable buildup of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, a trajectory that must end soon if we are not to disrupt virtually every ecosystem and economy on the planet" (ibid.). Hence the U.S. being viewed as a pariah for not supporting the

Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change (see p. 21).

Although the search for oil continues, industry experts admit that they do not realistically expect to find another Saudi Arabia or Alaska. Extensive exploration indicates that the largest reserves of accessible oil have been found already. Those which yet remain to be developed are largely sited in territory that is located within countries that have tenuous or hostile relationships with the world's major oil consumer nation—the United States.

### Shaky Ground

Of the world's total proved reserves of oil, over 75 percent lie underground or offshore of territory controlled by a cartel of 11 nations which comprise the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC, see p. 4). These countries are all developing nations having heavy dependency on oil export

revenues to sustain their economies. Collectively they produce about 40 percent of the world's oil.

Other than OPEC's reserves, much has been made of the prospect of developing flows of the black gold from the emerging oil region of central Asia and the Caucasus. These prospects must be seen in the harsh light of reality. It is estimated that, given reasonable political stability (which is hardly the case in this ex-Soviet region), the landlocked Caspian will supply only 3 to 4 percent of the world's oil supply by 2010-15. Distances from their main markets might yet stymie even this prospect.

A reasonable view of the future of central Asia and the Caucasus was taken by Amy Myers Jaffe and Robert A. Manning in *Foreign Affairs* journal. They claim that this region is simply not about to spew forth an oil and gas bonanza. "The complex problems of the Caspian region—evidenced by the turmoil in Chechnya, Dagestan and Kyrgyzstan—could, if left to fester without the salve of promised oil wealth, make the Balkans look like a pregame warm-up" (Jan./Feb. 2000). Even if the region does stabilize, which is highly unlikely, these analysts claim that Caspian oil will not feed the glutinous U.S. markets; rather, it will flow to Europe and possibly Asia.

Russia is touted as another alternative source of supply to OPEC. Forecasts indicate that oil production in Russia may increase to between 410 and 450 million tons per year by 2005. Once again, any increase is likely to be denied to the U.S. markets, as the EU has ensured prime call on Russia as a principal supplier to its burgeoning energy needs.

"Exports of Russian oil to Europe may amount to 210 million to 250 million [metric tons] per annum by 2005, which accounts for 30 percent of European consumption, Yukos CEO Mikhail Khodorkovsky said in Moscow" (*Interfax News*, April 3).

In May, Interfax reported that Gazprom, the monolithic Russian corporation which yields 98 percent of that country's gas production, was gearing up to meet Europe's growing



**GAS GIANT** Gazprom headquarters in Moscow.

demand for natural gas. Germany was by far the largest buyer of Russian gas last year. With the EU and Russia forging an increasing alliance against the U.S., the American oil importers and processors can hardly look to their old cold-war enemy to ease their energy shortages.

North African oil is also coming into the picture, with southwestern Chad oil fields being developed by consortia led by Exxon Mobil. Slated to begin operation in 2004, oil from the southwestern Chad basin will be piped 663 miles to offshore loading facilities on the Cameroon coast of West Africa. This places the point of dispatch for export midway between Spain and Southern Africa. With the EU and South Africa probably becoming the principal importers, the U.S. loses out again.

To compound the problem of supply, China and India ended decades of energy self-sufficiency when they became net importers of oil in the mid-1990s. Jaffe and Manning report that "China's rising hunger for oil imports means that it will depend more on the same energy resources and sea transportation lanes shared by the United States, Japan and other industrialized countries" (*Foreign Affairs*, op. cit.).

Which brings us to the question of future power plays, by not only the

U.S. but all other major oil-consuming nations, looming large on the horizon—and OPEC holding the whip hand.

## Politics and Oil Security

Did not the U.S. win the war for the security of Kuwait in Operation Desert Storm? Well—no! Saddam is still on his throne, his defense infrastructure is rebuilt and, aided and abetted by China (in a total violation of UN sanctions), "Iraq has upgraded its air defense network with fiber optic communications that connect surface-to-air missile batteries and radar sites into a more effective defense umbrella" (*www.stratfor.com*, June 4).

With the U.S. scared to death of losing a warrior in battle, the administration is heeding the fears of its senior military officers as they point out the heightened risk this poses to U.S. and British pilots. As a result, allied air patrols will be scaled back significantly, if not totally cut.

But all this really involves the politics of *oil*. The Bush administration is capitulating on the U.S.-led UN sanctions to ease Iraq back into play in the global arena. The sanctions have been an unqualified failure from the beginning. The only people hurt in the process were the common folk of Iraq, the civilian foreign-policy fodder. But it's all about *oil*. The energy crunch has pushed the U.S. to dovetail its policy toward Iraq with Washington's new energy policy, which simply requires greater access to the region's oil reserves. As Stratfor pointed out, Iraq and

neighboring Iran together hold about 20 percent of Middle East oil reserves and 18 percent of its gas reserves. The lifting of sanctions simply paves the way for U.S. corporations to profit from the exploitation of these resources.

Nevertheless, the changing policy toward Iraq got off to a bad start.

Playing hard to get, in June Saddam Hussein pulled Iraqi oil off the market, ostensibly because the UN extended the oil-for-food program for only one month instead of renewing it for six months as had been their habit. The UN's stated reason for this decision was that it needed to review U.S. and British proposals for an overhaul of the entire sanctions regime in line with Washington's new energy policy. Hussein's move will further crimp oil supply for as long as Iraq wants, in a market already bearing the brunt of the OPEC cartel's denial of any production increase at their recent meeting in Vienna.

"That group is a political animal, whether or not it wants to acknowledge it." Thus opined Jareer Ellass, CEO of the Washington-based consulting firm Oil Navigator, as quoted by Associated Press following OPEC's first summit in 25 years held in Caracas, Venezuela, in September last year. Subsequent meetings of OPEC, held in its Vienna headquarters, have done nothing to ease the high prices of oil which escalated during last winter and continue to hold up, rising to a four-month high near \$30 a barrel following OPEC's June 5 meeting. Simply put, the OPEC cartel has the global energy market at its feet. It's just pure and simple market economics—supply and demand. World oil inven-

## What Is OPEC?

**E**STABLISHED IN 1960, THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES is a cartel of major oil-producing nations. Its headquarters is in Vienna, Austria. Current membership comprises Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

OPEC's activities embrace the full gamut of oil negotiations, which include establishing crude oil prices and production quotas.

In 1973 OPEC quadrupled the price of oil over a three-month period, imposing an oil embargo on those Western nations that had supported Israel against the Arab instigators of the Yom Kippur war. Ever since, OPEC's use of the "oil weapon" has inspired greater assertiveness among developing countries and spurred their demands for a New International Economic Order.

In the 1980s, OPEC's influence temporarily declined as Western nations turned to exploiting their own oil resources, sought alternative energy sources and initiated energy-reduction programs. As these efforts increasingly faltered, the West's appetite for oil continued unabated and oil resources started to dry up, OPEC sprung back into focus as a heavyweight on the international political scene in the year 2000.

tories are low, scarcity raises demand, heightened demand raises price.

So it was that GREED governed OPEC's decision to refrain from increasing oil output when they last met, thus sustaining the present excessively high cost for crude oil.

### Feet of Clay

Like another political and economic cartel, the EU, OPEC has feet of clay. Its inherent weakness has been an inability to unify and agree on a common direction. This has worked to oil consumers' advantage in the past. But OPEC partners play for high stakes, and recently they have enjoyed a period of reasonable unity. Herein lies the danger.

"These nations, when they act together, can importantly affect the economic well-being of every society that relies on oil to power its factories, run its cars and trucks, and heat its homes" (*Commentary*, March 2001).

That's the opinion of Irwin M. Stelzer, director of regulatory studies at the Hudson Institute. In a cutting analysis, Stelzer continued, "Since the end of the Arab oil boycott of the mid-1970s and until recently, the consuming nations have benefited from the inability of the often quarrelsome producing nations to cooperate in a price-fixing conspiracy. But then the price of oil fell to \$10 per barrel—a figure that, although still higher than what would prevail in a freely competitive market, was evidently too low to permit the producing nations to fund their arms purchases, their subsidization of anti-Israel terrorists and other groups, the massive subsidies doled out to their disenfranchised middle classes to prevent discontent from boiling over into outright revolution, and payments to princes and other potentates whose taste for the good life exceeds what their talents would command in a global workplace."

Yet, despite the good times rolling within OPEC, Saddam Hussein is the cloud on the cartel's horizon. His Mexican standoff against the U.S.-led UN sanctions review has posed a problem to OPEC unity. His halting of Iraqi oil exports from June 4 has a double-whammy effect.

"Iraq's export cutoff will have an impact beyond just annoying the West and scaring its neighbors. Although Iraq is one of 11 OPEC members, while it is bound by UN sanctions, it can produce as much oil as it wants. So from the viewpoint of certain OPEC

members, the cutoff, which will remove 2.2 million barrels per day from global supply, provides a hard-to-resist opportunity to increase oil prices" (*www.stratfor.com*, June 5).

Though the maverick Hussein is an OPEC member, his stand has thrown a cat among the rest of OPEC's pigeons.

"But the damage to OPEC solidarity is already done. The Iraqi cutoff has OPEC members second-guessing each other. All have a bit of excess capacity, and all know they will pump more to

**Only the blind could conclude anything but that OPEC uses their majority control over the world's major energy source, oil, as a weapon of economic warfare.**

take advantage of Iraq's withdrawal regardless of the official OPEC stance. This unraveling of confidence will continue as oil prices drop in reaction to the developing global economic slowdown, darkening OPEC's collective future. For if OPEC members cannot cooperate at a time when none are threatened economically, they will find it that much harder to engineer production cuts once prices truly fall" (*ibid.*).

### Target America

In this whole scenario, whether prices are sustained at the excessive June 5 levels or squeezed due to global recession, the U.S. remains the prime target of the OPEC cartel's initiatives.

"One way to assess the impact of OPEC collusion on the American economy is to consider the difference made by a rise in the price of oil from \$10 per barrel to what seems to be OPEC's new target price of \$30. Since we import about 9 million barrels per day, the recent increase is transferring almost \$65 billion per year from the pockets of American consumers to the various Arab kingdoms and other producing nations" (*Commentary*, op. cit.).

A case in point is Kuwait. The U.S. plowed billions of dollars into Desert Storm. Was Kuwait gracious in demonstrating its appreciation? Did the struggle really buy us a tiny oil-rich OPEC ally at mind-boggling expense? Rather than provide moral support at home, the Kuwaiti royal family fled the scene of battle during operation Desert Storm to play the casinos in London and live the high life in safety, while

American servicemen risked their lives to save Kuwait from Saddam Hussein. In oil politics, Kuwait has not favored its U.S. benefactor.

"Kuwait produces only 3 percent of the world's oil. It is thus one of the OPEC countries that could turn on the taps immediately and, if it so chose, increase its production capability even further.... Yet, when the price recently fell below \$30, it was Kuwait's oil minister who led the charge for further curtailments of output" (*ibid.*).

Irwin Stelzer concludes that the U.S. will find little joy in seeking support in any energy crisis from its Arabic "allies."

"Looking for gratitude in Kuwait is as fruitful as looking for oil under the White House lawn, and asking the Saudi regime to put economic sense above the [Palestinian Liberation Organization] line is as rewarding as asking the more extreme environmentalists to ease our national shortage by withdrawing their opposition to new drilling or new power plants. No, for a way out of our predicament we will have to look not to OPEC but to ourselves" (*ibid.*; emphasis mine).

But Mr. Stelzer's comment has bearing on far more than the current energy crunch for the U.S., Britain and other Western democracies.

### Asymmetric Warfare

Even if alternative sources of oil are accessed by the U.S. in the future, the Gulf states will remain its chief source of supply for the next decade and hence a most crucial component in the global foreign-policy scene.

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One school of thought in foreign-policy circles centers on the growth of "asymmetric warfare." This theory postulates that an adversary uses whatever situation exists to attack the weakness of its intended victim.

In the case of certain Gulf states, in particular Iran and Iraq, oil is the weapon, the U.S. and its allies are the adversary, and energy dependence on external supply is the glaring weakness.

As Clark Staten, executive director of the Emergency Response and Research Institute (ERRI), has stated, the superior military capability of the U.S. and its allies does not prevent such nations "using oil as a lever to create

hardships for the poor, motivate protests, cause civil unrest, and escalate political problems for the Western powers.” He added, “For those countries participating in this alleged collusion, it is a ‘win-win’ situation.... They both collect vast amounts of money to further their ambitions, and they destabilize the governments that they politically or ideologically oppose” (*EmergencyNet News*, Sept. 24, 2000).

**Prophetic Significance**

There is an intriguing prophecy in the book of Hosea which fits the very times we are passing through in this early 21st century: “Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt” (Hos. 12:1).

Biblical Ephraim is Britain, under whose benign protection of the high seas in the century and a half preceding World War II the U.S. was free to build, peacefully, its massive economy. British politics today is about that which lies to their east—all the hot air that emanates from Brussels, the headquarters of the European Union. The EU is progressively destroying British sovereignty.

The *Spectator* magazine recently ran an article claiming that the British prime minister would do anything to please the EU, *at cost to Britain’s sovereignty as a free nation*. He may well preside over the government which makes “a covenant with the Assyrians”—meaning *Germany*.

In terms of our focus on energy politics, it is interesting to note the closing phrase in this scripture, “and oil is carried into Egypt.” That term *carried into* comes from the Hebrew word *yabal*, meaning “to bear along.” Oil is born along Egypt. The Suez Canal is crucial to the oil shipments from the Gulf states. Millions of tons of crude oil are shipped from the Gulf, born along the Suez Canal northward to the Mediterranean and South to the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean. It is a crucially strategic lifeline for the energy supply to the U.S. and its allies.

What an amazing prophecy this is. At the very time we see Britain consorting with German-led Europe to its gross disadvantage, led by a leader who is working behind the backs of British citizenry to conclude a covenant (“foreign alliances”—see the Companion Bible),

# Power on... Power off! Power on?

Californians are facing rolling blackouts this summer. What is the real cause behind California’s energy crisis?

BY DENNIS LEAP

**C**ALIFORNIA HAS LONG EMBODIED the spirit of the American dream. It is a special land offering great opportunity. Geographically it is the third-largest state in the nation. California has been richly blessed with a moderate climate and incredible natural resources. Its seaside location, breathtaking mountain vistas, lush green valleys and ancient forests have drawn multiple millions of tourists to this legendary land.

California is known as the Golden State, and for good reason. Historically, men have searched for, fought for and mined its most precious metal—gold. Yet, ever since the first Spanish settlement in the 18th century, agriculture has been vital to California’s bustling economy. The state virtually supplies the nation and global markets with fresh fruits and vegetables during the northern hemisphere winter. Another one of California’s most famous economic hallmarks is Silicon Valley—the seat of America’s high-technology industry.

