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A photograph of Edmund Stoiber, a German politician, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a red tie. He has his mouth open as if speaking and his right hand raised in a gesture. The background is a solid blue color.

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German chancellor  
opposition candidate

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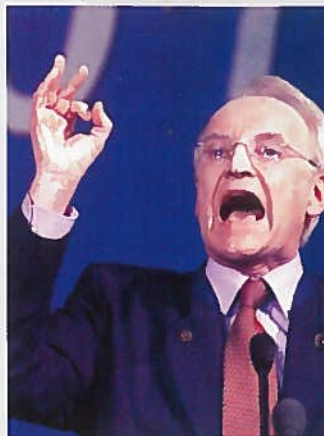
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# Where Media Bias Is Leading Us

**B**ernard Goldberg's book *Bias* has become a smashing bestseller. He is a CBS insider who has written about how the media distorts the news.

The cover jacket of the book reads (emphasis mine throughout): "YOU'LL NEVER LOOK AT YOUR NIGHTLY NEWS THE SAME WAY AGAIN. In his nearly 30 years at CBS News, Emmy Award-winner Bernard Goldberg earned a reputation as one of the preeminent reporters in the television news business. When he looked at his own industry, however, he saw that the media FAR TOO OFTEN IGNORED THEIR PRIMARY MISSION: OBJECTIVE, DISINTERESTED REPORTING. Again and again, he saw that they slanted the news to the left.

"For years Goldberg appealed to reporters, producers and network executives for more balanced reporting, but no one listened. The liberal bias continued.

"Now, in *Bias*, he blows the whistle on the news business, showing exactly HOW THE MEDIA SLANT THEIR COVERAGE WHILE INSISTING THAT THEY'RE JUST REPORTING THE FACTS."

I have seen a lot of controversy over this book. But does anybody realize how serious the problem of media bias really is?

Here is what John Leo of *U.S. News & World Report* wrote March 18 about *Bias*: "Goldberg got a good ride from radio and cable TV, but the THREE OLD-LINE TV NETWORKS HAVE PRETENDED HIS BOOK DOESN'T EXIST. He thinks *Bias* is THE FIRST NO. 1 NONFICTION BESTSELLER OF MODERN TIMES THAT FAILED TO GET A SINGLE MINUTE ON CBS, NBC OR ABC."

Let's not forget, Mr. Goldberg has an impeccable reputation and almost 30 years—three decades—as an insider!

How could any objective, truth-seeking newsperson not be moved to action by this? If the journalists involved do nothing, what does that do to their credibility?

We have a right to expect more of news leaders who influence many millions of viewers! In fact, Mr. Goldberg likens them to the mafia. I wish that were an exaggeration, but I fear it is not! They have a DUTY to make some changes. They exposed the Watergate corruption. But the corruption of our news could be far worse in its impact on our society!

ARE JOURNALISTS, WHO SO OFTEN PREACH RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS, GOING TO EXUDE IRRESPONSIBILITY? CAN THEY, WHO HOLD SO MANY ACCOUNTABLE, BE SO ARROGANTLY UNACCOUNTABLE? WILL THEY, WHO EXPOSE SO MUCH SCANDAL, BE SO SCANDALOUS?

It's time for more people to speak out!

John Leo continued, "The reluctance of the news business

to hold seminars and conduct investigations of news bias is almost legendary. In 1990, *Los Angeles Times* media critic David Shaw stunned everybody with a 12,000-word, four-part series on press coverage of the abortion issue. He essentially concluded that the American newsroom culture is so strongly pro-choice that it cannot bring itself to report the issue fairly. THIS APPARENTLY EXPLOSIVE REPORT PROVOKED NO SELF-EXAMINATION, NO PANEL DISCUSSIONS. It quickly made the rounds of newsrooms like *samizdat* [a forbidden work]. Privately, lots of reporters and editors said it was true, and a few articles appeared. But IN GENERAL, JOURNALISTS REACTED AS IF THE SHAW REPORT HAD NEVER HAPPENED. I arrived on the advisory board of the *Columbia Journalism Review* a year later, and I pushed hard (but, of course, late) for CJR to examine Shaw's findings. No dice. Everyone was determined to look the other way. I cannot think of a major newspaper series that got less attention. The reason, I think, was obvious: Feminists in the newsroom

would not stand for this issue to be aired. So it wasn't" (ibid.). Who is really in control of these newsrooms? Such a pro-choice distortion crosses the line. They cease being reporters and become media dictators. They cease being honest, objective journalists and become hateful and contemptuous of other people's views. Journalism becomes deceptive. A wrong spirit has entered the newsroom. This is a danger to any free society. The more power they get, the more dangerous they become. Such a spirit deeply divides our people. Respect for the media is seriously damaged along with their credibility.

