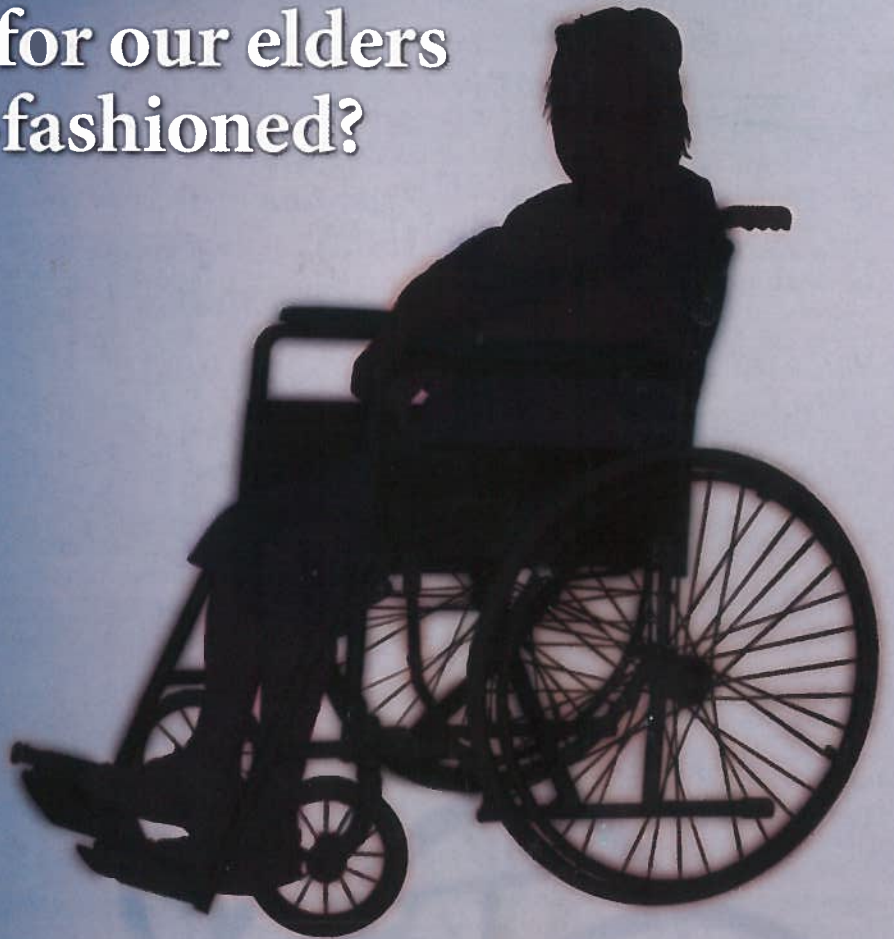


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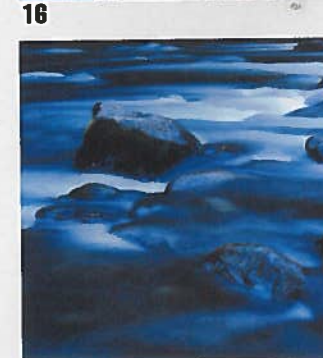
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How We Use Television

Television was first introduced to the general public at the World Fair in 1938. This new marvel of technology mesmerized people as they peered through storefront windows at it. As the years passed, many programmers migrated from their radio networks to TV, and millions of television sets were purchased. The early 1950s saw the advent of nationwide networks distributing entertainment and news programs throughout the United States.

It was at this same time that the Church of God began using television as a means of spreading the gospel. Herbert Armstrong was a pioneer of religious broadcasting. He used a vast network of domestic and international stations to

carry his program, *The World Tomorrow*. According to a report in the *Ambassador Portfolio*, Mr. Armstrong realized the impact TV would have on the world. He understood the power of reaching millions of viewers with the truth of God using television (April 25, 1955). He wrote in the *Plain Truth* magazine at that time, "God Almighty has allowed television to come. Like radio, God foresaw, long before we did, that TELEVISION could become the very power to FINISH His work through His servants."

History has proven Mr. Armstrong correct. Today, I use our program, *The Key of David*, to deliver the same message you read in this magazine to millions of viewers around the world. That is no exaggeration! Our program is broadcast in over 70 different nations on such prominent stations as Network 10 in Australia, Global Network in Canada, TV3 in New Zealand and Starworld out of Asia. Here in the United States, we contract with some of the most prominent stations in the country. The number of stations we use continues to grow. We recently contracted with WFLD (FOX television in Chicago) and KTLA (Warner Brothers television, based in Los Angeles, with coverage in 28 other states). These stations come in addition to other powerful stations such as WGN (nationwide cable), WWOR (New York City) and WTTG (Washington, D.C.). We have significant coverage in most of the top U.S. markets. The television and radio listings on the back cover of this issue show our worldwide coverage.

Why do we spend so much time, effort and money on broadcasting? Because God has commissioned us to proclaim His warning, as well as His message of hope.

We are entering our ninth season of new programming this year. I have delivered programs from our Edmond studio and many prophetically significant locations around the world. We have a powerful message that is not always the most popular—but it is always accurate, truthful and based on the Bible.

The entertainment industry has made impressive advancements in realism since the early days of television. Today, producers and artists are able to "bring to life" images previously left only to the realm of imagination. These graphics can make almost anything seem real. Used properly, technology can magnify the impact of a story.

From the time the prophecies of the Bible were written, people have used their imagination to picture the surreal images described in its pages. Have you ever tried to imagine some of the visions detailed in the book of Revelation or Daniel? Artists have created their renditions through paintings, but today we have the power to animate those same visions.

We are capitalizing on the descriptive language used by biblical writers to bring these images to life in our program. For example, the Apostle John wrote about four symbolic horsemen depicting major prophetic events leading to the return of Christ. We have reproduced John's vision for our series of programs about the book of Revelation that will launch

our new season in October.

From its meager beginning, television has brought news and entertainment to billions of people. While TV has been used for many evil purposes, God has also used it to great effect. This powerful medium has been and continues to be used to spread the gospel worldwide. We understand the power of communicating not only the story, but also images to broaden viewers' understanding of God's Word. With world events spiraling out of control, I have much to share with our television audience. Our news bureau is collecting a wealth of supporting documentation to complement God's message. As our use of graphics, animations and news sources advances, God's understanding can be presented more powerfully.

The *Trumpet* and *The Key of David* will continue to provide advanced understanding about what is happening in your world today.

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America the Cursed

Rampant fire and flood, massive corporate fraud, carnage on Wall Street, the dollar toppled by the euro, capital flight, continuing fear of terrorist strikes—all this in just the first half of the year. Is it mere coincidence, or is there a reason for this confluence of curses on America?

BY
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JUST WHAT IS GOING on in America? Even the blindest man in the street must be wondering if something is fundamentally wrong inside the U.S.

Record-breaking fires of extremely devastating nature swept southern Colorado, covering the mighty Rocky Mountains with a pall of ashen smoke in the late spring. Massive fires of historic and record-breaking impact turned much of Arizona into a flaming inferno of catastrophic proportions in the early summer. All this came hard on the heels of the earlier devastation wrought by fire in the state of New Mexico.

Meanwhile, records crashed as much of southeastern Texas ran awash

under the turgid, muddy onslaught of floods in the wake of unprecedented rains.

To the north, huge swaths of Montana and Wyoming lay in the grip of grinding drought as eastward the Dakotas felt the impact of 40-mile-per-hour winds blasting century-high temperatures through forest and grassland, turning both into a tinderbox.

Commentators began using biblical language to describe this confluence of fire, wind, drought and flood and its drastic impact on the economy of the world's greatest nation (Amos 4:7).

As the country reeled under the impact of curses in its fields and forests, America's economy strained under what emerged as a massive basket of woes resulting from huge fraud, malfeasance and plain deceit in the ranks of some of its greatest business enterprises.

The dollar slumped. The euro gained. Both the European Union and Japan came to the dollar's rescue. Wall Street took a dive deep into bear territory. Capital commenced its flight from greenback to euro, in particular; business investment in the U.S. was cut by half.

Is this all mere coincidence? Is it just a quirk of nature, combining with quirky *human* nature, to result in the current, massive negative effects extant within both the nation's fields and its economic basket? Or could this be an inevitable outcome, a very *predictable* outcome, of the breaking of certain *laws* by this nation—laws put into motion by the Almighty God whose name is invoked by its governing Congress and printed on its money, the name which is central to the nation's own pledge of allegiance?

If you dare believe your Bible, the answer becomes plain. But it becomes clear only to a mind that is *open to receive* it! And, the problem is, if indeed you read and understand what your Bible clearly states, you will then have a responsibility to do something about it!



What you read in this magazine thus becomes *dangerous* knowledge, for the God who reveals it to you then holds you *accountable* for what you understand! The challenge then becomes, will you *obey* that God and *submit* to His will—and receive the BLESSINGS He guarantees for such obedience—or will you choose to ignore His revealed truth, continue to disobey His law and reap the CURSES He promises for such disobedience?

If you can face this challenge, read on. If you can't, stop reading NOW!

Anglo-American Dominance

In modern history, most particularly the past two centuries, three nations have dominated the news: Britain, which over the course of the last century lost the greatest empire ever known to man, the tiny Judaic nation known as Israel (a misnomer—write for your own free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for a full explanation), which is daily in the news as it battles for survival, and the U.S., increasingly a pariah to the rest of the world (with the almost sole exception of the support of Britain, its dominions, and little Israel).

How come? And why the converging of events which appear to be tearing down the power and influence of these particular nations?

True students of God's Word, the Bible, understand that the nations known by their modern names Britain, the U.S. and Israel are revealed in the Bible by their ancient tribal names of *Ephraim*, *Manasseh* and *Judah*. The first two were half-tribes or sub-tribes of the family produced by Joseph; the latter was the progenitor of true ethnic Jews, but only one of the initial 12 tribes of ancient Israel. At the beginning of Israel's nationhood following their exodus from Egypt, the Almighty God established a covenant with the nation. Within its terms He promised certain blessings for obedience and delineated the curses which would befall the disobedient.

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee,

Is there a correlation between decadent leadership and the rot that has set in culturally, socially and spiritually?

if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God" (Deut. 28:1-2).

Note that among these blessings God clearly mentions *agrarian* and *economic* blessings: "Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine [oxen], and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store" (vv. 3-5).

The economic blessings are reinforced in verse 8: "The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

This beneficent God also promised the blessings of balanced weather to underwrite and perpetuate the blessings in field and basket: "The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow" (v. 12).

Modern history proves that the most-blessed nations—those that have been able to give the most to less-privileged nations—are Britain and its dominions and the United States.

Yet, all this commenced a great reversal in the 20th century through the weakening of Great Britain after its economy suffered through two great world wars, and latterly via the reversal of fortunes involving the United States since the cessation of the Cold War.

Morality Sapped

The negative impact of the Clinton presidency on both the U.S. and Britain is just coming to be appreciated by sensible analysts of both countries' moral decline. The public and private deceit, duplicity, dissembling and dishonesty of any prominent public figure, particularly when publi-

cized, has devastating effects on the collective mind of a nation.

The recent revelation of corporate deceit in the U.S. is a case in point. If a nation's president can lie and still remain in office, why can't a CEO?

"For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed" (Isa. 9:16). This is a simple yet undeniably real equation which we leave the reader to ponder.

Suffice it to say, the same equation has impacted British leadership. The team that brought Prime Minister Blair to power in Britain hired the same spin doctors to construct their campaign for leadership as President Clinton had used some years before. The result has been that the British prime ministership is molded in the same sand as the Clinton presidency. No leadership in Britain's history has been accused so vociferously and so



EURO CONFIDENCE Trading in the Euro Currency Futures pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange July 16.

consistently of lying and deceit as has the present government of Britain.

While it may be that America's current president, George W. Bush, struggles to reassert a more frank, transparent and straightforward leadership in the White House, the damage done by the previous administration may prove to be uncontainable in the breadth and scope of its moral decay. The results are right now biting deep into the very fiber of America's national character and public image.

Is there a correlation between decadent leadership and the rot that has set

in within Britain and the U.S., culturally, socially, morally and spiritually? Read the words of Almighty God and form your own deduction!

“But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store” (Deut. 28:15-17). Is this happening now to America?

“Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep” (v. 18). Has this happened in recent years to Britain, with the multiple evils of mad-cow disease and foot-and-mouth disease?

Read the whole of chapter 28 of the book of Deuteronomy and *know* that these curses, the results of which we are now seeing in weather, in field and basket, in economy, in business, in the city and in the rural countryside, are but a *beginning!* This is just the beginning of *worse to come!* Your Bible says so! Do you believe it? If so, it is time for you to do something about it!

What to Do

The plain facts of recent history and current events indicate the timeless veracity of biblical prophecy. The nations of Israel—the U.S., Britain and its dominions in particular—are headed for disaster, captivity and enslavement by a foreign power which even now rises, albeit falteringly, yet incessantly, to world dominance within the European heartland. It will take *enslavement and captivity* by a foreign power to bring the nations of Israel to their senses—to bring them to *repent* and submit to their God. All this before they can become the *model nation*, an example to the world of the blessings that God bestows for obedience—His original intention for Old Covenant Israel.

Read that prophecy again in the book of Deuteronomy: “And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee, And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey

“And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand ... If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments.”

• DEUTERONOMY 30:9-10 •

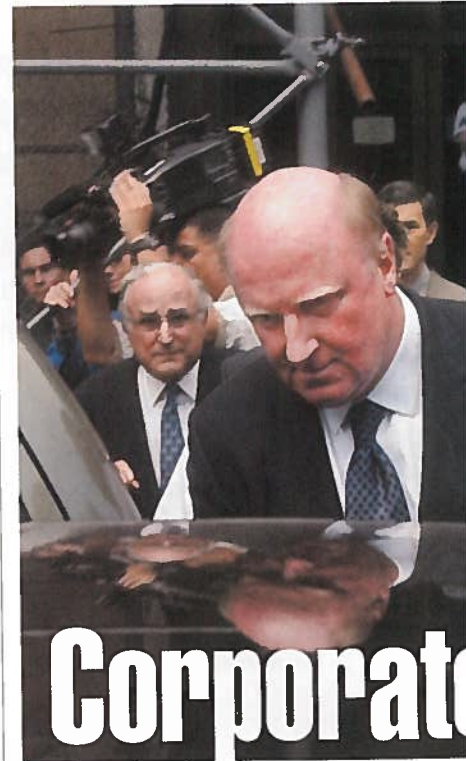
his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee” (Deut. 30:1-3).

Then will the Eternal God *bless* the nations of Israel most bountifully and charge them to take of those blessings—the most precious of all being the knowledge of His plan of *salvation* and redemption for all humankind—and share them with *all* nations: “And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul” (vv. 9-10).

Do you want to be part of that process? There is a way you can avoid the curse of the future enslavement of the increasingly decadent nations of Anglo-America. There is a way you can be protected and prepared to help bring God’s great plan for mankind to fruition—the same way He offered anciently to the rebellious house of Israel. He offers it to you today. Will you accept that offer gladly and receive His abundant *blessings*, or will you foolishly reject it and reap the inevitable *curses* for rebellion against Him?

Here is the choice: “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live” (v. 19).

That choice is now yours. ♦



Corporate

Greedy leaders are bringing down America’s big business. Will our faith in the system ever be the same?

BY JASON HENSLEY

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE \$20 million simply for advising someone to buy a company? Does it sound too good to be true? That’s what a former member of Tyco International’s board of directors received in a secret deal with the company’s CEO simply for issuing a piece of advice. The board of directors alleges that because it was done behind their backs, it was illegal and unethical.

One day after the \$20 million deal was publicly disclosed, Tyco’s stock value dropped \$17 billion. Investor confidence had been shattered.

The CEO, Dennis Kozlowski, has also been charged with evading \$1 million of sales tax and is facing charges of tampering with evidence. As if this is not enough, Tyco is suing its former chief corporate counsel for a broad pattern of misconduct for personal gain that includes accepting \$35 million in unapproved compensation.

