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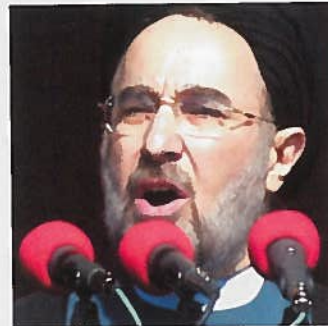
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# Leadership and Terrorism

Most Americans don't truly understand how dangerous the war against terrorism really is. Nor do they comprehend the kind of leadership needed to conquer such a deadly enemy. It is a kind of war we have never fought before.

John Fisher led the British Admiralty for several years. He retired in 1910. Winston Churchill called him back into service when World War I started in 1914. Churchill knew that Fisher was a great warrior who helped build the British Empire. He taught Churchill many lessons.

John Fisher wrote his memoirs in two books titled *Memoirs* and *Records*. First of all he had a strong belief in God. He often quoted scriptures in these two books.

Fisher wrote, "Goschen was right (when First Lord of the Admiralty); he quoted that old Athenian admiral who, when asked what governed a sea battle, replied, 'Providence,' and then with emphasis he added: 'and a good admiral.'"

Fisher knew naval warfare as few men ever did in British history. In 1905, he predicted that Germany would start a war in August 1914! And it did. He had practical reasons for his prophecy, which I won't go into in this article. The point is, he knew warfare extremely well.

Here is what he wrote about war (emphasis in small caps mine throughout): "I largely agree with all you say about the politicians. No doubt our great handicap in this war is that nearly all the PARTY LEADERS GET THEIR POSITIONS THROUGH QUALITIES WHICH SERVE THEM ADMIRABLY IN PEACE TIME, BUT ARE FATAL IN WAR. The great art in politics in recent years has always seemed to me to be to pretend to lead, when you are really following the public bent of the moment. All sense of right and wrong is blunted, and no one stands up for what he honestly believes in but which may not at the moment be popular. If he does, he is regarded as a fool, and a 'waster,' and may get out. A habit of mind is thus formed which is wholly wanting in initiative, and in war the initiative is everything. I agree with you absolutely: 'Make up your mind, and strike! and strike hard and without mercy.'"

Yes, "in war the *initiative* is everything." Does Israel take the initiative in the Middle East war against terrorism? No, only the Arabs do. And the terrorist nations that supply the Palestinians with training and weapons—mainly Iran, Iraq and Syria—go unpunished. Israel and the United States are afraid to take the initiative against these nations.

In time, the terrorist Arabs must win, because only they have courage enough to take the initiative.

Politicians and statesmen are in charge of the war. Not warriors—like Fisher—who have real trust in God.

Do we have such warriors anymore?

Elsewhere Fisher wrote, "For war, my dear friend, you want a totally differently constituted mind to that of a statesman and politician! ...

"War is big conceptions and quick decisions. Think in oceans. Shoot at sight! The essence of war is violence. Moderation in war is imbecility. All we have done this war is to imitate the Germans! We have neither been Napoleonic in audacity nor Cromwellian in thoroughness nor Nelsonic in execution. Always, always, always 'TOO LATE!'"

The big problem is America and Israel are fighting their terrorist wars in *moderation!* We are going to wake up to that fact "too late"—if we don't put our faith in God!

"War is *big conceptions.*" We must see the whole terrorist picture. That means getting to the source of terrorism. But we only fight the terrorist cells rather than the terrorist nations that produce and harbor them. We lack the *will* to fight the terrorist nations, which have the real power.

"Mahan truly says: 'THE ASSUMPTION OF A SIMPLE DEFENSIVE IN WAR IS RUIN. War, once declared, must be waged offensively, aggressively. THE ENEMY MUST NOT BE FENDED OFF, BUT SMITTEN DOWN. You may then spare him every exaction, relinquish every gain. But till down he must be struck incessantly and remorselessly.'"

Our war on terrorism is a defensive war—and "A SIMPLE DEFENSIVE IN WAR IS RUIN." The way we are fighting terrorism leads to catastrophe!

Do we dare ignore one of the great warriors of our recent past? His war spirit helped build the greatest empire this world has ever known. Our lack of that same will and spirit always leads to disaster.

Fisher wrote, "*Whoever hits soonest and oftenest will win!*" "The effectiveness of a fighting weapon," wrote Mahan, "consists more in the method of its use and in the practiced skill of the human element that wields it than in the material perfection of the weapon itself. The sequel of a long period of peace is a demoralization of ideals. Those who rise in peace are men of formality and routine, cautious, inoffensive, safe up to the limits of their capacity, supremely conscientious, PUNCTILIOUS ABOUT EVERYTHING BUT WHAT IS ESSENTIAL, YET VOID ALTOGETHER OF INITIATIVE, impulse and originality.

"This was the difference between Hawke and Matthews. Hawke represented the spirit of war, the ardor, the swift initiative, the readiness of resource, the impatience of prescription and routine, WITHOUT WHICH NO GREAT THINGS ARE DONE! Matthews, the spirit of peace, the very reverse of all this!"

Today, we too are "punctilious about everything but what is *essential.*" What is essential for us today is a strong leader

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# First Military Victi

What has happened in former Yugoslavia over the past decade reaches far beyond the boundaries of that region. It is so SHOCKING that the nations of this world would be *paralyzed with fear* if they truly understood! Shamefully, *America* is its CHIEF ARCHITECT. Herbert W. Armstrong prophesied of this unparalleled disaster for over 50 years.

BY GERALD FLURRY

**O**NCE AGAIN THE GERMANS ARE structuring an EMPIRE. They have now moved their capital from Bonn back to Berlin and the Reichstag. "Reichstag" means empire. It is the building from where Hitler launched a war that cost about 50 million lives.

That is how badly the Germans wanted an empire in World War II. Their whole history reveals a similar pattern.

Some of the best foreign-affairs analysts are beginning to wake up to what is happening in Europe—and it all started in the Balkan Peninsula.

This is how one intelligence periodical sees the outcome of the past decade's Yugoslav wars, started, as we will see, by Germany's recognition of Croatia and Slovenia in 1991: "The European empire is acquiring colonies fast. Currently engaged in negotiations with NATO in order to take over the running of Macedonia, the EU has acquired de facto control of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the extent that the new High Representative, Lord Ashdown, has appointed a German and a French deputy but no American. This is the first time there has not been a U.S. deputy in the body which governs Bosnia. It means that the 'big three' EU states are now in control of the former Yugoslav territory" (*European Foundation Intelligence Digest*, May 2).

Did you get that? The German-dominated EU now has control of the first colonies of its new empire!

In May this year, NATO began withdrawing troops from the Balkan Peninsula. With Croatia and Slovenia firmly

attached to the EU, the Union is now ready to start imposing its version of "security" on other nations that once formed the old Republic of Yugoslavia. The first EU police mission under the European Security and Defense policy will be sent to Bosnia at the end of this year. This new European Union Police Mission (EUPM) will take over from the United Nations International Police Task Force from January 1, 2003. This will end the direct involvement of the UN, NATO and the U.S. in Bosnia and will set the pattern for the ultimate takeover of the entire Balkan Peninsula by this European force.

Concerning the other old Yugoslav countries, Serbia and Montenegro are now virtually vassal states of the EU, almost totally dependent on the Union for financing reconstruction and development following the Yugoslav wars. Now the question of Macedonia's position remains to be finalized. With a NATO security force already on the ground in Macedonia, Germany has contributed the greatest number of troops of the 11 nations involved in this force. The force is under a German commander. To all intents and purposes, Macedonia is already in the bag for Europe.

Europe has effectively *conquered* Yugoslavia! We will prove in this article that the former Yugoslavia is in fact the first victim of World War III.

## Backing Germany

Let's begin our analysis of this nightmarish situation with a look at events in 1995. Here is a segment of

the August 11-25, 1995, issue of *Intelligence Digest* (emphasis mine throughout): "American generals trained and advised the recently triumphant Croatian army, and German pilots have been training the Croatian air force (UN sources at Zagreb airport say air-traffic control frequencies 'resound to the voices of German pilots'). Yet the recent events in the former Yugoslavia, important (and dangerous) as they are, form *only a small part* of an OVER-ALL U.S.-GERMAN PLAN FOR EUROPE. ...

"America's solution is to encourage and support German hegemony [domination] in both east and west Europe.

"Germany's control of Western Europe is exercised through the European Union (EU), and *American support* for GERMAN DOMINANCE of the EU has been evident since at least 1990. At that time a pro-German U.S. State Department under James Baker started a whispering campaign against British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher because of her opposition to any further surrender of British sovereignty to the German-dominated EU (or European Community as it then was).

"This whispering campaign was partly responsible for Mrs. Thatcher's ouster from ... the British premiership. ...

"[Washington] is following an intentional policy the purpose of which is to leave both east and west Europe under complete German domination. ...

"So Germany, *with the full backing of America*, IS TO BE THE SOLE GREAT POWER OF EUROPE. ...

"Washington *urgently needs* to think again BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE: Its policy for Europe IS NOT A POLICY FOR FUTURE STABILITY; *it is the reverse.*"

This was a shocking revelation! American foreign policy supports German dominance in the EU. And both America and Germany supported the breakup of the Balkans. The question is, *why?*

For the answer, we must look a little further back into the history of this war-torn region of former Yugoslavia.



# m of World War III



## Germany's Opening Move

In December 1991, serious events began to take shape within Germany and Eastern Europe. Germany—although strongly opposed by the European Economic Community, the U.S. and the UN—recognized the breakaway states of Croatia and Slovenia. Pope John Paul II quickly did the same. (This was not a coincidence; the people of these two Balkan states are staunchly loyal to the Roman Catholic Church.) The European Economic Community caved in and recognized the two states on January 15, 1992.

The *New York Times* wrote about

this watershed event in a front-page article, "Moving Defiantly on Yugoslavia, Bonn Threatens Rift With Allies": "Germany will go ahead with its plans to extend diplomatic recognition to the breakaway Yugoslav republics of Slovenia and Croatia, German officials said today, INCREASING PROSPECTS FOR A PRONOUNCED RIFT ON THE ISSUE IN THE WESTERN ALLIANCE."

"Chancellor Helmut Kohl's spokesman, Dieter Vogel, said on Friday that the Bonn government would wait until after a meeting of European Community foreign ministers in Brussels on

**WAR DEAD** A victim of Yugoslavia's civil war is buried in a Sarajevo cemetery, ca. 1993-1994.

Monday before announcing recognition, which HAS BEEN OPPOSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNITED STATES AND BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. But officials made clear that Bonn's decision

WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE OUTCOME OF MONDAY'S MEETING" (Dec. 15, 1991).

GERMANY WAS OPPOSED BY VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE WORLD ON THIS MATTER! *Yet Germany stood firm in its decision.* Why? How could a nation with Germany's recent past attempt such a thing? It makes a lot of sense if you understand the history of Germany and



the Holy Roman Empire!

Germany started World Wars I and II. Let's not forget that mind-numbing history. THAT SAME WAR SPIRIT WAS THRIVING IN GERMANY'S SUPPORT OF THESE BREAKAWAY STATES! The Germans were strongly opposed by the whole world and still got their way.

The first blow of World War III has already been struck. That is because this same nation—Germany—will continue this aggressive war spirit until the whole world is dragged into a nuclear World War III! So says history and Bible prophecy.

The habit of starting every world war dies hard.

The U.S. did a complete turnaround on their political stance, caving in to Germany. Not only that, they used their power to win this Yugoslav war for Germany!

The "world's only superpower" was despicably weak. The Yugoslavia debacle was another spectacular demonstration that America is no longer a superpower.

What America did in Yugoslavia will come back to haunt us forever. History thunders to us that it was a monumental mistake. Bible prophecy relates that it was part of a massive curse on our land.

The *final outcome* is going to be good news. But the suffering that precedes it will be the worst ever.

### Germany's Power

Another *New York Times* article, "UN Yields to Plans by Germany to Recognize Yugoslav Republics," said, "The Security Council backed away from a confrontation with Germany over Yugoslavia today after Germany's European allies on the council decided that THEY DID NOT WANT A MAJOR CLASH WITH BONN" (Dec. 16, 1991).

Why did the UN decide not to fight against Germany's decision? Because Germany's European allies "did not want a major clash with Bonn."

The historical plan of the European Union was to control a dangerous Germany. But it is clear that Germany is controlling the EU!

The horrendous truth that this world refuses to face is that Germany has not repented of starting two world

wars. The warlike spirit of World Wars I and II is still very much alive!

It doesn't take a lot of vision to see where this is headed. Bible prophecy says it will lead to the worst destruction this world has ever experienced!

IT IS TIME FOR US TO WAKE UP. Even if we don't believe the Bible, sound reasoning should awaken us.

## Germany is on the same track they were on when they started World Wars I and II!



**TROUBLING ASSOCIATIONS** Two Croatian war veterans give Nazi salutes during a protest to free Croatian generals in Zagreb, October 2001.

Let's continue in the *New York Times* article: "The incident underscored Germany's growing political power within the 12-nation European Community, diplomats said. Some added that it marked THE SINGLE MOST VISIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF THAT POWER since reunification of the two Germans more than a year ago [in 1990]" (ibid.).

It was "the single most visible demonstration of that power" since Germany was reunited. *What does that mean? It means that Germany is on the same track they were on when they started World Wars I and II!* This is the grisly truth that most people don't want to face. So we bury our heads in the sand. But that doesn't remove the truth or change events.

AGAIN, THE GERMANS HAVE NOT REPENTED OF WHAT THEY DID IN WORLD WARS I AND II—OR THEY WOULD NOT BE ACTING THIS WAY!

Why can't we be logical about something so terrifying? Are we too decadent even to care?

If our reasoning doesn't shake us, events certainly will—one thousand times over!

### "Troubling Historical Associations"

The article continued, "Moreover, in its unusual assertiveness in moving ahead with a plan to extend diplomatic recognition to the breakaway Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia, Germany has STIRRED TROUBLING HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS .... Nazi Germany DOMINATED the two Yugoslav regions during World War II, absorbing Slovenia into the Third Reich and CREATING A PUPPET REGIME IN CROATIA" (ibid.).

"Germany has stirred TROUBLING historical associations." But just how *troubled* are we? Even the *New York Times* doesn't seem troubled anymore. I hear almost no discussion of that troubling history—or, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE FUTURE! That is why it is so troubling.

Are we afraid to face this troubling truth? America and Britain should be so troubled that they would even risk a military clash with Germany. But those kind of superpower actions are past history.

After all, Germany could easily be stopped now if we had the *will* to use our power. But we are dangerously weak. So Germany's power (with the EU) will grow until we can't stop it.

We are in a far worse scenario than we were in the 1930s when Winston Churchill was warning the West about Adolf Hitler. We ignore that terrifying history, and are dangerously weak because of it.

Once again we fear to face the mind-jarring reality. Have we forgotten that we almost lost World War II? And we did so because almost everybody rejected Churchill's strong warnings against Germany.

Now is the time to face that unpalatable truth.

Germany was determined to recognize Croatia, in spite of this recent and horrifying past! But *why* would the U.S. support such a move? At first, America did not. But that quickly changed once Germany flexed its political muscle. America shamefully let Germany lead it.

"Germany has long historical ties, both glorious and shameful, to Slove-



nia and Croatia. Slovenia was part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, and many people there still identify with the German-speaking world. There has also been German influence in Croatia, and *during World War II CROATIA WAS RULED BY A PRO-NAZI REGIME.*

“This aspect of Croatian history, and the fact that the TUDJMAN GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE CROATIAN FASCISTS who ruled the republic in the 1940s, has made European leaders unwilling to move quickly toward recognition. GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION IS STRONGLY PRO-CROATIAN AND ANTI-SERBIAN” (*New York Times*, Dec. 8, 1991).

This is a shocking article. German public opinion is STRONGLY pro-Croatian and anti-Serbian, or in reality anti-Yugoslavian. The German people are emotionally involved with these two republics.

THIS IS JUST ANOTHER OF MANY SIGNS THAT THE GERMAN PEOPLE HAVE NOT REPENTED OF CAUSING ABOUT 50 MILLION DEATHS IN WORLD WAR II!

They would be horrified of these emotions if they deeply understood and hated their Nazi past. They should hate the monstrous crimes inflicted on the world by their eagerly following Hitler.

BUT THE WEST IS MORE TO BLAME THAN THE GERMANS. Our denazifying of Germany after World War II was a shameful farce. How can we calculate the suffering that mistake will cause? This work has written on and documented this tragedy for years.