One seventh of all U.S. exports come out of California. The state is a major economic player in the Pacific Rim. If California were a nation, it would have the world’s sixth-largest economy. California is the locomotive driving the economies of both the United States and Asia.

As California goes, so goes the nation—and Asia. This is why we should maintain a close watch on California’s threatening woes.

**The Cursed State**

Over the last decade, the Golden State has suffered a string of curses of biblical proportions, including earthquakes, floods, drought and wildfires. In 1992 there

*oil* comes into play, in the Middle East, as a powerful political force.

As the *Trumpet’s* editor in chief has pointed out, this is a prophecy for our time, the very time we are living in right now!

The U.S. and its allies are in a predicament. It centers around energy and the control of external supply. Mr. Stelzer says we will have to look to ourselves for a way out of this predicament. Yet the energy crunch is but one of a number of symptoms of a far *deeper* crisis in the Anglo-American countries. It’s a crisis of *spirit*, of *character*,

of *morality*, a crisis of a great loss of *national virtues*. It’s a crisis of the great loss of love for *truth*! It’s a crisis of nations which have *forgotten their God*!

This magazine is part of the solution which leads many individuals to find the way out of the great national predicaments that the Anglo-American nations will soon confront, of which the energy crunch is but one.

“What is truth?” asked King Herod, as he washed his hands of dealing with a great moral and spiritual crisis 1,970 years ago. The truth is that, be it the energy crisis or the moral and spiritual







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**IN THE DARK** The Golden Gate bridge, normally illuminated, during a January 18 blackout.

was much publicity about the severe "five-year drought" that had been plaguing the Sacramento water basin. That drought is essentially not over! June 15, the U.S. agriculture secretary announced that seven counties in northern California qualify for federal drought aid. Wildfires have already begun for the summer months in California.

Now added to California's natural disasters is the threat of rolling electric power blackouts. Much publicized in March, dire forecasts about this summer's power crisis were given to California residents. Let's discuss a few of the warnings given by news reports.

### Dark Predictions

Since March, dark predictions concerning the blackouts have filled news headlines. Newspaper articles have warned that blackouts will severely strike California's economy. On April 21, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that California would lose from \$2 billion to \$16 billion this summer. In addition, over the next three years some 15,000 jobs could be lost in the Bay area alone. This article stated that "Energy experts predict that the state will face at least 34 days of rolling blackouts this summer, when demand will rise as air conditioners are cranked up in homes, schools and work places."

Silicon Valley businesses could be some of the hardest hit by *unreliable* power. The *Chronicle* quoted Don McIntosh, facilities director for Sunnyvale chipmaker Advanced Micro Devices: "A one-hour loss of power would be disastrous for us.... You have the potential for ruining an entire batch of [silicon] wafers. In addition, it could take up to three days to recalibrate all the tools." The article reported that McIntosh's company is looking for alternate sources of uninterrupted power for the summer.

Clearly, a power-on, power-off, power-on scenario will severely hurt California's economy. On March 23, Stratfor Systems reported that a downturn in California's economy would be *nasty*. "A slowdown in California will, therefore, exacerbate Asia's downturn, most notably in those countries that rely on exports to the United States. It will also undermine U.S. exports, as the state produces nearly 30 percent of the nation's exports to the region." America's economy is already lagging. The California blackouts carry the potential to make things far worse.

Besides economics, there are public health and safety issues to consider as well. On May 16, the *Sacramento Bee* warned California residents that water supplies would be threatened because pumps could fail during power outages. Staff writer Chris Bowman wrote, "State health authorities are notifying public water utilities to secure emergency water and backup power so fire hydrants won't run dry and drinking water remains safe during blackouts. The notice, which is being issued this week to all 8,700 public water systems in the state, also advises utilities to warn the public that tap water could turn cloudy or [become] contaminated during a prolonged power outage at the utilities' well pumps."

The threat to California's water system is a serious one. All effective urban water systems require constant pressure to keep water clean and flowing. Since many water systems have cracks in pipelines, a lack of water flow allows for back seepage, which leads to contamination. If pumps do not operate continually, even raw sewage can be sucked back into water supplies. This represents a real public-health hazard. Rolling power blackouts will force California residents to boil water before use. This health problem could become more than just a matter of inconvenience.

Even worse is the loss of water at fire hydrants, considering California's problems with wildfires. In addition, a loss of electrical power at the water pump will adversely affect agricultural communities already suffering from drought. It takes electrical power to move irrigation water.

There are other public safety issues accompanying blackouts. When traffic lights go out, accidents happen. Traffic jams increase and most assuredly tempers will flare. People will be trapped in elevators. The elderly and very young will suffer from the heat; some elderly could die from heat exposure.

### Complex Crisis

California's electric power problems need some quick solutions. Unfortunately it appears that at this point there is ➔

crisis that has led to our nations showing no shame for electing pathological adulterers and liars as our leaders, the reason for our present state is simply the curses we have brought upon ourselves in outright rebellion to our God.

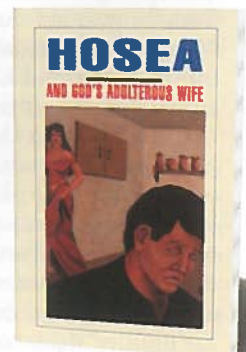
"The Lord hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him" (v. 2). This is a dual prophecy having to do with a controversy which the Eternal God has with Judah (the modern Jewish nation, Israel) and Jacob (the Anglo-American nations) and, at the

spiritual level, with God's own Church.

Hosea's prophecy contains vital information that you need. Irwin Stelzer says we must look to ourselves to find a way out of our predicament. *We really need to look to our God!* He alone can lift us out of our personal, our national and our spiritual predicaments. Write now, without delay, for our free booklet *Hosea and God's Adulterous Wife*. Read it, study it. It will show you the *reality* of the times in which we live and the way you can change your life to prepare for events of startling significance in the future. ◆

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more *finger pointing* than constructive meetings taking place. Can the right solutions be found and implemented? A recent Gallup poll shows that 68 percent of Californians see their energy situation as very serious. While most of the country is concerned about the higher costs of gasoline and natural gas, Californians are concerned if they will have power at all. The mood in California is very negative. In fact, most Californians feel they will get stuck with both darkness and higher utility costs. Higher electric rates will represent a loss of income. A very serious social situation is brewing in California.

California's energy crisis is complex. Few truly understand what is actually taking place.

Some feel that liberal news media have misrepresented what is truly happening in California. We must remember that shocking headlines sell newspapers, but don't necessarily give *real understanding* of the facts. Many reporters, through a lack of research combined with the desire to scoop a story, have communicated glaring errors. Since March, news stories have discussed various causes for California's electric power crisis: lack of power plants, rapid growth in population, skyrocketing demands outstripping supplies. But what actually caused the California blackouts in March 2001? Was it a lack of power supply?

Attempting to clarify the real issues in California, *Brill's Content* reported this in June 2001: "But the problem in California isn't a lack of supply. It's that the energy producers have withheld supply from the utilities at strategic moments to protest the utilities' failure to pay debts, as *Los Angeles Times* reporter Julie Tamaki pointed out in March. The Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights points out that the blackouts have hit at just the moments when the suppliers wanted to extract new concessions and subsidies from the state, such as agreements to cover the utilities' debts to the

suppliers. In total, California has 55,500 megawatts of power-generating capacity and 4,500 megawatts purchased through long-term contracts from out-of-state suppliers—approximately 15,000 megawatts more than peak demand...."

The truth is, the March blackout was manufactured so producers could drive a hard bargain with utility companies.

## Bad Legislation

Other news reports have stated that California's private utilities are bankrupt because of the state-imposed cap on the rates that utilities can charge customers. Yet *Brill's Content* reports, "But the major news outlets regularly omit vital context: Legislation deregulating electricity markets passed the California legislature unanimously in 1996. It was exactly what the private utilities wanted; certainly no bill would pass the legislature unanimously if PG&E or Southern California Edison [were] opposed in whole or part. The law was a remarkably lucrative deal for the utilities. They received \$28 billion in ratepayer subsidies for what the utilities call 'stranded costs'—previous plant investments gone bad—and were allowed for the first time to invest in unrelated businesses in the United States and abroad." In essence,

reports that the private utilities are near bankruptcy do not give a true picture of reality.

PG&E did declare bankruptcy in April. But few articles have discussed the assets of PG&E's parent company. PG&E is expected to have a hard time with creditors in bankruptcy court because of assets gained since 1996. *Brill's* reported, "The deregulation legislation passed in 1996 allowed the utilities to restructure themselves; their newly created holding companies have extracted billions of dollars from their utility subsidiaries and used the proceeds to buy back stock, pay out huge dividends to share-holders and make

out-of-state investments. The parent companies have also profited from the price increases in the wholesale electricity market, as one subsidiary (electricity generation) has sold at superinflated costs to another (utility provider)." The shocking point *Brill's* is making here is that the utility companies have gouged themselves. What is playing out now in California is a war among producers, utility companies and state officials—caused by bad legislation!

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## A Political Crisis

California's real energy crisis is *political*, not electrical. Yet very little has been said in the press about the role of politics in this serious crisis. Government officials and lawmakers have received little bad press. Some feel California's liberal press is giving liberal leaders a free ride. It appears that everyone but the politicians has been held accountable for California's energy crisis.

Most news reports have failed to show that California's 1996 legislation is at the heart of the problem. Most assume that the bill deregulated electric rates. But in fact, electric rates were never deregulated. *Brill's* states, "The 1996 California legislation was a monstrosity of price controls at the retail level and free markets at the wholesale level.... The law guaranteed the worst of all worlds—the highest possible prices from the producers and no incentive for retail consumers to shop around for the best bargain. Why should they when they were feeling no pain?"

In other words, the 1996 legislation ensured that retail consumers would pay *less* than true market value for their electricity, while at the same time allowing electrical producers to artificially *inflate* the prices for utility companies. While the utility companies shouldered the burden of higher prices, consumers have not. The effect has been a financial crisis for the utility

## Who Benefits?

Energy executives selling power to California saw their compensation rise an average of 253 percent in 2000.

Title of individual—individual compensation for 2000—percent increase over 1999

Enron Corp. chairman  
**\$141.6 million—184%**

Enron Corp. CEO  
**\$72.6 million—44%**

Calpine Corp. CEO  
**\$23.9 million—624%**

Calpine Corp. CFO  
**\$6.85 million—247%**

AES Corp. CEO  
**\$12.8 million—546%**

AES Corp. CFO  
**\$8.13 million—670%**

Source: Orange County Register

companies. And now this mess is being handed back to state leaders, who, to be blunt, created it all in the first place.

Is it possible for California state officials to solve this crisis? So far their track record is not good!

The *Trumpet* does not desire to oversimplify California's energy crisis or to take sides. Utility companies' debts should be paid off. However, energy producers should also be prevented from artificially overcharging. Consumers should pay the true market value for the electricity used. No one should be gouged!

Does California need more power plants? Of course—a growing economy needs more energy to sustain growth. Some blame environmentalists for holding up the construction of new electricity plants in the state. But did you realize that in fact 11 new plants have been licensed and six are under construction in California?

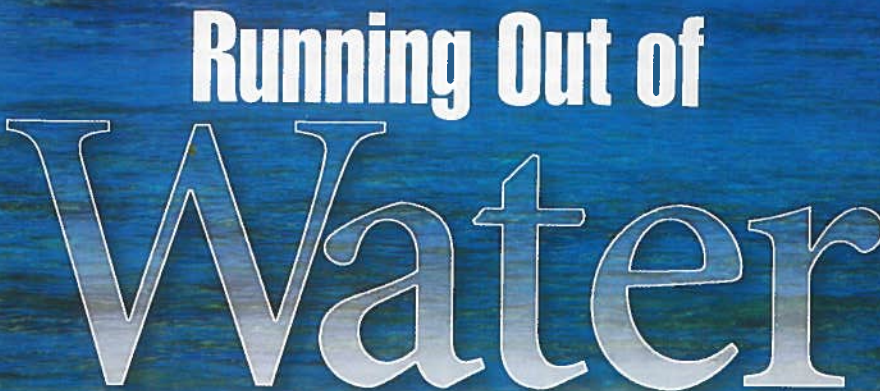
Do Californians need to conserve power? Yes, they do—as do all Americans. All states should be developing energy plans that emphasize energy efficiency and renewable energy. Do Californians need to protect their environment? The answer is a resounding yes! But to truly solve its energy crisis, California will need tough, forward-thinking leaders who can make right decisions, no matter how unpopular. Unfortunately, most politicians, lawmakers and leaders are motivated by greed or the need for votes rather than by the conviction for doing the right thing.

*California's energy crisis is just another example of mankind's proven inability to govern the needs and welfare of other men.*

Bible prophecy shows that the United States and Britain will suffer severe economic woes as a punishment for our sins. California's energy crisis is a sign of poor leadership and the simultaneous withdrawal of God's blessing on this country. It is doubtful that California will be able to solve this crisis in the immediate future.

Yet, there is good news on the horizon. Jesus Christ will soon return to restore God's government to this Earth. That government will serve the needs of others and finally solve the social and economic problems so prevalent at this time.

In the meantime, stay close to the *Trumpet* magazine—your only source for true understanding about today's current news. ♦



# Running Out of Water

With the world's attention focused on failing energy supplies, another vital resource—pure water—rapidly drains away.

BY ERIC ANDERSON

**T**HE MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE ON Earth is not oil or electricity, but water. Humans can survive without petroleum and electric power, but not without pure, usable water for drinking and crop irrigation.

Water is the most abundant substance on our planet's surface. About 326 million cubic miles of water in liquid and frozen form make up Earth's oceans, lakes, streams, glaciers and ground waters. The problem, however, is that most of this water is not pure, and therefore not usable.

A water crisis is in the making in most of the underdeveloped world, and even parts of modern, developed nations. Today, some 1.2 billion people—nearly one out of every three in the underdeveloped world—do not have access to a safe and reliable supply of water for their daily needs. And signs of water distress are increasing even in such advanced nations as America, Israel and Australia.

Mankind is depleting the Earth's store of usable water at a pace that will soon threaten our global food supply. Already, millions die and thousands starve or become ill each year because of mismanaged water supplies.

The technology exists to solve these problems, yet this world's governments rarely seem to make global access to pure water a priority.

## Our Limited Water Supply

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The amount of pure water on our planet is finite. There is no more water now than existed thousands of years ago. Essentially the same quantity of water has continuously circulated, changing from vapor in the atmosphere, to rainfall on land or water surfaces, then back to the atmosphere as a result of total evaporation. Anciently, Israel's King Solomon observed this phenomenon and wrote: "All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again" (Eccl. 1:7).