Tyco has now entered the ranks of other massive corporations, including

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the deceptive accounting practices, more and more instances are coming to light of executives, such as those at Tyco, who are engaging in outright abuses of power for self-gain.

A fundamental part of the issue is that one of the primary compensation incentives for top executives is *stock options*. Often millions of shares of stock are given to corporate leaders in the hope that they will then make decisions that raise the value of the stock.

The problem with this kind of incentive is that it puts the emphasis on short-term results and serves as a motivator for inflating the numbers. Thus, it has become prevalent to use financial statements and other performance indicators to create a false picture of what is happening.

Another company now exposed as having morally inept corporate leaders is Rite Aid. The Securities and Exchange Commission said in a complaint against the company in June that this "concerns one of the largest financial frauds ever perpetrated on the investing public by senior management of a public company." Rite Aid was forced to restate its pretax income downward by \$2.3 billion.

As with Tyco, the leaders of Rite Aid used their positions of authority for unfair personal gain. They manipulated the financial records and worked schemes that made the company appear far more profitable than it actually was. Thus the company *seemed* to achieve its financial goals, and senior executives were rewarded with performance-based compensation such as additional stock and cash bonuses.

While some companies have privately pursued strategies that would improve the appearance of their financial statements, many others have sought to push the limit of GAAP with the assistance of accounting firms. One of the most publicized instances is the relationship between Enron and Arthur Anderson. Together they set up numerous off-balance-sheet companies, among other schemes, that enriched Enron executives and hid the true state of their financial affairs.

In addition to providing consulting

services to Enron, Arthur Anderson also audited the financial records. This required Anderson to verify the validity and accuracy of the numbers in the financial statements by reviewing the financial practices of the company. Obviously, there was a conflict of interest in Arthur Anderson auditing its own work. Yet this is common practice in the accounting field.

Consider also that consulting services are typically far more profitable than audit work, and the individuals who once worked for accounting firms often transfer to former client corporations and fill senior executive positions.

Such interwoven relationships between an accounting firm and company management can make it difficult to issue an objective opinion. This is especially true when the opinion is harmful to the client and conflicts with its own consulting work.

Cost of Corporate Transgressions

The price for making decisions based upon greed is being paid by society as a whole. The self-centered ac-

How Big Is the Problem?

"So far, we've only heard about accounting irregularities at a handful of major corporations. But our surveys indicate that thousands may have engaged in similar practices."

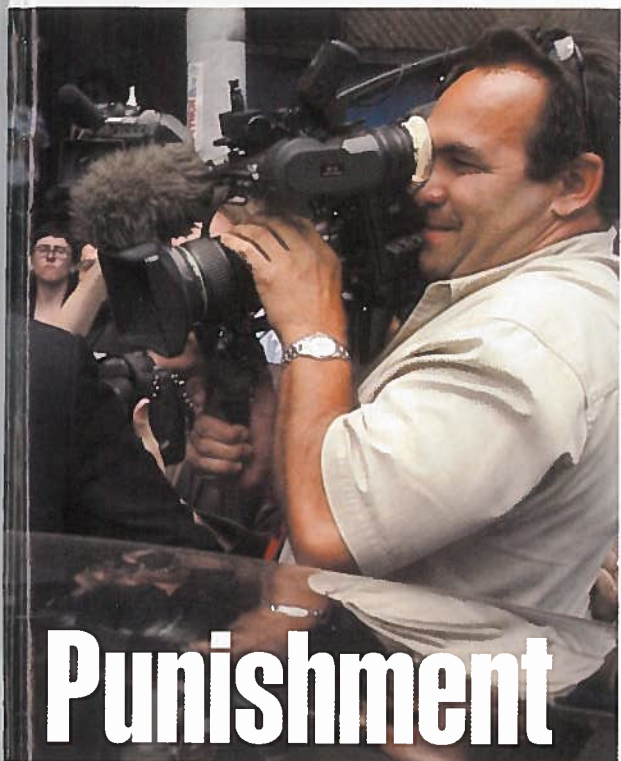
• MARTIN D. WEISS, PHD •
America's leading advocate
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Companies that have come under investigation for the following accounting irregularities:

Merck	\$14 billion
Reliant Resources	\$7.9 billion
Xerox	\$6.4 billion
Worldcom	\$3.9 billion
Rite Aid	\$2.3 billion
Waste Management	\$1 billion

Accounting and financial scandals have also occurred at:

Adelphia Communications, CMS Energy Corp., Dynegy, Enron Corp., Global Crossing, ImClone Systems, Qwest Communications International, Tyco International



Punishment

Enron, WorldCom, Xerox and Rite Aid, that are drowning in the depths of corporate scandal. The irresponsibility of these powerful institutions has rocked the very foundations of the economy and sent shock waves through corporate America.

Through the uncovering of flagrant abuses of power, deception and fraud in the corporate world, the U.S. is being forced to face the results of an erosion of its morals. Government, higher education and business leaders are all working to find a solution for the crumbling of ethical standards and to restore confidence in the American economic system. But are they looking to the *cause* of the problem, or only attempting to contain the *effects*?

To date this critical dilemma remains unsolved and daily appears to be worsening. What is the solution that will end the economic faith crisis?

Executive Corruption

Many companies aggressively and routinely pursue legal policies that push the limits of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the rules that govern accounting in America. However, the number of companies *exposed* for ignoring these rules when they prove inconvenient seems to be multiplying every week. In addition to

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Tyco's CEO
leaves a
New York
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tions of leaders of some of America's greatest corporate icons are weakening the nation by creating a widespread environment of mistrust. The mistrust has translated into a *loss of confidence* that is eroding the faith of both the domestic and foreign investor (see p. 7 on how this has affected the value of the U.S. dollar). America's already sluggish economy, which is just showing signs of coming out of recession, desperately needs investor confidence.

Tens of thousands of ordinary Americans are hurting because of greed at the top. This is the real tragedy of companies such as WorldCom, whose stock price plummeted after announcing its "accounting irregularities"—a politically correct phrase representing a nearly \$4 billion fraud. The widely publicized cutting of 17,000 jobs quickly followed this revelation. In this case, 17,000 employees directly paid a large part of the price for the misdealings of a few self-focused individuals.

Retirement plans have frequently been another casualty. At institutions like Enron, which invested heavily in its own stock, *the devaluing of its stock literally wiped out employees' life savings*. Although individual investors owned many of these stocks, a great many others owned them indirectly through their mutual funds, 401(k)s and IRAs (U.S. investment plans). Remember, these were not obscure stocks of small companies. WorldCom's stock, when its capitalization peaked in 1999, was the fifth-most widely held stock in the country.

"For baby boomers facing retirement, this is a frightening prospect. Most have bet just about everything on a rising stock market to finance their

Greed is the real driving force behind the economy. Human nature is at the heart and core of the matter.

old age. With their 401(k)s flat for the past two years and going nowhere fast today, fiftysomethings are scared" (*Business Week*, July 8).

The bondholders of debt from companies like WorldCom are also likely to suffer. *Time* magazine reported on July 8, "Dozens of mutual funds, banks and financial-services firms are exposed, including Bank of America, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank and G.E. Citigroup holds an estimated \$335 million of WorldCom bonds and could face law-

suits as a result of its cozy ties to the telecom. In May 2001 Citigroup co-underwrote, along with J.P. Morgan Chase, an \$11.9 billion WorldCom bond issue. Buyers of those bonds may move to sue the banks, claiming they failed to properly inspect WorldCom's books."

The timing of this ethical crisis in business could not be worse. As the U.S. economy is struggling to come out of recession, it now appears we might find ourselves sliding into another. Two consecutive recessions would most likely result in economic stagnation that slows growth in the business sector and increases unemployment.

Investors now are wondering whether they can trust *any* company. Doubt has been cast on the validity of *all* financial statements! People crave stability, especially when it comes to investing their money. That sense of security—that ability to have *faith in the system*—has been seriously damaged. For individuals to invest their money with a reasonable measure of confidence, they must be able to rely upon financial statements and other performance indicators. If this fundamental trust is lost, then their faith in the entire *system* is lost.

Call for Change

The U.S. president responded to the crisis in a July 9 speech on corporate responsibility. He called for "a new

ethic of personal responsibility in the business community; an ethic that will increase investor confidence, will make employees proud of their companies and ... regain the trust of the American people."

President Bush stated earlier in his speech, "The misdeeds now being uncovered in some quarters of corporate America are threatening the financial well-being of many workers and many investors. AT THIS MOMENT, AMERICA'S GREATEST ECONOMIC NEED IS HIGHER

ETHICAL STANDARDS—standards enforced by strict laws and upheld by responsible business leaders. ... *The American economy—our economy—is built on confidence.*"

Many ideas to re-instill that confidence and solve the ethics problem are being put forth. They include the idea of returning to *how things used to be*. An *International Herald Tribune* article proclaimed, "The alternative is yesterday, when American business practiced a responsible capitalism that considered itself responsible to employees, to the public interest and to stockholders" (June 29).

Then there is the increasing cry for more government regulation of business practices. Presumably the goal would be to make businesses more transparent—to help ensure adequate segregation of duties and re-establish arm-length relationships between the company and the

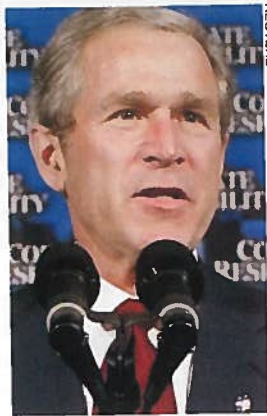
firms that perform its consulting and audit work. Proponents of this idea further believe that additional government oversight could help ensure that executive compensation packages are in line with the desires of shareholders.

Everyone seems to have a solution, whether it is accountability in terms of increasing penalties for offenders of corporate fraud or calls for a public accountability board, like the Securities and Exchange Commission has made. These are all, however, attempts to put compensating controls in the place of having *ethically sound employees*. They do not address the *cause* of corruption.

A Certainty

The democratic capitalist economic system has proven to be the best that man has achieved to date. Yet it is still fundamentally flawed. *Greed*, whether we want to admit it or not, is the real driving force behind the economy. Human nature is at the heart and core of the matter.

In corporate America, business leaders are following their own rules. President Bush warned against this in his speech, stating that "schools of busi-



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George W. Bush

ness must be principled teachers of right and wrong, and not surrender to moral confusion and relativism.”

Relativism is doing what you think is right based upon your personal outlook. Essentially, relativism teaches that everyone is responsible for establishing his own standard of right and wrong. It is a process that is the direct opposite to the biblical injunction, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding” (Prov. 3:5).

There is only one standard of right and wrong: Almighty God! His perfect nature, which establishes absolute right and wrong, is revealed in the Ten Commandments, which are taught

throughout both the Old and New Testament of the Holy Bible. “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3). That law is still in effect today.

The Ten Commandments are not outdated. They are simply immutable: “For I am the Lord, I change not ...” (Mal. 3:6). When applied with their spiritual intent, the Ten Commandments provide a framework for dealing with every situation! The first four speak of our relationship with God; the last six tell us how to get along with our fellowman. These are standards that must be adopted if we are to truly solve the ethics crisis.

No amount of reform or government regulation will resolve this underlying spiritual issue. Teaching ethics that are not based on God’s law will not accomplish it. Spiritual problems can only be solved through spiritual means. The crisis of confidence will only be resolved when individuals begin obeying the Ten Commandments. Ethics based on these commandments are the only ones that will make a real difference.

Although we cannot have true faith in any company or investment opportunity, we can have absolute faith that keeping the Ten Commandments will provide more happiness and security than we ever thought possible! ♦

As the Dollar Drops

IT WAS HEADLINE MATERIAL FOR A COUPLE DAYS: “EURO Edges Past the Dollar in Victory for Europeans”; “Confidence Falls With the Dollar”; “Parity With Euro Spurs Fears of Rout for Dollar.”

The flood of corporate scandals presently sweeping the U.S. has caused disillusionment among investors around the world. Confidence in the U.S. dollar, already weak from lack of faith in the economy of the U.S., fell to the lowest point against the euro in two years. On July 15, the dollar reached parity (equality) with the euro—indicative of a trend that will eventually lead to the economic situation consistently predicted by the *Trumpet* for the past five years.

“What could cause the beginnings of a loss of confidence in America?” the *Trumpet* wrote in November 1998. “On the international level, STRENGTH OF CHARACTER is equated with STRENGTH OF ECONOMY, and both are extremely lacking today in America! ... Global investors are becoming increasingly aware that an investment in America is no longer an investment in strength.” We have seen, through the fall of the U.S. dollar, how the lack of character in corporate U.S. has affected investor confidence.

In the August 1997 *Trumpet*, J. Tim Thompson wrote of how the “new euro will probably be catapulted into prominence and increased value, all the while climbing higher as it pushes the dollar deeper into the financial abyss.”

In May 1998, *Trumpet* news analyst Ron Fraser wrote of how “the potential for a euro being driven upwards and a dollar downwards would seem obvious.”

In December that year, the *Trumpet* gave this perspective: “Perhaps the most startling effect of the euro may be its dominance of the dollar ...

With the U.S. economy being essentially a ‘bag with

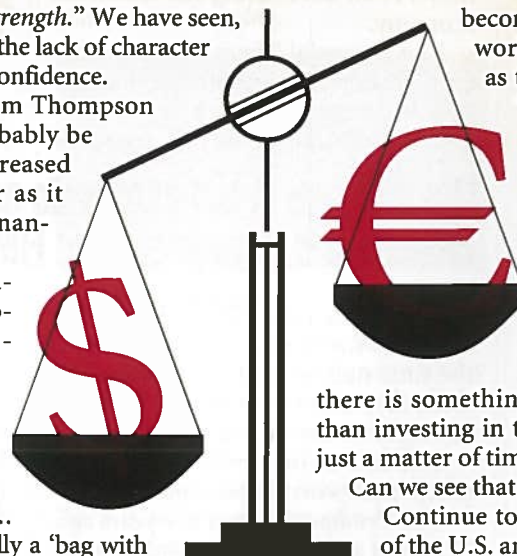
holes’ (Hag. 1:6) out of which all value is pouring, it is likely that the advent of the euro will rapidly fulfill Bible prophecy right before our eyes in the next few years.”

Though seen by some economists as positive, due to its gentle fall, the decline in the dollar is but an indication of a likely future sell-off, which would have detrimental effects. “[E]conomists fear that now the dollar has crossed the threshold of parity, the fall in the dollar could turn from a gentle fall INTO A ROUT” (*Financial Times*, July 15; emphasis mine).

We can be certain of the outcome, as printed in the *Trumpet* three years ago: “According to Bible prophecy, America and Europe will be on an economic seesaw, with America going down and Europe going up” (Feb. 1999). We can be certain of the dollar’s future, regardless of any possible temporary comebacks: It will continue to fall, ultimately contributing to a valueless U.S. economy (Ezek. 7:19).

Watch as the European economy continues on its path to

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become the most dominant economy in the world—with Asia strengthening as well—as the U.S. economy continues to decline.

“Bible prophecy says this European economic system is destined to replace America as the economic leader of the world, though only for a short time, until she likewise comes crashing down in financial ruin” (*Trumpet*, Nov. 1998).

“An economist was quoted by the Associated Press recently as saying, ‘A day of reckoning doesn’t come until there is something to do with the money that is better than investing in the United States.’ He is right, and it is just a matter of time” (*Trumpet*, March/April 2000).

Can we see that time coming?

Continue to read the *Trumpet* for further analyses of the U.S. and world economy. DONNA GRIEVES



GAIN A board in Tokyo showing the yen's sharp rise against the dollar in May.

Rising in the East

What the declining dollar means for Asia

BY RON FRASER

"THE WORLD APPEARS TO BE awakening to the fact that the United States of America has become a crippled giant, economically speaking. Huge debt, kept afloat by ongoing foreign loans, coupled with an overconfident disregard for the danger signs, is a strong indicator of a society on the verge of financial collapse" (*Philadelphia Trumpet*, Aug. 1997).