SO BRACE YOURSELVES: A STRONG MILITARISTIC GERMANY IS MARCHING ONCE AGAIN, and its destruction this time will make its crimes in World Wars I and II look like child’s play!

Most of the words we hear from the Germans and others will indicate otherwise. But watch what they do—their deeds.

Isn’t it also disturbing that the *Croatian leader*—the late Franjo Tudjman—would NOT DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM THE CROATIAN FASCISTS, OR NAZIS, OF THE 1940s, *yet was still a respected leader in a Roman Catholic country?* If these people are good Roman Catholics, HOW COULD THEY HONOR FASCISM IN THIS WAY? Isn’t this rather alarming? Croatian leaders

## The most powerful foreign policy in this world comes out of Germany!

won’t disassociate themselves from such a horrible past, yet the pope has openly recognized Croatia in its struggle for independence, despite being opposed by most of the world. These facts suggest something dangerously ominous developing.



Tudjman

Do you understand the importance of this history? How quickly the world has forgotten the events surrounding World War II. How quickly the world has forgotten that Germany has historically considered it a primary duty to protect the Roman Catholic Church! During the various reigns of the Holy Roman Empire, they have felt it their duty to enforce the church’s desires. That helps us to understand

why Germany will stand up against the European Union, America, the United Nations and the entire WORLD!

SOMETHING VERY DARK AND SINISTER IS STIRRING IN EUROPE. What has happened in Croatia is ONLY A SMALL SAMPLE OF WHAT IS ABOUT TO SPREAD OVER THE ENTIRE REGION! This is the “straw that will stir the drink” to unify all of Europe. It will not be long before Europe is reunited as the Holy Roman Empire. It will be led very assertively by Germany.

Two republics now have their independence because of Germany and the pope. The *whole world* would have been AGAINST the independence of these two republics HAD NOT GERMANY AND THE POPE SPOKEN OUT IN SUPPORT OF THEM! That reveals a great deal about the power Germany has today. But more importantly, IT PROJECTS WHERE GERMANY AND THE VATICAN ARE HEADED IN THE FUTURE!

Now a German-led EU virtually controls all of Yugoslavia. As you continue reading, we will prove to you that THIS IS THE FIRST NATION CONQUERED BY THE REVIVING HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE.

WORLD WAR III HAS ALREADY BEGUN! Soon all of Europe will be under Germany’s control—and that is only the beginning. America, Britain and the nation called Israel today will be conquered by the Holy Roman Empire if we don’t repent!

The Holy Roman Empire will soon become more powerful than Russia, China or the U.S. Please open your eyes and watch it happen.

Germany forced the issue in Yugoslavia and exposed how weak America and the West really are. And the whole world was watching and learning. World leaders clearly know how weak America is. That is why so many challenge it. And this will get far worse.

Many Serbian leaders believe the driving force behind the independence of Croatia and Slovenia was the Roman Catholic Church! This is only a small part of a rising *Holy Roman Empire*. Germany and the Vatican were willing to offend the whole world to recognize two little Roman Catholic republics! These events show anybody willing to take note that SOMETHING DREADFUL IS STIRRING IN GERMANY AND THE VATICAN.

For the most part, what is happening in Europe, politically and religiously, is invisible to the world. Even many political leaders in Europe will be moved with great emotion in support of European unity, not truly understanding what they are doing.

### Germany’s World Dominance

Shortly after Germany recognized the breakaway republic of Croatia, *civil war* broke out in Yugoslavia. Many people blame Germany for this civil war, and rightfully so.

All of Europe and America were openly hostile to Germany’s action at that time, but Europe quickly caved in when Germany threatened to pull out of the European Union.

America saw the flow of events and, as usual, weakly changed its public view by submitting to Germany.

Mr. Tudjman, Croatia’s leader at that time, HAD PUBLICLY AND REPEATEDLY SAID HIS COUNTRY WAS RIGHT IN SUPPORTING HITLER! He was very adamant and unrepentant about that.

AN INQUIRING MIND MIGHT ASK HOW GERMANY AND THE VATICAN COULD OPENLY AND FLAGRANTLY SUPPORT A NAZI-TYPE LEADER, CONSIDERING THEIR OWN RECENT HISTORY. Nazi atrocities



and the Vatican's involvement in protecting and hiding Nazi leaders during and after World War II are overwhelmingly documented! The great majority of the Nazis who escaped were assisted by the Catholic Church (request our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*).

Now Germany and the Vatican are headed in the same direction again. THERE IS A FRIGHTENING SPIRIT THERE THAT WE SHOULD BE ACUTELY CONCERNED ABOUT. America's national survival depends on it.

According to some reports, America signed a secret agreement to continue operating with the Croatian military. Remember, this is the SAME NATION THAT

## The plan of the EU was to control Germany. But it is clear that Germany is controlling the EU!

WE WERE BULLIED INTO ACCEPTING AS AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC IN 1991! Where Germany leads, we seem to follow.

America's foreign-policy shift in 1991 enraged its traditional allies Britain, France and the Netherlands. These nations saw what Germany was doing, not only in Yugoslavia, but all over Europe. The European Union collectively had *hoped* to KEEP POWERFUL GERMANY UNDER CONTROL—with help from the U.S.! Instead, America has helped Germany enforce its will on Europe! Europeans, who are being helplessly swept along, are painfully aware that Germany has caused two world wars—IN LIVING MEMORY—and the death of over 60 million people!

Has America forgotten its loyal allies of World Wars I and II and in 50 years of the Cold War? Germany has bullied the U.S. INTO NEARLY WRECKING THAT ALLIANCE!

These traditional American allies know a great deal about Germany's desire to control Europe. U.S. leaders, however, seem to be ignorant of the dangers. It seems that they learned little or nothing from World Wars I and II.

The Serbs fought on the side of America and Britain in two world wars. In the 1990s, the Serbs were the only power to resist Germany in the Balkans. Now Germany is having its way in that part of the world. And the European Union is now openly dis-

cussing *global* ambitions—CHALLENGING America.

No wonder America is losing allies in Europe. Historical alliances and friends seem almost meaningless to the U.S. At the same time, America is helping to build a Frankenstein monster that is about to turn on its creator!

America and Britain clearly do not understand history. And worse, they are totally ignorant of Bible prophecy.

This is an amazing scenario! THE MOST POWERFUL FOREIGN POLICY IN THIS WORLD COMES OUT OF GERMANY! At first, America was BITTERLY OPPOSED to Germany recognizing the republic of Croatia. Then it turned around to HELP GERMANY FIGHT FOR CROATIA'S INDEPENDENCE! WHAT A PATHETIC TURNAROUND.

These events set the stage for 1999's nightmare in Kosovo.

In 1995, Alexander Cockburn wrote in

the *Detroit Free Press*: "When Germany led the Western powers to recognize Croatia, Slovenia and finally Bosnia at the start of the '90s, the Serbs remembered vividly what had happened to them at the hands of the Nazi-backed puppet state of Croatia in World War II. At least 700,000 Serbs—some say as many as 1.2 million—along with 30,000 Jews, were slaughtered by Croats in the Jasenovac concentration camp. [Even if there were only 700,000 Serbs killed, that was still a colossal disaster.]

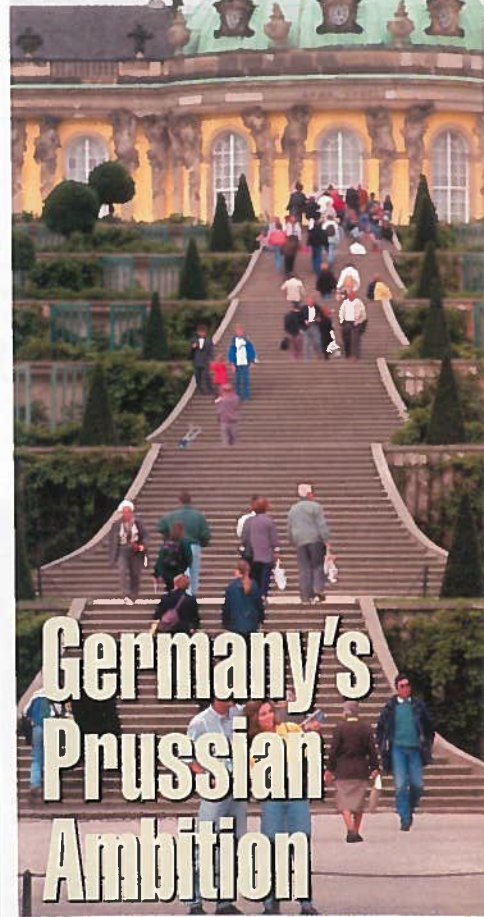
"The Croat lobby in the United States has displayed eel-like slipperiness when pressed about the fascist predilections of Croat leader Franjo Tudjman. Inquiries into his character and intentions are very much to the point: Tudjman has written books of spine-chilling anti-Semitism and apologetics for mass extermination.

"This is the man pampered by the West, even as he drives toward a greater Croatia built in the image of Ante Pavelic's Croatian Republic of the 1940s" (Aug. 24, 1995).

That reminds me of the years leading up to World War II, after Hitler had already written his hateful diatribe, *Mein Kampf*. Yet Neville Chamberlain and other weak leaders were actually cozying up to and pampering this man who would head the Nazi war machine. ♦

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ATTRACTION  
Sans Souci palace  
in Potsdam



What does Germany's desire to bring back the state of Prussia say about its future?

BY WILLIAM GHANNAM

**A**FTER WORLD WAR II, WINSTON Churchill condemned the German state of Prussia as "THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL."

So why is there a heartfelt effort in Germany today to bring back Prussia? Prussia directly connects Germany with its *imperial past* of power and conquest!

The victorious Allies, by means of the "Potsdam Declaration," agreed on the removal of the German population from a part of the area known as *Prussia*. Much of this land was to be given to Poland and the Soviet Union. Two years later, in 1947, the Allies passed a law that permanently banned Prussia from ever existing, branding it THE WARMONGERING HEART OF GERMANY.

Still, a dream of a resurgent Prussian state has captured the hearts and



minds of some in Germany today. This dream found a voice in the words of Alwin Ziel, Brandenburg's social affairs minister, when he suggested in February that the proposed merger of the city-state of Berlin and the state of Brandenburg be called Prussia.

Germans still proudly remember and admire their past. This includes a growing number of LIBERAL INTELLECTUALS, ARISTOCRATS and ROYALTY who have joined forces in support of Prussia's rebirth (*Guardian*, Feb. 23).

But given the law passed in 1947, can Prussia *legally* be reestablished? "The fact that the Allies dissolved the state of Prussia does not mean that one of Germany's present-day states cannot bear the same name," said Detlef Merten, professor of public law at the German University of Administrative Sciences in Speyer (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Feb. 17; emphasis mine throughout). He added, "Germany is indeed sovereign in the matter since only those states that are part of the Federal Republic of Germany are being dealt with here" (*ibid.*).

"Prussia is a project, not a historical relic or even a joke," said Tilman Mayer, a professor of political science at the University of Bonn, adding that "only fatalists will argue that Prussia is history" (*ibid.*, Feb. 28).

Revitalization of great Prussian cities, palaces and buildings continue to rekindle the dream of the rebirth of past Prussian glory in a modern Germany. Many Germans are looking to the greatness of their PAST to *lead* their FUTURE!

### Virtues of the Imperial Past

Germans increasingly refuse to feel continuing shame over their history. This fact was brought to prominence last year, when the German government officially named it PRUSSIAN YEAR 2001.

German President Johannes Rau defended all that was good with Prussia during the celebrations: "We should use this opportunity and then we can recognize that there are traditions and attitudes that are worth highlighting and rediscovering: tolerance, reform, selflessness and modesty, the nation-state and law and order" (*Independent*, Jan. 14, 2001).

Prussian Year 2001 was formally celebrated throughout Germany with a series of exhibitions and events commemorating Prussia's influence upon

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• TILMAN MAYER •  
Professor, University of Bonn

Germany and the world. Over 100 museums and cultural organizations throughout the former Prussian region took part.

These celebrations confirmed one truism: "[T]he Germans are at least no longer afraid of Prussia" (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Feb. 20).

Eberhard Diepgen, former mayor of Berlin, expressed amazement at how the Prussian state was ever permitted to descend into disregard. "I am happy that Prussian Year 2001 will remind us of these fruitful traditions in our history," he said. He added that the knowledge of those traditions "can be taken as a basis for the future of Europe" (*Telegraph*, Dec. 31, 2000).

Mr. Mayer said, "We need Prussia to unite Germany. We need Prussia as a shining name to inspire great achievements in Germany. We need Prussia as a provocation to TRIGGER ACTION" (*op. cit.*). One might ask, *what action* will be triggered if Prussian idealism takes over?

### Looking to Frederick

The city of Potsdam was known as the "pearl of Prussia." Devastated by World War II and left inert by the forced seclusion of the Cold War, it has recently undergone great change, swiftly acquiring a reputation as one of Germany's most attractive cities. After German reunification in 1990, Potsdam became the capital of the state of Brandenburg. A stunning reminder of its great imperial past is re-

flected in two elegant palaces which reside there, both built in the late 1700s by Prussia's most recognized king, Frederick the Great.

Frederick, who reigned from 1740 to 1786, is remembered in Germany to this day. Adolf Hitler paid his respects to Frederick at his grave in Potsdam in 1933, and there declared the beginning of the Third Reich. When the collapse of the Reich was hastened by the advancing Russian army, the Nazi government protected Frederick's remains by exhuming his body and moving it to western Germany.

Nazis and other right-wing extremists hail Frederick "as a cult figure because of his martial accomplishments" (Martin A. Lee, *The Beast Reawakens*, pp. 282-283). This "fierce Prussian warrior" was known as a frequent invader of foreign lands.

In 1991, only one year after Germany reunited East and West, Frederick was honored by a reburial at his beloved Sans Souci Palace near Potsdam—with over 80,000 in attendance, including then Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

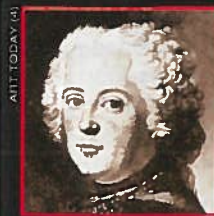
Several newspapers acknowledged the immediate reaction in Europe: FEAR. Troubled hearts saw this national reverence as an inner-stirring for Germany to return to its roots of military greatness.

### Remember the Good

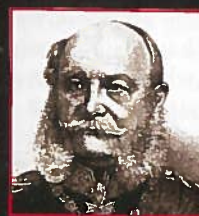
Most Germans only want to remember the good that the Prussians are responsible for: They emancipated the local Jewish population in 1812; serfdom was eliminated; immigration was encouraged; the arts and sciences and the introduction of compulsory education were sponsored and administered by the Prussian state.

Warmly evoked by countless Germans is the belief in PRUSSIAN VIRTUES: *modesty, discipline, self-control, punctuality, thriftiness, state service and a hard-working attitude.* These virtues

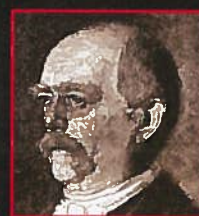
### PRUSSIAN LEADERSHIP



Frederick



Wilhelm I



Otto von Bismarck



Wilhelm II



are seen as the catalyst of Prussia's ECONOMIC POWER.

However, to most Europeans, Prussia is generally remembered for its MILITARISM, ARROGANCE and, especially, its EXPANSIONISM.

"The ANTI-PRUSSIAN SENTIMENT that survives in western and southern Germany IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE and IS DECLINING by the decade," wrote Wolf Jobst Siedler, a distinguished German journalist (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Feb. 17). Siedler added, "European irritation CAN BE IGNORED, too, just as European unease was ignored when the two German states—East and West Germany—were reunited" (ibid.).

Alexandra Richie, Oxford historian, points out in her book *Faust's Metropolis* that European irritation should not be so easily ignored. "The fact that German unification was achieved without violence was a political miracle, but experience shows that DISRUPTION OFTEN EMERGES LATER AND IN UNEXPECTED WAYS."

## How Did Prussia Rule?

In 1862, Count Otto von Bismarck became both prime minister and foreign minister of Prussia. He realized that to lead the German unification effort and attain world leadership status for Germany, Prussia would need both a potent army and effective diplomatic skills. In this he had the willing support of King Wilhelm I.

In 1866, the Prussian army crushed Austria in only seven weeks, thus forming the North German Union. A few years later, Prussia swiftly defeated the incompetent emperor of France, Napoleon III, setting the stage for the highly anticipated unification of Germany in 1871. The German Empire, or Second Reich, was formed.