This process, called the hydrologic cycle, functions much like a gigantic distillery. The sun's rays heating the oceans and other bodies of water cause water to evaporate. The vapor-laden air eventually drops its moisture in the form of rain or snow. The precipitation which falls on land runs off into lakes, rivers and streams, providing fresh water suitable for man's use. Typically, 10 to 20 percent of this groundwater seeps down beneath the crust of Earth's continents and into extensive networks of water-bearing strata, or underground aquifers.

More than 97 percent of all water on Earth is salty ocean water. Of the remainder, about 2 percent is trapped in icecaps and glaciers. That leaves less than 1 percent (approximately 3 million cubic miles) of fresh groundwater as a usable resource.

Despite this small percentage, the amount of pure water in existence *could* support several times the current world population. Yet it is not even supplying the present-day needs of Earth's 6.1 billion inhabitants.

Why? The answer is, because of man's abuse and mismanagement of the planet's resources, generously given by the Creator God—and the ensuing withdrawal of His blessings!

## Population Explosion

One of the greatest and most awesome of present-day phenomena is the population explosion. From antiquity, human societies have tended to locate and develop near river basins, lakes and other pure-water sources. The problem is, over time, growing populations have increased out of proportion to readily available water supplies. Population as a whole today is not distributed in the same way that pure water is.

The modern state of human affairs is comparable to the antediluvian world mentioned in Genesis 6, "when men began to multiply on the face of the earth." The human population, which started with just two people, grew slowly over a long period. By Noah's time however, there had been a population explosion not unlike the one we face today.

History has indeed repeated itself. At the turn of the 20th century the world was host to some 2 billion citizens. Today it is teeming with *three times* that amount!

In 1950, there were fewer than 100 cities with a population in excess of 1 million. According to recent United Nations estimates, that number is expected to rise to 650 by 2025. Even now, some 23 cities—18 of them in the underdeveloped world—have populations exceeding 10 million.

Worldwide, approximately half of all people live in urban areas. The areas of the greatest rise in population are the underdeveloped parts of the world—the "have not" nations plagued by poverty, illiteracy and disease.

Some of the world's largest cities, including Beijing, Buenos Aires, Dhaka, Lima and Mexico City, already are, or soon will be, unable to provide safe, clean water and adequate sanitation facilities for their citizens. Ironically, most available fresh water is found in developed nations, which have only one fifth of the world's population.

Pure water is most appreciated where it is scarce. But in those societies that have had an ample supply of pure water, the tendency has been to take it for granted. Turn the tap on, out comes the water. Besides air for breathing, perhaps no other substance is less appreciated by those who have it than water.

According to UN figures, 20 percent of the world's population, in 30 countries, currently face water shortages, a statistic that will likely rise to 30 percent of the world's population, in 50 countries, by 2025.

Because of the demand for increased food production and a rising global standard of living, the demand for water is increasing at twice the population growth rate, says Dr. Hans van Ginkel, of the UN University. Water shortages are especially adverse for agriculture, which consumes 70-80 percent of all available fresh water in the world.

The consequences of increasing global water scarcity will largely be felt in the arid and semi-arid areas, in rapidly growing coastal regions and in the mega-cities of the underdeveloped world. Conflicting needs of cities, industry, wetlands and farms portend bitter water wars.

## Pollution

Another factor responsible for today's disappearance of pure, usable water is pollution.

Over the past six millennia, man has abused, polluted, tarnished and ruined nearly everything his hands have touched. He has depleted the soil by failing to let it lie fallow every seven years. He has denuded the forests, raped the farmlands, and befouled the atmosphere with a host of airborne pollutants, thus causing acid rain, altering rain-

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fall patterns and contributing to the expansion of desert wastelands. He has also contaminated the waters in the rivers, lakes and oceans by dumping enormous quantities of industrial chemicals and hazardous wastes into fresh water supplies.

Other sources of water pollution are household detergents and drain solvents, salt used for melting ice, filth from city streets, insecticides and chemical fertilizers from agriculture, raw sewage from animal farms—the list goes on and on.

## Drought

Drought is another aspect which contributes to the scarcity of pure water supplies. Drought is caused by rain either not falling, or falling in the wrong place—over the oceans, for example, instead of over the land. This produces a whole new set of complications.

Right now, much of India, Korea, China and Afghanistan is suffering from prolonged drought. Looming droughts in Brazil and Australia are hindering farmers and ranchers.

Jordan, Iran and Israel are also in desperate need of rainfall. Israel's Water Management Committee declared in May that three consecutive winters of drought have rendered Israel's fresh water reserves insufficient to meet expected demand (*Jerusalem Post*, May 12). All three Middle Eastern countries are considering introducing water quotas and mandating year-round bans on watering lawns and washing cars.

In the northwestern U.S., salmon fishing has been suffering because of below-average rainfall. The huge High Plains (Ogallala) Aquifer, the primary water source for the American Great Plains (once called America's "breadbasket") has been so heavily depleted that parts of Kansas and other Midwest areas may soon have to switch to rain-fed agriculture. The Colorado River basin, too, is overtapped. Likewise, the water table under the agriculturally critical San Joaquin Valley in California has fallen so much that land sinks. Overpumping in that region has caused one section of farmland to drop 29 feet.



## Water Fact!

More than **97 percent** of all water on Earth is **salty** ocean water. Of the remainder, about **2 percent** is **trapped** in icecaps and glaciers. That leaves **less than 1 percent** (approximately 3 million cubic miles) of **fresh groundwater** as a usable resource. Even this small percentage of pure water could support **several times the current world population.**

The May 27 edition of the *Sacramento Bee* stated (emphasis mine throughout), "...much of California agriculture remains JUST A DROUGHT AWAY FROM DISASTER. And the problem, like the energy crisis, is at root one of supply and demand. We either need more water or we need to use less of it, or, likely, a combination of the two."

Concerning the U.S.'s driest state, Florida, Associated Press reported on April 19, "For three straight years, the Florida formula has been the same: Too many people, not enough raindrops. Everglades marshes have turned into mud flats. Overpumped wells in the Tampa Bay area have sucked near-by lakes and wetlands dry. So much salt has intruded on depleted well fields in parts of southwest Florida that people on low-sodium diets have been warned not to drink the water. ALREADY IT'S BEING CALLED A CRISIS. IT COULD HAVE THE MAKINGS OF A DISASTER."

As the water level drops around the nation, it is becoming more expensive to bring in water by pipelines and electric pumps. Yet, liberal water usage continues unabated. "Most experts believe people won't save water until it costs what it is actually worth. Water is now essentially free. Most consumers pay only the cost of treatment and delivery. In some places, it is even illegal to meter water" (Associated Press, May 12).

If agricultural output declines substantially in California, Florida and the Midwest, significant effects, nationally and internationally, will occur.

What is needed is rainfall in the right places, at the right times and in the proper amount. But that is going to be increasingly rare in the years just ahead—for reasons most people would not expect!

#### Rain in Due Season

The period of time God has allowed for humans to struggle with their problems in their own way is about to come to a close. This world, as we know it, is about to end.

Mankind's history is one long record of rebelling against God's government and laws. Our great God, who made all things through Jesus Christ, will punish humanity—just as a parent punishes a disobedient child—until we learn our lesson.

One of the ways God punishes nations is to shut off their water supplies: "Take heed... [lest] the Lord's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the

### **God will redevelop the Earth into an Eden-like paradise! He will not reform, mend or patch up today's evil society. He will start all over from scratch!**

heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly..." (Deut. 11:16-17).

No, the Bible is not silent concerning the coming world water crisis. Long ago, God foretold that because of society's mounting sins, skyrocketing crime, divorce rates, broken homes, plummeting moral standards and our total ingratitude to Him for the blessings bestowed upon our nations—including pure, abundant water—we are going to see the day when the TAPS RUN DRY (Amos 4:6-8).

To a rebellious and self-willed people, God thunders, "The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke... and thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed" (Deut. 28:20, 23-24).

If pure water is already in short supply in many areas, what will happen when droughts increase, drying up what moisture there is? Will we finally come to our senses and at last submit to God's ways that bring satisfaction, peace and prosperity?

God takes no pleasure in the punishment of the wicked (Ezek. 33:11). He rather desires that humans live in health and prosperity. In Leviticus 26:3-4, our merciful Creator promises to provide plenty of rain to those who obey Him: "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you RAIN IN DUE SEASON, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit."

Some are convinced that scriptures such as these are merely recorded history. But you can easily prove that these are, in fact, prophecies for today—and for the soon-coming World Tomorrow!

#### Water Everywhere

God predicts sweeping reforms everywhere in the utopian age He says will soon erupt on this Earth.

When God sends Jesus Christ to set up His Kingdom over all nations, one

of the top priorities of God's perfect government will be to completely redevelop and shape the Earth into an Eden-like paradise! He will *not* attempt to reform, mend or patch up today's evil society. He will start all over—virtually from scratch!

Imagine it!

As the nations learn to submit to God's government, they will no longer be cursed with water shortages. Gentle rains will fall in the appropriate seasons (Ezek. 34:26) and in the right balance (Ps. 65:9-13). Accessible, pure water will abound. Complicated man-made irrigation systems and huge dams will become obsolete.

It is just as Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in his visionary book *Mystery of the Ages*: "...God has the solution, and how simple it is. Simply make most of the earth cultivatable. Reduce the bare, snow-swept and craggy mountains, raise up some of the deep, arid desert valleys, change the world weather patterns.

"Make all the deserts green and fertile. Open up huge slices of the Earth, like the Kalahari Desert, the Lake Chad basin and the Sahara in Africa, the Gobi Desert in Asia, and the great American deserts. Make green and verdant the vast wastes of Mongolia, Siberia, Saudi Arabia and much of the Western U.S.

"Thaw out the deep ice packs and snowdrifts, the permafrost and tundra from the vast, almost limitless expanses of Antarctica, North America, Greenland, Northern Europe and Siberia. Make level the awesome Pamir Knot, the huge giants of the Himalayas, the Atlas, Taurus, Pyrenees, Rockies, Sierras and Hindu Kush—level the immense sweep of the Andes, and all the other forbidding, towering, virtually uninhabitable mountains of Earth."

Does this sound like some far-fetched pipe dream?

In the hands of man—absolutely! With God however, nothing is impossible.

Look what God promises: "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will NOT forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains [artesian wells] in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water" (Isa. 41:17-18).

Thank God that someday soon the world's water problems—in fact, *all* its problems—will at last be solved! ♦

**L**OU MICHEL, CO-AUTHOR OF THE book *American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City Bombing*, made the following statement on April 4: “McVeigh is agnostic. He doesn’t believe in God, but he won’t rule out the possibility. I asked him, ‘What if there is a heaven and hell?’ He said that once he crosses over the line from life to death, if there is something on the other side, he will—and this is using his military jargon—‘adapt, improvise and overcome.’”

Moments before being executed by the U.S. government for killing 168 people in the bombing of a federal building, McVeigh was given his “last rites” by a Catholic chaplain. Some would say that this “deathbed repentance” gained him a place in heaven.

Could a few short minutes of “repentance” really have erased the penalty for all of the death and destruction McVeigh caused?

On the other hand, forever is a long time. One bombing survivor said, “Anyone who tries to take my life deserves to burn in hell.” Is that belief truly Christian? Do McVeigh’s evil actions, over a few years of life, warrant *eternal torment* in a burning hell fire, as most professing Christians believe?

What about the *victims* of the Oklahoma City bombing? They had no chance to have their last rites read to them. Would they be denied admission to heaven simply because their lives were cut short? Or would God grant all 168 of them admission to heaven simply because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time?

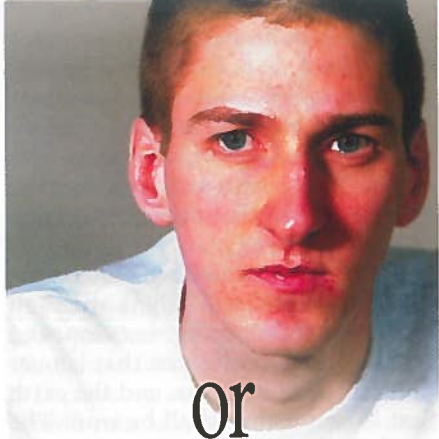
What is actually on “the other side”? Where is Timothy McVeigh today?

### Origins of Heaven and Hell

The modern conceptions of both *heaven* and *hell* have their origins in ancient Egyptian culture. The Egyptians believed that they would stand before, and be judged by, the god Osiris upon their death: “When the verdict is favorable and he has been cleared of any impurity, his heart is restored, and after several other ordeals, he is ushered into the bright Elysian Fields (the fields of Alu) beyond the water.... Henceforth, he enjoys the perennial life of the blessed under the shadow of the

# Is TIMOTHY MCVEIGH in

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# HELL?

BY MARK JENKINS

tree of life, or the sycamore of Nut, the goddess of the sky, a true Osiris” (Kaufmann Kohler, *Heaven and Hell in Comparative Religion*, pp. 22-23).

When the verdict was negative, the sinner experienced the “second death.” He was then dismembered and subjected to the fiercest tortures, including burning by hot coals, plunging into deep waters, or cutting the body into pieces by sharp swords. “We have here the very origin of [Dante’s poems] the *Inferno* and *Paradiso*” (ibid., p. 23).

These pagan beliefs became a part of modern theology through the literature of Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), best known for the *Divine Comedy* in three parts: *Inferno*, *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso*. Dante’s personal ideas about hell came largely from the writings of the Greek philosophers Plato and Virgil. His *Inferno* included a tour through the various levels of hell, where sinners suffered by an eternally punishing fire. This story is the basis for beliefs on hell among millions of professing Christians.

But what does the Bible really say about heaven and hell?

### Heaven Defined

“Thus the *heavens* and the earth were finished, and all the host of them” (Gen. 2:1). This word *heavens* refers to two different heavens. The first heaven consists of the Earth’s atmosphere. The second heaven is the vast reaches of space beyond the atmosphere.

There is also a third heaven: the home of God. The Apostle Paul saw this “third heaven,” where God’s throne is, in a vision (II Cor. 12:1-2). This vision was so intensely realistic that Paul was unable to tell if he was physically there, or if he was seeing it in his mind.

In Hebrews 4:14, the phrase “into the heavens,” should be translated “*through* the heavens.” We see that Jesus Christ passed through the first two heavens—Earth’s atmosphere and outer space—as He ascended to the third heaven. John 3:13 reveals that no man has ascended to

heaven except for Jesus Christ. Certainly many have ascended to the first and second heavens by aircraft, spacecraft and other means, so this verse can only refer to the third heaven, where the Almighty God resides.

Some have said that Elijah ascended to heaven, which he did—but not to the third heaven. He was taken by chariots of fire up into the *first* heaven (II Kings 2:11). The Hebrew word used for *heaven* here is the same as in Genesis 2:1. Elijah did not die during this experience. In fact, Elijah wrote a letter to King Jehoram years after this event (II Chron. 21:12). Elijah had been miraculously *transported* to another location on Earth.