Within this context, staff writer J. Tim Thompson drew attention to statements made by French economists within months of the European Union launching its new federal currency, the euro. He highlighted the following statement from a leading British newspaper: "The French say the euro will weaken America by replacing the dollar as a reserve currency. They say it will be more attractive to central banks than the individual currencies it will replace, prompting banks to switch dollars into euros" (*Sunday Times*, London, May 11, 1997).

It's happening! Barely six months on from the official issue of euro notes

and coinage into daily use within the European Monetary Union (EMU) nations, the upstart EU currency has topped the dollar!

With the flip-flop in currency values, there is now a grave risk of capital flight from the dollar to the euro. Sensible commentators see that with the euro overtaking the dollar in value, any further fall in the dollar could turn into a rout, devastating the American economy.

The *Financial Times* pointed to the euro breaking parity with the dollar as "the final sign that markets have lost faith in the magic of the U.S. economy,

We see two great economic powers emerging to challenge U.S. supremacy: Europe and the Orient.

which has been the motor of the world economy for the past decade. 'This is the final nail in the coffin of the new economy,' said David Bloom, currency strategist at HSBC in London" (July 15).

But this is just a *forerunner* to a much more worrying scenario.

The *Trumpet* forecast five years ago, "There is a financial mechanism com-

ing into play which is much like a spring-loaded trap. Japan will probably abandon the dollar in the near future, sending it into an accelerating downward spiral toward worthlessness" (op. cit.).

And there are already in evidence the beginning rumblings of such a phenomenon! "Europe, and possibly Japan, will stage a comeback to dominate the world economy in the near future, a leading German business consultant predicts. 'The U.S. economy is actually in a very dangerous situation,' warns Roland Berger, chairman of Roland Berger Strategy Consultants. 'International investors are shying away from the United States'" (*Japan Times*, July 22).

The *Japan Times* continued to quote Berger as saying, "The U.S. economy is, at the moment, suffering the consequences of complacency, arrogance and greed they experienced in the '90s. The morale and credibility of the U.S. economy is fading Japan can play a major role in the next decade" (ibid.).

In the meantime, speculation is emerging that China may lead the way toward the establishment of an Asian currency system pegged to the Chinese yuan. The unpredictable element in this equation is *Japan*.



Yen Power

As June drew to a close, the Bank of Japan joined with the German-influenced European Central Bank (based

in Frankfurt) to prop up the ailing dollar. This shows that despite inherent structural weakness in its massive economy, Japan still has powerful clout in international financial markets. But what will be interesting from here on, as the dollar's heyday wanes, is the prospect of Japan being lured away from alignment with the EU. As

global markets find their feet amid diminishing U.S. economic power, China will seek to draw Japan into its orbit so as to give more immediate strength to the prospect of developing a *common currency for Asia*.

Historically, tracing back to ancient times, there has been an affinity between Germany and Japan. This reached its most destructive peak during the alignment of the German and Japanese Axis of World War II. Yet, with Catholicism taking a far higher profile within Europe today, it may be that Japan ultimately finds a more comfortable fit with the *Eastern* culture of China and its oriental, South Asian neighbors.

The prophecies of Ezekiel 38 and Revelation 20 show that Japan will be aligned with China and the other representative nations of the “kings of the east” (Rev. 16:12) at the time of Armageddon and beyond. Having this in mind, it is intriguing to watch the Far East as China races to replace the U.S. as the main economic power in Asia.

Japan is still in an economic strait-jacket. Its traditional culture causes market inertia by drastically slowing the restructuring initiatives sorely needed to adjust to the new globalism.

However, Japan has one great advantage that stems from a particular cultural and ethnic proclivity. The Japanese mind seldom innovates, but it is the world’s expert in taking Western inventions, *improving them* markedly and selling them back to the innovator as products far *superior* in nature and quality to the original product. Witness the quality of a Lexus automobile compared to a Cadillac.

More importantly, the potential for this phenomenon to aid Japan’s ailing economy—at the expense of a U.S. distracted by terrorism, bamboozled by crazy weather, frustrated by turmoil on Wall Street and self-condemnatory of its big business practices—is most significant. Japan is in a position to seize the technological advantage over the U.S., as the one thing Japan has is plenty of cash for internal research and development—something sadly lacking in the U.S.’s bloated, credit-driven society.

This point was highlighted recently in a *New York Times* report. “A Japan-

ese laboratory has built the world’s fastest computer, a machine so powerful that it matches the raw processing power of the 20 fastest American computers combined and far outstrips the previous leader, an IBM-built machine. The achievement ... is evidence that a technology race that most American engineers thought they were winning handily is far from over” (April 20).

Senior Yale research scholar Immanuel Wallerstein, commenting on

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the *Times* article, contrasted the scientific and technological priorities of the U.S. and Japan in this singular instance and its reflection on the current foreign policy and economic goals of each. “The Japanese machine is built to analyze climatic change, but U.S. machines are designed to simulate weapons. This contrast embodies the oldest story in the history of hegemonic powers. The dominant power [in this instance, the U.S.] concentrates (to its detriment) on the *military*; the candidate for successor concentrates on the *economy*. The latter has always paid off, handsomely. It did for the United States. Why should it not pay off for Japan as well, perhaps in alliance with China?” (*Foreign Policy*, July/Aug. 2002; emphasis mine throughout).

Do we get the connections? Can we see the grave *dangers* which those warning signs on the economic horizon are signaling? *Whole world alliances are changing*.



Three-Horse Race

Since, after World War II, magnanimous America picked Europe up by the scruff of the neck, dusted off the ashes of war and injected massive capital contributions into its Western democracies, Europe has never looked back. Under the guise of a free trade bloc, the current European Union has

grown from an initial combine of six nations to the current 16, with more to come. In January, the EU overtook the U.S. economy to become the world’s largest federal economy. It has managed this by taking full advantage of U.S.-led NATO power largely to foot the bill for protection of EU interests.

But history shows that once an economic empire grows to such power, it soon starts feeling the need to secure and protect its global interests by de-

veloping its own security and defense forces. Thus it is that we see Europe building its own military force.

Meanwhile, China stands to gain powerfully from having pegged its currency, the yuan, to the dollar, as the following predictions from Stephen L. Jen, chief currency economist at Morgan Stanley, indicate. “If Beijing continues to tie the yuan to the dollar, a depreciating dollar won’t slow U.S. imports from China, says Jen. Nor is it likely to narrow America’s trade deficit with China, the largest for the U.S. among its trade partners in 2001.

“And riding the depreciation of the dollar, China’s exports to the rest of the world will become more competitive as well. After the U.S., China’s biggest destinations for its goods and services include Japan, South Korea and the euro zone. ... The stronger currencies will only add to China’s already growing global trade surplus.

“Jen forecasts a 20 percent depreciation in the dollar by the end of 2003. If that is matched by a similar decline in the yuan, China’s improving trade balance might not be the country’s only bright spot. More foreign corporations may take advantage of the weakening yuan and already inexpensive cost of labor, sending even more business China’s way” (*Business Week*, July 8).

So, here’s the current scenario. It’s simply a three-horse race to fill the impending dollar gap—Europe, China and Japan.

The depressed dollar has contributed to lifting the value of the euro to becoming a prime competitor for foreign capital investment. It is precisely such investment that the U.S. econo-

my currently lacks—witness the poor Nasdaq performance over the past two years. Europe, struggling to come out of recession, has been given a psychological boost by capping the famous greenback with the brand-new euro in quick time. “Symbolism is important in the currency markets and euro parity with the dollar is the biggest symbol of all” (*Financial Times*, op. cit.).

Stimulated by the euro’s apparent success, the Asian nations may now step up their efforts to create an equivalent to EMU, with the prospect of competing on a more level playing field with the euro and the dollar (see article at right).

Global Economic Upheaval

“Do we begin to catch a glimpse of *imminent global economic upheaval*? Can we see the competitive spirit with which the euro is being implemented? Can we see how the pullout of Japan as America’s financial underpinning could open the door for the euro to become the dominant international currency?” (*Trumpet*, op. cit.).

Initial signs are not good if we are looking to U.S. leadership in this economic quagmire. In his recent summation of fiscal America, the Fed’s Alan Greenspan talked up the economy, avoiding any statements that might stimulate more negative sentiment on Wall Street. The Fed’s and the U.S. administration’s view is predicated on one singular assumption: “The foreigners can’t sell U.S. assets. The entire world economy depends on Americans’ ability to continue spending money they don’t have. For it is Americans who buy the world’s production. America is the world’s biggest consumer. If it ever stops spending ... the whole world goes into recession. In short, the American economy has become too big to fail” (*Daily Reckoning*, March 21).

Well, this scenario ignores the old common-sense adage, *the bigger they are, the harder they fall*. It ignores the way the human mind works.

Two mental states drive the stock markets of the world—*fear* and *greed*. The level of confidence in trading within the markets depends on which of these collective mindsets dominates at any point in time. Often this will bely reality, as the mind of the investor builds a picture based on limited information, emotion and gut feeling to make an investment decision. In other

words, it’s *imagination* that holds the key to investor behavior.

Many an imagination was fed by the deceitful overstatement of corporate profits by some of America’s top companies. Now that the lid is off, a different scenario is imagined by the investor public.

And it now has the inevitable result! Investment analyst Bill Bonner expresses the current economic trends thus: “But both stock market and foreign policy float on tides of fortune. Beneath them run deeper currents of popular confidence. ... [T]he currents sometimes shift. It is not man’s power of reason that fails, but his power of *imagination*. He cannot imagine what will go wrong—until it does” (ibid.).

“A wholesale, unbridled, uncontrollable panic is brewing. This is not just a crash. It’s a threat to our entire future—as investors, as citizens. ... But there’s a limit to how much investors can take—an invisible psychological barrier that, once violated, cannot be restored. This generation’s trust in Wall Street—and its willingness to play the stock market game—will have been destroyed forever” (*Daily Reckoning*, July 9).

About 15 years ago, Germany and Japan posed a horrifying scenario to America in a bid to scare it into a financial responsibility which benefited U.S. trading partners more than penalizing them. “In the late 1980s, German and Japanese leaders became *increasingly bold* in suggesting that unless Washington curbed its *free-spending ways* (and agreed to their wishes in areas like trade) they would SLASH THEIR FINANCING OF AMERICA’S DEBT ...” (*Current History*, Nov. 1996).

As the *Trumpet* warned fully five years ago, “Time is short (Rev. 10:6; 12:12) and evil forces are at work to bring about the most catastrophic upheaval in the history of mankind (Matt. 24:21; Dan. 12:1). As the parable of the fig tree tells us in Matthew 24:32-35, ‘when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.’ ...

“God reveals that these cataclysmic events are coming, and *it appears that all the players have taken their places*. Only true repentance collectively can save America from collapsing. Therefore, we must ask, as King David did in Psalm 79:5 and 89:46, ‘How long, O Lord?’” (*Trumpet*, op. cit.). ♦

An Asian Monetary Union

Asians have considered the possibility for years. Could it ever happen?

BY RYAN MALONE

ASIA HAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED closer economic cooperation among its countries for several years now. The suggestion has been made by many Asian leaders—considering everything from an East Asian Free Trade Area to a common currency for the region.

Two factors triggered these aspirations. First was the Asian financial crisis of 1997. It was thought that Asian monetary cooperation would help avert another crisis. Then there was the launching of a common European currency. Asia thought it would need a similar single regional currency to compete with the burgeoning euro.

Where does Asia stand today on these issues? Could the area achieve economic union? How would such a union even be possible, given the diversities of such a vast region? And how would such a union affect world affairs?

Where Asia Stands Today

When Japan first put forth the idea of an Asian Monetary Fund (AMF) to help avert further economic turmoil following the Asian financial crisis, the U.S. and Europe opposed the idea. They believed that it might dilute the influence of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). So Eastern leaders began working on another plan to further economic cooperation. This began in May 2000 with the Chiang Mai Initiative (CMI), created by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The plan called for a network of bilateral currency-swap arrangements between Asian countries. Thus far, it has been implemented with a good measure of success. Japan has made strong swap arrangements with

Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines and even China. Asia experts agree that this is a strong foundation for, and probably a precursor to, an AMF.

Asians certainly feel justified in seeking an AMF. Globalization and economic integration has been the trend this past decade or so: Europe has its Union; North America has NAFTA; South America has MERCOSUR. Henry C.K. Liu, financial analyst for *Asia Times*, points out, "Asia needs an Asian system, operated by Asians and for Asia" (*Asia Times*, July 12).

Asia is making significant headway in economic cooperation. It is on the road to achieving the first level of eco-



TAKING INITIATIVE ASEAN financial leaders at the 2000 meeting culminating in the Chiang Mai Initiative.

conomic integration, a free trade area (the other three levels are customs union, common market and economic union). ASEAN would like to see this free trade area—covering ASEAN, possibly including China—operational within the decade.

Up to the Challenge?

Still, Asia will face challenges seeking such integration.

One obstacle, according to political scientist Samuel Huntington, is that "cultural commonality has been the prerequisite to meaningful economic integration" (*The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*). Asia is home to half a dozen markedly different civilizations and cultures—a diversity far exceeding that of the countries within NAFTA, MERCOSUR or the EU.

Liu states, however, that "East Asia is quite capable of becoming a common-currency area," so long as East Asian countries understand their current cultural limitations to regional cooperation and realize that they must pursue it "in a gradual and orderly manner, taking into account their unique characteristics" (op. cit.).

A "cultural commonality" does exist to a certain extent—principles of Eastern religions are shared by many in Asia. Moreover, rising ANTI-Westernism will help overcome cultural differences within the continent.

Further, POLITICAL common ground

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(i.e., the desire to BALANCE a strengthening Europe) will also contribute to making a once-difficult union *inevitable*. As Europe grows in power both economically and militarily, and as the U.S. dollar declines in strength, Asia will tend to overlook its differences and unite to help balance out an increasingly euro-centric global economy. Perhaps the economic crisis of the late '90s, together with the addition of another strong currency to the Western world with the euro, has already sparked a certain commonality, igniting the desire to link the economies of this region more closely.

The other factor that could lead to Asian economic unification, despite cultural differences, is the economic strengthening of the Chinese throughout the region (through the economies of the mainland, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong). This would increase "the likelihood of China reasserting its traditional hegemony in East Asia, thereby compelling other nations either to 'bandwagon' and to accommodate themselves to this development or to 'balance' and to attempt to contain Chinese influence" (Huntington, op. cit.).

To Affect the World Dramatically!

Samuel Huntington wrote, "The economic changes in Asia, particularly East Asia, are ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD in the second half of the 20th century" (ibid.; emphasis mine).

Asia's economic growth in the last half of the 20th century is nothing short of remarkable. During the 1950s, Japan stunned the world as a non-Western nation that was modernizing and developing economically. Soon thereafter, other Asian nations followed suit. The growth rates Asia experienced toward the end of the century were unmatched elsewhere in the world.

In fact, Asian economic development is *changing* the world! It is altering the balance of power between the East and

the West—particularly the United States, as the confidence in the American economy and its dollar wanes. Huntington predicts that by 2020, Asia could account for over 40 percent of the global economic product and have seven of the ten largest economies.

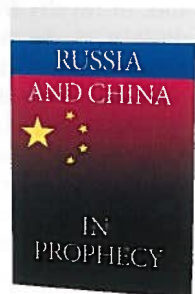
This economic growth could enable Asian states to expand military capabilities and cooperation with each other. This in turn would increase tension between Asian societies and the West.

If Chinese economic growth continues strong, we may see either a bi-polar leadership develop in the region, centered in Beijing and Tokyo, or even a unipolar Asia with a leadership centered in Beijing. In fact, East Asian economic growth is increasingly becoming China-oriented. China strongly support efforts at further Asian economic cooperation (it is currently considering a single currency for the mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and even Taiwan). China has traditionally dominated the region, though. Though the yen remains powerful, watch for the Chinese yuan to take a stronger lead in Asian financial affairs.