The newly crowned kaiser (emperor of Germany)—Wilhelm I—made Otto von Bismarck, his longtime champion advocate, Germany's first chancellor.

During a constitutional crisis over army reforms, Bismarck was resolute regarding Prussia's authority: "The position of Prussia in Germany will be decided not by its liberalism but by its power. ... [N]ot through speeches and majority decisions are the great questions of the day decided ... but by IRON AND BLOOD" (Otto Pflanze, *Bismarck and the Development of Germany*, vol.

1). Bismarck insisted that the German Empire have a dominant role in European affairs and unhindered ability to colonize throughout the world.

Wilhelm I's grandson—known to be vociferous and uncaring—attempted to persuade his dying grandfather to abdicate and give him the throne instead of giving it to his son Friederich. Wilhelm I refused. But after Wilhelm I's death in 1888, Friederich ruled only 99 days before dying of throat cancer.

Thus Wilhelm I's grandson, Wilhelm II, ascended to the throne that same year. By 1890 he had forced Bismarck out of office; the new kaiser wanted to establish his own ultimate authority.

Kaiser Wilhelm II was also determined to extend the German Empire's power and influence throughout the world. So strong was his motivation, he even considered attacking the United States in a daring naval assault on New York, Boston and other U.S. ports 20 years before World War I began, because he wanted the Pacific Ocean clear for German colonial conquest.

Most do not realize this fact concerning the German Empire: Several kings, princes and other possessors of royal seats ruled under the kaiser's seat of Prussian rule in this German alliance.

In November 1918, after the Great War had ended, all ruling monarchies in Germany lost their thrones and were officially abolished.

Count Carl-Eduard von Bismarck, descendant of Prince Otto von Bismarck, is one reminder of Germany's once-great past living in today's Germany. A wealthy banker, Bismarck is currently seeking political office and views Prussia just as his ancestor: "Prussia is a name that is known internationally and stands for something special" (*Sunday Times*, London, March 24).

Bismarck went on to declare, "It is back to the roots of Germany." Yet, when history is closely examined, these deep Prussian roots reveal the true character of Germany as a MILITARISTIC-MINDED NATION.

## Days of Prussian Glory Revisited

After the destruction of Nazi Ger-

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many, cities were left in ruin by Allied bombs, and many historical buildings were lost or damaged beyond repair; Hitler's plans were burned to ashes.

"Yet it has remained mysteriously unknown to this day that immediately after conquering Poland, Hitler charged his architect [Albert] Speer in October 1939 with expanding a residence in the East—a palace built by Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II between 1905-1910—in what was then the Prussian province of Posen" (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Feb. 19).



Hitler

Hitler looked to the past with pride. Even today, Germans continue to visit cities and territories of their once-extensive empire, such as the Russian city of Kaliningrad (formally Königsberg, Prussia). "For Germans, Kaliningrad is still important from an EMOTIONAL STANDPOINT. German cash has been raised to reconstruct the ruined Königsberg cathedral,

and thousands of Germans make pilgrimages to the city each summer in an attempt to *rediscover their lost roots*" (*Telegraph*, Jan. 21, 2001).

Königsberg was the first capital of Prussia, where Frederick the Great's grandfather proclaimed himself Prussia's first king in 1701.

Do the Russians remember the history of the former Königsberg? Germany doesn't seem to think so. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Kaliningrad has become an island unto itself—trapped between Poland and Lithuania—essentially deserted by Russia.

The Germans remember why. As they look to rediscover their lost roots, Königsberg will continue to weigh heavy in the hearts of Germans who long for the imperial past and the old borders that made up Prussia. When both Poland and Lithuania become



members of the European Union as slated in 2003, Kaliningrad will be surrounded by the EU, leaving Russia disconnected from Kaliningrad.

Vladimir Yegorov, governor of the Kaliningrad region, has expressed his fears of an uprising by the people. He made it clear to the Kremlin that if living conditions continue to worsen, it could lead to a separation from Russia. He said the people of Kaliningrad might take matters into their own hands if they no longer had anything to lose.

### Dreams of Regain- ing Königsberg

Britain's *Telegraph* reported early last year that Germany and Russia were in secret talks to return Königsberg to Germany. But can Germany really hope to have Königsberg back?

Berlin had given billions of dollars to Russia that they knew could not be paid back. This begs the question: Will Russia trade land to offset the money it owes to Germany? Will a deal be struck *in secret*—just as they agreed to partition Poland right before World War II?

Russia's economic partnership with Germany is beginning to resemble the one they had just before World Wars I and II. Once again, Russia sees Germany as one of its most important and stable trade partners. The roots for this partnership run deep, as Prussia, the center of the German nation-state, traditionally looked to Russia as an ally.

Yet, as history proves, the roots of German-Russian loyalty are not deep enough to endure. The non-aggression pact formed between the two nations in 1939 was completely ignored when, two years later, Germany attacked Russia.

### The Power of Prussia

Eberhard Straub of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* recently said that if a new Prussia incorporated the areas of Berlin, Brandenburg, Saxony-Anhalt, Western Pomerania and Mecklenburg, the German mindset could be changed: "Such a northern German federation in the form of a rejuvenated

Prussia might after all AROUSE THE ENERGIES that the weak need to grow strong—when united" (Feb. 20).

Straub undoubtedly speaks for many Germans. He challenged the people of Brandenburg and Berlin to

persuade their fellowcitizens throughout the nation to the sensible benefits of restoring Prussia, "and thereby the whole of Germany, thus shaking it out of its lethargy" (ibid.).

In 1993, many Germans viewed a temporary life-sized replica of the former Prussian palace—

destroyed," said panel chairman Hannes Swoboda at a news conference concerning the Prussian palace's future (Associated Press, Jan. 18).

The hope for a Prussian rebirth is strong among those Germans who remember the greatness of the country's 19th-century history. The idea of a Prussian state is but further evidence of a resurrected Holy Roman Empire with Germany at its head (Rev. 13:3-4).

Whoever leads this resurrected Holy Roman Empire will need people to wholeheartedly exhibit one specific Prussian virtue, that of BLIND OBEDIENCE.

Professor Mayer reflected on a German proverb that says Prussians are slow to draw, and warned that when some well-known Bavarians start claiming that they are the better Prussians,



ART TODAY, TRUMPET MAP



**LOST ROOTS** Königsberg, first capital of Prussia—now Kaliningrad, Russia.

home for the Prussian monarchy until 1918—in Berlin, creating huge momentum for its reconstruction. Then Chancellor Gerhard Schröder agreed with the traditionalists who believe that only by rebuilding the once-magnificent palace can all that was good about Prussia be fully understood.

To further embrace Germany's glorious past, Schröder set up a panel to debate how to revive Berlin's historic center—including the former Prussian palace, despite critics who argued that the palace could create nostalgia for a militaristic state.

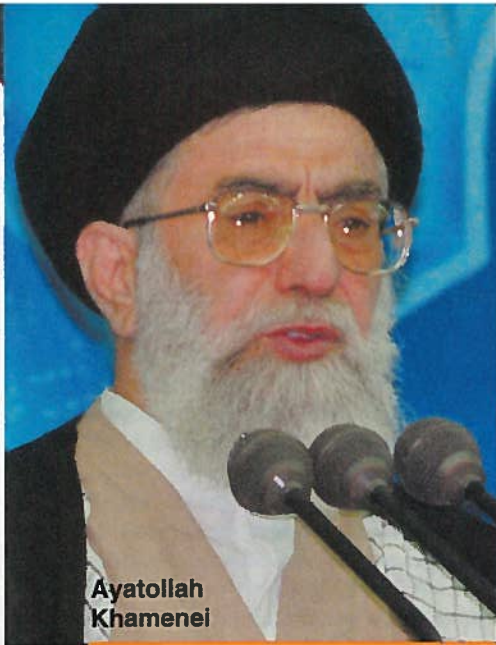
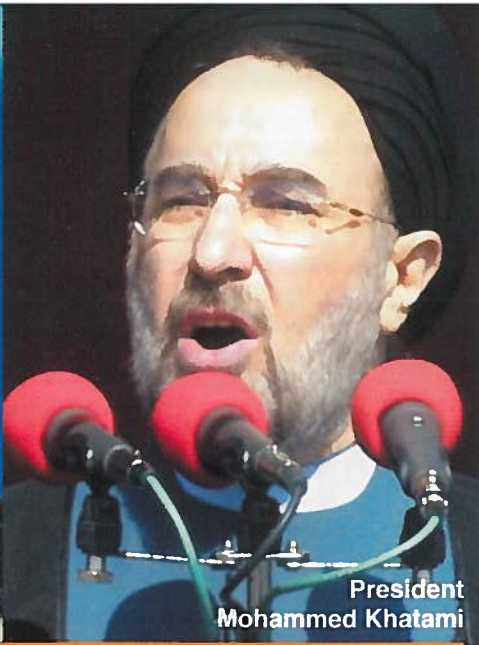
"THE WOUND MUST BE HEALED—and in the architectural form of what was

"Prussia should watch out [before the] Bavarians storm Berlin" (op. cit.).

Adolf Hitler was a Bavarian, but he used the Prussian military machine for his evil purpose, and millions followed him with blind obedience to make his idealism come alive, catapulting humanity into the Second World War.

PRUSSIAN POWER ruled by a BAVARIAN LEADER can be a *lethal combination*. Hitler has proven that. And now that Germany is unified and leading the European Union—and with the Bavarian Edmund Stoiber running in the German elections this year—could such a lethal combination of political rule happen again? ♦



Ayatollah  
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## THE TWO FACES OF IRAN

While marketing an image of moderation to the world, Iran has willfully destroyed the possibility for peace in Israel. Why? What are its true aims? And where will its efforts end?

BY JOEL HILLIKER

ISRAEL IS IN CHAOS. THE LAND IS SOAKING with blood. The Palestinians are boiling with rage. The Jews are infuriating the world. It has been over a year and a half since the tiny nation had any semblance of peace, and diplomats are stumped.

The situation is a tragedy, but perhaps most tragic are the frightful lies and misconceptions being spread which fuel and compound it.

It is not as simple as is often portrayed in the American press: two sides with mutually exclusive yet equally compelling arguments. And the version of the story told in much of the rest of the world, particularly in Europe and the Mideast—that an oppressed, powerless minority of Palestinians are rising in justifiable indignation against their brutal, ultra-militarized Israeli oppressors—is far from the truth.

Common reporting on the conflict is rife with contradiction, willful ignorance of known fact, and wildly incorrect assumptions.

Why? For the incontrovertible reason that *it is in the interests of many to spread those errors*. The staggering fact is, the U.S.'s idea of Middle East peace—that of Israel coexisting with

its neighbors, one of which would be a Palestinian state—is simply NOT a goal of *most nations* in the world!

While vain discussion on how to implement this peace ideal continues in earnest, powerful forces are at work on the highest levels of international politics designed to ensure that NO PEACE PLAN SUCCEEDS! *Middle East peace is being purposefully sabotaged*. These forces are far too potent for the United States, as long as it lamely fumbles over wordings of agreements and contracts, to ever succeed in overcoming.

In this article, we will focus on Iran—the most powerful nation in the region and a true spoiler of Mideast peace. We will uncover Iran's determination to doom the peace process and to hold Israel in a state of suffocating chaos until it goes under. In the process, we will see astounding evidence that Iran is far from being alone in this vile objective.

### Axis of Evil

President George W. Bush was bold and brash when he slapped Iraq, Iran and North Korea with the name "axis of evil." Bush's branding of these countries in his January State of the Union address provoked indignation and anger worldwide. In a world of diplomatic nuance and political correctness,

a world painted in shades of gray, those three little words represented everything peevish about today's America.

The world quickly made clear that it wanted no part in a fight with any "axis of evil." In fact, nations seem to have relished the opportunity to snub U.S. efforts to dictate a global agenda. The North Korean threat was ignored. Iraq, while becoming the apparent next major target in America's war on terror, received no significant censure from any other country. Iran actually enjoyed an *increase* in diplomatic and economic stature among nations.

The "axis of evil" episode underscored how out of step America's thinking is. It demonstrated the flip side of U.S.'s support for Israel: Not only are the U.S.'s friends not the world's friends, the U.S.'s enemies are not the world's enemies.

Why? Something sinister is behind the widespread determination to overlook the proof behind Bush's pronouncement—particularly with regard to Iran.

### The "New" Iran

The story of Iran's glowing status among nations today is remarkable.

Iran has always wanted to be the kingpin of the Middle East. U.S. presence in the region is viewed as exploitative and a major impediment to that goal; also, Iran's Muslim clergy detests the infiltration of amoral American culture. The State of Israel is also unwelcome, largely for its ties with the U.S. Thus, *eliminating both Israel and the U.S. from the Mideast is imperative to Iran's objectives*. Historically, however, Iran's methods of pursuing these aims have alienated it both from Western powers and within the region.

When, in 1979, the Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Revolution seized Iran, the government of the West-friendly Shah was suddenly replaced by a nightmare of chaos in the streets, assassinations and executions. Iran held America by the throat when Iranian militants took 66 Americans hostage for a tense 444 days. But rather than establishing Iran as a regional leader, Khomeini's conduct only isolated his country and provoked the U.S. to *increase* its Mideast presence—precisely what he was trying to avoid.

The standard U.S. approach since that revolution was to blacklist Iran



until it ceased to 1) support terrorism, 2) hinder the Mideast peace process, and 3) try to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

When Mohammed Khatami was elected as Iran's president in 1997, however, that policy began to change. Khatami was seen as the voice of a growing moderate demographic within Iran, crying to be free of the strictures of the revolution. His landslide victory (of nearly 70 percent of the vote, with overwhelming support among women and younger voters) seemed to point to a different future for the nation.

While reforms at home have been slim and slow, Khatami has worked overtime to improve Iran's international relations. His visit in 1999 to Italy was the first for an Iranian leader to Europe since the revolution. Since then he has visited France, Germany and Japan. The British foreign secretary visited Iran in September 2001; Britain's exports to Iran increased 144 percent last year. Russia says it will keep improving its ties with Iran (which means it will keep supplying Iran with nuclear technology).

These cooperative efforts only intensified after Bush's "axis of evil" comment. Khatami was warmly received in Austria and Greece this March. In April, Germany expanded trade with Iran. A German company orchestrated the first-ever foreign takeover of an Iranian company on the Tehran Stock Exchange. Belgium and the Netherlands also agreed to greater cooperation with Iran. Khatami said



**TURNING POINT** Hostages being led blindfolded outside the U.S. embassy in Iran, 1979.

his nation is determined to have friendly ties with all countries. Even members of the U.S. Congress are saying they don't see any "axis of evil" and want a better relationship with Iran.

Khatami is also stimulating more unity within the region, promoting agreements with, among others, Pak-

istan and India. Saudi Arabia, the wealthiest Mideast state, is cooperating with Iran on regional security and trade.

Khomenei's Iran never received such treatment. It is a turnaround of dramatic proportions.

### The Two Faces of Iran

Khatami talks a good talk. The suave new diplomacy is romancing the world and giving Iran a new legitimacy. The world seems to want to look again to

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Iran as a linchpin of Middle East stability, as it had been with the Shah. But this change in opinion seems less driven by actual, demonstrable trustworthiness than by assumptions about Khatami.

What are Iran's real fruits? Talk is cheap—and sometimes misleading (Matt. 7:16-20).

After all, Iran is a theocratic republic. That means the religious leaders hold ultimate power. Under Iranian law, the Ayatollah (now Khamenei, Khomeini's successor) can override the president on any action he wishes. The 12-member clerical Guardian Council can scrap any decision of the elected parliament. Islamic leaders head the revolutionary court, the Tehran Justice Department and the special court for the clergy.

The fruits of the conservative clergy are those of virulent condemnation of the U.S. ("Great Satan") and Israel, stifling political control (i.e. banning liberal candidates by the hundreds from supposedly "democratic" elections), censorship (banning books and closing down errant newspapers), floggings and executions, and hugely unsuccessful domestic economic and social policy.

How can these two faces of Iran be reconciled? On the surface, it almost seems like an identity crisis—conservatives pitted against moderates.

But in truth, while these two political wings may appear from the outside to differ on domestic issues, *their goal for regional dominance is one and the same. Their policy toward the U.S. and Israel is identical.* Khatami's smooth moves are actually helping the conservatives to achieve everything they ever wanted.