Heaven is *not*, as some believe, the future home of any man, righteous or not. Revelation 5:10 shows that God’s saints will reign not in heaven but “on the earth.” Revelation 21 and 22 describe the coming time when God the Father and heavenly Jerusalem will come *down to Earth* after it has been purified. In other words, man is not going to heaven—God is coming here!

### Hell Defined

Few would suggest that Timothy McVeigh now resides in heaven. Many millions of professing Christians, however, believe he is currently in hell.

That is absolutely true—but not the hell most would think of.

The word *hell* is used in the New Testament as a translation for three different Greek words: *hades*, *tartaroo* and *gehenna*. *Hades* refers to a grave or pit, and has no connection to fire. When a person dies, he or she goes to this *hell*, better known as the grave. Jesus Christ Himself went there. In Acts 2:31 we read, “his soul was not left in *hell* [but it did go there], neither his flesh did see corruption.” We can see here that this word *hell* refers to the grave.

In Ecclesiastes 9:5, we learn that the dead know absolutely nothing: “For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.” It is as though the dead person is asleep in the grave, totally unaware of everything. Ecclesiastes 3:19 shows that man dies just as the animals do. The word *hades* is roughly equivalent to the word *sheol* in the Old Testament. *Sheol* is the only word translated *hell* in the Old Testament.

The second word in the New Testament that is translated as *hell* is *tartaroo*. This word is mentioned only once in Scripture: “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to *hell*, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment” (II Peter 2:4). *Tartaroo* is used only in reference to rebellious angels as a place of restraint. Nowhere does the Bible mention human beings being placed in this *hell*. This *tartaroo*, like *hades*, also makes no mention of fire; rather, it talks about chains of darkness.

At present, all of the dead—righteous men and sinners alike—are asleep in their graves (*sheol* or *hades*) awaiting resurrection. The Bible shows that all who die—even Timothy McVeigh—will eventually be resurrected. The question is not *if* a person will be resurrected, but *when*. So says the Bible: “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive. But every man in his own order” (I Cor. 15:22-23).

Jesus Christ was the first to be resurrected. He is the “firstborn among many brethren” (Rom. 8:29) and has made possible the resurrection of everyone who has ever lived. A careful study of God’s Word reveals that there are actually three resurrections yet to come.

### The First Resurrection

The first resurrection is reserved specially for the dead in Christ and

those who are Christ’s at His coming. “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (I Thes. 4:16-17).

These are those who have repented and received the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:9). These people will live forever and reign with Christ throughout the Millennium, as shown in Revelation 20:5-6.

### The Second Resurrection

Revelation 20:5 shows when the next resurrection will take place: “But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.” At the end of the thousand years, everyone else who has ever died will be resurrected as physical human beings.

Most of humanity will be brought back to life in this resurrection, as described in Ezekiel 37:1-14. They will then finally have God’s truth revealed to them and be given their chance to become a part of God’s Kingdom. The many billions of people who did not learn God’s way during their lifetime will be given the chance to do so. In His mercy, God will resurrect your loved ones who did not learn the truth. The victims of the Oklahoma City bombing will live again.

God will also resurrect serial killers, sex offenders and other criminals. Adolf Hitler, Attila the Hun and even Timothy McVeigh will be given a chance to learn God’s way—for the first time. This is not a “second chance.” These men simply did not understand God’s truth in their lifetimes. In the second resurrection, their eyes too will be opened to God’s truth. They will then be expected to respond and repent of their evil ways—to convert to a new way of life. This period of time is called the Great White Throne Judgment.

### The Third Resurrection

The third resurrection is a resurrection to a *second death*. The prophet Daniel spoke of this resurrection: “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt” (Dan. 12:2). Jesus Christ calls it the resurrection of *condemnation* (John 5:29).

It is in this resurrection that we read of a hell fire—*gehenna*. A *Dictionary of the Bible*, edited by James Hastings, says this: “*Gehenna*: the word occurs 12 times in the New Testament. This term *gehenna* represents ‘the Valley of Hinnom’ (Neh. 11:30; II Kings 23:10, etc.). The place was... a deep, narrow gorge in the vicinity of Jerusalem, understood to be on the south side. It is repeatedly mentioned in the Old Testament (Jer. 19:6, etc.). It became an object of horror to the Jews, and is said to have been made the receptacle for bones, the bodies of beasts and criminals, refuse and all unclean things.... The fires said to have been kept burning in it in order to consume the foul and corrupt objects that were thrown into it, made it a natural and unmistakable symbol of dire evil... ABSOLUTE RUIN. So it came to designate the place of future punishment.”

This *gehenna*, anciently, was a place of absolute destruction. Anything thrown into this pit was utterly destroyed, leaving nothing but ashes. The punishment for sinners will be death by an all-consuming fire.

Does this mean that the wicked are writhing in agony for all eternity, as Dante claimed? Absolutely not! The wages of sin is DEATH (Rom. 6:23), not eternal LIFE in torture.

Everyone will be given the opportunity to repent and become a part of God’s family, but not everyone will accept it. Those who are not found in the book of life will be cast into a lake of fire, ending their existence forever (Rev. 20:14-15). The incorrigibly wicked will have died the second death, from which there will never be a resurrection. This is a merciful act on the part of their Creator. These people would be miserable eternally if they had immortal life, so God mercifully ends their lives, leaving only the “smoke of their torment” to ascend forever (Rev. 14:11).

Timothy McVeigh is in “hell” now—that is, his grave. He will be completely unconscious until the resurrection of the dead. Our Father in heaven will give him a chance at real life, to learn God’s way and enter into His divine family. God has not given up on him. All of the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing will live again as well. In His boundless mercy, God does not want to give up on any of His children. Everyone who ever lived will be given a chance in the coming Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What a glorious vision of the future! ♦



**MENWITH HILL'S** listening station in Britain, chief site for ECHELON

sages involving sensitive, illegal attempts by French corporations to influence defense contracts with bribes.

Anglo-American cooperation in intelligence gathering and sharing dates back to 1942. It operates under a system that binds the U.S., Britain, Canada,

Australia and New Zealand, one not habitually shared with France or Germany.

The EU claims that Britain, as an EU member, is bound to share its intelligence with member nations. In the aforementioned report, Britain's response to the EU's plans for an autonomous electronic surveillance system are called "a serious test of the European ambitions of the United Kingdom." The report warns that "intelligence gathering may be precisely the issue that forces the United Kingdom to decide whether its destiny is European or trans-Atlantic" (ibid.).

In an in-your-face move seemingly calculated to put the EU in their place, the NSA announced last month that it will move hundreds of personnel from its Bavarian base in southern Germany to Menwith Hill in Britain, chief site for the ECHELON system. This initiative foreshadows an expansion of ECHELON to facilitate implementation of the Bush administration's planned national missile defense shield.

◆ EUROPE

## Politics of spying

The politics of spying are heating up in Europe to a point which may even force Britain to ultimately opt out of the European Union. According to a report leaked from the European Parliament in May, the EU is in the early stages of developing its own intelligence arm to back up its planned rapid reaction force.

"The document puts Britain on notice that it cannot continue to operate a joint intelligence system with America now that the EU is acquiring military ambitions" (*Daily Telegraph*, May 28).

The draft text of the leaked report apparently does not restrict the motivation to create an autonomous EU intelligence capacity to military use only. It also states that "EU economic integration would 'necessitate' an intelligence capability" (ibid.).

This, no doubt, has resulted from claims, as yet unproven, that the U.S. and Britain use their cooperative ECHELON electronic intelligence system to spy on European companies for commercial advantage. Such suspicions were strengthened in the minds of some Europeans when, last year, the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) exposed two clear examples of French corruption. The NSA simply intercepted mes-

◆ IRELAND

## Will of people ignored

When only 33 percent of Irish voters turned out June 8 to make their voices heard in the referendum on the Nice Treaty, it was clear that attempts of Irish and EU leaders to promote the merits

of further EU integration and enlargement had fallen on complacent ears.

However, when 54 percent of those who did vote decided *against* ratifying the treaty (which was drawn up in Nice last December with the intention of making EU expansion into Central and Eastern Europe easier), the message was clear. Even with low voter turnout, this was an example of democracy in action. The Irish are the only ones in the EU whose constitution required that the treaty be put to referendum. (This begs the question—how many other countries, given the opportunity, would have joined the Irish in a *no* vote?)

The reaction to the Irish vote among EU leaders was one of unmitigated shock and horror. Since the Nice Treaty cannot become law without the ratification of all 15 EU member states, the Irish have consequently become the problem child of the EU, in need of correction. EU foreign ministers issued a state-

tion will be continued on the basis of this text and in accordance with the planned timetable. The other 14 states have said they are ready to help the Irish government in all possible ways to find a way out by taking into account the worries which the results of the referendum reflect, without re-opening the text of the Nice treaty."

"By this statement, European leaders formally gave notice that *they have abolished democracy*. It is a long-established fundamental principle of democracies that governments are responsible to the people who elected them and to their representatives" (*European Foundation Intelligence Digest*, June 1-13).

Clearly, the voice of the people, exercising their democratic right to be heard, is not one that EU leaders are interested in hearing. Rather, the results of the referendum serve only as proof that the mind of the people must be forcibly changed through further "re-education." Gunter

Verheugen, the EU enlargement commissioner, insisted that "The outcome of a referendum in one country cannot block the EU's most important project"

([www.eubusiness.com](http://www.eubusiness.com), June 8).

Even Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern stated, "I want to make it



**"NO" SUPPORTERS** celebrate in Dublin on June 8 after their votes won out, rejecting the EU's Nice Treaty

ment following the referendum saying in effect that they would *ignore* the outcome of the Irish vote!

The EU foreign ministers wrote in a joint statement, "While respecting the will of the Irish people, the foreign ministers expressed their regrets at the outcome of the Irish referendum on the Nice treaty. *They rule out any re-opening of the text signed at Nice*. The process of ratifica-

absolutely clear that, in my view, the *no* vote should not be interpreted as a vote against enlargement" (*Agence France Presse*, June 15).

The Irish referendum reflects as much on the political leadership of the EU as on the Irish people. Perhaps the populace of the EU do not care much for the institutions that are being formed to rule them. But do they care about the abolition of their democracies?



◆ COLOMBIA

## Nuclear find in Bogotá

Colombian police were astonished when a tip-off led to their stumbling across a \$1.5 million cache of enriched uranium in the bathroom of an animal-feed salesman in war-torn Bogotá, late April.

"The police believe they have foiled an international gang that planned to build and sell nuclear weapons," said the *Sunday Times*, April 29. The man helping police with their investigation claimed that he had simply found some radioactive ore on his farm!

This type of discovery only serves to increase the alarm expressed at recent international conferences about the growing threat of nuclear terrorism.

The methods employed by groups trading in enriched uranium and atomic bomb parts are increasingly sophisticated. Given that many terrorist groups have recourse to all the latest in vanguard technology, no wonder their movements are so hard to trace!

International authorities admit that there is a long way to go—but they must move quickly to control this highly dangerous, furtive world trade.

Amazingly, the FBI team sent to determine the origin of the Bogotá uranium said they were alarmed at the prospect of a black market in atom bombs. This in spite of the fact that, earlier this year, forums involving the U.S. and the EU have openly admitted that international terrorism involving nuclear bombs is increasingly a real threat.

It also comes at a time when Russia is more open about its worldwide arms trade and uranium sales than at any time since the end of the cold war. As Russia tries to rid itself of the burden of accumulated debt, watch for the dire effects of it becoming bolder

in international arms trading.

Apart from the inevitable—the increasingly worrying possibility of nuclear terrorism—the balance of world military power stands to be destabilized.

America's role as international policeman is floundering fast, and the fact that the U.S.'s unpopular new missile program is out of joint with most of the rest of the world gives the EU further excuses to increase Europe's joint military capacity.

Watch for the EU increasingly being referred to as an emerging joint military bloc of stabilizing importance on the world scene.

◆ RELIGION

## Cult crackdown

In a move that has religionists and civil liberties groups up in arms, France has moved, arbitrarily, to enact legislation repressing religious freedom in that country.

Thumbing its nose to outcries from the U.S. and other foreign governments as well as mainstream church leaders, the French government has raised a bill before its senate which is designed "to reinforce the prevention and repression of groups of a 'sect-like character'" (*Globe and Mail*, June 12).

Joseph Grieboski, president of the Washington-based Institute on Religion and Public Policy, declared, "This law makes the practice of one's religion into a criminal offense."

The bill, if passed, would enable the courts to dissolve officially designated cults under certain conditions. In addition, it would create a new category of crime: abuse of a person "in a state of psychological or physical dependence caused by the exertion of heavy or repeated pressure or techniques liable to alter

his judgment." One caught engaging in behavior considered to match that description faces a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment.

One of the problems foreseen by legal analysts is that the legislation is far too vague in its definitions. Key terms such as "sect," "dependence" and "pressure" are simply left undefined.

As Adrian Hilton, noted author of *The Principality and Power of Europe*, has stated, "Evangelical Christians are perceived by the EU as a 'sect,' and...any group which does not belong to the majority church (Roman Catholic) is viewed by many MEPs with suspicion. This classification is nothing new. The early Church was branded an heretical sect, and this was the earliest basis of persecution" (p. 104).



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There is now real concern that the French legislation will cause a domino effect within the EU. Austria, Germany, Belgium and some Eastern European countries have already officially identified "sects" (many headquartered in the U.S.) for close monitoring.

◆ ASIA

## PNG pullout

After 20 years of voluntary service in the South Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea, the Peace Corps is pulling out.

Once a relatively stable society under the administration of Australia, New Guinea played a crucial role in World War II as an island bastion for Australian, New Zealand and U.S. troops when General MacArthur stationed his command post at Port Moresby.

Papua New Guinea witnessed some of the most bit-

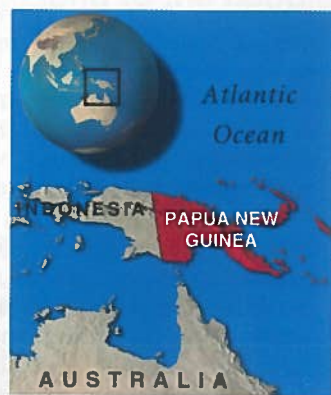
ter and brutal clashes of jungle warfare between Japanese and Allied troops on the Kokoda track.

Following the war, a thriving South Pacific lifestyle was established as post-war reconstruction developed Port Moresby's large, sheltered harbor into an important commercial port.