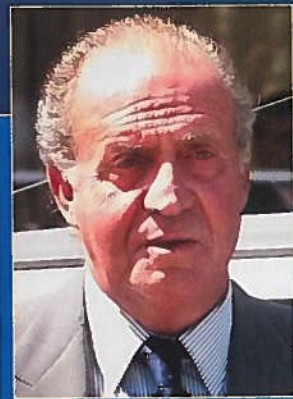
In addition, the increasing prospect of a rise of nationalism and militarism in Japan, exacerbated by its economic woes, are certainly worth watching. Japan already had its day in the sun when its empire grew as the colonial powers failed in the early part of the 20th century.

The Bible predicts that Asia will one day unite into the largest military conglomeration that this world has ever seen (i.e. Rev. 9:16). China and Japan will play a large part in the leadership of this great combine—a role that China is already beginning to assume economically and even militarily. Our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy* helps explain this trend (request your free copy).

Traditionally, economic union *precedes* military union. Thus, because the Bible prophesies of a united Asian military, watch for this growing world power to first work more closely together as an economic bloc. ♦



Return of the ROYALS



Suddenly, royalty is back in fashion in Europe. What is stimulating the return of Europe's royal families?

BY RON FRASER

FROM BRUSSELS TO BELGRADE, FROM Sophia to Stockholm, from Madrid to Monaco and every point in between on the European continent, the institution of royalty is making a comeback. What is happening? Is the age of republicanism dead?

Time magazine recently reflected, "In the 1950s, Egypt's King Farouk, on the verge of losing his throne, famously predicted that only five royal houses would survive the 20th century: Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs and Windsor" (June 3).

Indeed, despite the trials and tribulations of the House of Windsor (and the efforts of liberal-socialists and the gutter press to destroy them), the British royal family is currently riding the crest of a wave of public popularity in the midst of Queen Elizabeth's jubilee year. But Farouk's musings had more to do with the sudden disappearance of royalty from Europe following the impact of two world wars.

"His pessimism was understandable. Eastern Europe lay imprisoned behind the Iron Curtain, swaths of Western Europe were infatuated with socialism, fascism held sway in Spain under Franco and, while some of Europe's monarchies continued to bask in the residual popularity they had earned as symbols of national resistance during World War II, their modern relevance seemed increasingly dubious" (ibid.).

Since the unification of Germany and the collapse of Soviet sway over Eastern Europe in the early 1990s, much more than the systems of politics

and economy have changed in Europe. In fact, one could be forgiven for thinking that the clock is being wound back to a time before the Treaty of Versailles, at the conclusion of which most of Europe's royal houses faded into exile.

"Were he to set foot in Europe today, Farouk would be astounded by the robustness of the institution whose very survival he doubted. Europe has 10 reigning monarchs—a clutch of kings, queens, princes and a grand duke" (ibid.).

As republicans lick their wounds and liberal-socialists slink off into the sunset under the barrage of right-wing resurgence across Europe, the Continent's royal families have every right to feel buoyant.

"[A]ccording to a recent MORI poll, 70 percent of Britons still prefer a monarchy to a republic. Europe's two other female sovereigns command even higher approval ratings [than Queen Elizabeth]: around 80 percent for the Netherlands' Beatrix and her family and above 90 percent for Denmark's Margrethe II" (ibid.).

Why this sudden surge in the popularity of monarchism in Europe?

Cultural and Historical Roots

Surveying the political landscape of modern Europe, one thing is patently clear. This increasingly federalizing *European Union*—this mixture of iron and miry clay (Dan. 2:43)—is having a most disturbing and destabilizing effect on the populations of its member

countries.

The EU was constructed ponderously during the Cold War era under the guise of a benign "common market." Then came the added force of Germany's dominance after its reunification. This laid the groundwork for the EU to rapidly move to integrate not only Europe's national economies, but also its systems of foreign exchange, law, defense and security. In

the process of emerging as a giant federal state, the EU is steadily eroding the national sovereignty of its member nations. Europeans are simply at risk of losing their separate national identities!

So where does a country of long and historic heritage turn, in such a situation, to recapture a sense of its uniqueness as a nation? Where else but its *most en-*

during institution—the royal heritage that spawned its nationhood!

David Starkey, a British constitutional historian, sees what is occurring in Europe as being "a redefinition of nationhood, away from political self-assertion and conquest, toward a form of *cultural and historical nationalism*" (ibid.; emphasis mine).

It is such a redefinition of nationhood based on *heritage*, that is, as Starkey asserts, an amalgam of *cultural and historical roots*, which will play right into the hands of those minions of European Union who meet, *unelected*, behind closed doors, to impose their form of federalism on the people of the European continent.

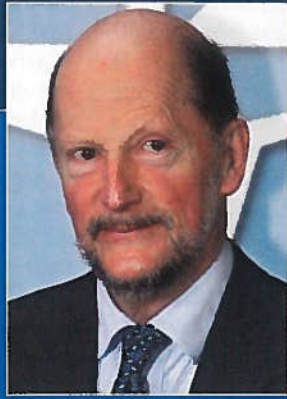
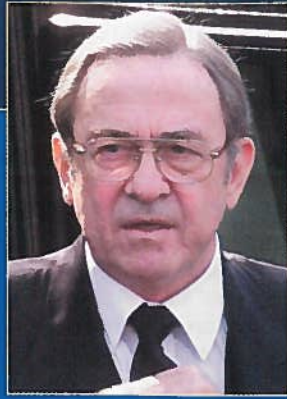
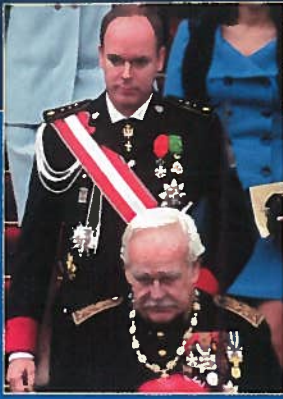
Right now there is a groundswell of reaction by a European public worried at their individual loss of identity. What

ROYAL TRENDS

70% of Britons still prefer a monarchy to a republic.

The Netherlands' queen has an 80% approval rating.

Denmark's queen has a 90% approval rating.



L to R: Spain's King Juan Carlos; the Netherlands' Queen Beatrix; Monaco's Grimaldi princes; Greece's King Constantine; Bulgaria's King Simeon.

a paradox it is that, as the Anglo-Americans turn away from their history and heritage, Europeans are avidly seeking to recover theirs. Pope John Paul's cry to Eastern Europe rings yet in the people's ears—"return to your roots!"

The Eurocrats, via their Central Bank, were clever enough to permit the monarchies within the European Monetary Union to strike the head of their individual sovereigns on their euro coinage. This is but a foreshadow of a movement within the German-Vatican-influenced EU to resurrect the old European royal houses in the south and east to conform ultimately to the old Vatican-dominated, Catholic monarchist Holy Roman Empire's structure of Europe that existed prior to World War I.

It is more than coincidence that, as the royal houses of the largely Protestant Israelitish nations of Britain and northwestern Europe (Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands) enjoy an upswing in popularity, we should see the royal houses of the predominantly Catholic nations of Gentile heritage returning from exile to their homelands. The power behind the rise of the Eurobeast coordinates with precision the timing of these events (Rev. 13:1-2).

Since the turn of this century, the royal families of *Serbia*, *Bulgaria*, *Albania* and *Italy* have come home to the avid acclaim of their prior subjects. It was King Juan Carlos of *Spain* whose early return from exile to his home country in 1975 proved a stimulus and provided hope for others in exile. King Constantine of *Greece* presently awaits the final outcome of a case being heard

in the European Court of Human Rights. This judgment could lead to his return home within two years. In the tiny but vastly rich island kingdom of *Monaco*, the Vatican-loyalist Grimaldi family continues to reign as they have for over 700 years, a prime symbol of loyal Catholic monarchism.

Ten Kings

So what is the significance of all this in the modern, secular, liberal society of the 21st century? Just this: Your Bible forecast, millennia ago, way before any modern republican, socialist or communist movement ever sought to destroy monarchism forever, that 10 KINGS WOULD HOLD SWAY OVER 10 NATIONS OR GROUPS OF NATIONS JUST PRIOR TO THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO IMPOSE HIS MONARCHY OVER ALL!

Read it for yourself: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten *kings*, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (Rev. 17:12-13).

That term *kings* is translated from the Greek word *basileus*, meaning, literally, a sovereign or king. The term *kingdom* in this verse comes from the Greek *basileia*, meaning a realm, kingdom and reign.

To correctly understand this verse, Herbert Armstrong connected it with the prophecy of Daniel 7, thus allowing the Bible to interpret itself. He wrote, "And in the days of these kings ..."—it is here speaking of the 10 toes, part of iron and part of brittle clay. This, by connecting the prophecy with Daniel 7, and Revelation 13 and 17, is referring to the new UNITED STATES OF EUROPE that is *now forming* out of the European Common Market, before

your very eyes! Revelation 17:12 makes plain the detail that it shall be a union of 10 KINGS OR KINGDOMS that (Rev. 17:8) shall resurrect the old ROMAN EMPIRE" (*Mystery of the Ages*, p. 301).

Here is what this great teacher of biblical prophecy wrote in 1956: "Perhaps even this coming military-political leader does not yet now *how many*, or precisely *which* European nations will join in this united Nazi fascist Europe. But you and I can know the number—for God Almighty wrote it down for us 1,900 years ago, in Revelation 17! There will be 10 dictatorships, exerting iron rule over 10 European nations. These TEN will give all their military power to the central overall LEADER—pictured under the prophetic symbol, 'the BEAST.'"

Your Bible is plain on the composition of the federal Europe which will rise to power just before the return of Jesus Christ. On this point, Herbert Armstrong had extremely clear foresight and vision.

"We are now looking for the tenth and last resurrection of the Roman Empire—the seventh head of this Beast of the 17th chapter of Revelation (Rev. 17:12), which is also pictured by the 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image of Daniel 2:40-44. Since these toes were on the two feet that represented Eastern and Western Europe, there is strong likelihood that this final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire will include *Iron Curtain nations of Eastern Europe as well as nations in Western Europe*. ... They will form a third gigantic world power probably as great or even greater than the USSR or United States of America" (*Are We in the Last Days?*).

Prophesied Move East

Mr. Armstrong's vision incorporated the drawing of other Eastern European nations into that beastly European combine. "World troubles escalate. Even the Soviet Union has serious trouble in Poland. Will Poland free itself from Soviet domination and join with Yugoslavia, Romania and possibly Czechoslovakia—and with Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and Austria—in a resurrected medieval 'Holy Roman Empire' to dominate Europe and equal the USSR and the USA in world power?" (co-worker letter, Aug. 27, 1980). He saw, fully six

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RALLY Dozens were hurt as Iran hardliners attacked student protesters on July 9, 1999.

◆ IRAN

Revolution in the air

While the world holds its breath awaiting America's promised onslaught on Saddam Hussein's Iraq, neighboring Iran seethes with internal discontent.

"No less a figure than the Ayatollah Jalaluddin Taheri, the imam of the major city of Isfahan, its Friday prayers speaker for the past 30 years and the official representative of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, resigned his posts on July 9 and released a stinging five-page letter denouncing the Islamic Republic's regime of conservative clerics. 'I am embarrassed and ashamed,' he wrote. 'You cannot blame [the United States] for the failures and corruption of our country [which] have all resulted in our people turning away from Islam, rising unemployment, inflation, high cost of living and a satanic gap between the rich and the poor'" (*Asia Times*, July 17).

Powerful words! Words not designed to win friends within the incumbent Iranian administration. Describing the ruling regime as a giant Mafiosi, Taheri railed against "a failing foreign policy, corruption, bribery,

brain drain and the harassment and jailing of journalists and writers" (*ibid.*).

It was no coincidence that Ayatollah Taheri resigned his post on the third anniversary of the violent student rally against the regime that took place at the University of

Tehran on July 9, 1999. The symbolism will not be lost on the large reform-minded population that forms the majority vote in Iran. Over half of this group is under the age of 25. Though endorsing their timid reform-minded president, Mohammed Khatami, their patience could really be stretched as they wait for this non-aggressive leader to instigate the reforms for which they voted him into office.

In the absence of such reform, it could well be that the boiling cauldron of discontent in Iran could erupt into a popular uprising to purge the autocratic mullahs from their perch.

Khatami himself, recognizing the roiling discontent within his citizenry, stated in May, "Our society is on the threshold of disorder," and added that "Iran did not vote for me but voted for justice and freedom in the framework of the constitution" (*ibid.*).

His words were endorsed by the deputy head of Iran's conservative Assembly of Experts, Ayatollah Ebrahim Amini, later that month when he declared that "Iran is on the verge of a social explosion."

Iranian politics are not

easy to read, but it does seem that Khatami is treading on eggshells at this point. Although he needs the support of the reformist movement to continue pressure for change within Iran, he knows that the real power within this country resides with the ultra-conservative Muslims.

Under pressure from these hard-liners, he lashed out against the U.S. in a well-publicized speech from the Islamic stronghold of Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia last month.

Highly condemnatory of Washington, he declared, "We live in a frightening situation today. ... In the course of history of the world ... we have never witnessed war being promoted so much in the United States" (*Associated Press*, July 23).

In another speech, while visiting Malaysia, Khatami maintained, "The most suppressive and cruel government in the world is Israel. ... It is being supported by the United States, which is alone in supporting Israel" (*ibid.*). He used the occasion also to condemn the Bush administration's intended attack on Iraq.

Will Khatami last the distance, or will the hard-line mullahs oust him in the face of reformist support? Time will tell. One thing is guaranteed, Iran will remain the

most powerful voice within the Middle East for some time to come and may yet prove to be the singular influence able to unite radical Islam into a potent force to be reckoned with by those global powers that survive the present volatile restructuring of the world order.



Taheri

◆ EUROPE

Growing as superpower

Europe is getting ready to pull out again for public viewing one of the fundamental but little-spoken-of purposes for its creation—to act as a counterweight to the American superpower.

Since the Second World War, the EU-U.S. relationship has been an evolving one. It began with the U.S. largely playing the role of benefactor to a weary and war-torn Europe. But since then, numerous factors have helped the EU come into its own as an emerging world power—its huge collective economy and its single currency, the euro, as well as aggressive political leadership (in particular from Germany) and new diplomatic ties with other nations around the world.

As unification intensified and EU nations gradually came to speak with a more unified voice, rumblings of disagreement with American policies grew over more and more issues, including fundamental ones like the Kyoto environmental agreement, the International Criminal Court and policies on the Middle East.

But differences which used to be handled gingerly and with tact are now being dealt with openly and more aggressively in a manner not seen in the past 60 years. As the *International Herald Tribune* points out, "even strongly pro-American leaders like the British prime minister, Tony Blair, and the German foreign minister, Joschka Fischer, are openly differing with America with a public bluntness that would have been unthinkable five years ago—or in the weeks

after Sept. 11" (July 22). The EU seems to have suddenly grown teeth.

The differences now run deep, and America, which in European eyes not so long ago was an indispensable support (the U.S. has been a stalwart supporter of European unification since its inception), is now being viewed as a bully instead of a benefactor by a Europe increasingly determined to do things its own way.

Robert Kagan, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, says, "*It is time to stop pretending that Europeans and Americans share a common view of the world, or even that they occupy the same world. On the all-important question of power—the efficacy of power, the morality of power, the desirability of power—American and European perspectives are diverging*" (*Policy Review*, June-July 2002).

Even militarily, the one area in which the EU cannot yet hope to compete with the U.S., strides are being made to begin trying, and "some Europeans are talking about finally putting their money where their mouths have been for so long on defense spending, understanding that the superpower in Washington will only take them seriously when they can project hard power to back up their foreign policies" (op. cit.).

Raised up out of fragmentation and economic weakness after World War II, the EU is now weekly re-discovering its own strength. The international conglomerate that has been pushed and pulled along, with the intention that it eventually begin to serve as a counterweight to the U.S., *is now doing just that*, if not yet militarily, certainly politically and even

economically and diplomatically.