The progression over two decades from Khomeini to Rafsanjani and now Khatami has given the country a dramatic face-lift. But its goal of regional preeminence is unchanged. "[T]he Grand Ayatollah's successors soon abandoned the mission of exporting revolution, supplanting it with an approach based on more conventional measures of national interest. Tehran's path would now be more gradual, seeking to further its regional aspirations

less through confrontation than accommodation with its neighbors. *The shift, however, has been one of means rather than ends*" (*National Interest*, Spring 2000; emphasis mine throughout).

This helps explain why so little has changed in Iran since Khatami's election.

Toward the end of Khatami's first term, there was a large degree of disappointment with his failure to implement the reforms people had expected from him. Khatami blamed his ineffectiveness on Iran's political system: "I declare after three years as president that I don't have sufficient powers to implement the constitution," he said (*International Herald Tribune*, Dec. 1, 2000).

But not even after his reelection in an even bigger landslide last year (77 percent of the vote)—a powerful mandate from voters by any measure—has Khatami managed any significant reform. In fact, even his choices in cabinet members was conspicuously absent of any radical reformers.

There are only two possible explanations: Either Khatami is more under the thumb of the conservatives than people realize, or he is more sympathetic to their aims than people admit.

Either way, it is a deliberate LIE and a SHAM to pretend, as Europe and other countries do, that Iran is a model of moderation, a stabilizer, a friend of peace.

### Terrorism, What Terrorism?

Iran's new, enlightened approach has been especially interesting to watch in regard to the U.S.'s war on terror.

Iran talks now as though it is in the vanguard against terrorism. Khatami sounds like he absolutely supports the



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U.S. ideal of eliminating terrorism worldwide. He speaks as though he shares America's goals. He is seeking to improve ties with front-line states in the war on terror.

The world apparently is taking Iran at its word.

The terrible irony is, Iran's definition of "terrorism" is vastly different from the U.S.'s. And not just among conservatives—even President Khatami has said, "SUPPORTING PEOPLES WHO FIGHT FOR THEIR LAND IS NOT, IN MY OPINION, TERRORISM" (*National Interest*, op. cit.). Thus, while out of one side of its mouth Iran condemns terrorism, it continues to support terror groups in Israel, Lebanon and Syria that sabotage peace and destabilize the region!

This is documented, proven fact. The evidence is available to everyone. Iran has vast links to regional terror groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad. Even more condemning, American and Israeli intelligence officials say that "Yasser Arafat has forged a new alliance with Iran that involves Iranian shipments of heavy weapons and millions of dollars to Palestinian groups that are waging guerrilla war against Israel" (*New York Times*, March 24). Illustrating that fact was the interception in January of a shipment of 50 tons of Iranian weapons to Palestinian areas. Yet the press continues to promote the propagandistic image of the helpless Palestinian armed with nothing but rocks and slingshots.

Iran supports Palestinian terrorism without compunction—morally, ideologically and economically. It is taking advantage of a chaotic situation—shaking its head at the tragedy of violence seizing Israel, projecting itself as being committed to peace, while, barely under the table, *directly stoking the fire!*

While Khatami tends to steer clear of voicing support for Palestinian terrorism, the Ayatollah Khamenei *publicly praises suicide bombings*: "Palestinians are standing up to the pressures on them and the height of their resistance is manifested in their martyrdom-seeking operations which make the enemy tremble," he says. "Sacrificing oneself for religion and national interest is the peak of honor and bravery" (Reuters, May 1). Whether President Khatami believes those words is immaterial—the fact is, *the bombings fulfill his purpose*



**CAUGHT** Israel's Sharon (center) examines 50 tons of weapons seized during shipment from Iran to the Palestinians.

*just as much as they do Khamenei's.* Yet by remaining silent, he retains his stature as a moderate politician, and the LIE of a peaceful Iran can be preserved.

### Benefits in Bloodshed

The "peace" that Iran is committed to simply DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ONGOING EXISTENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL!

Eliminating Israel is a *pillar cause* for Iran. Thus, IRAN IS A COMMITTED ENEMY OF MIDEAST PEACE. By supporting terrorism, it is deliberately undermining any possible reconciliation and snuffing out any glimmer of a solution.

No smiles or nice words from politicians, no trade agreements or cooperation, alter that fact one iota!

In some of the most torturous moral idiocy witnessed in modern times, the more Palestinian men blow themselves up in Israeli pizzarias and at Passover Seders, the more the world condemns the *victims*—ISRAEL!

"Israel, for all its faults, is a democracy and an open society. The Palestinian Authority is a corrupt despotism which has brainwashed its people into believing mediaeval blood libels against the Jews. But Western journalists and intellectuals automatically assume that the Israelis are telling lies" (Melanie Phillips, *Spectator*, April 20).

This being the case, then the longer that chaos prevails in Israel—THE BLOODIER THE BLOODBATH—THE MORE IRAN'S AIMS ARE MET.

That is, Israel looks more barbaric as it tries to defend itself, and is thus more widely condemned and brought closer to extinction; the U.S. looks more impotent as it tries to stop mad suicidal mob violence by negotiation, and thus loses respect and may be shamed into leaving the region.

Above all, Iran escapes the whole mess unscathed—much closer, actually, to realizing its goal of becoming the king of the Mideast.

Make no mistake—Iran has everything to gain by bloodying to death any and all effort to achieve a Mideast peace plan that includes Israel.

### Why Iran Is Getting Away With It

The question is, WHY would other nations be giving Iran legitimacy?

Why is Europe so conciliatory toward Iran? Why is it willing to overlook its problems, its threat to peace?

One probable, *partial* explanation is Europe's reliance on Iranian and Middle East oil. Playing along with Iran's charade ensures a continued oil supply. By contrast, the Ayatollah is calling for an oil embargo on Israel and its allies—which would certainly include the U.S. The power of this weapon in dictating the behavior of oil-dependent countries should not be underestimated.

Another possibility is that Europe is *afraid* of Iran. In the past, Iran has blackmailed countries using the threat of terrorism to get what it wants. Evidence has shown that France and Germany capitulated to Iranian threats of terror in the mid-'90s, during Rafsanjani's rule, by rescheduling debt, boosting trade and even releasing jailed Iranian terror suspects.

Is Khatami's Iran above using such extortion? Last month, Iran's plans for developing a long-range missile were uncovered—one that would put *Italy and Germany* within striking distance. Coupled with Iran's progress in acquiring, manufacturing and stockpiling chemical and biological agents, as well as its push for nuclear capability, such long-range delivery systems become a real threat.

A final consideration in Europe's dealings with Iran may be the Muslim



contingent on the Continent. According to *Investor's Business Daily*, some analysts say Europe's perhaps 15 million Muslims are being looked upon as an enemy within (April 19). In 1995, NATO said *militant Islam* was as big a threat to the region as *communism* had been. Europe has become something of a refuge and a breeding ground for extreme individuals. One analyst said, "Islamic terrorists see Western Europe as the safest haven anywhere. The more extensive the legal protections of human rights, the more likely [terrorists] would feel comfortable with it." Every suspect in the September 11 attack had ties to Western Europe.

What hatreds might be stirred up within Europe's Islamic population if the Continent took steps to censure Iran for its actions?

But regardless of those possible reasons for the deference Iran receives, at the heart of the matter is a sickening truth, supported by Bible prophecy, that explains Europe's true motives.

### The Ultimate Goal

Polls indicate that a majority of the U.S. population has more sympathy for Israel than for the Palestinians; a recent Pew Research Center poll puts that majority at about 75 percent. Many Americans see Yasser Arafat as a terrorist, not a statesman. They thus disagree with the voice of the mainstream U.S. press, which confuses the issue by creating moral equivalence between Palestinian terrorism and Israeli defense measures.

The U.S. is virtually Israel's ONLY FRIEND IN THE WORLD. Being the most powerful nation, its voice prevails in present discussion about Mideast peace. *Only because of AMERICA* is the ideal of a *two-state peace* in Israel still being considered.

Elsewhere in the world, Israel is spoken of as being the cause of all ills in the Middle East.

As we wrote in last month's *Trumpet*, anti-Semitism is on the rise worldwide—the burning of synagogues, physical attacks on Jews. In Berlin, one police official advised Jews to avoid wearing outward symbols of their religion, for safety reasons.

Europe would like to pass these incidents off—a slight embarrassment to the otherwise enlightened Continent. But the xenophobic, fascist-tainted rhetoric is increasingly entering public

political discussion, even in mainstream political parties. The issue is becoming too popular for even a middle-of-the-road European politician to avoid.

Consider a comment by the French ambassador to Britain, at a recent London dinner party. After calling Israel that "[expletive] little country," he said, "Why should we be in danger of World War III because of those people?" (*Washington Post*, April 26).

*Those people*—the same people that Europe sought to disinfect itself of just half a century ago.

## Why is Europe dealing with Iran—when Iran is destroying any possible foundation for a two-state peace in Israel—when it is a known supporter of Palestinian terrorism designed to purge the Jew from the Middle East?

What is becoming increasingly plain is that *the sickening, terrifying specter of the Holocaust is rising again in Europe.*

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BECAUSE EUROPE'S ULTIMATE AIMS—in this respect alone—ARE ACTUALLY THE SAME AS IRAN'S!

*Europe wants Israel gone.*

### Palestine the Prize

Clearly and documentably, most of Israel's neighbors crave its demise as a state. Among all the variations of ethnicity and religion in the region that have kept the Muslims from uniting, this is one goal that the vast majority of them can agree upon.

The irrefutable conclusion, then, is that for the U.S.'s peace ideal to work, *Israel MUST have defensible borders and superior firepower.* It must be a peace based not on contracts but upon might—a cold-war kind of peace. Any other plan for peace—by conceding land and trusting the Muslims' good will—is a sham and will absolutely result in the demolition of the Jewish state.

Do people really believe that Israel—a nation with not even 5 million Jews, crowded by hostile religious regimes with combined populations approaching 400 million—will survive if it puts its future in their hands? Do they really believe that the Muslims' frothing hatred of Israel will subside if Israel only backs down a little?

Perhaps some people do think that way. But we must conclude there are others—including many controlling the levers of national and international power—who in fact *desire*, right alongside the Middle Eastern Muslims, AN END TO THE JEWISH STATE! People who—perhaps secretly, perhaps not—*share* the Muslims' contempt for the Jews, and are using the sham peace process to accomplish their goal under a cloak of legitimacy.

Israel—with Jerusalem at its epicenter—is the the most prized territo-

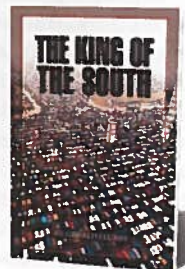
ry in the world. Thus, while it is being wrestled over by Jew and Arab, Iran is hungrily waiting for the opportunity to take over, to fulfill its enduring ambitions in the region.

And circling farther overhead—almost out of sight to all but those with the eyes to see—is the vulture of Europe, the bastion of Roman Catholicism, which longs to rectify the unfinished business of the Crusades, in which it lost possession of its most Holy City.

As the situation plays out—the Jews being demonized, the U.S. being exposed as impotent, Iran growing to regional prominence, Europe appearing as an alternative mediator—we are actually seeing, with startling precision, *advanced stages of the prophesied climax of end-time events.*

Watch! From the ataxia seizing the land of Israel today will *suddenly* emerge a furious, bare-knuckled rivalry. Ultimately, when Israel and America are wounded beyond help, there will be revealed the true clash of interests between Iran and Europe—the king of the south and the king of the north (Dan. 11:40-43)—both seeking, to the death, supremacy in the Middle East. ♦

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CRIMESTOPPERS? June 1998 conference in Rome to establish an ICC.

◆ EUROPE

## The “rule of men”

After World War II there began a movement to put an end to war and massive human injustice—especially in Europe, where so much of the carnage has occurred—by nations coming together, joining their systems of economy, military, trade and justice.

This was the idea behind the European Union, a group of 15 European nations that are joining in a common monetary, military and legal system. The idea was (and is) that if they all promise to work together as friends, one nation can't war against or dominate the others.

This trend continues today. The world is unifying its legal system, creating a single court to represent many nations around the world. European nations in particular have pushed for a permanent International Criminal Court (ICC). The purpose of the court is to bring to justice, when individual nations fail to do so, to people guilty of the worst criminal acts—war crimes, genocide and other “crimes against humanity.”

This court goes a step further than the International Court of Justice in The Hague, which is designed to settle issues between states, not prosecute individuals.

The idea of an international court has been tossed around since the end of the Second World War, but it took until June 1998 for the international community, in a meeting in Rome, Italy, to finalize the draft text

for the creation of the court, where 138 nations signed the Rome Treaty that created the court. On April 11, 66 nations ratified it, which gives it well over the minimum number that it needed to come into effect. The ICC will officially be taking cases on July 1.

It is starting out with grand ideas. UN Secretary of State Kofi Annan has said, “In the prospect of an international criminal court lies the promise of universal justice. That is the simple and soaring hope of this vision.”

Sounds great. But in May, U.S. President George Bush officially “unsigned” the treaty committing the U.S. to participation in the court. This provoked loud condemnation from the other ICC members. Why did the U.S. do this? Doesn't everyone want “justice for all”?

The problem with the ICC is summed up well by the *Daily Telegraph*. “As an independent, supranational construct, the ICC will inevitably reflect the ideas of the people who control it. This makes it extremely vulnerable to being hijacked by any force that has the organization, numbers and audacity to do it” (May 13). In other words, the ICC will be as flawed as the members who compose its body—many of which have poor human rights records themselves, like Afghanistan, China and Cuba.

These member nations would decide which cases come to trial, or whether a

nation is dealing with its own criminals “effectively”—in short, they would determine what “justice” is. For the ICC to function as planned, it must have the authority to act even over the objections of its member states. Consider the implications, for example, if other countries felt the U.S. president was guilty of “war crimes” and demanded that he be tried in the international court.

Without the involvement of the U.S., the freest nation in the world, as one journalist wrote, the process will inevitably boil down to politics. “The very question illustrates the double standards that flow from the rule of ‘men’ as opposed to the rule of law” (ibid.).

◆ FINANCE

## Bleeding off the chart

People increase wealth by saving and investing, not by consuming. It seems economists have forgotten this simple equation.

Encouraged by easy credit and the federal reserves' monthly diet of interest cuts, the average American continues on a spending frenzy.

Last year the American economy continued to slump against the background of a federal tax reimbursement, continuous cuts in interest rates, and rampant cash and credit expansion. For a major economy to move into recession while under such a rampage of stimulants is unprecedented.

Now come the latest indicators—and, at April's end, every principle indice used by the armchair analyst looks great! U.S. productivity number okay, Gross Domestic Product spot on, consumer spending rocketing along.

But—what is missing from the U.S. economic equation right now is *capital investment*. Without investment in new products, new factories, new businesses, there is no increase in profits, hence no incentive to hire and no increase in income generation from which to fund new investment.

The bottom line is, the U.S. economy is seeking to fund its massive debt by raising more credit. This is a recipe for disaster. The result since 1999 has been the worst profit performance during the entire post-war period!

Barron's Online published a chart recently that received little exposure but which deserved the closest of attention. It traced the growth of credit through the 20th century up to the year 2000.

The chart shows total credit market debt from 1940 to 1980 as mostly a flat line, with total credit market debt as a percentage of GDP being about 130 percent. Working back to 1929, the graph peaks at 260 percent, in the year of the big financial crash that started the great depression of the 1930s.

Working forward from 1980 to the year 2000, the line of total credit market debt rockets skyward to nearly 300 percent of GDP!

As author and publisher Bill Bonner wrote, “The chart reveals only two such binges in the entire 20th century. The first wrung itself out in the 1930s. The second bleeds off the chart, its [final unraveling] denouement still ahead of us” ([www.dailyreckoning.com](http://www.dailyreckoning.com)).

◆ ARGENTINA

## Hard times

Rich in land, cattle and resources, Argentina has long prided itself as being one of the most modern and



developed South American countries. Its capital, Buenos Aires, has the popular reputation of being the “Paris” of Latin America, with its cosmopolitan atmosphere and lively cafes, wide streets and European-style architecture.

But now Argentina, though it received more than US\$12 billion in foreign investment in the past decade and was considered to have one of the most stable economies in Latin America, has gone virtually bankrupt. It cannot make the payments on its huge \$141 billion debt and has had to take drastic measures to stabilize the economic situation—measures which, to this point, have not worked. Half of its people now live below the poverty line, and many others are heading in that direction.