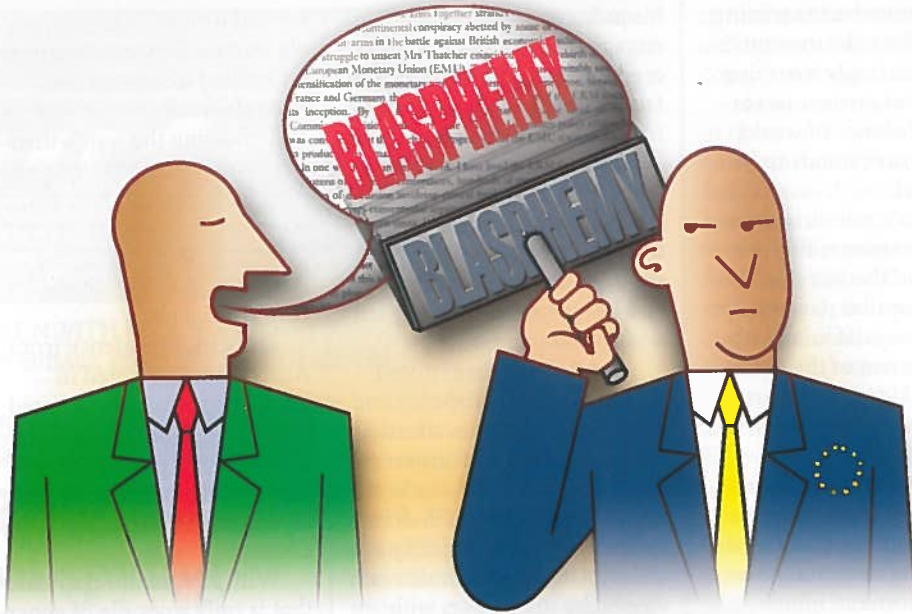
Since independence from Australia was granted in 1975, the nation has suffered increasing socio-economic difficulties as poorly trained, inept local governments have taken over the running of the country.

With a highland populace that is only a couple of generations removed from a tribal headhunting society, Papua New Guinea is rapidly becoming the Congo of the South Pacific. Violent crime has accelerated to the point where Peace Corps headquarters in Washington rated the risk factor to its volunteers as three times higher than other developing countries in which it operated.

Nations which would normally vie for the opportunity to develop Papua New Guinea's abundant oil, gas, gold, silver, copper and timber reserves will be tempted to channel investment elsewhere. However, this tropical Australian neighbor is now



entering the basket-case category of many African nations, and risks dropping even below its present UN ranking of 126th out of 174 countries in human development and employment opportunities.



# Watch What You Say

Europe uses the blasphemy stamp, and free speech takes a hit.

BY JOEL HILLIKER

**M**ANY EUROPEANS—BUT FAR too few—were shocked and indignant. On October 19, 2000, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) tipped its hand and exposed a fearsome mindset in the European Union bureaucracy.

The *Spectator* magazine responded by announcing “The New Inquisition” on its November 18 cover.

The question at hand was the landmark free-speech case of Bernard Connolly, a British economist arguing that he was illegally fired from the European Commission’s monetary affairs department for writing *The Rotten Heart of Europe*.

In his opinion on the case, the ECJ’s advocate-general compared Mr. Connolly’s book, which criticizes European monetary integration, to an extreme form of blasphemy. He invoked a case where the British government had refused a distribution license for a perverse porn video with outlandish religious themes, showing that some forms of expression are so offensive to the “rights of others” that they can rightfully be restricted. *Rotten Heart* had so annoyed the EU elite, he reasoned, that they were justified in penalizing Mr. Connolly.

Having tortuously twisted one British case to support his point, the judge went on to *dismiss* another British case that stated, “It is of the highest public importance that any democratically elected governmental body, or indeed any governmental body, should be open to uninhibited public criticism.” That ruling had “no foundation or relevance” in European law, he said.

The opinion offered a chilling glimpse at the kind of power Europe’s politicians are intent on taking to themselves. The authority to silence criticism is simply a hallmark of fascism.

A few critics of the opinion, including the *Spectator*, rightly pounced on it. Ambrose Evans-Pritchard’s *Spectator* cover story began satirically, “This article is blasphemous. It contains irreverential criticism of the European Union.... On the Richter scale of disrespect it is a seven or an eight, and undoubtedly falls under the European Court’s emerging blasphemy doctrine.”

Unfortunately, such assessments were generally viewed as hyperventilation on the part of the extreme Euroskeptic fringe.

## Dissent Dismissed

The European Union is widely looked upon as a collection of open, democratic communities trying to come

together to find a place in the new world order. With so many different representative nations and cultures, Europe is bound to encounter difficulties in its pursuit of “ever closer union,” but each step in its unification—first economic, then political, then military—is seen as a logical and necessary outgrowth of the previous steps. It seems nearly everyone is pro-Union to some degree. In Britain, Tony Blair, a patent Europhile, just won a second term from possibly the most integration-shy electorate in the EU. America has asked Europe to militarize itself enough to take over peacekeeping jobs like Kosovo. Eastern European countries are clamoring to join the EU. The Israelis and Palestinians are nearly begging for Europe to help quiet the storm in the Mideast.

To harbor the notion that there is something sinister brewing, to voice concern over Europe’s anti-democratic practices, to suggest even the possibility of a cause for alarm—these are enough to nettle or even anger many.

You can be sure Ambrose Evans-Pritchard has felt it. In the same *Spectator* article, he told the story of an EU press conference at which he asked what would prevent a particular article in Europe’s Charter of Fundamental Rights, ratified in Nice last December, from being misused for authoritarian purposes. “There were audible hisses from a number of EU journalists in the room, and the justice commissioner, Antonio Vitorino, let out one of those patronizing little laughs that the EU elite has so perfected. Nobody really answered the question.”

Such condescension toward naysayers calls to mind some words Mr. Connolly himself wrote in *Rotten Heart*, before finding himself at the center of Europe’s free-speech debate: “In Stalinist Russia, dissent was regarded as evidence

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Mr. Connolly would soon feel the pain of penalty for his dissent. After *Rotten Heart* was published, the Commission's rough treatment of Mr. Connolly didn't end with firing him. As Rodney Atkinson reported in the *Trumpet* last August, he "was excluded from the Commission buildings, his picture was put up in public corridors,

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he was ordered—illegally—not to leave the country, his phone was tapped, his wife was followed and received many nuisance calls, and his house was broken into."

This magazine has repeatedly pointed out that the cause for alarm in Europe's uniting is more than a mere possibility. It is a prophetic certainty. Yet the vast majority of the criticism we receive comes from readers who disagree with our warnings about Europe.

#### Future of Free Speech?

This past March, when Mr. Connolly received final judgment from the ECJ, the alarming ruling sparked few headlines.

The court threw out the blasphemy charge but still found that the Commission had been justified in sacking Mr. Connolly, who as an EU official had only a "circumscribed" right to freedom of expression. Describing his book as "aggressive, derogatory and insulting," it said the Commission was at liberty to punish those who "damaged the institution's image and reputation." Drawing upon the Charter of Fundamental Rights, it strangely rationalized that Connolly had breached the "human rights" of the European Community itself.

Connolly was directed to pay the Commission's legal costs.

The ECJ ruling swept aside English Common Law, in effect resurrecting the charge of "seditious libel" banned by the House of Lords. It also placed two sets of human rights in direct conflict. The European Convention on Human Rights, in existence since 1950 and ratified by nearly all EU member states, is upheld by the European Court

of Human Rights in Strasbourg. That court has repeatedly ruled that public institutions can't restrict criticism—that "protection of the rights of others" doesn't apply to governing bodies.

The EU itself, not being a country, hasn't ratified that convention, and is in fact trying to push it aside with its new Charter of Fundamental Rights. Though the charter is technically a political statement with no legal status, the ECJ has started to refer to it in its rulings—a backdoor method of taking power in questions of civil liberty.

"The court is acting as the sinister organ of a *tyranny in the making*," Connolly responded. "The EC court does not think that anything could be above it—and that is the reason why it behaves so badly."

The Connolly ruling opened the door for the ECJ to begin exercising control over ordinary EU citizens, or even Euroskeptic newspapers. Christopher Booker made this comment in the March 25 *Sunday Telegraph*: "When one considers that the Nice Treaty is seeking to elevate the new European Charter of Fundamental [Human] Rights into an EU Bill of Rights, to be interpreted by the ECJ as the EU's equivalent of the U.S. Supreme Court, the future of free speech under this strange new system we are now living under seems seriously in doubt."

It is Article 52 in the new charter that is causing the greatest concern. It says the EU can limit ALL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS in the charter, "subject to the principle of proportionality," where "necessary" in order to "meet objectives of general interest recognized by the Union." Just what does that mean? Where would a firm line be drawn on the power of politicians over citizens?

Evidently, the majority of Europeans don't care.

#### Control Over Communication

The EU's desire for greater control over Europe's citizenry is not limited to its judiciary. Another revealing legislative motion was forwarded in May, this time at the behest of the 15 EU members states themselves.

The individual European governments urged the European Commission to require that law enforcement agencies have access to all private phone, fax, e-mail and Internet data. According to the BBC, communications companies would be required to keep records of *every call or fax made, e-*

*mail sent or website visited for a period of seven years*, in case anything needed to be retrieved for a criminal investigation. The new laws would overturn current rules which require agencies to get permission before trawling through such evidence and that restrict the period companies may keep the data before it must be destroyed.

Setting aside the impossible logistics involved in such an undertaking, the fact that it would even be proposed says volumes about the abuses of power being considered in Europe! In no other country does government have that level of power over its people—and this prospect is being raised within the supposedly open and democratic EU!

Civil liberties groups have complained that these laws, if passed, would give the police powers denied *even to repressive regimes*. "Authoritarian and totalitarian states would be condemned for violating human rights and civil liberties if they initiated such practices," said Tony Bunyan of Statewatch, a British civil liberties group. "The fact that it is being proposed in the 'democratic' EU does not make it any less authoritarian or totalitarian."

Why not a more significant outcry from the people of Europe?

And without a massive public outcry, what is to stop politicians from assuming those kinds of powers?

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ADRIAN HILTON

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That is exactly the kind of "democracy" Europe is showing itself to be.

#### Right-Wing Power Surge

Europe has a checkered history of repressive, authoritarian governments. And history proves that when a people lives under such authority long enough, they are conditioned to actually desire it.

The *Trumpet* has been tracking the rise to power of a number of right-wing and center-right governments within

European countries. Openly fascist or formerly fascist political parties are sweeping up respectable percentages in popular elections, getting representation within governments across Europe. Uniting these far-flung parties is not a love of freedom, but a love of strong, nationalistic governance and an irritation with foreigners.

A silent majority of Europeans are quite sympathetic to these views. *If they weren't, the outcry against the right-wing surge, against neo-Nazism, would be overwhelming and sustained!*

Imagine the commotion if an anti-immigrant politician brought in 15 to 25 percent of the presidential votes in the United States! Imagine the protest from the public at large, fueled by civil rights groups and the media.

Yet that is exactly what is happening all over Europe.

And intensifying the problem is the deafening LACK of protest from the freedom-loving nations of the world!

A 1997 survey conducted by a Vienna-based watchdog group revealed that one third of Europeans consider themselves "very racist" or "quite racist."

Step by step, that kind of thinking will be institutionalized—made into LAW—by an increasingly autocratic EU government! "A specter is haunting united Germany...the specter of a brown resurrection! This time, unlike its appearance in the mid-'60s, *it is no temporary phenomenon*, but is today *deeply rooted in the society*, and tomorrow will have *established itself in the parliamentary structure at both the federal and provincial level*" (*The Future of German Democracy*, p. 75; emphasis mine). Again, one has only to look at the direction things are headed, the steps that are being taken today, to see the inevitable end result.

These trends may seem separate from the governmental intrusions and power-grubbing. But in fact they are two strands of the same thread.

### Europe's Fatal Flaw

Make these accusations to the EU leaders today, and you are sure to hear the hisses, the patronizing laughs, or the indignation of one falsely accused. That is because not even the most powerful of these officials understand the full extent of what they are a part of!

As the *Trumpet's* editor in chief, Gerald Flurry, has informed our readers, following the pattern of Herbert W. Armstrong before him, a FÜHRER

more fearsome than Hitler is prophesied to HIJACK THE EUROPEAN UNION!

Keep in mind the power plays being taken by the EU's political elite today, recognize just how the ground is being prepared for such a man to take over—and now read the prophetic description of this future führer's rule: "And in his estate shall stand up *a vile person*, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in *peaceably*, and obtain the kingdom by *flatteries*.... And after the league made with him he shall *work deceitfully*: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people. He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.... *And the king shall do according to his will*; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for HE SHALL MAGNIFY HIMSELF ABOVE ALL" (Dan. 11:21-24, 36-37). A vile, violent, brilliant politician named Antiochus Epiphanes fulfilled this prophecy anciently. But he was only a type of a man who is prophesied to wreak many times over the havoc in this end time! He will be possessed by Satan the devil himself.

We are living in these times today—watching before our eyes the political landscape of Europe being prepared for the entrance of this ghastly figure.

The good news is, this man's reign, though terribly violent, will be short-lived. "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" (Dan. 8:25). Jesus Christ will put an end to his rule, replace this world's corrupt governments, and teach people the joys of living, truly free from the inhumane rule of man, under the loving authority of the one true God of creation!

Until then, we must watch these dismaying events unfold—and warn a careless and unsuspecting world. ◆



## In Step Wi

The new Euroforce decides on a revealing marching tune.

BY STEPHEN HILL

**M**ARCH 27: THOSE WHO INCREASINGLY call the tune for their EU partners to march to were momentarily unmasked again. The news was out!

The European rapid reaction force (RRF) will have as its anthem a Germanic-sounding march! This is now an established fact.

Yet, only one day before the secret leaked, revealing the fact that Euro-soldiers will be marching to the same intransigent rhythm and strident airs that German SS troops goose-stepped across Europe to in the Second World War, Geoff Hoon, the British defense secretary, said that he had never heard of the new anthem.

Surely, if defense ministers of European nation-states are being left out of



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**ARMY OF PEACE?** The multinational Euroforce in marching exercises.

**Cast in Germany's Image**

Recently, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder told the *Telegraph*, "Our interests are identical with the European interests. German politics and decision-making must stay European." He believed in "joint action for a joint European future" and that "the European idea has to be seen against the background of German history" (March 22).

Frightening words for anyone with even the shortest memory of German history!

Germany's history in Europe has always been one of dominance and conquest; a story which was almost repeated twice in the 20th century and will yet repeat itself one last time as the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. Your Bible bears that out!



"Our interests are identical with the European interests."  
**Gerhard Schröder**

Rapidly, the RRF, spearhead of future military developments in Europe, has gained its own flag and insignia and has established its own headquarters. Its director general, Lieutenant General Rainer Schuwirth, is German, and Germany is the biggest contingent in the force, with at least 13,500 troops available. Now, to top that, the rapid reaction force has a Germanic sounding anthem for the force to march to!