Now bold with the strength of its newfound political clout, the EU has already started turning a cold shoulder to the nation that, more than any other, helped it to grow into what it is. Watch for the tensions between the EU and U.S. to grow stronger and more divisive still before the EU finally turns to bite the hand that once fed it.

◆ IRELAND

Apology disdained

Last month, the terrorist organization with the longest history issued an apology for the impact of its senseless slaughter on the families of its victims.

The Irish Republican Army (IRA)—mentor and friend of every major global terrorist organization that currently exists, catalyst for a Catholic Ireland—followed in the wake of its Vatican apologist pope, who not long ago tried to bury the slaughterous sins of Catholic history—including the annihilation of multiple thousands in the name of its religion—by a mere public statement of apology.

It is true that the entire Christian way of life is underpinned by the principle of reconciliation of man to God, and of man to man, under God. But this process involves what the ancient Apostle Peter declared was the *proof* of "fruits meet [fitting] for repentance" (Matt. 3:8). For the IRA, it's too little, too late.

Over 30 years of horrific violence, designed to sever

Northern Ireland from British rule and catholicize the north, demand more than a token apology to convince any realist that the IRA has gone soft.

Conservative politician Lord Norman Tebbit, himself injured and his wife confined to a wheelchair as a result of IRA terror, summed up the reality surrounding this latest IRA tactic to lull Britain into a false sense of security: "There's no remorse, there's no repentance, there's no penance. . . . If they are serious and they want to make a real apology, they could lay their guns and their bombs on the table" (*Reuters*, July 17).

The IRA's litany of slaughter is legendary. While it is true that the IRA has stood by its 1997 statement declaring a self-imposed cease-fire in respect of military operations, the organization continues its policy of carrying out "punishment" shootings and beatings and the murder of Northern Ireland drug dealers.

The IRA used the expression "sincere apologies" in its formal statement of apology to the families of its long list of victims. Yet, we may



"SORRY" IRA formally apologized for civilian casualties—such as in the famous 1998 attack in Omagh.

ask, how sincere is the word of a terrorist enterprise that is founded upon a policy of deceit, lying, falsehood and corruption?

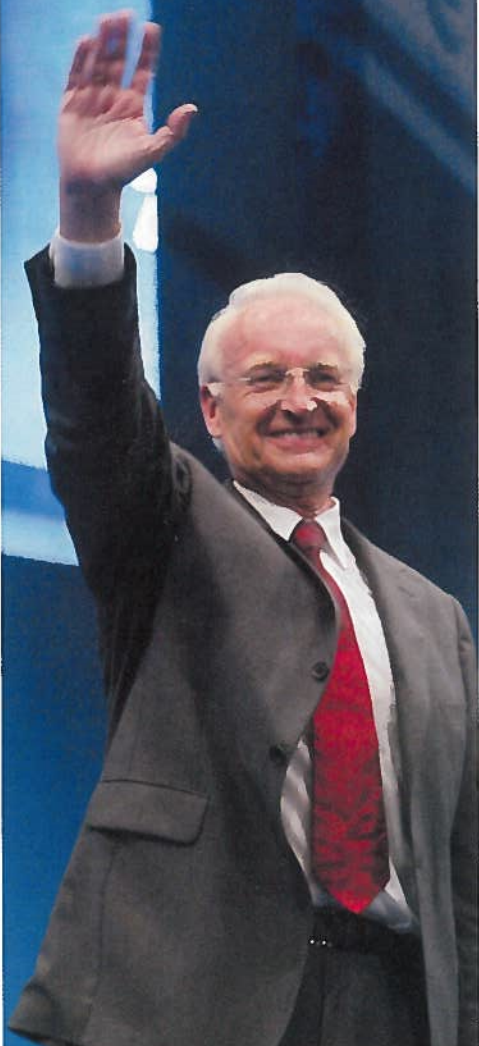
"Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble told the

Commons, 'It is quite significant that this statement says nothing at all about the recent violence that the IRA has been involved in, nothing about what their future conduct is going to be'" (*BBC News*, July 17).

Contrasting with David Trimble's assessment was the limp-wristed response of the British government to the IRA apology. A Downing Street source said, "The government clearly regrets all deaths during the Troubles [Protestant/Catholic conflict], but if this addresses the painful legacy of the past, then it is welcome" (ibid.).

The father of Tim Parry, a youth killed by an IRA bomb in the northern England town of Warrington, declared, "On a personal level it is meaningless. . . . There is nothing anyone could ever say that would mitigate the death of my son.' . . . Tim's father took issue with the careful wording of the IRA statement and its reference to 'non-combatant' victims. 'Using that kind of language is offensive. Tim was a 12-year-old boy; he wasn't a 'non-combatant,' Parry said. 'There are thousands of victims who were simply people going about their everyday life, shopping or walking, and they were ruthlessly killed and seen as collateral damage by the IRA'" (*Reuters*, op. cit.).

As this magazine has consistently pointed out, the IRA can never be viewed as having changed its modus operandi until it gives up all its weapons. This it will *never* do. The sooner the British government realizes that, the sooner a foundation for true peace in Northern Ireland will prevail. It appears this will not happen this side of the return of the Prince of Peace to impose it by loving, corrective, supreme and supernatural *force!* (Isa. 9:6-7).



"As If He Had Already Won"

An update on the German election: Stoiber looks ready to take over and lead his nation again to greatness.

BY WILLIAM GHANNAM

SHARP. GENUINE. SUCCESSFUL. THESE words are used on the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) website to describe Edmund Stoiber. Besides his own political party, many voters are beginning to view Stoiber the same optimistic way—as the next chancellor of Germany.

"Germany's opposition conservative Christian Democrats ... are riding high in the opinion polls" (*The Independent*, July 19). July polls showed Stoiber ahead of the Social Democrat's Gerhard Schröder by 6 percentage points, with the gap widening.

What is the explanation for Mr. Stoiber's mass appeal?

A Confident Stoiber

Stoiber hasn't always been the most likeable politician. Last year, nobody dreamed he had a chance to win a national election. Yet Stoiber has gained the needed support because he has changed his tactics.

In June, at the Christian Democrats' last party convention before Germany's national elections slated for September 22, a thousand euphoric Christian Democrats listened to Stoiber's speech. "Germany can't afford to give Mr Schröder a second chance. I've been a better state premier than he was, and I'll be a better chancellor. In 96 days' time, GERMANY WILL BE BACK ON ITS WAY UP!" he declared to a thunderous standing ovation.

The *Economist* described Stoiber's newfound capacity to deliver an address on an impassioned scale: "Here was a man of passion and wit, with the scent of victory in his nostrils, who finally seemed to have acquired a capacity for the SPEECH-MAKER'S KNOCKOUT BLOW" (June 22).

Confidence is certainly not lacking in Edmund Stoiber's personality. At the party convention, "He shook hands with state premiers from the Christian Democratic Union ... as if congratulating them. He turned to the party managers, again pressing the flesh—IT WAS AS IF HE HAD ALREADY WON THE ELECTION" (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, June 18).

Stoiber publicly counts the days until he expects to replace Schröder as chancellor, confidently declaring, "THE GAME IS OVER" (CNN, June 30).

"Take Berlin by Storm"

A firm believer in law and order, Mr. Stoiber sees himself as the voice for millions of ordinary patriotic Germans. As if he was quoting Frederick the Great, he explained his reason for seeking Germany's highest office: "I want to serve my fatherland" (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Feb. 13). Stoiber believes his brilliant mind can lift Germany from its recently poor economic performance under the leadership of Gerhard Schröder to being a nation of greater influence and power.

At the June CDU party convention, Stoiber "made his objectives and his view of his own destiny clearer than ever," according to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (June 18). "Mr. Stoiber shunned tactical restraint. Caught up by his own exuberance, he praised his own superiority and promised to use his 'INTELLIGENCE, VIGOR AND COMPASSION'" (emphasis mine throughout).

From the beginning of Mr. Stoiber's political run for the office of chancellor, his zeal to win was evident: "[H]is desire to effect change, his sense of duty to his peers and his ambition—would not permit him to pass up the biggest chance of his political life" (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Jan. 11).

It was on January 16, 1999, at an extraordinary party convention in Munich, that Mr. Stoiber became chairman of the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian sister party of the CDU. After winning the vote at the party convention, Stoiber incited both the CSU and CDU "to take Berlin by storm" (*The Week in Germany*, Jan. 22, 1999).

Germany for Germans

Immigration is one of Edmund Stoiber's central campaign issues. He insists that immigrants must adopt German cultural ways, abandoning the culture of the former homeland. Stoiber made his view clear, saying, "A nation cannot grow if it has to make itself understood through interpreters" (Associated Press, June 26).

Germany's population is close to 83 million, 7.3 million of whom are foreigners. "It is not right to encourage immigration when we have 4 million unemployed," said Stoiber (BBC, June 17). "Germany needs to limit and control immigration," he said (Deutsche Presse-Agentur, June 18). He intends to

A Warning for Eastern Europe

EDMUND STOIBER HAS BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR THE MILLIONS OF GERMANS WHO were forced to leave their homes after World War II. This may explain some of Stoiber's growing public appeal: He is completely willing to challenge old injustices—a quality not found in a German leader in recent times.

The expulsion issue has been a passionate one for Stoiber because his wife and her family were forcibly removed from the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia after World War II. While speaking to the East Prussia Congress on June 23, he said, "If the future prime minister of the Czech Republic says expulsion was an act of peace, then this is and remains unacceptable."

Stoiber also called on Poland to overturn the laws that, after World War II, expelled Germans from East Prussia, Pomerania, Silesia, and Danzig (now Gdansk, Poland). Over 80,000 people listened to Stoiber speak strong words concerning the perceived wrong that must be made right.

"Expulsion and ethnic cleansing must nowhere be part of the existing legal order," Stoiber said, quoting a CDU paper. In a slightly threatening tone, he explained, "It is in Poland's own self-interest to distance itself irrevocably and in a spirit of reconciliation from this aspect of the past."

Stoiber is suggesting that Poland return land to German citizens, insisting that failing to recompense the Germans who were evicted from their homeland and stripped of their legal rights would violate the character and principles of the European Union and of international law. Hence the threat: Poland is among those nations seeking membership in the European Union. Stoiber's implicit meaning is that a failure to appease Germany on this matter will be a black mark against its EU candidacy.

Is this an indication of the strongarm tactics Stoiber would use if elected as Europe's most powerful politician this September?



pass a strict immigration law that would put a ceiling on the number of foreigners moving to Germany every year.

Broken promises from Gerhard Schröder concerning unemployment have given Stoiber much fodder in his election campaign. Schröder's political party has trailed in polls as Germany's economy languishes and unemployment remains persistently high.

A growing number of Germans believe Stoiber when he says it is his goal to win the war on unemployment and to reform government. Unemployment in the German state of Bavaria, where Stoiber has served as prime minister since 1993, is about half the national average. Bavaria is Germany's most successful and prosperous state, and reports show that it offers the best education. Stoiber is running on his record of success, promising to bring the same success to the entire nation.

One Man's Impact

Franz Josef Strauss always insisted on a stronger Europe, and he wanted to be the man who directed those changes. He, however, was never able to attain Germany's top political office.

Edmund Stoiber understands perfectly the vision and determination required to lead in Europe, having served as Strauss's personal assistant. Will Stoiber fulfill his mentor's dream of leading a powerful Europe by way of the office of German chancellor? If so, the future impact of such an election victory may not soon be forgotten. ◆

For further insight on what a Stoiber victory will mean for Germany—and the world—refer to the article by Editor in Chief Gerald Flurry, "Why You Should Watch Edmund Stoiber," in the May issue of this magazine.

years prior to its breakup, the end of the Cold War and the implosion of the Soviet Union!

Almost 50 years ago, Mr. Armstrong envisioned the breakup of Yugoslavia within the context of Bible prophecy: "The strong indication of these prophecies, then, is that some of the Balkan nations are going to tear away from behind the Iron Curtain."

A Sign

Now! Putting this all together—the expansion of European Union influence into Eastern and southern Europe, the prophecies of Daniel 7 and Revelation 17 that 10 kings ruling over 10 kingdoms or groups of nations will come onto the scene in Europe just prior to Christ's return—and considering this in the light of the return of the royal families to Europe from prior exile, do we see it all beginning to fit together?

Note that the Catholic king of Bulgaria, upon his return from exile, already *rules* his home country as its prime minister! He has been given the Path to Peace Award by the Vatican. In commenting on this, Archbishop Renato Martino declared to Vatican Radio, of this King Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, that "his whole life is very special." Yes! *Very special*, as he may yet prove to be a forerunner of others to come, in fulfillment of God's prophecies in Daniel and Revelation, that *10 kings, rulers or dictators* will ultimately reign over a *10-nation* or *10-groups-of-nations combine* which will hold sway in Europe in a *globally dominant political unit* just before Jesus Christ's return to this Earth.

But therein lies the best news of all. For *that* will be a great sign of the most wonderful event to follow! Let Herbert Armstrong, from his book *Mystery of the Ages*, have the last word on this as we look forward to this greatest of events, observing these prophecies building toward ultimate fulfillment in the months ahead: "So, mark carefully the *time element!* 'In the days of these kings'—in the days of these 10 nations or groups of nations that shall, *IN OUR TIME*, resurrect briefly the Roman Empire—notice what shall happen: '... shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed ... but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever!'" ◆



PHOTOGRAPHIC

Out With the Old?

In a culture infatuated with newness, our seniors are being cast aside.

BY STEPHEN M. HILL

“A 108-YEAR-OLD woman has died after it was claimed she starved herself to death because she was unhappy about moving to a new care-home.

“The family of Alice Knight said she lost the will to live and stopped eating after the move ...” (BBC, July 2).

Mrs. Knight’s story, headlined in the British press, attracted public attention to a whole host of issues affecting the old. More specifically, it acted as a war-cry to those caught up in Britain’s present debacle over old-peoples’ homes.

Britain’s System in Tatters

In a classic case of ideals not meeting the penetrating glare of the real world, Prime Minister Tony Blair’s innovative policy of standardizing care-homes and services to the elderly is failing abysmally.

Said the *Daily Telegraph*, “Funding problems besetting the sector ... led to the closure of nearly 800 residential and nursing homes in the past year alone ...

with pensioners paying a terrible price as their health suffered. New minimum standards, including larger rooms and single occupancy from 2005, had only exacerbated the problem caused by a shortage of public cash. There was a warning of worse to come last night as care-home owners responsible for more than 70,000 beds in England and Wales said they were considering closing their doors to new council-funded residents from Christmas” (July 2).

All this comes at a time when the “demand for new places is surging on the back of increasing longevity and the concomitant growth in frailty as more and more people reach extreme old age” (*Sunday Telegraph*, July 7).

Said journalist Christopher Booker, “The essence of this human tragedy is that it has represented a heartless and unscrupulous victory by social services departments, who have waged war on privately-run care-homes on the ideological grounds that their owners make a (usually pitifully small) living from them. The social workers have done this partly by overloading homes with

ever-more costly bureaucratic requirements which have little connection with genuine care, then by starving the homes of the funds that would keep them viable. ...

“I have had hundreds of letters over the years from home owners and former owners testifying as to how they had been persecuted by self-righteous social workers. Nothing has struck me more than to realize there are good-hearted people for whom looking after the elderly in their last years is a genuine vocation. It is precisely such dedicated people who have been most grievously affected by their heartless treatment by officials” (ibid.).

A Very Real Problem

This present crisis over the senior citizens in Britain raises many serious questions.

The problem of how to correctly cater for the elderly’s needs isn’t exclusive to Britain. The world’s changing demographic balance poses the same dilemma globally, in a host of different forms.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of elderly—those over 65—in the world is increasing by some 9.5 million a year.

It's not just a matter of numbers, either. Old people are increasingly living longer. Japan heads the longevity league, slightly in front of other developed nations. The average person in Japan can presently be expected to live 81 years, compared with 52 in 1947.