The president, Eduardo Duhalde, put a freeze on how much money people could withdraw from their bank accounts each month, to try to keep money in the country. He did this because the value of the Argentine currency, the peso, was falling so quickly; people got scared their money would be worthless—wanting to exchange as much of it as possible for U.S. dollars or some other, more stable currency.

This freeze on the banks angered many Argentine citizens, and set off protests and social unrest, such as riots in the streets. In a further sign of the instability of the country, its former president, Fernando de la Rúa, resigned during the crisis, making way for Mr. Duhalde.

These problems have not developed overnight. Argentina has actually been in recession for almost four years. The peso, which since 1992 had been pegged 1-to-1 with the U.S. dollar, began

losing its value rapidly in January and is now worth only about 35 U.S. cents.

So far, President Duhalde’s government has not come up with any real solutions. He has approached the International Monetary Fund (IMF) with a request for a huge loan to bail the country out, but the IMF has withheld money so far. It first wants to see proof of a new economic plan in place that could really produce some positive change.

IMF head Horst Koehler, following a meeting with Argentina’s economy minister, Roberto Lavagna, in May, declared that the IMF is committed to getting the ailing Argentinian economy back on track. But they are demanding reforms. Under pressure from the IMF, the Argentine government changed its bankruptcy laws and is now seeking ways to curb its provinces’ deficit-spending habits.

The talks between the two ended with Lavagna announcing that an agreement between the IMF and Argentina’s government was anticipated by the end of June.

Meanwhile, worker unrest in the nation’s capital simmers, with thousands marching on the presidential palace at the end of May. This was the first large union protest since President Duhalde took office following two months of street violence.

Poor Argentina is stuck in the economic mud with no short-term solution in sight. But its 35 million citizens are not the only ones who feel the pressure. Much of South America will feel the squeeze. Trade between Argentina and its neighbors Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay—all part of a South American

trade bloc called Mercosur—will suffer.

Argentina’s economic troubles could also damage its political relations with other Latin American countries and the U.S. Watch for these problems to drive Argentina and the other Mercosur countries further into the arms of its biggest trading partner, the European Union.

## ◆ U.S.

# Right to porn upheld

Some forms of child pornography just received a thumbs-up from the highest court in America.

On April 16, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional major sections of legislation passed by Congress in a 1996 Child Pornography Prevention Act.

This act sought to protect children from gross exploitation. As it stands, the act “forbids sexually explicit material that gives the appearance of involving a minor, or material that when advertised ‘conveys the impression’ that it involves children” (Agence France Presse, April 17; emphasis ours). The court decided this definition was too broad and trampled on the constitutional right of others to freedom of speech.

Child pornography that shows real children is illegal, but there is still plenty of it available on the Internet.

The Supreme Court decision, in a 6-to-3 vote, ruled that “virtual” child pornography—created using computer images instead of actual children—can be okay, along with pornography that involves adults who look like children.

Technology today can produce computer images

that are indistinguishable from the real thing. It is ridiculous to think that this decision won’t have terrible consequences for thousands of children and families.

Pornography is hugely damaging to those who view it. Common sense should make this obvious, but many researchers also have linked child pornography to heartbreaking consequences.

Ernest E. Allen, president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, said, “Molesters use child pornography to stimulate their desires and fuel their fantasies for children. Child pornography is a ‘molestation tool,’ used to seduce and manipulate child victims, break down inhibitions, and make sex between adults and children appear ‘normal’” (US Newswire, May 2).

By law, in the United States, material that is “indecent” is protected by the First Amendment, while “obscene”



Duhalde



DEFEATED Ashcroft after the Supreme Court ruling against his stance on child porn laws.

material is not protected. Who decides what is “indecent” and what is “obscene”? Congress says “contemporary community standards” should determine what is harmful to children (Associated Press, May 13). In other words, whatever the majority of people believe is okay.

The Bible shows that *man is not capable of deciding for himself* what is right. The U.S. Supreme Court has just proven God’s Word correct.



With the pope's hand forced by the media wringing the most out of the stories of priestly pedophilia, he called an emergency meeting to give a dozen U.S. cardinals guidance in confronting this scandal. What emerged from that meeting seemingly only added fuel to the smoldering fire of increasing perception that something is rotten in Rome.

"[T]he pope has not apologized for anything, nor has he acknowledged anything amiss in the hierarchy's decades of dissembling—or, as he dismissively put it, the way church leaders 'are perceived to have acted'"! (*New York Times*, May 4; emphasis mine throughout).

This seems to be the general view of many on the western side of the Atlantic.

As the *New York Times* had observed in an earlier edition, "For all the urgency felt in the parishes of Boston, New York and elsewhere in the United States, Rome has showed itself to be *more blasé*" (April 24).

The reaction from Catholic laity to this pompous popery has been profound.

Far removed from reality in his ivory tower within Vatican City is Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. As author/editor of many a papal encyclical, and the pope's enforcer on church doctrine by virtue of his office as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (the old Inquisition), he has washed the hands of Vatican responsibility in this horrid affair. This was accomplished by him simply declaring, "The American bishops have already decided they will have a day of expiation, probably on the Feast of the Sacred Heart [June 7], which is traditionally a day of expiation for our sins" (*New York Times*, May 3).

The audience of U.S. cardinals with the pope and Rome's hierarchy Ratzinger clinically summed up as "very opportune and very fraternal, also for understanding points of view that were very diverse" (*ibid.*). This seems a curt waving away of the collective hurt to dozens of children, youth and their families as but a mere annoyance to the business of Rome.

As if to underline the dismissive attitude of the Vatican to the scandal, the Holy See created a diversion by seeking to force attention away from its priests onto the looseness of repen-

## How Deep a Wound?

Allegations of priestly abuse are hammering the Roman Catholic Church. Will the scandal diminish the Vatican's power and global influence? **BY RON FRASER**

"SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN THE state of Denmark ...." Thus spoke Marcellus in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, having seen the "ghost" of things past.

Perhaps one could be forgiven for assuming that, as a result of the flood of allegations unleashed against Roman Catholic priests, something is rotten in the Vatican State. But, always intent on burying the "ghosts" of its past, that's not the way the Vatican views it.

### Division of Views

Last January, the *Boston Globe* exposed the dereliction of duty of the Boston archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church in its dealing with a pedophile priest. Over the ensuing months, this scandal rippled across the Atlantic to vibrate along the halls of the Vatican. What began as an archdiocesan scandal became a universal *catastrophe* for the average practicing Catholic, as further reports lifted the lid on the abuse of office, evasion, dissembling and Romish secrecy within the church hierarchy.

Yet, over the past six months, there has emerged a clear and very obvious *difference* between the Vatican and

American Catholics on the abuse of many of their most vulnerable constituents—children—by their priestly mentors.

In the U.S., a coalition of Catholic groups in consortium with a group of legal experts has accused the Vatican of being culpable in the scandalous behavior of pedophile priests. They even called upon the United Nations to make the Vatican more accountable for the abuse of children. The group has a powerful argument to put to the UN. "[T]he coalition said the Holy See was among the first to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1990 and, as such, it should be held accountable for not insisting that those standards were upheld" (*Star*, May 9).

Thus the coalition expresses what appears to be the majority view in America, which is that the damage done to children by priests who prey on them to satisfy perverted sexual appetites can hardly be overestimated.

But this view is markedly at odds with that held by the Vatican hierarchy across the Atlantic. To say that the Holy See has tended to downplay these scandalous incidents is bordering on profound understatement.



tance by the *laity!*

"The Vatican announced today that it was cracking down on priests who had become too free in granting group absolution to sinners or otherwise become lax confessors.

"Pope John Paul II called for the changes in an apostolic letter, which also said, 'It is clear that penitents living in a habitual state of serious sin and who do not intend to change their situation cannot validly receive absolution'" (ibid.).

As the *Times* reacted, "It was mostly the timing of the letter demanding that priests cut back on blanket absolutions that was a surprise, given the perception of American Catholics coping with sexual abuse scandals involving priests that it is church leaders who should themselves be asking for forgiveness now" (ibid.).

### Extent of the Problem

But, was it ever any different? Are the present charges of Vatican dissembling, neglect and plain indifference only a symptom of the present ailing pope's perceived waning hold on papal power? Opinion on the street in Rome has it otherwise. As a newsstand operator on the avenue which leads to the Vatican commented, "The church is 2,000 years old, and it has *always made us believe things which are not true. Its manipulation of history is well known.*" His girlfriend chimed in, "The pedophilia of priests has existed for centuries. *They are just better at covering it up here*" (*New York Times*, April 24).

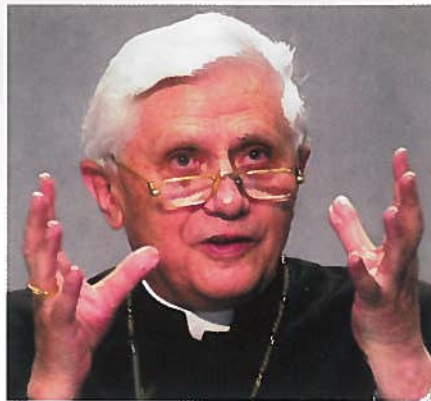
Numerous reports have emerged over the past decade indicating that similar scandalous behavior by priests has been extant in Europe from Belgium to Poland. Last year, the Vatican was forced to acknowledge a most condemning report that cited cases of illic-



**"VERY FRATERNAL"** The pope meets with American cardinals to discuss the scandal.

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• NEW YORK TIMES •



**Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger**

it relations between priests, nuns and missionaries (involving both rape and forced abortion in some cases) within 23 countries, including Italy, Ireland, Brazil, the Philippines, India, Africa and the U.S.

### Murky Moral Morass

The facts of documented history clearly reveal that the Roman Catholic Church, and, in particular, many of its past leaders, has been anything but a font of moral purity.

Church historian and ex-priest Malachi Martin struck at the heart of Rome's murky moral morass when he stated, "Anybody who is acquainted with the state of affairs in the Vatican in the last 35 years is well aware that the prince of darkness has had and still has his surrogates in the court of St. Peter in Rome" (*New American*, March 3, 1997).

Strong words indeed. Martin was, in fact, commenting on the repeated claims of Archbishop Milingo, who maintains that "there are members of the Catholic Church hierarchy in Rome who are secretly involved in formal satanic worship. ... To the question, 'Are there men of the curia who are followers of Satan?' Milingo responded, 'Cer-

tainly there are priests and bishops. I stop at this level of ecclesiastical hierarchy because I am an archbishop, higher than this I cannot go" (ibid.). The archbishop quoted Pope Paul VI as charging that "the smoke of Satan had entered into the Vatican."

It is a commentary on the Western press that, when Milingo addressed an international audience of bishops, priests, nuns and laity at the Fatima 2000 International Congress on World Peace in Rome during November 1996, the media ignored his startling claim. He maintained that fellow clergymen were protecting Satan and his minions: "The devil in the Catholic Church is so protected now that he is like an animal protected by the government" (ibid.). The *New American* went on to declare, "The U.S. media, ever attentive to the demands and fulminations of feminist nuns, apostate priests, prattling perverts and heretical theologians, took a walk on this stunning story."

### Crisis in the Cathedrals

Notwithstanding the Vatican's efforts to distance itself from the scandals within its U.S. leadership, the media exposure given to this latest litany of licentiousness has caused an undeniable crisis within the Roman Catholic Church. It has been rocked to its foundations. This is particularly true in the English-speaking nations, which are the source of much of the church's continuing wealth.

The *Times* of London observed, "Aged 82, and in failing health, the most that Pope John Paul II can hope to do about the pedophilia scandal is to contain it before it irrevocably damages the Roman Catholic Church. ...

"Increasingly the pope's Polish and Italian-dominated inner circle realizes that events in America could soon rebound on the 'impregnable' Vatican itself" (April 22).

Within America, *USA Today* inferred that there would be no recovery of the credibility of the Catholic clergy for some time. This paper claimed that the U.S. hierarchy "for two decades has reacted to accusations of sexual abuse with secret payoffs, lies and hardball court tactics." It said that unprecedented openness would be required to keep a commitment to true reform from falling victim "to the



same forces that have allowed the sex-abuse scandal to fester" (April 23).

The problem is, "openness to keep a commitment to true reform" has never been the Vatican's long suit. To commit to reform, the Vatican would have to admit to the real *nature* and the true *cause* of its present crisis.

In reality, there is no evidence to prove that predator priests happen to be more common than predator doctors, teachers or social workers. At the *human* level, the true scandal is the recurring failure of the Catholic Church to comprehend and admit the extent of the problem and to enact measures to care for and to protect its constituents from the prospect of perverted behavior by any of its priesthood.

As a *New York Times* editorial pointed out, "The Boy Scouts ... adopted a clear, firm policy to protect children from molestation 19 years ago. The Catholic bishops and their Vatican handlers, meanwhile, are still parsing the rhetorical fine points of 'zero tolerance,' which is at best an empty slogan (does anyone favor '10 percent tolerance?') and at worst a way of abdicating responsibility" (May 4).

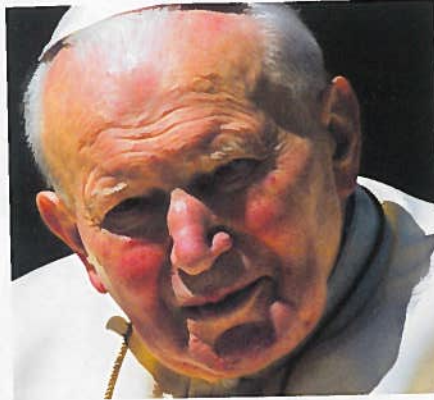
But it is at the *spiritual level*, the level of *ultimate reality*, that the true *cause* and *nature* of this problem is revealed. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12). Yet, to admit the fact of *satanic influence* as the *cause* of the perversions of some of its clergy would be to entertain the prospect of Archbishop Milingo's claims as holding some elements of truth. That would cut to the quick the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church to its highest levels, and that is something that the pope and his minions will *never* sanction!

#### Politics and Doctrine First

Many commentators point back to this present pope, John Paul II, as being to blame for the Catholic Church's present scandal. The *New York Times* was particularly scathing in the placement of blame on this ailing pope: "The distrust is the legacy of Pope John Paul II. ...

"Karol Wojtyla has shaped a hierarchy that is intolerant of dissent, unaccountable to its members, secretive in

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Pope John Paul II

the extreme and willfully clueless about how people live. ...

"But like the communists, John Paul has carefully constructed a Kremlin that will be inhospitable to a reformer. He has strengthened the Vatican equivalent of the party Central Committee, called the curia, and populated it with reactionaries" (ibid.).

As the *Times* mused, hearkening back to Russian premier Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms, there will be no *glasnost* on John Paul II's watch!

There is no doubt that despite his present physical ailments, Pope John Paul II has been a *strong* pope. Not only that, the period of his papacy, which extends from his enthronement in 1978, has been underpinned by the rigidity of Cardinal Ratzinger in terms of enforcing church *doctrine*. Seldom has the history of the Roman Catholic Church reflected a pontificate with a powerful *political* pope at the same time as a rigidly strong, renowned cardinal as enforcer on *doctrinal* issues.

This team from the beginning of John Paul II's reign attacked those within the ranks of the priesthood who demonstrated liberal tendencies on doctrine. They brought to book the liberal priesthood in Latin America and

replaced their leaders with men who toed the Vatican party line. They stacked the deck of the curia to guarantee a right-wing successor to John Paul II by crowning an overwhelming number of right-wingers as cardinals.

This pope has solidified diplomatic relations with 173 countries, plus the European Union. He has repeatedly called for Europe to *return to its Catholic roots*. He has been totally inflexible on doctrine.

This is all for an ultimate purpose of which few are aware, but of which our long-time readers ought to be very much cognizant.

#### Propheesied Pope

A clear two years prior to Karol Wojtyla being enthroned in 1978, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote of an earlier crisis in the Catholic Church and predicted the outcome. He considered the breakdown of authority within the Catholic hierarchy leading to the liberal movement in the Catholic Church, and noted the rampant defying of the church's traditional authority. He declared, "The Vatican must know that unless this drift away from church authority is broken by sharp and drastic action, disintegration threatens the largest church or religion in the world.

"Biblical prophecy indicates the strong possibility right now of ... the emergence of a new *pope of iron* will who will propose what the nations of Europe have all wanted, but have been unable to bring about—a *politically united Europe*" (*Plain Truth*, June 1976).