Many British feel deceived by their prime minister, Tony Blair, and his government. They were told that the RRF would not mean British troops wearing European insignia; but that is not true.

Take the case of the British Royal Air Force (RAF). Thanks to the daring and bravery of the RAF, the British were able to withstand alone the onslaught of the German-led enemy for one-and-a-half years in the Battle of Britain during the Second World War—until America came to their aid. Clearly, the RAF is part of a proud tradition and heritage central to British identity.

Here is how all of that is about to tragically disappear: "RAF squadrons will be put under the control of a single European air transport command likely to be introduced by EU defense chiefs" (*Telegraph*, April 22). This pro-

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the loop on important decisions, that is serious.

Britain is slated to contribute 12,500 troops and generous funding to this rapid reaction force, and yet it is already being furtively kept in the dark about the direction this new Euroforce is taking.

How many other EU nations run the risk of being bypassed on important questions as the force starts taking its definitive shape?

In Europe, plans, strategies and projects are presently galloping ahead—especially in the area of the military. Europe, dominated by Germany, is bent on grabbing center stage from the U.S. as world policeman.

The truth is, it is dangerously close to achieving this initial goal.

"We have our own timetable," said General Jean-Pierre Kelche, France's chief of defense staff. "It is clear that by the end of this year the EU must declare that it has an operational capability" (*Telegraph*, March 28).

Why the deception involved in this recent step forward—about the Germanic military march?

Just a week before the truth was spilled, a spokesman for the RRF denied that it even had an anthem, in contradiction to the Eurocorps website. After the anthem was unveiled, the spokesman declined to explain the origins of the tune. The words on the website have since been taken out—it now features a purely instrumental version.

Nevertheless, at the sight of this and other dirty play, most of Germany's European partners either seem too timid to protest, or they complacently allow themselves to be cajoled into co-operation.

Surely this should be shocking to World War II's victors! It is as though most European nations have already conceded victory to Germany in the "peaceful" struggle for dominance.

This pattern of weak acceptance has already gone a long way to establishing, in the rapidly materializing identity of a war-capable European giant, the fact that Germany dominates, and what Germany says stands.

Is this set-up really what the rest of Europe wants?

posal, drawn up by the German Ministry of Defense, means that Britain's armed forces are being dragged into a single European army!

A spokesman for the German Defense Ministry said, "It represents a change in philosophy. The whole idea is to get away from the present system of decisions being taken by national air forces.

"The planned force will operate independently from NATO. We are still trying to gauge the opinion of our European partners. However, Mr. Scharping [the German defense minister], is convinced that it makes sense to have a European air transport command structure that operates under one hat" (ibid.). Germany is undoubtedly the head of Europe on which that hat sits.

In the opinion of much of the British public, Blair has egg on his face. He repeatedly played down the role of the rapid reaction force, giving the impression that it would be no more than a European extension of the NATO alliance. He insisted that the RRF would not have its own planning staff, that on

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Geoffrey van Orden

any major operation it would be controlled by NATO, and would never be allowed to become a European army.

Mr. Hoon, his defense minister, also made cooing noises to the public, saying, "The new EU arrangements will complement and strengthen NATO. The EU will not divert resources from NATO, duplicate its arrangements, create separate military structures, or conduct operational planning" (*Telegraph*, March 28).

How misguided—while the leading brass over the rapid reaction force are openly saying exactly the opposite!

General Jean-Pierre Kelche said that "the force would be declared operational by the end of the year even if agreement was not reached with NATO" (ibid.). He also commented that France saw a strengthening of EU capability as

a way of shifting the balance of power within NATO away from America and toward Europe. General Gustav Hagglund of Finland, recently appointed chairman of the EU's permanent Military Committee, categorically states that the European rapid reaction force will be independent of NATO! "We are



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not talking about a subsidiary of NATO. This is an independent body," he said. General Hagglund said the rapid reaction corps was "a question of identity in the same way as the flag and the euro" (*Telegraph*, April 12).

Hagglund and others in the upper echelons of EU government believe in having a detailed list of forces available for crisis management operations, and that Europe will have some initial capabilities at the end of the year to cope with crises that are not so demanding. Add to this the personal ambitions of men like European External Affairs Commissioner Chris Patten, and it becomes blatantly clear that the RRF's field of action is quickly being broadened beyond what was contemplated originally.

On April 11, Brussels discussed plans to boost its role as global policeman, claiming that its right to that position was based on the fact that by adding together the national aid programs of the 15 member states, the EU provides 55 percent of the world's development aid and 66 percent of outright grants.

Geoffrey van Orden, the Tory foreign affairs spokesman in Brussels, said, "People are very quick to say they support the transatlantic links and the NATO alliance, but the actions taken are all going in a different direction. The truth is that anti-Americanism is the binding theme" (ibid.).

Many Americans see Europe as seeking a hegemonistic role—of wanting to elbow the U.S. off the center of the world stage.

Clear also from the direction the EU is pushing the rapid reaction force is the fact that both NATO and the RRF are set to become independent bodies, although initially at least the RRF will have to cooperate to some extent with NATO to gain access to its defense and arms facilities in Europe.

As a result, the United Kingdom will have to decide whether to stay in the EU. If it does, its relations with its friend the U.S. could be seriously dam-

aged, especially as, at present, the relationship between the two countries isn't as solid as it may appear on the surface.

### U.S. Floundering

Britain turning its back would leave the U.S. caught at a loss. At present the U.S. is floundering over questions of foreign policy. There are many ways in which this sad spectacle is in full view of the world.

Take the fact that in 1999 the United States agreed to pay \$12 billion over 20 years to buy uranium from the equivalent of a thousand decommissioned Russian nuclear warheads for use as fuel in civilian nuclear power plants ([www.bellona.no](http://www.bellona.no), May 6, 1999). They even agreed to guarantee a floor price to give Russia a minimum revenue, at a time when the floor was falling out of the uranium market. The upshot of this particular U.S. *faux pas*, of trying to offset the home energy crisis by nuclear dealing with their main ex-nuclear enemy, and helping that world-threatening enemy pay off their debt in the process, has led to Russia gaining respectability and confidence on the world nuclear scene—to such an extent that Russia is set to become world leader in arms trade.

This turn of events, of course, all works to benefit the development of the Euroforce.

America's hypocrisy is not lost to the world when, in response to Putin's recent, open declaration of arms sales to countries like North Korea, the U.S. defense secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, accused Moscow of selling nuclear technology and know-how to NATO's enemies.

In the face of so much international confusion over nuclear arms, the next step for the Euroforce could be to arm itself against international nuclear instability. Europe may soon feel obliged to pool its nuclear defense capacity, reasoning that it is logically obliged to give its member states mutual protection in an increasingly uncertain world. It would be likely to do this within the EU military framework, which is presently metamorphosing, before the eyes of the world, to the accompaniment of Germanic-sounding hymns, right now!

IT IS TIME TO WAKE UP! (Ask for a free copy of our booklet: *Nahum—an End-Time Prophecy for Germany*.)

All of this is occurring at a time when the socialists in the EU are asking

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**WELCOME (NOT!)** On his June trip to Europe, Bush encountered public opposition. Here, protests in Belgium (above) and Madrid (right).

# America: The Global Outcast?

The world has given up on America's leadership role, and the European Union couldn't be more pleased. Rampant anti-Americanism shows that the stage has been set for a fast-rising EU to become the world's next superpower.

BY WILLIAM GHANNAM

**M**ANY EUROPEANS VIEW THE UNITED STATES as a nation concerned only with its own agenda, repeatedly imposing its will upon the rest of the world.

Protests over the U.S. ballistic missile defense initiative and its refusal to submit to a UN emissions-control treaty have dazed President George W. Bush's administration.

Notice this analysis: "The moral role of the United States has...deterio-

rated in European eyes, resulting in a loss of respect. With a quiet shaking of the head, many Europeans express bewilderment and concern at the INTERNAL WEAKENING taking place in the United States. Europeans feel that these problems are unfortunately turning the United States inward. Such a trend, if perpetuated, could lead to a United States neglect of its responsibilities and relationships in the rest of the world." Interestingly, these words were written almost 20 years ago—in the October 1973 *Plain Truth* (emphasis mine throughout).

If, in the 1970s, America was weakening internally and turning inward, today the situation is many times worse. This is witnessed by the many strong words and protests taken against the "egocentric" rule of the United States. Today, anti-Americanism is manifesting itself in much more than a "quiet shaking of the head."

America was until recently the world's lone superpower—but it severely neglected that leadership role. As a result, other nations, most notably the EU, are vying to fill the vacancy.

## "Superpower" Defined

The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines a superpower as "a nation or state having a DOMINANT POSITION in world politics; one which has THE POWER TO ACT DECISIVELY in pursuit of interests which embrace the whole world."

Ask yourself, honestly: Does that definition sound like America? If so,

surely most nations would support America's actions. Yet, in reality, this is not what is happening today.

On the world scene, the U.S. is mocked, scorned, ridiculed and threatened. Jealousy, resentment and America-bashing abound. Unpredictable nations like Iran, Iraq, Libya and North Korea—and even some allied nations—are attempting brazenly, others subtly, to send America hurtling out of the top spot. This situation is not unlike the children's game King of the Mountain: Whoever gets to the top becomes the immediate target.

The simple truth is, America no longer has the desire or will to take the lead! It has neglected its critical leadership role, long ago abandoning the idea of setting the right example for the rest of the world to follow. It has become inward-focused. Thus, the world's nations have become disillusioned, no longer content to look to the U.S. for guidance or help.

Asian specialist Philip Bowring, in an article for the *International Herald Tribune*, wrote this on May 31: "Much of the world has long wanted the United States to take leads because it believed that America was well motivated and in the forefront of social and technological progress. It likes to see America lead by example."

Complaints from around the globe are mounting against the United States. As Bowring wrote, nations know that whenever America "lectures other countries on the need for legal frameworks and institutions, its own refusal to accept international jurisdiction is seen for what it is"—hypocrisy.

A hypocritical nation is easily despised. The U.S. claims to abide by international rules in the interest of all; but this is not how other nations view

it. The American-led NATO war against the Yugoslavian nation of Serbia is a good example. Yugoslavia was in a civil war. No nation, even a superpower, can rightfully interfere in such a conflict without violating international law, yet the U.S. broke that law, initiating an illegal war in the Balkans. In the process, U.S. air force bombers, from 14,000 feet up, killed innocent Serbian civilians—A COWARD'S WAR INDEED! People can clearly see a double standard and have now turned their support away from the U.S.

Recently, the EU nations colluded within the United Nations to oust the U.S. from its long-held seat on the UN Human Rights Commission—an entity which the U.S. was instrumental in creating in 1947. And worse, nations with brutal human rights records—China, Sudan and Libya—have been added to the commission!

The vote against the United States is just one of many links in the chain of dissatisfaction. The UN climate is such that nations with far worse records can divert attention from themselves by focusing world attention on contentious U.S. issues. The issues that effected the rejection of the U.S. include its refusal to approve the ban on anti-personnel land mines, rejection of establishing an international criminal court, and ongoing use of the death penalty.

### Kyoto Protocol Criticism

One cause of recent criticism is America's rejection of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, a treaty designed by 163 countries.

This set of international rules demands that industrialized nations drastically decrease the amount of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions that come from burning fossil fuel. The concern addressed in the 1997 mandate is global warming and its (unproven) consequence of worldwide upset in weather patterns and harmful effects on human societies. U.S. industries are allegedly some of the greatest producers of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. (President Bush recently countered that China and India were the world's biggest polluters.)

Whether or not global warming is a genuine threat, the framework for the Kyoto

Protocol appears to be inherently weighted against the U.S. The burden is upon American industry to comply with this agreement, while other rapidly increasing industries in China, India and Mexico are allowed to operate unabated. Not surprisingly, hypocrisy can work both ways.

Early in his first term, President Ronald Reagan faced a similar situation with Law of the Sea Treaty. One hundred and fifty countries had negotiated the treaty for years, and so Reagan was being pressured into accepting it. Secretary of State Alexander Haig knew the treaty was flawed but explained that the U.S. had no choice but to sign.

Reagan refused, believing that *making good decisions* was what he was supposed to do as president. He thought it natural to say *no*, even if 150 countries had already agreed to a "really stupid" and harmful treaty (*Wall Street Journal*, June 11). For Reagan, good leadership was "the whole thing." And eventually, because of the cold war, Europe's will bent to that of its great protector, America.

Likewise, President Bush is holding fast to his decision not to sign the Kyoto Protocol, believing it would greatly harm the American economy. Yet, that hasn't stopped the criticism. Many heads of state and government officials are brazenly using the Kyoto Protocol to bash the U.S.

French Finance Minister Laurent Fabius said in a speech to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ministers, "Whether it's about climate change or money laundering and tax havens, THE LEADING WORLD POWER CANNOT BRUSH THE PROBLEMS OF THE PLANET ASIDE." This, despite the fact that since 1990 the U.S. has invested \$18 BILLION on climate research. That is MORE THAN THE EU AND JAPAN COMBINED.

America is being accused of ignoring the world's problems for saying no to a fatally flawed treaty. Would Laurent Fabius have America alone undergo the most drastic re-

forms no matter the harm caused? If the Kyoto Protocol is so good for the world, why haven't any countries in the European Union ratified it? Still, they criticize Mr. Bush at full volume!

### Is CO<sub>2</sub> Really the Issue?

The National Academy of Sciences released a report on what the science community knows about climate change. Most news agencies reporting on the story wrote that global warming was real, calling the report an implicit endorsement of the Kyoto Protocol.

"I can state that simply this is untrue," replied Richard S. Lindzen, a professor of meteorology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and one of the 11 scientists who prepared the report (*Wall Street Journal*, June 11). "I cannot stress this enough," he said. "We are not in a position to confidently attribute past climate change to carbon dioxide or to forecast what the climate will be in the future."

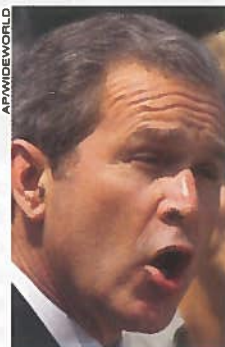
So much uncertainty exists because no one really knows the causes of climate change. Thirty years ago scientists feared global *cooling*. Some climate change is normal. Yet politicians, activists and the media twist scientific reports to echo their opinion that the U.S. must ratify the Kyoto Protocol.

"My own view," said Lindzen, "consistent with the panel's work, is that the Kyoto Protocol would NOT result in a substantial reduction in global warming" (*ibid.*).

The bottom line is, Europe and many other nations are hypocritically vilifying the U.S. for refusing to comply with a scientifically dubious, unfair protocol that Europe itself hasn't ratified. The only conclusion to draw from these facts is that *something much deeper is going on than would appear*.