Time Almanac 2002 gives more startling statistics: "The number of Americans aged 65 and older climbed above 34.6 million in 1999, compared with 3.1 million in 1900. For the same year, the ratio of elderly Americans to the total population jumped from one in 25 to one in eight. The trend is guaranteed to continue in the coming century as the baby-boom generation grows older. Between 1990 and 2020, the population aged 65 to 74 is projected to grow 74 percent."

Over the last three decades, couples in Europe have been having fewer children. There is now a dramatic imbalance of people reaching retirement age in society. How will the cost of this flood

of people on retirement be met? What type of care can and should be guaranteed, given the general changing trend in the balance of age toward the elderly?

In some countries, such as Thailand, where there are more old people than working young, there are no immediate answers. Many democracies, like the United States and Spain, are already spending the present working generation's pension savings on the previous generation. This means that the pensions this generation of workers get when they are pensioners will depend on the social security savings of their children, and so on, as long as there are enough funds to go round.

Just as serious is the rotten deal the elderly are getting in society, and the way they are often mistreated, primarily in Western nations such as the U.S. and Britain.

There is plenty of documentation of mistreatment and abuse within the care system itself. "Of the estimated 550,000 cases of elder abuse in the United States each year, only a small number are reported. ... Reports of elder abuse, a problem largely unrecognized until the

1980s, increased by 150 percent between 1986 and 1996, when there were nearly 71,000 substantiated reports of elder abuse or neglect. ... Victims typically have meager financial resources, particularly in cases where the elderly person is abandoned. Most elder abuse cases happen in domestic settings Because they typically depend on the abuser for care, they are often unwilling to report the abuse to anyone.

"The majority of reported abusers (47 percent) are the children of the elderly victims, followed by spouses (19 percent) and grandchildren (9 percent)" (*Patient Care*, Oct. 30, 2000).

Such vicious aggression against old people is not limited to the family unit. It has long spread to society, worse than any period in history. Old people are considered easy targets and are regularly robbed and mugged. Sometimes horrendous cases of teenagers and adults abusing older people physically or psychologically reach the headlines of our newspapers: "Widow, 84, Mugged on Doorstep for Tuppence" (*Telegraph*, July 13); "Burglar Slays Man in One Apartment, Then

One Testimony

TWENTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD PATTY MOORE, IN AN EXPERIMENT lasting several years, repeatedly disguised herself as an old lady—to know what it was really like to live in an old person's shoes, to see firsthand how much truth there was behind the rising wave of old peoples' complaints.

After dying her hair, having bandages wrapped around her knees and elbows to make her movements appear authentically stiff, and a fantastic make-up job which included putting latex on her face to give the impression of wrinkles, she stepped into what was for her a completely foreign world. People pushed and shoved her to get through doors and onto the bus. Six- and seven-year-old boys used her as a target for throwing stones.

One thing Patty particularly noted was that old people generally get ignored and pushed to one side as though they don't matter, or that what they have to say isn't important.

She demonstrated this conclusively the very first time she appeared as an 85-year-old woman, when she visited as a participant at a conference dedicated to problems of the aged. Her purpose was to witness how these young, professional men and women who devoted their working lives to the elderly would treat her.

Leaning heavily on a cane, with her gray bob of hair and outdated clothes, she found her way to the center of the crowd. Soon she began to feel like a total non-entity. At the end of that day, comments *Ladies Home Journal*, August 1983, "she was angry. All day she had been ignored ...

counted out in a way she never experienced before. ... Why didn't [people] include her in conversations? Why did the other participants seem almost embarrassed by her presence at the conference—as if it were somehow inappropriate that an old person should be professionally active?

"And so, 85-year-old Pat Moore learned her first lesson: The old are often ignored."

Moore later recalled, "In stores, I'd get the same reaction. A clerk would turn to someone younger and wait on her first. It was as if he assumed that I—the older woman—could wait because I didn't have anything better to do."

She quickly discovered how rarely anyone would help her when she struggled with a heavy door. They would even jostle and try to push past her in a hurry. If she actually had been 85, no doubt she'd have fallen on a number of occasions. She discovered the difficulty stiff-kneed old people face to get off a curb. And eventually she felt so vulnerable—as though she were at the mercy of every rude person and mishap.

Here is the truly revealing discovery, though. Guess what she discovered old people want most: When sitting on a park bench with three older widows, she was drawn into a conversation about their need for affection and how long it had been since anyone had hugged them. With time she discovered that this was their favorite topic of conversation. All were in agreement that human beings never grow old emotionally.

Surveys show that the majority of older people believe their most treasured possessions to be their children, friends and relatives. Ask any old person what they most miss about the "good ol' days," and more than likely they will put personal relationships at the top of the list.

OUT WITH THE OLD?

Kills Elderly Couple Downstairs" (*New York Times*, June 13); "Unreported Abuse Found at Nursing Homes" (*New York Times*, March 3).

Sociologists have now invented an official term for hate and discrimination directed against the elderly: *ageism*.

Why the Elderly Get No Respect

The U.S. and Britain have sunk to such a lamentable moral low that the majority of less developed, even primitive societies demonstrate more respect for the elderly than we do. Aborigines pay great respect to old persons. The whiter a teacher's hair in China, the more honor he receives. In Japan, it is considered a natural duty of the family to care for grandparents in their old age. In Middle European countries, one of the offspring traditionally stays at home to care for the aging parents. Grandparents take a leading role in instructing the young in the Bantu tribe of Kenya. Young Arabs will tell you that there is no greater disgrace than to abandon the old. Even in the U.S., there are proportionately few Latinos in old people's homes.

What has happened to the West?

There was a time, not so long ago, that peoples' lives were generally more enlaced within the family structure and tied to one geographical location, enabling the family, together and as a unit, to witness the full cycle of life—from babyhood right through to old age. All ages, from the youngest to the oldest, were held together under the protective family wing.

If a person became invalid through old age, the younger members of the family would bear the brunt of caring for them. It was expected. The hoary head was to be honored, even if things were difficult.

We have come a long way from the days when God-fearing families cared for their eldest members, and honored and respected them. *This is the main reason so many old people are suffering now!* In the social game of tinkering around with the moral mainstay of society—the family—and turning away from the traditional, God-ordained family structure, the aged have become big losers!

Here are some other major factors that have led to the present, disastrous state of affairs for so many of our senior citizens.

Distance · GEOGRAPHICAL DISTANCING DIVIDES FAMILIES. This modern world has been galvanized into its present form by one technological and industrial change after another, all too often destroying family unity in its wake. Families have been separated geographically in the pursuit of personal goals or economic survival. For so many children, words like granddad and grandma have come to mean little more than distant voices at the other end of the telephone.

Generation gap · THE HARM OF THE "GENERATION GAP" TO INTERNAL FAMILY UNITY. Given the constant push toward newness and change, the experiences and values of one generation appear increasingly old-fashioned and strange to the next. Witness the term "generation gap" which has firmly wheedled its way into our dictionaries. Meanwhile, each new punch at traditional values made by rebellious pop culture and shocking trendsetters has shaken whole eras and chipped away at the values once uniting society. The result? Most old people are marginalized and can't keep up with the changes.

Change · UNFAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS CAN SEVER VITAL LINKS WITH THE PAST. Having grown up in a particular mode of life—in a rural setting, for ex-

ample—new environments, such as city life, can appear impersonal and painfully unfamiliar. Too often, in their old age, old people fail to fit in to new surroundings.

Big, busy cities are not the best of places to hold on to personal and cultural history. Even young people feel compelled to conform and blend into the crowd to the point where their personal identity is often threatened, if not totally swept away, by the impersonal nature of city life. For old people, it can be extremely hard when suddenly forced to change the habits of a lifetime and adapt to new ways of life.

Divorce · BROKEN FAMILIES SPELL TRAGEDY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. The dreams and hopes that married couples build around their families can be shattered in old age by the divorce of one of their children. The implications, as they settle in to enjoy their golden years, can be dire! Suddenly the whole family is thrown out of joint, sometimes irreparably. The grandparent-grandchild relationship is immediately complicated when divorced couples with children re-marry.

Cost · LOOKING AFTER THE AGED USUALLY COMES WITH AN EXPENSIVE HEALTHCARE TAG. The post-World War II baby boomers have emerged into a new cen-



tury as a flood of senior citizens claiming retirement pensions. Many local authorities are struggling to cater for the present disproportionate number of old people in society. Bureaucracies are feeling the weight of the responsibility, which many nations took on under socialist governments during times of relative affluence, and finding they are now struggling to cope with what has become a Herculean burden.

Also, the real value of pensions and fixed income from savings slips progressively against an inflationary economic system. Old people on (initially adequate) pensions can easily decline into poverty, as transportation, food, rent and medical costs shoot through the roof. Compensating for these deficiencies can become an insupportable financial burden for many families.

Misplaced values • OLD PEOPLE ARE SEEN AS BEING OF LITTLE ECONOMIC WORTH, EXCEPT FOR WHAT THEY MIGHT LEAVE BEHIND WHEN THEY DIE. In a results-oriented world, the elderly are regularly looked down upon, or ignored, because they are not seen as producing much.

The most disturbing fact, though, is that the combination of such factors has acted as a catalyst, aggravating the increased tendency toward violence in families unprepared to cope.

God on the Old

What does God think of all this?

God makes His view on the way old people should be treated transparently clear in the Bible! It is summed up in the Fifth Commandment: "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Exod. 20:12).

God hates disrespect being shown toward the elderly. He hates the way they are being mistreated, undervalued and abused in this evil world. And He will have this sorry state of affairs reversed when Jesus Christ returns with power and glory, after the soon-coming Tribulation and Day of the Lord.

Younger people will be made to respect the ancient and the hoary head!

The Bible admonishes, "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear

thy God: I am the Lord" (Lev. 19:32). Young people used to be taught to give up their seat to an older person if necessary, and even on occasions to stand up when a senior citizen entered the room. Such behavior would be the last thing to cross most teens' minds these days. Why? Because of lack of education! Such behavior would be ridiculed by the majority of our youth.

Thankfully, though, shortly—when the World Tomorrow under the rule of Jesus Christ and the saints has become a reality, everybody will be taught to study their Bibles—individually, as a family, and at Church—and made to put God's ways into practice.

Consequently, old people will be looked up to and will occupy positions of honor in their families and communities. Most elderly will be blessed and financially self-supporting, and their families will be on hand to care for them. Nevertheless, should the need for extra financial assistance arise, putting undue strain on the family, God has lovingly incorporated into His tithe system a mechanism catering to the poor, the destitute, the widow and the financially burdened (Deut. 26:12). The Church will always be there to lend help in cases of true need.

So, under God's perfect system there will be no hard-up, unloved old people. In a world dominated by the principle of give rather than get, and built on the principles of solid, godly, family values, it will be considered an honor to care for the elderly and to ensure that their every need is met.

Consider Jesus Christ's perfect example. Even while being crucified, just before His death, one of His concerns was to ensure that His mother would be properly taken care of. He told John to look after her and give her the love an aging mother deserves (John 19:25-27).

The result, at Jesus Christ's Second Coming, of His divine intervention in world affairs to keep mankind from utter destruction, will be immediate—but it will take time to correct all wrongs! The world won't be transformed into a paradise from one moment to the next. First, there will be a lot of clearing up and repairing to do after the destruction left behind by the worldwide cataclysm that will occur before Christ's return. Concurrently, people will be forced to undo the errors that have been the cause of so many woes in

society. Bit by bit this will bring with it fantastic results—and the obedient will be showered with great blessings!

In the World Tomorrow, the elderly will be blessed and greatly revered! How much so? "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Prov. 16:31). Once this upside-down world has been totally corrected and reformed, THE AGED WILL BECOME THE WORLD'S CROWN AND GLORY!

Senior citizens will never be abused, mistreated, disrespected or victimized again! God the Father will see to that.

Old people will play an active, highly respected part in the family unit and in educating society, and the family will be blessed for obeying God by taking them under their wings.

Read the promise contained in the Fifth Commandment again! Godly families will grow prosperous. These are unbreakable promises contained repeatedly within the pages of your Bible.

The curses for disobedience are just as clear. If you doubt, beware!

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• PROVERBS 16:31 •

God feels very strongly about the hoary head being given great respect. Note the story where God sent bears down from the mountain to devour a group of young people mocking the elderly Elijah, in II Kings 2.

Seniors can have a great deal of wisdom and a lot to teach the young. They are not to be mistreated and pushed around like baggage. What they think and have to say is important!

"Age is the crowning culmination of life, the golden years. It should be looked upon with honor, respect, even awe. It should be an experience made pleasant by the warm attention and support of family members, especially children and grandchildren" (*Plain Truth*, May 1980).

God the Father Himself goes by the name ANCIENT OF DAYS! (Dan. 7:9).

A timely warning for any of us guilty of AGEISM! ♦

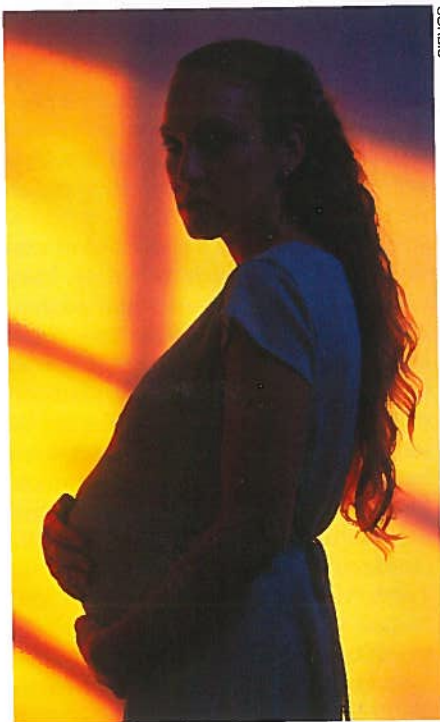
Failing Sex Education

BY ZRINKA PETERS

COULD FREELY ACCESSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES and more public sex education for children and teenagers actually lead to *more* underage sex? Britain's liberal-socialist government, educators and Department of Health think not. But research indicates otherwise.

In England, one in every 10 babies is born to a teenage mother, contributing to Britain's notorious reputation for having the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in Europe. Evidence indicates that *one third* of girls under the age of 16 (the age at which British teenagers can legally have sex) are having sex. This has been coupled with a huge rise in sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis.

To combat these alarming statistics, the British government is proposing to beef up the current sex education in its public schools. Under the proposal, schools will be encouraged to set up special clinics for pupils to receive confidential sex counseling, free contracep-



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tives and the "morning after" (abortive) pill, all *without* parental approval, or even parental notification! The Department of Health also pledged to "increase NHS abortion provision" so that teenagers across the country can have early access to free abortions.

The government's attempts to lower the birthrate among girls under age 16 haven't worked so far. The *Evening Standard* reported that "Despite government confidence that wider sex education and use of contraceptives can cut pregnancy rates, there is increasing evidence that this is not the case. Research by economist Dr. David Paton, of the Nottingham University Business School, showed that while family-planning clinic prescriptions to under-16s for the morning-after pill went up by 284 percent between 1992 and 2000, the overall under-16 pregnancy rate in that period was fairly static" (July 22).

The proposals are a response to an advisory group's report on teenage pregnancy, which said last December that too many teenage girls were falling pregnant because they lacked understanding of sex and contraception.

However, as commentator Melanie Phillips points out, "Studies show most pregnant teenagers previously obtained contraceptive advice and even visited the GP more frequently than other young people in order to obtain it. ... What is lacking is not advice about sex or contraception but any *moral context*" (*Daily Mail*, London, June 28).

British leadership just won't tell its youth that there is anything *wrong* with them having sex, even though the law against sex under the age of 16 was instituted to protect children from the very *harmful* consequences of immature promiscuity. In attempting to curb teenage pregnancies by making sex education more public and handing out more contraceptives, lawmakers are in fact *encouraging* underage sex by offering a temptation to youngsters with no corresponding *restraining* check. This warped reasoning and irresponsibility leaves children at the mercy of their own immature feelings and impulses.