Within two years, Herbert Armstrong's prediction was clearly fulfilled with the ascension of Karol Wojtyla to the papal throne, crowned as Pope John Paul II. The reason for the accuracy of that prediction is simply because Herbert Armstrong's declaration was underpinned by the "sure word of prophecy" (II Pet. 1:19).

Without the dramatic moves of John Paul II and his confidante, the German Cardinal Ratzinger, the stage could never have been set for the phoenix of the Holy Roman Empire to rise from the ashes of history as we see it today!

Commenting on the situation in which the European Community found itself in the 1970s, Herbert Armstrong declared, "The political leaders of Europe have been *unable* to bring



this political union about. But an offer from the pope to use the *power* of his *office* to join the nations together in a resurrection of the 'Holy Roman Empire' would bring it about" (ibid.).

With clear vision, he continued: "This unprecedented situation now calls for *sudden* and *drastic action*. It would mean a *common currency* for a union of 10 nations in Europe. It could mean *one military force*, which would be as strong as the armed forces of the USA or the USSR—or maybe even stronger" (ibid.).

Then, with masterful foresight, he summed up: "Sooner or later *such a European union will take place*. I have predicted this for 43 years!

"It will astound and dumbfound the whole world when it happens. The time is now **RIPE!**" (ibid.).

The world is just beginning to become astounded and dumbfounded, in some circles, as to the nature of the beastly power which has arisen in Europe since Herbert Armstrong penned those words.

Consider: The European Union has used the pope's power to initiate the solidification of the *Balkans* as its *first colonies*. The pope inspired the driving of the initial wedge, in his Polish homeland, which cracked wide open the facade of the USSR and exposed it for the sham it was. This led to the USSR's disintegration and the freeing up of the Eastern European countries to revive their *Catholic roots* and link with the EU. The European Union now has its *common currency*. It is right now beavering away at developing its own *military force!*

### Where It Is All Leading

You really do need to know where this is all leading. With the vision of prophecy which Herbert Armstrong had, it becomes clear.

This papacy has had its priorities clearly in mind: Re-establish Vatican authority, clear out the liberals, reiterate Catholic doctrine and install a curia (papal court) that would carry on the doctrinaire approach in the next papacy. All this is now largely achieved—but at a cost. The cost has been the neglect of and seeming tolerance of clerical behavior hurtful to the church laity.

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Already hated within many circles in Europe, America becomes victim of its own vices, which all the world can too readily see through the corrupting influence of American music, cinema and television. America's case is not helped at all by the Supreme Court decision to strike down major sections of the 1996 Child Pornography Act.

America becomes the outcast—the one despised. The pope, like King Herod, washes his hands of the affair and gifts his "correction" back to the American prelates who oversaw this whole sorry mess with mind-numbing inaction from the beginning.

Yet a *crisis* it is, and beyond the U.S. it has reached. Such a crisis will call, sooner or later, for *strong* action. But not from this ailing pope. The general view, which seems reasonable given the circumstances of the pope's ill health, is that a cleanup will be left to the next pope. *Right wing* he shall be, *doctrinaire* will be his mindset. This pope has devoted his iron will to fulfilling his goals of raising the *political* power and *diplomatic* influence of the Vatican on the world scene. He has helped topple the great Communist regime of the USSR and set the scene for the unification of Eastern and Western Europe into one huge combine. The *next* pope will enforce the *spiritual* power of the church!

### Source of All Evil

Speaking of the source of all evil, the Apostle John was inspired in visionary revelation to prophesy of a time when "the great dragon was cast out ... which deceiveth the whole world" (Rev. 12:9). That time *has* come! Write for a copy of our booklet *Daniel Unsealed at Last*, and prove this to yourself! That evil spiritual power will inspire and motivate the develop-

ing European combine under the influence of its chief religion.

"... I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication" (Rev. 17:3-4). That great church has a history of sexual and spiritual perversion! It has for millennia been the great harborer of abomination, from the time of ancient Babylon!

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (v. 5).

That great religion also has a *history* of seeking to destroy God's *true* Church! "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (v. 6).

Yes! Archbishop Milingo's revelation of the true *source* of Vatican *power* will soon come into focus! That power will not only move the mind of a future pope to *force* papal will on *Roman Catholic constituents*. It will inspire the leadership of a huge, soul-destroying Euro-empire which will roll across the North Sea and the English Channel right across the Atlantic to engulf *Anglo-America!*

*This* is the end of the dramatic vision which Herbert Armstrong foresaw! *This* is *future reality!* But, thank the Eternal God, this *horrifying vision* is but a forerunner to that great, unsurpassable power for peace which will *destroy* the great spiritual Babylon of Revelation *forever*.

"And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all" (Rev. 18:21). It will never again rise to perpetrate its perverted practices on children, youths, families, or on *any* member of society. True religion will then prevail as the *Christ-led priesthood* of God fulfills its God-given role to the common man: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27). ♦

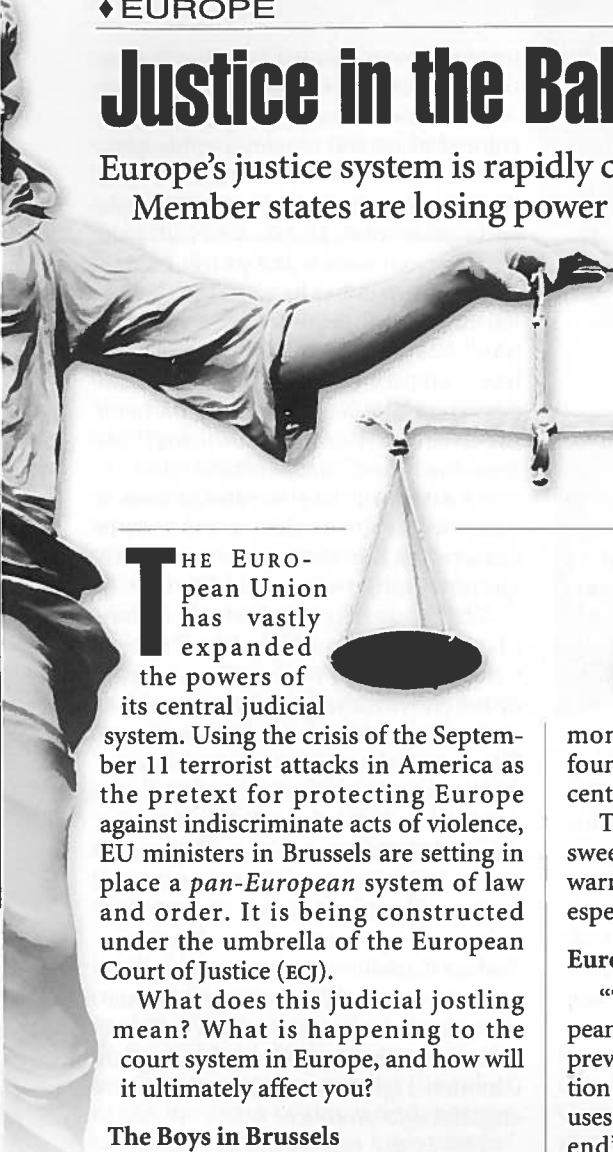


# Justice in the Balance

Europe's justice system is rapidly changing.

Member states are losing power to the EU's judicial command and control center—the European Court of Justice.

BY GARETH FRASER



**T**HE EUROPEAN Union has vastly expanded the powers of its central judicial system. Using the crisis of the September 11 terrorist attacks in America as the pretext for protecting Europe against indiscriminate acts of violence, EU ministers in Brussels are setting in place a *pan-European* system of law and order. It is being constructed under the umbrella of the European Court of Justice (ECJ).

What does this judicial jostling mean? What is happening to the court system in Europe, and how will it ultimately affect you?

## The Boys in Brussels

Brussels, the EU's headquarters, is overrun with bureaucrats filling the political arteries of what author Bernard Connolly has termed "the rotten heart of Europe." Much of what they do relates to the creation of legislation designed to convert the once-sovereign nations of Europe into a federation.

Their latest efforts involve expanding their own judicial power. "[T]he Belgians [EU bureaucrats] are saying more or less openly that they are exploiting the events of September 11 to achieve the result they desire, that of creating a *single European judicial and criminal system*" (*European Foundation Intelligence Digest*, Dec. 12, 2001; emphasis mine throughout). This system will have a startling impact on the judicial system of, in particular, the United Kingdom.

Understand that continental European law is based upon Roman law,

with the tenet of "guilty until proven innocent." This is the opposite of British law (upon which both Commonwealth and U.S. law are based), founded upon the principle of "innocent until proven guilty."

The chill winds of legal change are sweeping across Europe, leaving little warmth for concerned member states, especially the United Kingdom.

## European Court of Justice

"The great innovation of the European Communities in comparison with previous attempts at European unification lies in the fact that the Community uses only the *rule of law* to achieve that end" ([www.curia.eu.int](http://www.curia.eu.int)). The lasting peace and success of the EU, say its custodians, "must be achieved and maintained through *legal means* .... The Court of Justice, as the judicial institution of the Community, is the backbone of that system of safeguards" (*ibid.*). Since it was established in 1952, Europe's court has presided over 8,600 cases.

The European Court of Justice was established to oversee and ensure enforcement of treaties signed by member states. The ECJ is Europe's high court, *trumping the authority of member courts and delegating controlled power to its member states*. If a state signs a treaty, the ECJ ensures that the state implements all facets. "The Court has also contributed in decisive fashion to defining the European Community as a community governed by the rule of law by laying down two essential rules: 1) the direct effect of Community law in the member states; and 2) the *primacy*

of *Community law over national law*" (*ibid.*). This simply means that the laws created by Brussels bureaucrats and administered by the ECJ will supercede the sovereign laws of member nations.

Citizens of the EU now *rely on the provisions of treaties signed by the EU* when they stand before their national courts. If a national law differs from a European Community law, they have the legal right to challenge its validity and have the national law disappplied.

On February 26, the European Communities (Amendment) Act 2002 received Royal Assent before being presented to the British Parliament as a *fait accompli*. The act amended several key areas of the Treaty of Nice, particularly in the area of *increasing decision-making powers*. One such area is "the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice." This created changes in enabling power to *amend the definition of treaties*, giving the ECJ jurisdiction over cooperation in *foreign and security policy* between Community police judiciaries.

This act has the unprecedented potential to take foreign and security policy in Britain out of the hands of Parliament and vest it in the hands of the Brussels-based Eurocrats!

The recent Treaty of Nice was a watershed. It overhauled the ECJ, making it easier to push through future reforms. The ECJ rules on all constitutional matters and serious issues of principle affecting the fusion of member state law into one common federal European law. THE ECJ IS THE UNDISPUTED FINAL JUDGE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY LAW. In signing the ongoing EU treaties, *member states have ceded the power of their national courts to the Luxembourg-based ECJ*.

British law relies on *precedent*, that is, previous decisions by judges, to establish a consistency in the application of law over a long period of time. By contrast, EU law is *revolutionary*, bound by no custom or practice of adhering to established, historical precedents: "Hence the Continental unease about the way the ECJ almost *invented* a precedent system in its early cases" (*Prospect*, Jan. 24).

## Britain—Caught in the Dragnet

Through a string of treaties, the EU has steadily acquired power via *functional transfers of member-state power* to EU institutions.



These functional transfers of power have raised the eyebrows of too few. In Britain, the squeaky wheel of the EU, people *fear* that changes in beliefs, standards and judicial institutions—forced upon them with a European taste and flavor—will rapidly erode their national sovereignty.

“The fear is not entirely misplaced. Decisions of the [ECJ] and the European Court of Human Rights (part of the Council of Europe which applies the European Convention on Human Rights from Strasbourg) have imposed many policy changes on *unwilling* British governments” (ibid.).

A recent case in point involved a British trade union seeking to force the British government to change British law to conform to a maximum working hours provision of European Community law. British law allows for employees to volunteer to work extra hours beyond the norm if they wish. The trade union claimed that British employers were abusing this facet of British sovereign law. They appealed to the ECJ to force Britain to comply with the European Community law which imposes a maximum of 48 hours per week on European employers. The ECJ ruled in favor of the British trade union and *against* the British government. Britain may well face the prospect of being now forced, under its treaty obligations with the EU, to *change* its sovereign law to comply with European Community law in this instance.

The dangerous reality for member states is that all powers turned over to EU institutions are *permanently* subject to European Community law and therefore removed from the ambit of national legislation. For Britain, this could mean that the future status of Northern Ireland, for instance, will be decided by the European Court of Justice.

The implications of nearly a decade of pro-Euro political fervor will, at its end, leave a ghastly mark upon the British public psyche. The German-led EU’s hypnotic policy of transferring power through *treaties* over the past 50 years has been far more effective and damaging to Britain than Hitler’s all-out attack upon that island nation during World War II.

“It’s going to become more evident when people realize that Magna Carta has been ditched, and people’s rights to trial by jury have been eroded essen-

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NICE CEREMONY EU delegates, after signing the Treaty

tially under the *corpus juris* proposals of the European Courts, Commission and Parliament” (Adrian Hilton, *The Principality and Power of Europe*).

Britain is standing on a legal precipice. After being DRAGGED into the European Economic Community in the 1970s through the political shenanigans of Edward Heath, and now ensnared in the EU treaty web by socialist-centrist Prime Minister Blair, the United Kingdom is simply risking the *loss* of its *national identity*!

“They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad” (Hab. 1:15). Many member states have either voluntarily or by political force fallen into the dragnet of the EU (Rev. 17:13).

The second-longest-serving British Minister of Parliament, noted lecturer and author Sir Richard Body, expresses the seriousness of the situation for Britain: “Before we allow ourselves to be dragged any further down a European road whose direction was set by the idealists of the 1950s, almost half a century ago, we should rub our eyes, wake up, and recognize what kind of a

world we are really going to be living in a few years from now” (*The Breakdown of Europe*).

So blind is the so-called United Kingdom to the aspirations of the hegemonic German-led European combine that it is losing control of its immigration procedures. By right of treaty, EU citizens may work, reside and vote in Britain. In addition to this particular reduction of national sovereign control (over who may enter and work within the UK), the visa controls of citizens of non-EU countries seeking entry to member states will soon be administered from Brussels. That means those who wish to travel to the UK from the U.S. or countries in the Commonwealth of Nations will have to gain permission from the EU first!

#### Future Legal System

Events within Europe are moving at lightning speed! Watch Bible prophecy unfold as the EU

continues to massage legal and judicial powers into the mold of a pan-European system of law and order under central control. Watch too as Europe extends its judicial powers to the area of *religion* to ensure that the Continental mother church is ensconced as the state religion of the EU. Already, Sunday is legislated as the official day of rest for EU member nations.

But this Romish system is destined to have a brief tenure. Europe’s legal and federalist judicial machinations are temporary instruments of correction that will dominate the U.S., Britain and its Commonwealth of Nations for a short time (Isa. 10:5-6). This corrupt, inquisitorial legal and judicial system, implemented by the end-time “holy” Roman Empire that is now forming, will soon be replaced.

God’s own government, based upon His supreme law, will cover the Earth as the waters cover the ocean beds (Isa. 11:9). At that time, God promises the nations of Israel that He will “put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people” (Jer. 31:33). ♦



# The NEW Teen Sex Epidemic

It's not the "same old problem" anymore.  
So what is the solution?

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

**A**S MY FIRST YEAR OF TEACHING "Principles of Living" at Imperial College came to an end in May, I was struck by a couple of shocking news items.

Throughout the year, my students—most of them in their late teens and early 20s—had been studying God's divine purposes for sex. During that same time, according to these disturbing reports, middle school students across America—in some cases, half the age of those in my college class—were having oral sex at parties, on buses, in classrooms, at school assemblies, on the playground and at home after school while parents were at work.

"Sexual Revolution Hits Junior High," blared *USA Today's* front page on March 15. In May, the Oprah Winfrey show called this latest teen trend an "epidemic." Instead of goodnight kisses, some kids—even as young as 12—are ending dates with oral sex. According to one teen interviewed on Oprah, it's "so common these days that people don't even see it as being a big deal." Indeed, 55 percent of those who responded to a *Seventeen* magazine survey said they have participated in oral sex.

Even worse, 40 percent of the respondents said that oral sex *didn't even*

count as sex. As one teen reasoned on Oprah, *if a former U.S. president can do it, and it's not sex—why can't I?* Many teens mistakenly see this as a safe way to enjoy the pleasures of sex without technically losing their virginity.