Consider the extreme views expressed over the U.S.'s decision. "We are all *environmental criminals*," said Patrina Dumar, climate officer for Pacific Concerns Resources Center based in Fiji. She continued, "But there must be a *new category* for the United States. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT WOULD RECOGNIZE THIS CRIME."

An "international justice system" is already on the rise—and perhaps some-



"I believe the stronger Europe is, the better it is for America."

George Bush



"Whether it's about climate change or money laundering and tax havens, the leading world power cannot brush the problems of the planet aside."

Laurent Fabius



## The German-led EU is clearly asserting its dominance. It is filling the power void left by the U.S.'s generally indecisive and lackluster foreign policy.

day it will "recognize" America's crimes. European Commission President Romano Prodi recently announced that the European Commission has launched a new program to make the European Union into an environment-friendly economy. Prodi, head of the EU's executive law-drafting body, believes the EU will become THE WORLD LEADER in sustainable economic development. He said, "We are committed to fulfilling our international responsibilities.... We believe we should start by putting our own house in order and thus provide GLOBAL LEADERSHIP in translating rhetoric into action" (Reuter, May 16).

These are the words of an ascending superpower.

### Who's Climbing the Mountain?

President Bush recently stated, "I appreciate good competition," naïvely adding this: "I believe the stronger Europe is, the better it is for America" (*Telegraph*, London, June 15).

The EU wants nothing more than a "stronger Europe" via a larger EU!

At a meeting in Göteborg to discuss EU enlargement, all 15 heads of EU nations formally declared, "THE ENLARGEMENT PROCESS IS IRREVERSIBLE" (Agence France Presse, June 17). This came right after Ireland voted not to ratify the Nice Treaty, a condition necessary for European enlargement. Curiously, Germany's Constitution forbids national referendums.

The EU is ready to compete with the U.S. for global leadership. In time, the spirit of this "competition" will be proven not to be good. The German-led EU is clearly asserting its dominance on the world scene, and not only in the environmental arena. It is in the process of filling the power void left by the U.S.'s generally indecisive and lackluster foreign policy.



"...Europe is playing a leading role in the struggle for sustainable development, at a time when the United States appears to be evading its responsibilities."

**Lionel Jospin**

President Bush's administration has lost the fight to convince the North Atlantic Council that there is a common threat of a ballistic missile attack with 37 different states in control of over 13,000 missiles. "German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said it was important that no decisions be made on the missile defense issue until further consultations have occurred" (Associated Press, May 29). The United States is respecting these wishes, waiting on Germany for "further consultations."

What the U.S. seems blind to is Europe's openly stated aim to check American power. Europe does not want what is best for America!

Richard Burt, ambassador to Germany under President Reagan, said that because the Soviet threat is gone, "there are some Europeans who want to DEFINE EUROPE IN OPPOSITION TO THE UNITED STATES" (Associated Press, June 14).

The May 30 edition of the *Wall Street Journal Europe* pointed out that Germany, along with France, speaks WITH AUTHORITY about world issues, and that "these two core governments of the EU are steering a course AWAY from the U.S."

French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, in a May 28 speech on the future of the EU, used the occasion "to lambaste the U.S. on everything from the death penalty to its rules on financial disclosure.... Franco-German policy seems

DRIVEN MORE BY A DESIRE TO STRIKE AN INDEPENDENT POSTURE than to construct a rational policy" (ibid.).

France, Germany and the rest of the EU are quickly climbing the mountain of world dominance. In reality, France is entertaining a mere illusion of leadership. Germany is the real boss.

### Allies Prophesied to Turn

Your Bible prophesied that America's "allies" would change the way they feel about this once-world-dominating country. In Lamentations 1:2 it is written that "all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies." Jeremiah 4:30 states,



**Donald Rumsfeld**

"THY LOVERS WILL DESPISE THEE, THEY WILL SEEK THY LIFE."

This is already happening!

Many nations, principally a German-led European Union, are now plotting to overthrow the U.S. They see an apprehensive approach in American foreign policy—and, cautiously but steadily, are moving in for the kill.

The *Washington Post* accurately revealed the U.S.'s foreign-policy fears when it stated, "The [Bush] administration has shown reluctance to get or stay involved in places of the world that need help: the Balkans, the Middle East, Northern Ireland, Sierra Leone. It has not much increased funds for the military or for foreign aid. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has given an impression, perhaps false, of preoccupation with pulling forces back—from the Balkans, from the Sinai Peninsula, from Germany" (op. cit.).

Many European leaders see the U.S. heading toward isolationism, thus giving the opportunity for them to act independently from America. The U.S. lacks the vision to see its own problem of internal weakening. The latest actions of the EU and other nations of the world prove that America is becoming the world's pariah, moving rapidly closer to the day when God's words will be fully accomplished!

Whatever America might do to try to solve its leadership problems, it will not succeed without God's help. No nation will. That is why God will allow America (as well as Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the other nations of modern Israel) to soon suffer like never before.

"SOMETIMES ONE HOPES FOR A STRONG AND EQUAL EUROPE IF ONLY TO SAVE AMERICANS FROM OVERWEENING PRIDE AND IGNORANCE," said Peter Schneider, a writer based in Berlin and author of 18 books (*Wilson Quarterly*, Spring 2001). Schneider also asked this question: "What to do, then, when the justified [the U.S.] have eyes only for the sins of others and not for their own?"

The world can see America's sin, but, more importantly, SO CAN GOD! God will use the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire—the European Union led by Germany—as His instrument in chastising America for its national sins. ♦



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# Asia's Power Game

As the U.S. withdraws from unhappy East Asia, who will fill the power void?

BY GARETH FRASER

**E**AST ASIA IS IN CRISIS. IT IS FLOUNDERING economically from the aftershocks of the 1997 regional financial meltdown, aflame with widespread security crises and embroiled in a regional leadership scramble. East Asia is buffeted and in troubled waters, awaiting a regional power to grab it by the scruff of its neck and offer some stability.

Meanwhile, the United States is initiating a policy of subcontracted security within the region.

Where are events in East Asia headed? And why, at the very time security and stability are so desperately needed, is the United States reducing its presence there?

## U.S. Fears

Perspective on current events within Asia is gained by a clear understanding of the ongoing diplomatic maneuvers unfolding within the darkness of

**DISORDER**  
Indonesia suffers from multiple crises. Here, police beat back protesters in Jakarta.

America's foreign policy. Events in East Asia stem from events involving the region's most powerful countries—Russia and China. "Any analysis of Russian and Chinese relations must be viewed from the perspective that they both possess nuclear deterrent capabilities. Strategically, Russia needs to remove the possibility of war on two fronts: Europe and China" (*Russia and China in Prophecy*, p. 4).

Recently, the U.S. initiated a diplomatic offer of military aid and arms purchases with Russia, in exchange for both powers dropping the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty signed back in 1972. Although Russia rejected it, what was behind this U.S. move was the desire to create a unified American-Russian security understanding that would command the power within Asia, independent of China. America fears that a Sino-Russian partnership would snatch the greater Asian balance of power from U.S. clutches.

However, as world conditions change, Russia and China are finding that they will likely have to cooperate if they are to survive. Already there are signs that the U.S. initiative might be too little too late. Russia has signed crucial and strategic economic and military agreements with the European Union and China.

As part of a larger economic and regional security strategy, which has culminated in its inclusion in the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the ASEAN Free Trade Area and World Trade Organization, China has accelerated its dominance of East Asia by offering desperately needed developmental loans, aid and grants. Now China appears to have learned from the European Union just how powerfully economic, technological, political and military influence can be exerted by the subtle use of friendly faced loans. Last year alone, Beijing's aid to Papua New Guinea soared 72 percent to \$300 million—nearly matching Australia's aid package of \$320 million. China's expanding influence is carpeting the region from Papua New Guinea to Tonga, Kiribati and the Solomon Islands.

In strategic moves that should send shock waves through the halls of Parliament in Australia, China is moving into long-held South Pacific enclaves of Western influence. According to Stratfor Systems, China has built a new Foreign Ministry building in Papua New Guinea; and last October, before being recently ousted, New Guinea's prime minister met Chinese President Jiang Zemin and military officials in Beijing. China is also developing a military relationship with Tonga, offering training and military aid; in addition, it staffs a satellite- and missile-tracking facility in Kiribati.

In the event of a crisis, China's recent moves illustrate just how political sway could be shaped into military capability. It has already been long reputed that Chinese intelligence services are particularly aggressive in trying to get hold of strategic technologies.

In addition, mindful of China's central location among the Indian Ocean, South China Sea and Pacific and its locale as the center of trade and naval forces, Australia has expressed serious concern over China's alliance with Indonesian separatist organizations throughout the archipelago nation. As separatist groups, political elite, impoverished citizens, nervous neighbors and global observers await the impending collapse of Indonesia's government and the social and security crisis that will ensue, China has laid the groundwork to maximize its position among the confusion.

In the May edition of the *Trumpet*, we warned of Indonesia becoming Asia's Balkan-style quagmire: "Outside intervention seems imminent, as the world needs ready access to Indonesia's energy resources in this time of restricted flow and high price of energy. The only question that seems to remain is, who will intervene, and what form will that intervention take? *Watch the EU and watch Japan for involvement in the outcome.*"

### The Rising Sun

Recent diplomatic meetings in the U.S., Japan and South Korea by Australia's defense minister, Alexander Downer, have highlighted just how serious East Asian security concerns are. Nevertheless, statements from U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell indicate the U.S. government's belief that it can reduce troop deployments in Asia and still maintain control, using the deterrent of its long-range weaponry. In ad-

dition, select Asian allies are to be the ground forces of subcontracted regional security. The bottom line is, WASHINGTON APPEARS READY TO INVITE JAPAN BACK FROM ITS 55-YEAR MILITARY HIATUS.

The *Trumpet* warned in advance of these developments when we wrote that among other factors in the region, "the call from Southeast Asian countries for Japan to take a more assertive role in Asia will...push Japan back onto the world stage as a military power of note" (June 1999).

At the urging of Washington, Downer has been trying to convince Japan to discard the pacifist Article 9 of its Constitution which limits the Japanese Self-Defense Force's regional movements. Motivated by the rise of China and growing regional instability, "The U.S. has been urging Japan to free itself of constitutional constraints on what Washington calls 'collective defense' with allies. U.S. thinking on Japan's role is reflected in a new report by Mr. Zalmay Khalizad, a senior security adviser to President Bush. The report—financed by the U.S. Air Force and written for the RAND think tank—backs the need for Japan to 'expand its security horizons beyond its territorial defense'" (*Sydney Morning Herald*, May 17). The American school of thought is that regional security could be administered by Australia, Japan and South Korea with direction from Washington.

This military "outsourcing" scenario is almost laughable if it were not so serious. Japan by far has the largest force of the three, with South Korea a distant second and Australia a pathetic last. Despite any illusions to the contrary, Japan will lead any subcontracted security measures in East Asia.

Opposition to Japanese militarism has been voiced by war veterans in Australia, the Philippines and other countries that brutally suffered under the imperialistic yoke of the Japanese during World War II. But Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's outspoken intent is to change the Constitution to permit the country to develop stronger military capabilities. Despite being weighed down by the burden of a decade-long recession, Japan has managed to keep its annual defense budget (which is not limited by its Constitution) at \$50 billion!

Given current U.S. foreign policy and in clear view of the facts, *www.stratfor.com* wrote the following chill-

ing advance warning: "THE WALL THAT SEPARATES JAPAN'S ARMED FORCES FROM BEING A POTENT MILITARY FORCE IS PAPER THIN" (May 28).

Japan already has one of the world's largest, most modern armed forces. After the U.S., it has by far the largest navy in the Pacific. Its forces regularly participate in training exercises alongside the U.S., learning valuable technical information and combat-readiness techniques. In 2000, under the auspices of Operation Pacific Reach, its military trained with other regional neighbors without U.S. participation. Base and military observation agreements have been struck with Singapore and Thailand. Its area ground troops outnumber those of the British. The steady escalation of military strength



**A NEW DIRECTION** Prime Minister Koizumi is intent on changing Japan's Constitution to permit stronger military capabilities.

has been explained to the Japanese public as the United States' idea.

In the meantime, Japan has developed a large military industrial infrastructure to cater to its growing hardware requirements. The country already has many new military items on the docket for delivery and implementation. They include 130 F-2 fighter bombers, advanced F-16 aircraft, 767s for aerial refueling, and the latest munitions such as the potent Maverick air-to-surface missile. Much of the Japanese hardware contains U.S.-built equipment; however, recent assembly undertaken by the Mitsubishi company reveals the depth of Japan's well-structured industrial base.

The emergence of China within the region has no doubt spurred the U.S. to encourage Japan to hasten its return to combat readiness. All signs point to a decreased U.S. presence in Asia, leaving Japan as the subcontracted security chief.

Future Events

As the battle of the peace in East Asia unfolds and the rise of regional powers escalates, the U.S. risks drifting in a comfort zone in its peacetime dominance of the region. "America must wake up, look realistically to its position in the world and to its defenses. It must strengthen its alliances by demonstrating the willingness to bear its inescapable responsibilities. It must make the necessary commitments and be ready ma-

terially and morally to meet them" (*While America Sleeps*, p. 435).

America and Britain have forgotten their heritage and history. The British, who once controlled and prospered the Asian region, and the Americans, who exercised superpower control after World War II, have collectively forgotten God, the true source of their wealth and abundance. Destabilization in Asia has stemmed from the weakness, ineffectual leadership and moral decline of these once-great nations.

Asia's security crisis will not be

solved by gifting back economic and trade routes, equipping for long-range missile defense, rebuilding old enemies and subcontracting security. Events prophesied in the Bible demonstrate that fact.

As can be readily seen in the European Union, economic, political and technological alliances eventually lead to military alliances. Did you know that U.S. fears of a Russian and Chinese alliance will ultimately culminate in the amassing of the largest army ever assembled? Your Bible prophesies of a

# From Paradise to Poverty

Why the Philippines is on the road to collapse

BY GARETH FRASER

**P**HILIPPINES TOURIST brochures boast of the country's golden beaches, breathtaking sunsets, coconut palms and the scent of Manila rum. However, far from being an island paradise, the Philippines is faltering under the steady strain of corporate corruption, political division, terrorism, riots, a sagging economy and volatile territorial disputes.

This strategic island land-mass, wedged between the South China and Philippine seas, is rich in natural resources and economic potential. Since the withdrawal of its Spanish masters in 1898, U.S. colonial rule up to World War II, Japanese occupation and the MacArthur years, the Philippines has ridden a rocky road of economic and military instability throughout the 20th century. Why, at the dawn of the enlightened push-button, arm-chair age of the 21st

century, is the Philippine nation faltering, fraying at the edges, spinning out of control?