Does God have a view on abortion? The true Christian today is in the embryo or fetus stage, about to be born into the family of God. Destroying that spiritual, unborn child is eternal murder!

Many people strongly believe that to destroy a physical embryo or fetus is murder. But these "reporters" distort any such views or just push them aside. In the process, they even damage freedom of religion.

Deciding if an unborn child lives or dies is God's domain. God would never approve of journalists or any authorities deciding such an issue.

These journalists act like they know better than God or anyone else who disagrees with them. This attitude goes be-

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Are journalists, who so often preach responsibility to others, going to exude irresponsibility? Can they, who hold so many accountable, be so arrogantly unaccountable? Will they, who expose so much scandal, be so scandalous?

## Why You Should Watch

# Edmund Stoiber

He could change Europe and the world more than any man in the 21st century. If you know his political father, you will understand why!

BY GERALD FLURRY

**E**LECTIONS WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 22 TO choose a chancellor of Germany. Whoever is elected will immediately become THE MOST POWERFUL POLITICIAN IN EUROPE.

Edmund Stoiber is challenging the incumbent chancellor, Gerhard Schröder. The polls show Stoiber slightly ahead. If he is elected, it will dramatically change the course of European and world history—and we need to understand why.

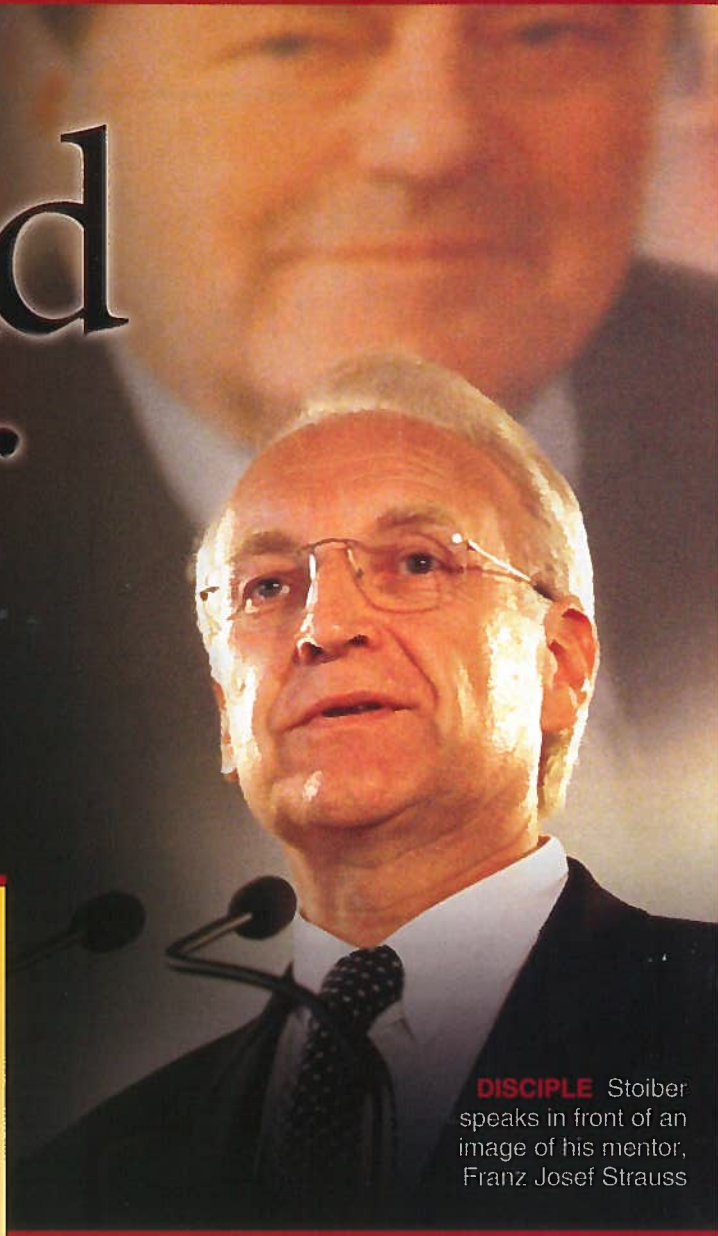
### An Impressive Record

Edmund Stoiber is prime minister of Bavaria, Germany's oldest and largest state. He is head of the Catholic Christian Social Union (CSU).