As Phillips rightly states, "Curbing the alarming rise in child and teenage sex will only happen ... when the adult world accepts, once again, that children need guidance and protection which it has a duty to provide" (*ibid.*). ◆

The Sin of

Even in harder economic times, people are addicted to idleness and ease. Here is how it is hurting us.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

EVERYWHERE WE TURN, WE SEE people who have succumbed to the deadly drug of idleness. It has affected whole nations, especially America, where we sit in apathetic tolerance of corruption in the highest levels of our government. It has affected families, where the proper roles have been twisted and the results disastrous, and no one, it seems, steps forward to set things right. It affects our industry and our schools.

Most people associate sin with something you should NOT do. But few people ever stop to consider the words of the Apostle James: "Whoever, then, knows what is right to do and *does not do it*, THAT IS A SIN FOR HIM" (James 4:17, Moffatt). How many in this society are condemned by that one verse?

Are you one who frequently does NOT do what *ought* to be done? Then hear the words of God's inspired Scriptures: If you know what is right to do, and don't do it, THAT IS SIN!

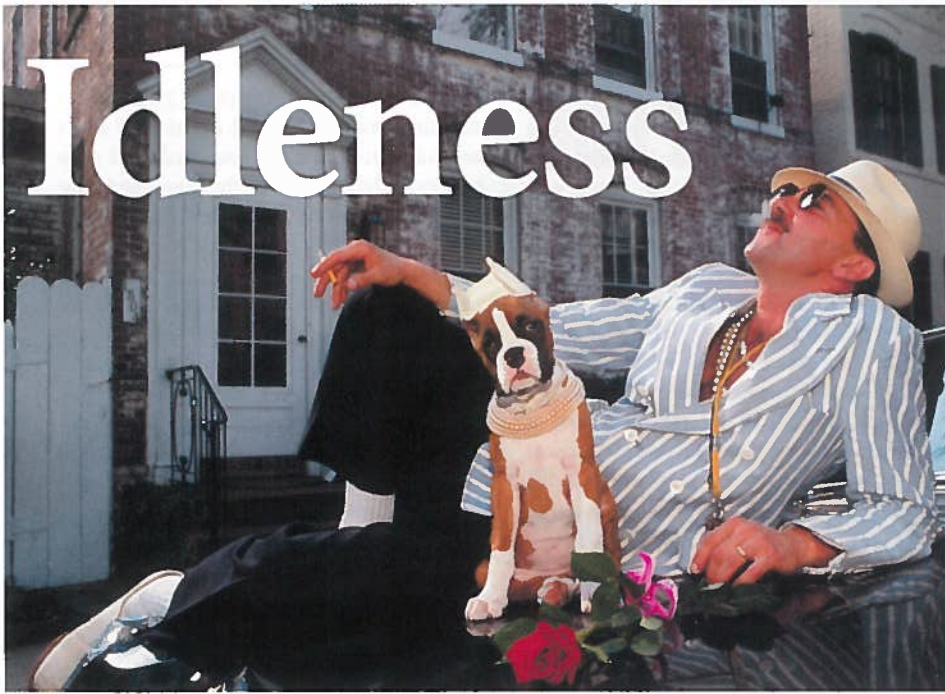
The Price of Affluence

In his book *Slouching Towards Gomorrah*, Robert Bork incisively pinpoints one of the causes of our societal decadence since the days of World War II: "The generations that lived through those times of hardship and discipline were not susceptible to extreme hedonism, but they raised a generation that was." Bork attributes much of our decadent moral slide today to Western *affluence*.

"Affluence," he wrote, "brings with it boredom. Of itself, it offers little but the ability to consume, and a life centered on consumption will appear, and be, devoid of meaning. Persons so afflicted will seek sensation as a palliative, and that today's culture offers in abundance."

Citing the fact that there is less and less hard, physical labor required with most jobs due to increased tech-

Idleness



nology, Bork concludes, "Hard physical work is inconsistent with hedonism; the new work is not. With the time and energy of so many individuals freed from the harder demands of work, the culture turned to consumerism and entertainment."

There can be no doubt that life today is much *easier* than it was 50 years ago, even among the poor. We enjoy more conveniences than ever before. Likewise, our society offers much more entertainment and leisure than in generations past. Yet, paradoxically, there has also been a substantial increase in *boredom and idleness* among individuals. And the consequences, as Bork points out, have not been good.

In their controversial book *Time for Life*, John Robinson and Geoffrey Godbey say that Americans have more leisure time than at any other point in the last 30 years. According to their study of 10,000 people over the past 30 years, the average American enjoys close to *40 hours of leisure a week*. Popular books like *The Second Shift* and *The Overworked American* have suggested that Americans don't have enough time for leisure. Yet these claims don't seem to be affecting the leisure industry, which seems to set new records each year—movies, sports, television, music, you name it.

During the last half of the 20th century, television surpassed printed material as our primary source of entertainment. Almost one half of our leisure time is now spent in front of the television. According to *Time for Life*,

for every hour we spend in front of the television, we spend fewer than four minutes doing cultural activities. Television viewing, on the average, requires virtually no physical or mental effort. What it does require is *time*, something of which this spoiled and affluent generation has plenty. Television is a thief of time. And honestly, the time spent viewing the television can indeed be harmful to the mind. Bork graphically describes our culture as one "lobotomized by television."

Television is only one wasteful contributor to our societal decline in intellect. We have drifted from a studious, organized, hard-working and diligent lifestyle to one of idleness and ease. Physically, we have also reaped the dividends of our affluence: 74 percent of Americans over the age of 25 are overweight.

One can still become quite educated today with a proper amount of self-discipline, but it's easier and more stimulating to the senses to indulge in entertainment and leisure. One can still be quite healthy in this prosperous society, but it's much easier to consume things that are easy to prepare and that taste good.

It's a vicious cycle. Affluence affords us more time and money, which makes things easier on the average person. This easier lifestyle, as Bork said, "offers little but the ability to consume." Our dietary consumption is not healthy, physically or mentally, which leads us to seek things even *easier* and *more unhealthy*. Like a deadly drug, idleness has

put the "educated" masses in the Western world into the throes of addiction.

It is this attitude, this approach to living, which James labels as *sinful*. Heading down a path which we know will be destructive and will end in ruin, *and then doing nothing about it*, IS LIVING A SINFUL LIFE.

The Sin of Sodom

Anciently, the city of Sodom had the same problem. "Behold, this was the iniquity [or *sin*] of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and *abundance of idleness* was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy" (Ezek. 16:49). Sodom's sin revolved around its abundance of wealth and idleness, or *prosperous ease*, as it says in the Revised Standard Version. And all of that wealth and idleness only filled Sodom with pride. Eventually, God rained fire from heaven and completely destroyed the city along with all of its inhabitants.

The Prophet Isaiah likened the end-time peoples of Israel to those who lived in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Isa. 1:1-10). Which nations, primarily, live in pride, wealth and abundance of idleness and ease? The prosperous nations of the Western world certainly come to mind, especially the U.S. and Britain—one more proof of the modern identity of the lost tribes of Israel.

Notice Isaiah 3:9: "The show of their [Israel's] countenance doth witness against them; and they *declare their sin as Sodom*, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves." God says "Woe unto their soul!" because they are traversing the same path as ancient Sodom.

But our peoples fail to realize that we are heading for the same *destruction* Sodom experienced.

Notice these frightful words of Jesus Christ: "But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:29-30).

The way of prosperity and ease seems so right to man. But as the proverb states, "There is a way which *seemeth right* unto a man, but the end thereof are the *WAYS OF DEATH*" (Prov. 14:12).

The path of idleness and ease—the way of life the Bible defines as sinful—

leads only to destruction and death. Don't be one of its casualties.

God expects us to be men and women of ACTION, physically, mentally and spiritually! He expects us to *move forward*. To *act*. To *DO* what's right, not just what *feels* good.

More Than "Getting the Breaks"

The study of history generally focuses on outstanding lives and events. But the real bulk of history is truly a grey wash of mediocre people whose best effort never exceeded average. It's filled with people who failed to act at life's most critical moment.

Yet as you examine the lives of great individuals who have changed the civilization of man, like Winston Churchill or Abraham Lincoln, you will find that they not only had a rigorous schedule physically, but also mentally.

When Benjamin Franklin was a boy, his father frequently repeated this proverb to him: "Seest thou a man DILIGENT in his business? *he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men*" (Prov. 22:29). The young Franklin did grow to be very diligent in his *business*, and he ended up standing before kings—five of them! He acquired a fortune and achieved greatness in several different fields.

Yet too often, we see the success of great individuals and just assume they "got the breaks." Read the *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* and discover what it took for him to attain that level of success. He didn't do it by remaining idle! He had a tremendous amount of self-discipline, both mentally and physically.

Early in his life, Franklin outlined 13 "moral virtues," as he called them, and devised a plan to put each virtue into practice. The first virtue on the list was temperance, or self-control. This he put into practice first because before he could lead a productive life, he reasoned, he first had to be able to control his mind and body. Franklin understood the importance of resisting what was wrong and *doing* what was right. Study into the life of Abraham Lincoln and you will see that he practiced similar habits and met with similar success.

These men were determined to do

something about their idleness. What about you? What distracts you from doing what you ought to do? What is the cause of your neglect? What leads you into the habit of idleness, of not doing what you should, whether it concerns your family, your work, your diet?

Great individuals of this world, even without the spiritual understanding of God's Word, realize the extreme danger of living a life of idleness and ease. "What is man," Shakespeare wrote in *Hamlet*, "if his chief good and market of his time be but to sleep and feed?"

TIME FOR ACTION

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God expects so much more of us. Shouldn't we expect more of *ourselves*?

No-Law Deceivers

Have you ever stopped to consider the actual teaching of popular theology regarding the *law* and *salvation*? Many theologians teach that law keeping is *not* required on your part because Christ did EVERYTHING FOR YOU! All you have to do is accept Christ and *remain idle*!

Does that make sense? Not if you believe the Bible is God's inspired Word. Notice Hebrews 2:1: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should *let them slip*." In many churches, you simply do not hear about how you can actually let salvation *slip away*, because people assume that once you "get saved" nothing more needs to be done. Yet this whole passage in Hebrews warns against letting what you possess slip away.

Herbert Armstrong often talked about two different kinds of sin: the sin of *commission* and the sin of *omission*. This second type is what James spoke of in chapter 4:17 and what Paul

speaks of here in Hebrews 2. If we do not do what we should, Paul says what we have heard and learned will slip away, which suggests that we are to be people of ACTION, not ones who remain idle, just waiting for Christ to return.

Jesus Christ revealed this principle in the parable of the pounds. In Luke 19, after giving His 10 servants a pound each, Christ instructed them to *do something* with what they were given. Those who multiplied their pound were rewarded for their works. But the one who buried his pound and remained idle not only missed out on a tremendous reward, Christ even took away the pound he had!

Back to Hebrews 2: "How shall we escape, if we NEGLECT so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him" (v. 3). Yes indeed! We can actually fail to escape and lose out on salvation if we NEGLECT doing what ought to be done!

No one can be saved without accepting the shed blood of Jesus Christ—that is true. But beyond that, God expects action. He expects change for the better. He expects us to be *doers* of His Word (Rom. 2:13; James 1:22). He will not tolerate idleness or neglect. That is sin! Sin is not just avoiding those things we know to be wrong. It is also neglecting and failing to do what is right!

In Matthew 7:17-18, Jesus said, "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." Even a child can understand this principle. If a tree doesn't produce good fruit, something is wrong with it. "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them," Jesus said (v. 20).

Christ then gets to the real meaning of this passage in verse 21: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that *DOETH* the will of my Father which is in heaven." It takes more than just talk. It's more than just *saying* you believe in Christ. He expects us to *DO*! God will not harvest unfruitful trees. He expects us to produce *fruit*. Again, in verse 26, Christ says, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and *doeth them not*, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand."

Throughout the Bible, God thunders home this principle: If we remain idle and don't do what we should, then we will miss out on a fantastic reward and even lose what we have!

The Abundant Life

"And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?" (Luke 12:42). Who will rule with Christ, reigning over all that Christ has? Jesus answers, "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (v. 43). The Greek word for *doing* means to labor or work. When Jesus Christ returns, He expects His servants to be busy working for Him, not standing around idly watching things go by.

The Bible is clear on this fact. Those who are diligent about their business now will be rewarded greatly when Christ returns. But God wants to bless us *even now*, in this life, *if we are diligent*. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Benjamin Franklin simply took certain principles outlined in the Bible and *applied* them. Take God at His word! It's the only thing you can totally rely on in this world—without fail!

Back to Luke 12. In verse 48, Christ said, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." God has given us so much. It's true that in this thankless society, people rarely stop to consider the great wealth of blessings that have come upon them. But what a prosperous and abundant land Americans live in. We truly have been the beneficiaries of God's wealth. But with those many blessings comes a weighty responsibility. God expects much of you and me. And He should!

If we spent all our time and energy on useful pursuits, what a successful people we would be! How much happier we would be if we would just determine to do what is right, no matter how we feel.

Jesus Christ came to give the truly abundant, happy life we all desire. But we must be willing to do what needs to be done to attain such abundant living. Resolve to do what ought to be done. And then, no matter how you feel, DO IT. If you do, happiness, joy, peace and abundance will follow. ◆

Don't Read This Article!

BY JOEL HILLIKER

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOURSELF? I don't mean knowing your desires or interests. How well do you understand *how and why* you think your particular thoughts? What makes you *do* what you do?

Be honest. Are there ever times when you have thoughts you don't like, or don't understand—or, even worse, emotions you can't explain? Do you ever feel disappointed because you keep doing things you've "promised" yourself you'd overcome? In your relationships, do you find yourself dealing with the same problems, making the same mistakes, time and time again?

I am sure you can answer yes to at least some of these questions. Why? Because they are common to the human experience.

Even the Apostle Paul, a successful evangelist and one of the most prolific biblical writers, was well acquainted with these frustrations. He wrote, "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate" (Rom. 7:15, Revised Standard Version).

Why is this the case? Sometimes it seems as if our own minds are a big puzzle.

Take another example. The headline above is plain: DON'T READ THIS ARTICLE. Yet here you are, reading it. With each word you take in, you further violate the instruction.

What makes that which is forbidden so compelling to us? Think about it. Why do books, movies or art exhibits that arouse scandal attract bigger audiences? Why does reverse psychology work on us—where we do something only because we've been led to believe it is the *opposite* of what is expected?

Why are we naturally resistant when we are told what to do? Why is it so hard to admit when we are wrong?

Can you explain these conundrums? Again—how well do you *really* know yourself, the inner workings of your mind?

Most people simply live with the problem; they don't think much about it. *Life is complicated enough without*

trying to unriddle yourself. Others, desperate for a solution, believe every promise of every self-help book, television psychiatrist or psychic, and build their lives around humanly devised plans and programs.

The Bible states the problem in terminology that is shockingly explicit—so much so that most people would reject it, even though they are living proof of its truth. "*The heart [that is, the seat of intellect—the human mind] is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*" (Jer. 17:9).

Do you disagree? Does that seem too harsh? It takes penetrating personal honesty to recognize the rightness in Jeremiah's statement. I Kings 8:38 talks about the importance of every person knowing "the plague of his own heart." Does that ring true in your life? Do you recognize that "plague" in your mind? If you don't admit it, you can never change it.

The fact is, *most of the problems in this world* are caused by people who are woefully ignorant about themselves! They may be doing the best they know how—they may sincerely desire to do better—but they are stuck. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 16:25).

Why is the human mind so malignant? The Creator God designed it. Did He fashion into it all those deceptive intricacies? Did He make it "desperately wicked"? Most people have never even contemplated that issue.

Perhaps even more important: What can be done about it? Recognizing the problem is one thing—overcoming it is another. Are we destined to *remain* plagued by a self-deceitful and wicked heart?

You need the answers to these pressing questions.