### Structural Problems

The Philippines was a founding member of ASEAN in 1967, is a trading member of APEC and has strong import-export ties to the U.S., Japan and the EU. Because of its economic dependence on its agriculture, electronics and tourism industries, it has been ravaged by the destructive forces of the 1997 Asian

financial meltdown, the climatic devastation of El Niño and La Niña, and the kidnappings of its tourists by local insurgents, all of which have driven foreign investment from its shores.

Today, with the devaluation of the national currency—the peso—and an estimated \$60 billion foreign debt, the country is only slightly less worse off than Indonesia, the financial basket case of Asia. While the world watches Indonesia spiral out of control, the ongoing Philippine financial

and social sickness is turning terminal. As a result, over 5 million Filipinos have fled their homeland to find work abroad.

Since the fall of the Marcos government in the late 1980s, the assassination of popular opposition leader Benigno Aquino, and the short-lived Ramos government's attempt to reverse the status quo, most efforts of this "democratic republic" to implement desperately needed economic and social reforms have come up short. "Infrastructure in the Philippines is famously shabby. Roads connecting regions are few and poorly made, and basic necessities such as power and irrigation are still lacking in many rural areas. To be fair, large strides have been made over the last few years. The government has, for example, liberalized telecommunications and privatized the water supply. Much more is needed" ([www.stratfor.com](http://www.stratfor.com)).

The recent impeachment and imprisonment of film-star-turned-president Joseph Estrada on corruption charges has plunged the country into successive waves of violent street protests. A recent attack by Estrada supporters on the presidential palace was beaten back by Manila's police and marines, but not before declaration of marshal law was threatened and a "state of rebellion" imposed by the



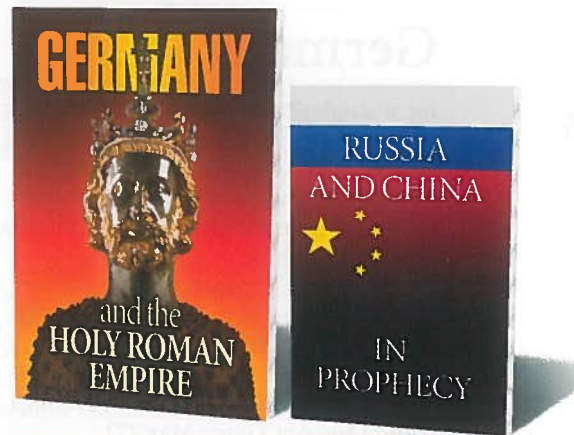
**STATE OF REBELLION** Estrada supporters clash with riot police outside his residence just before he is arrested.

200 million man Eurasian army! (Rev. 9:16). But this power will not attack America. The powers within greater Asia will unite, forming an unheard-of regional alliance that will, once attacked by the European beast power (Dan. 11:44), unleash a ferocious counterattack, overwhelming the Europeans (Jer. 50:9; Rev. 18:2-19).

These events are all part of God's plan, and will precipitate Jesus Christ's return to this Earth. As absolute ruler, Christ will put down this rebellion. Crushed through brutal captivity of

the Europeans, the nations of Israel (primarily America, Britain and the former Commonwealth nations) will have the job of cleansing the land of the widespread death (Ezek. 39:12). A new day will dawn and man will truly begin to KNOW his Creator. ♦

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newly elected government.

This nation of over 62 million people, over 80 percent Catholic with a Muslim minority, has wearied under the strain of a 32-year war with Communist guerrillas. That war recently culminated in the government compromising and withdrawing its troops from key areas of the country's south.

A string of kidnappings of Western tourists by Muslim rebel group Abu Syyaf for ransom money has the new Arroyo government on the back foot. Vowing "no compromise" with the rebels, government forces have trekked into the jungles in largely unsuccessful attempts to stamp out the increasingly lucrative business of the kidnappers. Tourism is screeching to a halt as fearful Westerners search elsewhere for holiday locations.

Added to the above problems is the growing tension of a territorial dispute with China over the Scarborough Shoal, an oil-rich chain of islands in the South China Sea. Recent boarding of Chinese vessels by Philippines military have only heightened tensions between Beijing and Manila.

#### A Voice Cries Out

At the invitation of then-President Ferdinand Marcos, the late Herbert W. Armstrong, as an unofficial ambassador for world peace, visited the island

archipelago of the Philippines in 1983. After a private audience with the president, Mr. Armstrong spoke to local politicians and business leaders about where world events were ultimately leading. In recognition of



**Herbert Armstrong**

his efforts for world peace, Mr. Armstrong was awarded the Presidential Merit Medal for his assistance to the Filipino people.

Mr. Armstrong conducted a public-speaking campaign in Manila for all subscribers of the *Plain Truth* magazine. The campaign was labeled, "A Voice Cries Out." Mr. Armstrong's lectures, spoken to packed audiences of thousands, were videotaped and broadcast worldwide on his weekly television program *The World Tomorrow*. In that campaign, Mr. Armstrong strongly warned the Filipino people about the causes of their domestic troubles and their contribution to global instability.

Through Mr. Armstrong's visits with the politicians and business leaders, his lectures to the public and his writing and broadcasting, the people of the Philippines received a powerful warning message of trouble ahead (Matt. 24:14). God, through that one voice crying out, warned the nation of the causes and effects of *rebellion* against the government of God, and made known the rich, abundant blessings and protection that flow from *obedience* to God's law and government.

Recent events have proven that this warning was largely unheeded by all but a small remnant who had the ears to hear and will be rewarded with protection from the coming storm of tribulation (Rev. 3:10, 22).

Today, in the tradition of Herbert Armstrong, another voice cries out to the Philippines. Many Filipinos read this magazine. The voice of our editor in chief, Gerald Flurry, *cries out* each week, across the island nation, the advance warning of tomorrow's news through the *Key of David* television program. Over the past decade this *one voice has cried out* to Filipinos—from their capital in Manila to the historic shores of Corregidor and the rugged hills of Baatan. This one voice forecasts what lies ahead for the Philippines. ♦

Bible prophecy declares that in the turbulent years ahead the Philippines will suffer *again* under the economic and militaristic yoke of their enemies. Fears of China to the east and Japan to the north are well founded. The Philippines' unusual geography (which comprises over 7,000 miles within its archipelago), low labor costs coupled with a people friendly to a fault, and declining Western support all have combined to open the nation up to foreign manipulation and exploitation.

As biblical descendants of Gomer, Filipinos will soon find themselves allied with their geographic neighbors in the greatest fighting force ever assembled. At the soon-coming return of Jesus Christ, this Eurasian force will be crushed and all Asia humbled by the mighty hand of God.

However, there is good news amid this prospect of terrible suffering. A new world order is coming that will result in the greatest prosperity the nation has ever known. Believe it or not, every Filipino will soon be given the choice to turn to God and learn His ways. War, corruption, religious animosity, terrorism and political division will *finally* come to an end. The nation will be reborn and for all time cross the threshold from poverty to paradise. ♦

## Germany *from page 20*

for a single EU government. "Leaders of the Socialist bloc in the European Parliament have called for the creation of a European government, with cabinet departments, prime minister and president" (*Telegraph*, March 8).

The French want a federalist Europe—a federation of nation states. The German chancellor, however, is leading in the direction of a "European superpower modeled on the German state" (*Sunday Times*, May 27).

The ambitions of individuals and nation-states within Europe are being channeled by the country at the top of the European pile—Germany.

More power for Europe means more power for Germany!

Remember, as Schröder said: *Our interests and Europe's are identical.* Rudolph Scharping, the German defense minister, is presently *instigating plans to bring the EU nation-states' armed forces under one hat.* If Germany is the head of Europe, who will wear the hat?

For more clues to answer these questions, write for a free copy of our booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*. It tells of how there will be one last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire in Europe. The leader of this tremendous new power will be an extremely cunning, astute individual. "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" (Dan. 8:25).

The militaristic, Germanic-style marching hymn, secretly chosen for the soldiers of the rapid reaction force—spearhead for the fast-evolving Euroforce—contains the following words: "Eurocorps is the army of peace. / This peace will arrive. / We are marching the Euro-march."

Don't be taken in. ♦

### CORRECTIONS

- On page 19 of the May *Trumpet*, the population of Britain was incorrectly represented at 300 million. It is actually approaching 60 million.
- On page 21 of the May *Trumpet*, the Albanian capital, Tirana, was called a port city. In fact, it is about 40 miles inland. The nearest port is called Durrës.



## What Is True Freedom?

«I wish to congratulate you for your bold step in unveiling the truth, in spite of the oppositions. Please, keep it up.»

Port Harcourt, Nigeria

THE ARTICLE ON FREEDOM WAS A MIND opener. I often speak to young people, and your article had some very strong points for young people as well as older. If you have information centered to the young I would also like that material.

Richmond, Va.

♦ The publishers of the *Trumpet* also produce a quarterly magazine for youth called *True Education*. Request your free subscription.

I JUST READ "THE FOOD ON YOUR PLATE." I thought I knew about fast food but this was an eye-opener. Sorry we get sucked up in another money-making conspiracy. "America's War With Obesity" tells it like it is. Manipulated again—a whole industry to make "food" taste good that makes us sick and die. Keep up the good work.

Waynesboro, Tenn.

I'VE READ WITH GREAT INTEREST IN THE MAY 2001 issue "The War Against Law." You folks have some very worthwhile research therein, and you hit the nail on the head about the defilement of the Constitution.

Cuero, Tex.

## Bible Prophecy

THERE WAS A TIME I PRAYED TO UNDERSTAND the link between Bible prophecy and world events—especially current ones—and my prayers were answered when I started receiving the *Trumpet* magazine.

Kariba, Zimbabwe

I HAVE GREATLY ENJOYED READING THE SPECIAL ten-year anniversary issue of the *Trumpet* published in February 2000. Thank you so much! I am a new reader and I am absolutely astounded by the accuracy and clarity of the late Herbert W. Armstrong's predictions concerning Europe—especially with regard to Germany—through his understanding of Bible prophecy. The *Trumpet* has helped me immensely with regard to my own understanding of the

Bible and end-time prophecy. I am extremely pleased to have the opportunity to read such an insightful, inspirational magazine. Thank you very much for having the courage to print "the plain truth"!

Prescott Valley, Ariz.

I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE WCG WOULD appeal for a ruling to ban the PCG from publishing Mr. Armstrong's books. I have read through some of Mr. Armstrong's books and I have found them to be very true indeed. Whatever the PCG does to gain back the right to publish Mr. Armstrong's books, I pray that God be with you. I have understood many things concerning the Bible through his books and the *Trumpet*.

Papua New Guinea

I WAS RAISED LISTENING TO HERBERT W. Armstrong on TV and in Pasadena since around 1969. It makes me sad to see his literature taken off the shelves. It also makes me very proud to see that God's truths about family will live on through the *Trumpet*.

Hemet, Calif.

IT'S BEEN A JOY TO RECEIVE YOUR *TRUMPET* magazine and all the other booklets which you have sent. Your literature has wholly changed my approach to life. My very way of thinking has been changed. Your articles have been a great blessing to our lives.

Goa, India

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# No Place Like Home

One of the best jobs on the market—and who's doing it?

**I**MAGINE IF, NEXT MONDAY MORNING, NEARLY HALF THE EMPLOYEES of a critical American industry don't show up to work. Desks of important positions are abandoned, computers idle, phones unattended. Supervisors panic at this mass-resignation. Unless temporary help is found right away, the industry will unravel quickly. But these high-level employees are not easily replaced by typical "temps." Over time, the industry begins to fail, meaning severe problems even on a national scale.

Sadly, this *has* happened to a major American industry. Not all within a day, but rather over a period of years.

That "industry" so critical to America's well-being, the FAMILY, suffered job loss unparalleled in any company when wives and mothers began to leave their posts and enter the work force in the name of greater equality.

From the mid 1970s to the late '80s, the percentage of children under 5 with working moms nearly doubled. Now, of those married women with preschool children, 70 percent have some sort of work force participation, including 58 percent of mothers with babies under age 1.

To fill the void left by this mass exodus, professional child care stepped in. In the early '70s, the U.S. government even began giving special relief to families who opted for day care by passing the Dependent Child Care Tax Credit.

Now, the fruits of these "temp" workers in the American business of family are evident.

Last April, preliminary results of a ten-year, ten-city study on the effects of day care on 1300 preschoolers was released at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Researchers for the National Institute of Child and Human Development (NICHD), a government agency, revealed some alarming findings. They found that 17 percent of children who spent 30 hours a week or more in day care exhibited more aggression and behavioral problems than those who spent less than ten hours away from Mom.

Those few members of the press who trumpeted these findings were soon pooh-poohed for making working mothers feel guilty. *Time.com* fretted, "It's enough to send any working mom zipping home at top speed, wracked with guilt." Not surprisingly, they dismissed the study, "in an effort to keep half of America's work force from running screaming from their offices." What is the worry here? That the children are endangered, or that women's careers are?

To solve this problem, feminists call for more spending on better quality care. This sounds good since, according to

a 1995 University of Colorado study, only about 8 percent of child care centers are deemed "high quality." Ironically, however, the NICHD study found basically the same results in any quality of day care—good, medium or poor.

Though the observable and documentable link between aggression and day care was reported in only 17 percent of preschoolers, the research did not establish that the other 83 percent were doing just fine. How many are dealing with problems that are not as easily measured by a study? "Empirical psychology has no equivalent of electron microscopes and DNA research..." stated Stanley Kurtz of the Hudson Institute. "Of course, smoking was causing cancer long before we were able to prove it. Something's hurting those kids.... Do we really want to wait around for a scientific smoking gun that will never come?" (*National Review*, April 26).

ARTVILLE



**HELP WANTED** Babies need constant care and attention. Does day care really replace a mom?

ever do *before* the social messiah of day care? Is that our babies' *primary* need—large groups?

Consistently, studies have shown that the emotional development of the child—the capacity to love and to form attachments to other human beings—is greatest from conception to age 3. A secure attachment to a parent, severely inhibited by day care according to a 1999 NICHD study, is "related to the child's development of self-confidence and social competence" ([www.pitc.org](http://www.pitc.org)). Stronger parental attachments lay a sturdy emotional foundation, upon which that child can more adequately develop good social skills. If day care is weakening those attachments, and even creating more aggressive children, what kind of social advancement is that for our world?

Though this recent study didn't send women "screaming from their offices," over several decades, many have been sent screaming from the home. Our society is reeling from the effects of this *en masse* resignation. Should that not make women feel equal in need and importance to men? Can they not feel *empowered* by the fact that their role as wife and mother is so essential?

This is not to say there is never a need for institutionalized care. But let's face facts: On the whole, when the jobs of mother and wife are neglected, the family unit—and the nation—suffers, despite what society tries to put in its place.



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