But while it might not cause pregnancy, it can hardly be considered safe. The *USA Today* article referred to one study that based its findings on numerous reports of increased teenage cases of oral herpes and gonorrhea of the throat.

What is happening to our teens? Who is to blame? What is the solution? Is that solution even practical in this day and age?

In truth, a book could be written to answer each of those questions. In one article, we can barely scratch the surface. But as we do, please think these things through and EXAMINE YOURSELF. Change must begin with YOU.

## A Different World

There are those who might argue that these trends come and go—that, as Solomon said, there's nothing new under the sun. *Teens will be teens—and ours today are no different from those of days gone by. We can't do anything about it, so just let the teens do what they want to do.* Of course, this

type of fallacious reasoning only EXCUSSES ADULTS FROM ALL GUILT.

It is true that HUMAN NATURE is the same today as it was thousands of years ago. In that sense, there is nothing new under the sun. But what all parents and children must realize is that WE LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD TODAY—much different from even 30 years ago. Back then, society was still reeling from the strong influence automobiles, movies, television, radio and record-players had on dating. Today, it's cable TV, movie rentals and the Internet.

Of course, these modern advances are not wrong of and by themselves. But Satan has used these devices to promote and distribute a huge amount of evil.

HUMAN NATURE ADAPTS TO THESE TECHNOLOGICAL WONDERS and therefore *expresses itself differently than it would have generations ago.* To a certain degree, teenage trends do come and go. But they DO NOT go from bad to good to bad to good and so on. THEY GO FROM BAD TO WORSE. This is the natural course of human nature. It works like a gravitational pull downward. And unless kept in check, it will go as far down as possible.

Paul explained this phenomenon in II Timothy 3: "This know also, that in



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the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (vv. 1-4). This is Paul's description of the "last days." Yet, could this not just as well describe Noah's society, Sodom and Gomorrah, or the end of the Roman Empire? To a large degree, YES.

But Paul continues, within the context of these perilous times to come in the last days, saying, "[E]vil men and seducers SHALL WAX WORSE AND WORSE, deceiving, and being deceived" (v. 13). Our modern age has helped facilitate human nature's moral plunge. God prophesied that in these last days, evil would get progressively worse and become so widespread, in fact, that we would eventually destroy ourselves were it not for His intervention (Matt. 24:21-22).

### Pornography Glamorized

On this subject of sex, nothing illustrates this "bad to worse" drop-off like pornography. Thirty years ago, pornographic material was mostly confined to run-down theaters on the bad side of town and behind-the-counter periodicals. Back then, there was still a social stigma attached to perverts caught indulging in such depravity.

Today, however, pornography has become widely accepted in Western culture. Aside from being easily accessible in the average home via the Internet, popular culture has accepted and even glamorized porn. The *Christian Science Monitor* recently noted this phenomenon. It cited a number of telling examples:

- NBC's *Fear Factor*, in which Playboy Playmates competed during half-time of the Super Bowl in January.
- ABC's explicit *Victoria's Secret Fashion Show* last November.
- Television's most popular show,

*Friends*, where the entire cast on one episode became obsessed with porn.

- The number of raunchy sexual references on cable TV shows has more than doubled in the past two years.
- Lines of clothing, jewelry and accessories on which there are lewd sexual phrases and imagery.

The article gives a number of reasons for porn's emergence into mainstream popular culture: lenient laws, the rise of the Internet and expanding entertainment venues like satellite, cable and pay-per-view options.

Journalist Gloria Goodale writes, "Pornographic images, erotic paraphernalia and raunchy sexual talk are reaching a near-saturation point in the daily lives of Americans, through television, movies, magazines and the Internet, say a growing chorus of expert voices. And the TARGET MARKET is an *increasingly younger audience*" (*Christian Science Monitor*, Feb. 1; emphasis mine).

Popular culture has always targeted the younger generation because they are the ones buying most of the CDs and watching most of the movies. That much of that entertainment focuses on sex—and, more recently, even glamorizes pornographic sex acts—makes one wonder how anyone could be surprised that uneducated, undisciplined (and too often *unloved*) teenagers are indulging in such practices.

Now keeping in mind *how much* and *how fast* things have changed in just the last generation, think on this: Can you imagine porn stars being the celebrated contestants on a game show 30 years ago? Or prime-time television's most popular cast becoming addicted to porn?

Ours is a different world today—one where a new low is reached with each passing trend.

### What's Next?

Another "trend" that popular culture has widely accepted is masturbation. As late as the 1980s, it was rarely referred to in mainstream media. But the floodgates opened sometime dur-

ing the 1990s, when popular TV shows and movies introduced masturbation into plot lines, usually targeting teen audiences. By the end of the decade, you would think the perverted act was as normal as brushing one's teeth, judging by the widespread acceptance in mainstream media.

Now the new fad happens to be oral sex—and once again, popular culture is singing its praises. And teens, not surprisingly, are embracing this despicable trend in ever-greater numbers.

We are not suggesting that all teens are indulging in these sinful acts, or that they were unheard of before the 1990s. To be sure, crackpot psychologists and liberal educators have promoted such perversions for decades! But the fact that they are now accepted as part of mainstream American culture is what makes ours such a different world.

What will be the next new fad? Be assured that it will only be a little bit worse than what we now see.

### But Everyone's Doing It

When negligent parents shirk their responsibilities at home and when popular culture teaches our kids that everyone's doing it, it's no wonder society is often shocked by what goes on in the teen world.

Every teenager wants to belong. This tendency is a natural expression of human nature. This is one reason why, far too often, teens—especially if they are neglected at home—will go along with popular trends.

But just because "everyone is doing it" does not make it right. In most cases, it is patently wrong! God warned the Israelites about not following a multitude to do evil (Exod. 23:2). But instead of heeding God's warning, they eventually got caught up in the evil around them. This is what led to their downfall.

In Proverbs 1, Solomon gives sound advice that every teenager ought to heed. In verse 10, he says, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." No matter how strong the pull—no matter how many are pulling at you—DO NOT GIVE IN TO IT! It may seem like



# Why Sex Ed Is Mandatory

BY ERIC ANDERSON

**I**F YOU'RE A PARENT, YOUR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS ARE learning about sex almost every day of their lives—no matter what your moral principles, personal ethics or religious beliefs.

The most important sex information your child receives doesn't come from formal, planned sex education courses at school. It starts when your child is born, and it is learned constantly throughout life in everyday social relationships. It is learned, principally, by the actions, attitudes and values of parents; then from siblings, peers, friends and the general cultural environment.

Parents really have no alternative to teaching their children about sex. They *are* the first educators in basic human relationships between the sexes. Their lives as parents impart attitudes toward sex, sexual values and sexual roles, whether or not they teach them in formal instruction.

The only choice parents have is *how* and *what* their children will learn from their example and teaching; whether they will provide right and wholesome sex education. If this is not done in a timely and effective manner, youths will pick up damaging or erroneous sex knowledge and attitudes elsewhere.

With the avalanche of sex literature and sex education currently available, and with sex freely discussed everywhere, young people are indeed "wise" in sexual discussion and sexual experience, but still woefully *ignorant* in sex knowledge and attitudes.

True sex education begins with an understanding of one's sexual identity. Fathers and mothers, or parent substitutes, are the first models of what it means to be masculine and feminine.

Husbands and wives who truly love each other and fulfill their God-given roles in life—who show warmth and right affection to each other and their children—can be living ad-



vertisements of the rewards and value of marriage, the family unit and children.

On the other hand, parents, homes or close social relationships scourged with bickering and strife, infidelity, vulgarity, sex abuse and sordid moral values can promote perverted and harmful human relationships and sexual attitudes.

Humans are sexual beings. Wrong social relationships—as well as silence about sex—can lead children to seek harmful avenues of gaining sexual knowledge. They may seek it through sexual experimentation, pornographic material, or peers. Few of us can totally escape the influence of per-

missive, and damaging, sex models and values. Erotic themes assail us from every direction: advertising, TV, movies, music, magazines, the Internet, the tabloid press.

With the onset of puberty, not only are the bodies of boys and girls forever altered, but their *minds* are as well. Most children, with right instruction and guidance about these changes, can manage this time of life quite well. But more often than not, they are not taught that humans, utterly unlike animals, arrive at sexual maturity several years before they achieve mental, emotional and social maturity: Boys and girls are physically capable of becoming parents years before they are qualified for the *responsibilities* of parenthood.

You must realize the importance of teaching your children right knowledge about sex before misguided emotions, wrong thinking or other influences lead them into harm or tragedy.

the right way to go, but God says, "My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path" (v. 15). Don't even associate with them, because human nature will naturally be drawn to their evil ways.

Just because society has accepted it does not mean it is righteousness. Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Notice what Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in his masterful work, *The Missing Dimension in Sex*: "MAN has no power to determine *WHAT* is sin. God has determined *WHAT* is sin. He allows man to decide only *WHETHER* to sin. And if he does—even with society's approval—he must REAP the PENALTY of sin—ETERNAL PUNISHMENT of *DEATH!* It

imposes curses here and now, and robs the sinner of the true happiness and joys a loving Creator made possible!"

Writing nearly 25 years ago, Mr. Armstrong went on to show how "necking" is in fact *SIN*—that it breaks the Seventh Commandment. Imagine the chorus of ridicule that type of instruction would receive today in the average high school. Society's standards have plummeted since Mr. Armstrong wrote *The Missing Dimension in Sex*—BUT GOD HASN'T LOWERED HIS!

"Adultery, fornication, masturbation, homosexuality are so *COLOSSALLY SINFUL*," Mr. Armstrong wrote, "*BECAUSE* they violate, pollute, profane and destroy something so *HOLY* and so monumentally *RIGHTEOUS* in God's sight!"

Yes, God offers much instruction about the right and wrong uses of sex—if only we would heed that instruction and then reap the blessings for living His way.

## Education Begins at Home

The key to doing things God's way is *RIGHT EDUCATION*. And the primary responsibility for providing children with true education falls upon *PARENTS*. Ideally, this instruction at home should then be reinforced by teachers at school and ministers at church. I say *ideally* because most often this is not the case.

In far too many instances, parents simply do not educate their children about sex. And the instruction at school and church is woefully inadequate. So where does that leave the



## School's Out

Sex ignorance, combined with a lack of proper sex education in so many homes, has caused public educators and health officials to cry out for formal sex education courses starting in early grades of public schools.

Many parents are glad the schools are trying to take the responsibility; they assume they can trust any sex education by so-called professionals. They believe it relieves them of their responsibility. Some parents feel they can blame someone else if things go wrong.

Sex education in schools may be helpful, informative and well presented. However, it is inadequate. Usually when children and adolescents receive formal sex education classes, it is presented from the physical, material and sensual approach. According to Simon Blake, director of Britain's Sex Education Forum, "[A]dequate sex education in schools is very patchy. Mostly, it's too little, too late—and too biological."

Any rational, thinking parent or educator should realize that sex instruction classes in schools cannot fully make up for the failure of right teaching and values in homes and churches.

Understand, the trend in sex-education materials for public schools is increasingly permissive. Today, most educators, sociologists and medical personnel have been trained under humanist philosophy, which holds that there are no basic rights or wrongs. What doesn't "hurt" someone is acceptable behavior to society at any given time. Thus, at virtually all grade levels where sex education is given, children are increasingly advised to set for themselves a purely personal standard of sexual behavior. No religious views, no community moral standards are to avert them from their overriding purposes of self-discovery, self-assertion and self-gratification.

Karl H. Brenner, Jr., M.D., wrote in response to this trend years ago: "Educators have said for years that all we need to do [in public-school sex education] is 1) provide copious amounts of sexual knowledge to children from kindergarten through high school, and 2) remove, altogether, the old

'Victorian' teachings of virtue, chastity and individual responsibility under God to obey the Ten Commandments, thus freeing children from guilt feelings concerning sexuality. The educators have failed to see that in freeing children from God-fearing self-control they have enslaved them to the jailer of their own lust" (*Plain Truth*, Sept. 1980).

What sorts of sex education courses exist in your child's school? Do you know?

It is vitally important that you properly instruct your children to recognize wrong sexual values and lifestyles if they are presented in such classes, or under any other circumstance.

### What Will They Learn From You?

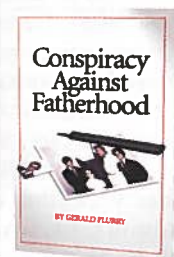
One of the greatest sins, crimes, tragedies of this world's society is one of *omission*—the neglect of parents to teach their children. Not only about sex, but to teach their children—period!

No mystery, then, that millions of teenagers have had considerable sex experience, and yet possess little in the way of true sexual knowledge. Their parents have never adequately instructed them!

Proper sex education is more than an academic study of physiology, anatomy or physical techniques. Human sexuality affects everything about us. It affects how we relate with all others—on every level in life. That is why a sex-anatomy class or two in school is inadequate. It fails to teach proper human relationships, which are most effectively taught in the home by right example and instruction.

It is imperative that your children and teenagers are given factual instructions—in the home—concerning sex. This is the form of sex education that is MANDATORY for their education as happy, productive adults. ♦

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children? Pretty much on their own, learning about sex mostly from "gutter" knowledge at school, from popular culture and from experimentation.

Perhaps parents avoid teaching their children about sex because they are too embarrassed or maybe feel unqualified to offer such instruction. But any parent who is embarrassed about discussing something this important with their own children is not fit to be a parent! And if you are uneducated on the subject, then you need to GET EDUCATED now so that your children won't make the same mistakes you probably have.

Giving children God's perspective on sex education goes well beyond teaching abstinence only. If children are told to avoid all experimentation with sex until marriage, they should under-

stand *why*—or else the chances of them actually abstaining are slim. The reason God's law forbids acts like fornication is because of the automatic harm they bring—and because these violations ROB US OF FUTURE HAPPINESS AND JOY.

Teenagers should understand that God wants us to receive every possible good. He wants us to be happy. He wants us to be blessed. That is why we must obey His laws. A basic principle that reappears throughout Scripture is that blessings come as a result of obedience. This positive perspective is too often ignored.

### Grasping God's Purpose

God is Creator of all. And from the beginning, we find that He created man *male* and *female* (Gen. 1:27). *God*

*created sex*. And one of the purposes for which He created it was for reproduction. Human children are begotten through sex, and that whole process of reproduction is an exact type of spiritual salvation. Jesus noted this plainly in John 3.

Reproduction, however, is by no means the only purpose for sex. After He created man male and female, God instituted the marriage union. In Genesis 2:24, He says, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his WIFE: and they shall be one flesh." Jesus explained this further in Matthew 19:4-5: "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them *male* and *female*, And said, For this cause [because



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Marriage is another all-important purpose for sex. We saw in Genesis that from the beginning it was ordained of God. Near the end of Scripture, the Apostle John writes, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb [Jesus Christ] is come, and his wife [the Church] hath made herself ready" (Rev. 19:7). Most religions, let alone sex education classes, know nothing about this astounding truth of Christ's coming marriage to the Church.

The Apostle Paul elaborates on this subject in Ephesians 5: "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: *but I speak concerning Christ and the church*" (vv. 31-32). GOD HAD THIS IN MIND FROM THE VERY BEGINNING when He created us male and female. In fact, *were it not for the marriage between Christ and the Church, GOD WOULD HAVE NEVER INSTITUTED THE MARRIAGE UNION!*

Think on this. Animals do not marry. Neither do angels. Marriage is something God ordained for man alone, because only we have been created in God's image (Gen. 1:26).

God's relationship with man is a family relationship, which begins with marriage. And that family relationship, whether on the divine or human level, is a LOVE RELATIONSHIP. God is love (1 John 4:8). God's love is simply an unselfish, outgoing concern for the one loved. On the physical level, a husband and wife can express the deepest, most sincere and binding expression of unselfish marital love through sex. Here is yet another divine purpose for sex: TO EXPRESS UNSELFISH LOVE IN MARRIAGE. This matrimonial bond will actually safeguard the home and family, binding the family together in love.

What awesome purpose there is behind God's grand design! God has always intended for human life to be a training ground for *spirit* life in His

divine Kingdom. That's why He created us male and female. That's why He instituted marriage and family relationships. That's why He intended those relationships to be based on love. All so that we might learn more about Him!

That strikes at the heart and core of true education on sex. Who and what is God? Why did He create man? What is man's purpose? Sex education must begin with the fundamental answers to these questions. (For more in-depth answers to these questions, request your free copy of *The God Family Vision*.)