We would like to offer you free copies of two booklets. The first, *Human Nature—What Is It?*, will explain to you *why* the human mind is the way it is. The second, *Repentance Toward God*, will show you the first steps necessary to begin to CHANGE. It will give you the universally overlooked key to self-mastery and lasting success. Don't delay—contact us today! ◆

Oceans of Design

A look at water shows that the idea of evolution is all wet. BY CARL HILLIKER

IT DOES NOT SEEM TOO DIFFICULT FOR evolutionists to imagine that one species of life gradually adapted and changed into a different species of life. But the truth is, scientists simply cannot produce the evidence necessary to prove their hypothesis.

The truth is, everywhere you look, without exception, the universe provides the evidence of a supreme Designer—a Creator. A universe this vast, and at the same time so intricately balanced according to so many complex natural laws, could not happen by accident.

This article will demonstrate another outstanding proof for the fact of creation. Scientists have primarily concentrated on the ability of *living things* to evolve into higher creatures able to survive on Earth. Let's examine the fact that WATER, the primary *non-living* substance on Earth, has been PERFECTLY DESIGNED to fit the needs of all living creatures.

Being inorganic, water *could not*

have evolved. Yet it has many unique properties or “exceptions” to nature’s rules that are absolutely essential to life on Earth. In addition, as we shall see, water has many characteristics that can reveal the “invisible things” of God—even His eternal power—if we are willing to accept such knowledge (Rom. 1:18-22).

Unusual Properties

Water, in its solid form—ice—and in its liquid form, covers about 70 percent of Earth’s surface. Oceans and lakes are able to store up the heat of the sun during the summer and slowly release that heat during the winter, helping to moderate the temperatures and climate of the Earth year round.

The Bible says that “blood is the life” of man (Deut. 12:23), but did you know that water constitutes about 92 percent of blood? Since most living things consist primarily of water, once

the supply of water is removed, death is certain to speedily follow.

Water is a liquid between 32°F (its freezing point) and 212°F (its boiling point). No other common substance is found in liquid form at such a wide range of ordinary temperatures—temperatures found in most places on Earth. If water behaved like most of its closest relatives, no liquid water would be found on Earth—it would have all changed to steam or water vapor. Think about it: Most other liquid substances are not found naturally. They are man-made substances that must be refined and purified by a designer or manufacturer.

When we understand nature’s “water cycle” whereby heat and wind cause water to evaporate, rise into the clouds, cool down and then precipitate as rain or snow, we realize that a Designer made a continuous source of fresh “purified” water.

Perhaps the most unusual quality of water is what happens when it cools. Most substances contract as they grow colder, but when water reaches 39°F, it begins to expand. By the time the temperature reaches 32° and forms into ice, it reaches its maximum volume. Because water expands when it freezes, it weighs less than the liquid water around it. That is why ice floats to the top of oceans and lakes. That layer of ice actually insulates the water below from the cold, preventing it from freezing to ever greater depths. Eskimos recognize the insulating qualities of ice and build igloos out of ice to protect themselves from the extreme arctic temperatures. Farmers have learned to use this principle by spraying plants with water just before a cold front hits. The resulting ice insulates the plants at a temperature of 32° and actually protects the plant from more severe temperature drops.

If water contracted when it froze, ice would weigh more than liquid water,

up in the oceans, and life on land would become impossible.

Water's surface tension is extremely high. This means water has the ability to stick to itself and other substances. When water sticks to cloth, glass or dirt, it makes them wet. This property provides some of water's ability to clean.

Water vapor also tends to stick together, or "condense," while floating in the air. This property helps form the drops of rain or snow so necessary to complete the water cycle.

Water is able to dissolve many substances, from sugar to dirt. Water can even gradually dissolve the hardest rocks while it sticks to their surface. It is then able to carry these dissolved minerals and other nutrients from the rocks to be used in the cell tissues of plants. This characteristic of water enriches the nutritive value of plant life, which in turn benefits any animal or person that consumes the plant.

Water has an extremely high ability to climb up the surface of a substance

rather than to raise the temperature.

To illustrate this point, just think of a sweltering summer day, with two items baking in the sun: a sheet of metal and a sheet of melting ice. Which substance would you rather have to walk across barefoot? If the metal and the ice had both started at absolute zero (the point at which a substance contains absolutely no heat) and were heated with the same amount of energy, the metal is already uncomfortably hot when the ice, though starting to melt, is still cold.

An additional benefit of heat capacity concerns water's other form change: from liquid to steam. When water reaches 212°F, it does not immediately turn to steam. It absorbs an enormous amount of additional heat without any further rise in temperature. This extra amount of absorbed heat is also latent heat. Man has learned to harness this heat energy to operate the steam engine and other types of machinery. Water can also move with tremendous power as ice or liquid. Man has learned to harness this power to produce electricity and other forms of energy.

These precise laws of water ought to prove the existence of a Lawgiver and Designer behind these things we see around us. How did water "evolve" all these perfectly suited properties, vastly different from all other substances on Earth, yet uniquely suited to make life

possible for plants and animals? The answer is, water did not evolve. It was perfectly designed by a Creator God who was able to anticipate all man's needs prior to the creation of all we see.

The Beauty of Creation

In addition to all these amazing properties, God made water to have breathtaking beauty. It makes little difference where we find water or what form it takes, it is amazingly beautiful.

Who among us does not enjoy a gentle rain glistening amid the bright sun's rays and accompanied by a long broad rainbow against the backdrop of a distant landscape? What child is not thrilled by the winter wonderland created by freshly fallen snow? Then we have the beauty of cascading streams rolling over rocks or dropping off cliffs in either narrow ribbons or vast sheets like those of Niagara Falls. Lakes come in all shapes and sizes, with mirror-like



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and sink. If ice sank, it would pile up at the bottom of lakes, rivers and oceans. The sun's heat could not reach deep enough to melt the ice. Gradually, all water would become solid blocks of ice except for a very thin top layer that would melt in the sun's heat and quickly freeze again at night. Earth's temperature would become extremely cold, and the majority of all plant and animal life would die.

If spilled on the floor, water will gradually "disappear." Its molecules move so quickly that some of them gradually break free from the surface and enter the air as vapor. The warmer the water, the faster the molecules move, and the quicker it evaporates. Without this property, we would not have the frequent formation of clouds and the resulting rains needed to bring life to animals and plants. If water did not evaporate at relatively low temperatures, all water would eventually end

against the pull of gravity. This is called *capillary action*. This ability, coupled with a few properties named earlier, enables water to circulate through the soil, and to rise up the roots and stems of plants. Water can rise hundreds of feet to the top of the tallest trees before being released into the air as a vapor. Without this important property, water would simply soak into the soil and quickly sink out of reach of plants and animals, making it nearly impossible for plants to receive much-needed moisture between rains.

Water has a greater heat capacity than any other substance except ammonia. Heat capacity is the ability of a substance to absorb heat without getting warmer itself. This "hidden" heat that is absorbed is called latent heat. When ice is being heated, the temperature remains the same until the ice is completely melted. The added heat energy is used to make the change from solid to liquid

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reflections or white-capped turbulence. Oceans have a splendor all their own, and they seldom rest from the continuous pounding of the coastal shores. Clouds also come in all shapes and sizes to beautify any sky.

Is water's beauty just another "accident" of evolution? Artists throughout history have tried to capture that beauty, but have failed to accomplish anything but cheap, static imitations. God keeps right on creating such breathtaking beauty moment by moment, in fascinating combinations—whether or not anyone is present to witness it beside Himself.

Can an evolutionist glorify the "big bang" for providing such majestic scenes? Who do such people thank for life and its great provisions and artistry? If they believe in God (as some evolutionists claim to), why do they deny that He created it all exactly as He says—with each plant and animal being produced after "his kind" (Gen. 1:11-12, 21, 24-25)? God Himself denies using the process of evolution in His creation. This physical creation with all the plants and animals that we see around us was formed just as He said it was, in one magnificent week of creation.

Can't evolutionists see how foolish they are to deny the great design behind all that we see each day? Why do people insist on rejecting the obvious? God is angry with them for being so steadfast and vain in their ignorance!

The good news is that God will not keep His anger with man forever. The time is coming soon when Jesus Christ will return to Earth and establish a world-ruling government that will force man to abandon his vain imaginations and to face the truth. The Prophet Isaiah foretold that at that time, "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

You don't have to wait for that day. You can have that knowledge of God right now. You can begin living a life of thankfulness and praise to the Creator God right now. Don't let your heart be darkened by the vain imaginations of those who proclaim the hypothesis of evolution. You—and all mankind—would be so much better off to face the simple truth recorded in the first sentence of the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." ◆



The Queen's Golden Jubilee

«I have studied politics for a while, so I am able to appreciate how well-grounded are your prognoses. I especially like the strong link to history. But what amazed me most is that those prognoses are grounded in the Bible!»

Valmiera, Latvia

FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING the *Trumpet* and various booklets. In addition, I have been reading a variety of information from many different sources, then comparing all this with what is in the Bible and watching world events to see who is right. More and more, as world events progress, it looks like you (and Herbert W. Armstrong) are right. With this letter, I am enclosing my first offering to the Philadelphia Church of God. I would like to be a co-worker in your work of warning the world of what is to happen in these end times.

Seattle, Wash.

I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING YOUR MAGAZINE FOR almost a year now, and I have to tell you, it is by far the most informative literature anyone living in today's world could ever grab knowledge from. At the beginning, I disagreed with several things, but the more I read, the harder it's become for me to disagree. And that is only because the truth is right in my face, in all of our faces. By the way, I promise you, I am far from being a religious person. I do believe in God, although I don't attend church, and sin every single day of my life. But I don't think you have to be religious in order to accept the truth as the truth is being told.

Fayetteville, N.C.

TODAY, AS I RODE THE TRAIN ON MY WAY TO New Jersey, I found the *Trumpet* magazine on an empty seat next to me and, bored, I opened and began reading. I must say that some of your articles were nothing more than humorous conspiracy theories, but others were painfully and historically truthful.

Forest Hills, N.Y.

THOUGH I NO LONGER BELIEVE IN A GOD OR much of the Bible, I find that your magazine is more informative and much more truthful than what I read in newspapers or see on the news or in other sources of information.

Lawrenceville, Va.

The Catholic Church

I AM WRITING TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR MY previous attitude. When I read Mr Armstrong's book and some of your earlier *Trumpet* magazines, I was horrified that you both had such negative things to say about the Catholic Church! In view of the scandals that have come to light recently, and what I've learned reading *10,001 Surprising Things You Should Know About Christianity*, I'm surprised Christianity survived at all. Of course, it was by the grace of God. Thank you for printing the truth, even if it's not the popular thing to do.

Victoria, B.C.

I AM A PRACTICING CATHOLIC, AND I'VE been reading the *Plain Truth* since I was in my late teens. I was always inspired and impressed by the great and late Herbert Armstrong—so much so that I am wondering if being Catholic is oxymoronic when following the Word of the Lord. I've been reading on Germany and the Holy Roman Empire—it actually causes doubt in my mind as to what path I should follow. In addition, I am still coming to grips with the whole idea of how and why the world is changing or possibly ending. No doubt your magazine will guide me somehow as I struggle to accept these changes and the meaning of these changes.

Bronx, N.Y.

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Stimuli Addiction

The price of keeping pace in a caffeinated world

MODERN LIFE MOVES AT MIGHTY SPEED. OUR FOOD IS fast, our Internet connections faster. We e-mail, we upgrade. We work overtime to stay ahead of the competition. We are on the go. Even when we watch television, we watch *ER* and *West Wing*—shows with people who are quick-witted, fast moving and stressed out.

The rat-race has never been so brisk. But we adapt. We multitask, we powernap. We spend quality time with each other, in lieu of quantity. We take in loads of information in stride. We grow accustomed to motion blur.

That's the way it has to be, isn't it? Or—is it possible we're making life too hard for ourselves?

Perhaps we LIVE like we *drive*: Always pushing it five miles over the speed limit—when it's 55 we go 60; if it was 95 we'd make it an even 100. Perhaps we're simply becoming *addicted to stimulation*.

Consider life before television, radio, telephone, even telegraph (it wasn't that long ago). News generally traveled by foot, or hoof. Intercontinental travel took days or weeks. The pace was slow and the world was huge.

Today journalists are positioned in every nook of the planet, reporting continually. The nightly news promises the world in 22 minutes. For people who can't wait for that, cable provides "headline news," with multiple bits of information flashing and scrolling simultaneously. There is so much going on, we want only the essential, only the cream, only the surface. Speed is of the essence.

Are we able to take it all in? Can we make meaningful sense of it? Can we feel deeply about all of it? Perhaps. But only for a moment, and then we must move on—we have other important things to see.

With broadcast TV, satellite, cable, movies, VCRs, DVDs, CDs, radio, Internet, computer games, there is always something to keep us stimulated. Television, our third-most time-consuming activity after work and sleep, gives us a hyper world of fast cuts, zooms and pans, noise and suddenness. Soon we crave the hyperstimulation. We can only take so much of plain old life, with its slow-paced continuity and conspicuous lack of special effects.

Is it any wonder we are rearing a hyper, ADHD generation?

There may be a problem here, but we are moving too fast to pin it down. Let's slow down for a moment. Think about it. What price are we paying for our short attention spans, our compulsive hyperness?

Don't answer too quickly—stop reading and think a while.

Let me interrupt you with one answer (you didn't really stop reading, did you?). The price we pay is DEPTH.

We give up depth in our relationships. Depth in our emo-

tions, depth in our thoughts. We think we have wisdom when we merely have information. We think that living under the same roof is the same as being a family.

Consider the study on father-child interaction cited by Dr. James Dobson in *What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women*. Researchers first asked a group of middle-class fathers to estimate how much time they spent each day with their one-year-old children. The average

reply was 15 to 20 minutes. When the researchers used methods to determine the actual amount, they discovered that the average time was really 37 seconds—2.7 encounters each day, 10 to 15 seconds each.

Perhaps we shake our heads and wonder, *how can they do that to those kids?* But I know that if the fathers in the study read that statistic in the paper, they'd think the same thing: *Yeah I should spend more time with my kids, but at least I'm getting in a good 15 to 20 minutes a day. That's a whole lot better than those 37-second dads.*

Then, after a moment's musing on the matter, they would turn the page and move on. Just like we all do.

There is a vicious cycle at work: Stimuli addiction is both a *cause* of our shallowness and a *symptom* of it. It is hard to break free of something so enthralling, so easy, so everywhere. Depth is too hard. Depth is discovering one great book and sitting down with it, getting to know it, really studying it, letting it soak into your life. Instead we load up the bookshelf with books we only skim.

Is this really a problem? Consider.

Stimulation overdose eventually creates numbness. That is, nothing stands out in the cacophony for longer than a moment. Too much noise becomes white noise, like static on an empty television channel.

How then can GOD—the epitome of depth, of substance, of balance, of quiet meditation, of timelessness, of moral perfection, of everything opposite our shallowness—reach our minds in a lasting way? People even managed to quickly absorb and explain away the devastation of September 11; church attendance spiked, but was back to pre-9/11 levels within three weeks.

Read Matthew 13:1-23, a parable showing what happens when God sows His Word. Some of it is snatched up by the devil; some, people are too shallow to receive; some, people are too addicted to the world to hold on to. The parable has special poignancy in a world jacked up on caffeinated culture.

God is a voice "crying in the wilderness" today (i.e. Luke 3:4). Is your life quiet enough for you to hear Him?

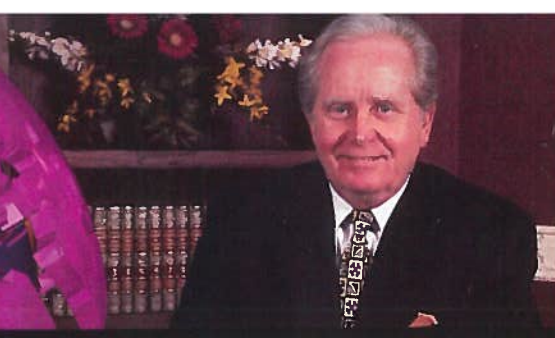
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