### When to Begin

Parents sometimes wonder when they should begin educating their children with respect to sex. The answer is, as soon as their curious minds start inquiring about their little bodies—perhaps by the age of two or three. Of course, sex education at such a young age should be on a most basic level. The section above on God's purpose is also critical at this age. Keep in mind that you are laying the groundwork for more specific instruction later.

In a sensible and simple way, teach your toddlers first about God and His creation. Explain how God created the plants and animals. Then explain why man, created in God's own image and likeness, is so much different from the animals.

And yet, like animals and plants, we are able to reproduce after our own kind—*through sex*. Obviously, for the sake of space, I'm leaving out the details, but you get the idea. Just make sure it is all within the context of God and His incredible purpose for man.

As your children grow, instruct them to come to you with any questions and concerns they might have on the subject. They will assuredly be bombarded with misinformation and half-truths at school. You must diligently counteract this negative influence by constantly reinforcing God's truth and by answering all of their questions, no matter how "embarrassing" they might seem!

The idea is to stay ahead of the "gutter" knowledge that is out in this world. Don't be caught by surprise, like so many other parents who discover their children are involved in such heinous sex acts and realize they never even discussed the subject of sex in their home.

### How to Live

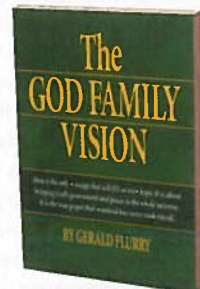
God created sex to be a wonderfully beautiful and unselfish expression of love between a husband and wife *within marriage*. Used in any other way, it is simply an act of lust, WHICH IS SIN. No amount of peer pressure at school or fantasy on the silver screen can alter the plain and simple truth of God.

Young people today need God's truth. This is what underpins our curriculum at Imperial College. "Principles of Living" is a required course for incoming freshman. At our college, sex education is most important. Imperial's curriculum is designed to prepare young people FOR LIFE.

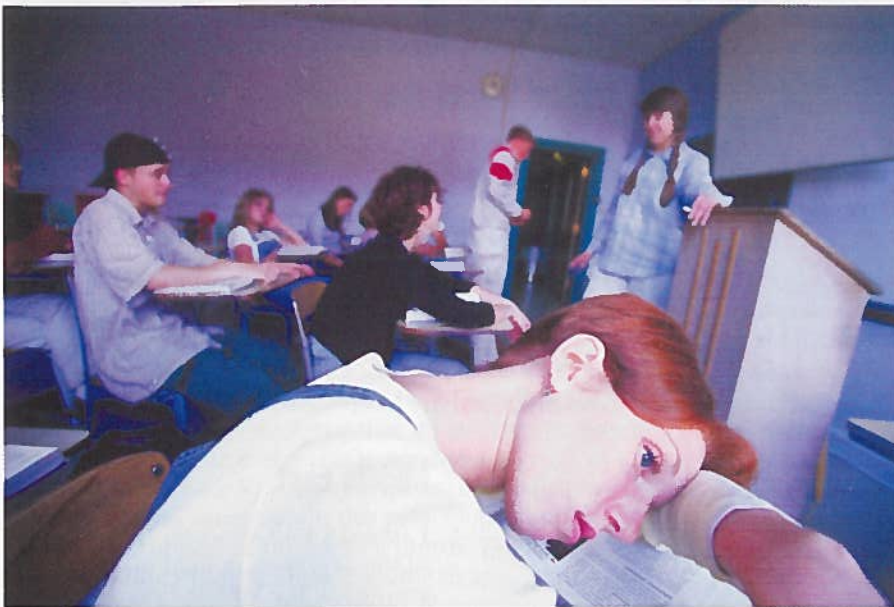
People in this world will spend many years preparing for a career as an engineer or lawyer and yet give virtually no thought to preparing and planning for marriage, for family, *for sex*. They might make lots of money, but there is a good chance their marriage will end in divorce and their children left with little or no parental guidance.

God never intended it to be that way. He created sex for marriage, to express love in marriage and for reproduction. And all of these purposes are mere types of spiritual realities! ♦

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## Failing at History

**A**CCORDING TO "THE NATION'S Report Card," America's youth are *illiterate in history*.

The report, published by the U.S. Department of Education, shows that seven years after the U.S. began a push to see that more of its youth learned about their nation's history (after terrible test scores on the subject in 1994), high school seniors' knowledge of history hasn't improved at all.

Last year, 29,000 students in grades 4, 8 and 12, from both public and private schools, took the National Assessment of Educational Progress test. The students' scores in history were called "truly abysmal" by NAEP officials.

On the test, 57 percent of high school seniors could not perform at the basic level; 32 percent performed at the basic level; 11 percent reached the "proficient" level or performed grade-level work; 1 percent were advanced or superior. Education Secretary Roderick Paige defined *basic* as "the bottom of the achievement ladder" (*USA Today*, May 10).

History scores were lower than those of any other subject assessed by the exam, including math and reading.

The *Macon Telegraph* mused, "If the human story, as H.G. Wells wrote, is 'a race between education and

catastrophe,' then catastrophe seems to be gaining on us fast" (May 13).

### WHAT'S SO AWFUL ABOUT THESE SCORES?

Not only do they display ignorance about historical facts, but also a poor ability to thoughtfully digest knowledge and to understand the practical, real-life importance of history. "One can only feel alarm that they know so little about ... history and express so little capacity to reflect on its meaning," Diane Ravitch, a member of the test's governing board, said (*Washington Post*, May 10).

So why is it so important to understand history?

The news we see every day from countries around the world is rooted in and fueled by the *history* of those regions. To understand the events that are happening in the world, you must have some knowledge of the background that led to them.

In addition, an understanding of history is vital to our future.

"Our ability to defend—intelligently and thoughtfully—what we as a nation hold dear depends on our knowledge and understanding of what we hold dear," Ravitch said. "That can only be achieved through learning the history we share, and clearly, far too many high school seniors have not learned even a modest part of it" (*USA Today*, op. cit.).

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is—with its justice system and the rights and freedoms protected by its Constitution—are the same ones who, in the future, will need to defend these rights and freedoms when they come under attack, as they did on September 11. Their ability to defend what their country stands for will be severely weakened without an understanding of how those rights came to be, and why they are important. As the *Macon Telegraph* asked, "[H]ow can they hold on to the freedoms they do not understand? ... [A] generation ignorant of history not only lacks a past; it also lacks a future" (op. cit.).

In an even wider sense, we can look back on thousands of years of recorded human history—a running scenario of growth and decline, misery and suffering. If we do not begin to realize the immense value of this legacy, we will be doomed to repeat it.

### WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW

- Of the eighth graders, just **39%** knew that the biggest factor leading to the formation of the First Continental Congress was frustration with the British Parliament.
- Only **57%** of fourth graders knew that one of the major causes of the great American Civil War was the division between the North and South over slavery.

Why does history repeat itself? Because to ignore human error of the past is to ignore the law of cause and effect. Of all subjects, history teaches the law of cause and effect! For every effect there is a cause, and when the causes are ignored—the effect is soon to come. It is a law.

That law is why every curriculum of study uses a form of history. Mathematicians, chemists, doctors, inventors keep records of past successes and failures. It is standard practice in every field of study. Why? Because if something fails today, it will fail tomorrow for the same reasons. It is a law that cannot be broken. A different result can only come by changing the formula.

By the same token, if we learn from the *positive* examples of the past, by emulating them we will achieve the same positive results. ◆

—TRUMPET STAFF



with real faith in God, "WITHOUT WHICH NO GREAT THINGS ARE DONE!" Many great things are *undone* without such a leader.

We need a warrior who knows that we cannot win without God's help. A man of action. But where is such a war leader today?

The greatest naval leader Britain ever had was Lord Nelson. But he was hated by many in his own nation. Why? Because he practiced what was necessary to win wars!

John Fisher had this to say about him: "It was not 'victory' that Nelson ever desired. It was 'annihilation!'"

We deceive ourselves today because we talk about victories against terrorists. BUT THERE IS NO WINNING THIS WAR UNTIL WE ANNIHILATE OUR REAL TERRORIST ENEMIES! That includes the terrorist nations.

There is a solution. But will we learn soon enough? We need real faith in God. But in this area also, most of our people have deceived themselves.

John Fisher had a miracle-working faith. Here is what he said: "When I was at Bath I read in the local paper a beautiful letter aptly alluding to the Mount Fiesole of Bath and quoting what has been termed that mysterious verse of David's: 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.'

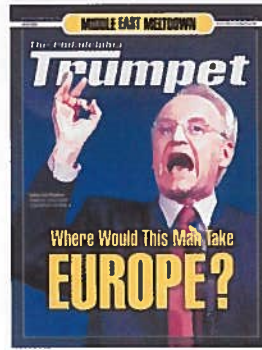
"Well! the other day a great friend of that wonderful Hebrew scholar, Dr. Ginsburg—he died long since at Capri—told me that Ginsburg had said to him that all the revisers and translators had missed a peculiar Hebraism which quite alters the signification of this opening verse of the 121st Psalm: It should read: 'Shall I lift up mine eyes to those hills? BOTH my help come from thence?'"

"And this is the explanation:

"Those hills alluded to were the hills in which were the groves planted in honor of the idols toward which Israel had strayed. So in the second verse the inspired tongue says:

"No! My help cometh from the Lord! He who hath made Heaven and Earth! (not these idols)."

There is no shortage of help. All we have to do is *turn* to the God who created heaven and Earth. Whether we learn this lesson now or later, this is how terrorism is soon to be destroyed forever. But we could eliminate the worst suffering ever if we responded to the warning now.



## Where Would This Man Take Europe?

«It is a wonder how this unique magazine keeps us thoroughly informed about religio-political trends around the world. Your predictions are always squarely fulfilled as if Mr. Armstrong were alive. Thank you for continuing this work.»

Ndhiwa, Kenya

AS AN AVID READER OF THE *PLAIN TRUTH* from 1975 until mid-1986, and a reader of the *Trumpet* for the last eight years no less enthusiastically, I write to congratulate you on your insight into current events. Your interpretations of biblical prophecy, and lucid manner of communicating them, are to be found nowhere else, as far as I am aware. While we in this part of Africa are somewhat off the beaten track, insofar as Europe/Middle East end-time developments are concerned, the recent tragic events in Zimbabwe, where so much evil seems to be triumphing over good, makes one realize that nowhere on Earth is exempt from man's inhumanity to man. There must be a reason for it—only time will tell. Your monthly publication is eagerly awaited. Your prophecies, as they unfold into actuality, give me and my family the fortitude to believe that better times must be around the corner.

Harare, Zimbabwe

I'M SO THANKFUL THAT I SAW THE *TRUMPET* in a waiting room. When I opened the magazine, one of the first things I saw was a picture of Herbert W. Armstrong. I remember watching his TV program as a child with my dad, and I always loved it. A few years ago I subscribed to the *Plain Truth* and was shocked after reading it! Needless to say, I quit reading it in a hurry. Thank you for continuing with the work that Mr. Armstrong started so long ago. Also, let me say that I have been enjoying Mr. Flurry's program, *The Key of David*, very much.

Wolcottville, Ind.

THANK YOU FOR THE NEWS I READ IN YOUR magazine. I am not a member of your faith—but do enjoy the background, history and facts you publish. I attend the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons).

Santa Maria, Calif.

## Middle East

I AM ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE NEXT ISSUE of the *Trumpet*, in light of all that has erupted in the Middle East. I read this magazine front to back every issue and can hardly wait for the next. Thank you for publishing such an enlightening magazine that relates current events with prophecy.

Mason, Ohio

MY LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR FEBRUARY issue. In it you mention that Iran, Iraq and the Bekka Valley of Lebanon is the central vein of terrorism. The U.S. has been terrorizing other countries for over 300 years. Israel has been terrorizing the Palestinians 40 years. Your hidden message is attacking Islam in general. The truth is, Israel is what we call a hidden coward.

Greencastle, Ind.

MUSLIM TERRORISM IS DISTRACTING THE FREE world in the name of Allah to allow Satan to resurrect the Fourth Reich and its Holy Roman Empire to conclude the job the previous ones had not been able to do, especially during the third one, i.e., the total annihilation of the people of Israel. *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* tells it all. It is a shame that political correctness does not allow true history to be taught in our high schools. Keep up the good work; we at least still have the right to read what we want to.

Phoenix, Ariz.

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# Today's Greatest Conspiracy

The attack on the foundation of national stability is growing more toxic.

THE UNITED STATES WAS MADE POWERFUL BY THE KNOWLEDGE that strong families form the backbone of a great nation. In fact, in the days of the Founding Fathers, it was incontrovertibly accepted that no society composed of weak families could ever attain to greatness.

Even a little over 50 years ago, the future of all upstanding Americans was caught up in this principle, a founding concept still retained in the YMCA's motto: "Building strong kids. Building strong families. Building strong communities."

*Trumpet* Editor in Chief Gerald Flurry wrote about the tragedy of broken families in a booklet titled *Conspiracy Against Fatherhood*: "We hear a great deal about conspiracies today .... But THE GREATEST AND MOST DAMAGING CONSPIRACY IS THE ONE AGAINST FATHERHOOD TODAY. And very few people understand it or what deadly consequences it will have in our society" (p. 1; emphasis mine).

Those who fight tooth and nail to wrest power from the traditional father figure deny the wretched results of their handiwork. But those results are clearly evident.

Today, the average American is surrounded by shattered, uprooted families, the results of which have steadily and increasingly gnawed and torn away at the fabric of society.

Why has this happened?

Because people have broken God's law!

God set the man as the head of the family. This can be clearly proved by scriptures like Genesis 2:22-25 and Ephesians 5:22-23.

But social manipulators, to their great shame, have sought to uproot the family and turn it upside down.

This was prophesied to happen. "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isa. 3:12). Feminist groups and liberal men have turned the biblical structure of family upside down.

In the same context, prophecy tells us that with the disappearance of God-given family relationships, capable leadership would be removed. Fools who lead us astray have replaced most of our great leaders! "For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away ... The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent ... the honorable man, and the counselor .... And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honorable" (Isa. 3:1-5). Isn't this the type of society we live in today?

But there is more!

Then came petitions from homosexual pressure groups to make it legal for homosexuals to adopt children and call themselves families—further fulfillment of prophecy that in the last days conditions would be worse than in the times of Noah, or Sodom and Gomorrah (Matt. 24:37-39).

But how much worse can things get?

God created sex when He made Adam and Eve so that man and woman could cleave together and form families—families as God designed them to be (see Ps. 128). Yet, a new tidal wave in moral decadence finds U.S. judges—supposed purveyors of decency and upholders of the law (under a Constitution based on the Ten Commandments)—not knowing which way to rule in family issues involving *transgenders*.

As highlighted by *Time* magazine (March 4), even the top courts have become temporarily paralyzed over the question of whether a person who has turned to medical science in an attempt to change their sex should be given the same legal rights as natural mothers and fathers.

In the midst of so much sexual perversion and corruption of the family structure, America is even losing sight of what it means to be male and female.

"[L]egislating transsexuals' personal relationships is completely new territory

for American courts. ... Who defines gender anyway, and can it be 'changed'? For that matter, what is it that makes a man a man and a woman a woman—the physical equipment or something deeper? And how does that sense of identity affect their role as parents?" (op. cit.).

Astounding! America as a nation has lost sight of God—so much so that men and women are becoming ignorant of why the great Creator made them male and female.

This free fall in values and decency spells doom for the family as the godly institution it should be in this nation.

Jesus Christ said, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" (Matt. 19:4-5).

No wonder Satan wants to destroy the family unit! Even a most superficial understanding of the gospel shows IT IS ALL ABOUT FAMILY!

"God's purpose is to expand His family. ... Family is a God-plane relationship .... Are men too self-willed and ignorant to even *want* to see their illustrious potential?" (*Conspiracy Against Fatherhood*, p. 8).

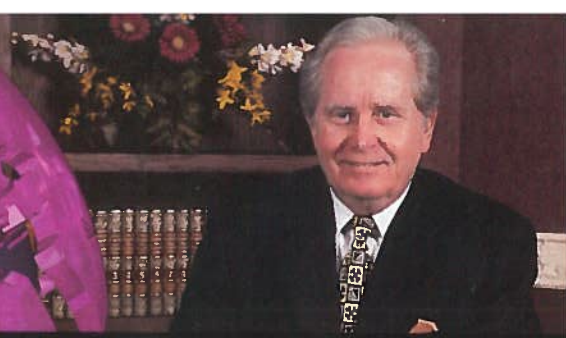


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