"Schröder has failed to keep a pre-election promise to bring unemployment below 3.5 million and, as the figure creeps above 4 million, it could cost him his job," Kate Connolly wrote January 20 in the *Sunday Observer*. "Nor has he managed to improve the country's growth rate, the lowest in Europe for nearly a decade.

"In contrast, the silver-haired, 60-year-old Stoiber, who this month elbowed Angela Merkel, head of the CDU [Christian Democratic Union], out of the chancellorship race, has as his trump card the achievements of a region where the superlatives flow as freely as the beer.

"Apart from being home to more cows, churchgoers and breweries than any other part of Germany, the southern Catholic stronghold boasts the lowest crime rate, the highest incomes and growth rates, the lowest debt and, at 5 percent, an unemployment rate around half the national average.



**DISCIPLE** Stoiber speaks in front of an image of his mentor, Franz Josef Strauss

Stoiber is a disciple of Franz Josef Strauss, THE FATHER OF BAVARIA'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS, who built close links between industry and education and invested massively in transport and infrastructure" (emphasis mine throughout).

BBC News said Stoiber helped turn Bavaria "from a rural backwater into a high-tech hub" (Jan. 15). It explained, "By reinvesting, rather than squandering, the proceeds of privatization programs, he managed to attract high-tech industries to the region, creating as many [as] 100,000 jobs in the state since 1996. There are now an estimated 70,000 IT workers in Munich alone."

Regarding Stoiber's chances in the coming election, the BBC concluded, "Add to that some of the best growth rates in the nation and it starts to look like a recipe for success."

Mr. Stoiber has been a proponent of German nuclear power and restraining immigration. He is a strong Catholic, as are most Bavarians. His CSU is Germany's strongest right-wing party. Mr. Stoiber is a friend of Austria's extreme-right leader, Jörg Haider. He said, "We are against bureaucracy in Brussels

and centralization of political power in the hands of bureaucrats" (ibid.).

Stoiber said Mr. Schröder has "sacrificed too much national substance on the altar of Europe" (ibid.). He believes in the "dominance of German culture." Many critics have labeled that statement as racist. But Mr. Stoiber has not recanted. He believes in a strong Germany leading Europe.

He also believes in close ties with the Roman Catholic Church. As we have written repeatedly in the *Trumpet*, the combination of Germany and the Vatican will give rise to the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire—as it has done for 1,500 years!

Edmund Stoiber may be destined to have a future that will shock the whole world. If so, that future would have its roots in a fascinating history.

### His Political Mentor

Mr. Stoiber was personally hand-picked by Franz Josef Strauss to continue his work. Strauss was his political father. That helps us to see that Mr. Strauss was not a normal politician. How many politicians choose a loyal supporter to carry on their work after they are dead?

Strauss was the most competent German politician of his time—"the father of Bavaria's economic success." And he just may be the "father" of a European Union that staggers the world!

London's *Financial Times* wrote this about Stoiber on February 5: "Before becoming state premier and party leader, Mr. Stoiber occupied important state posts in Bavaria, including CSU general secretary, interior minister and election campaign manager for Franz Josef Strauss, Bavaria's dominant post-war political leader. He is more than familiar with—and helped shape—the formidable CSU political machine that has ruled Bavaria. ...

"He acted as campaign manager in the 1980 federal elections in the failed bid by former Bavarian premier Franz Josef Strauss to become chancellor, gaining a national reputation as a right-wing hardliner. As Bavarian interior minister (1988-93), he took a tough stance on security issues and spoke out strongly against more liberal immigration and asylum rules."

The late Herbert W. Armstrong met with Mr. Strauss in 1970. Here is what Mr. Armstrong's *Plain Truth* staff wrote, September 1979: "In *The World Tomorrow* television studios on April 2, 1970, Strauss reemphasized a theme that has been constant throughout his career—the urgent need, from his perspective, of a strong united Europe. Asked why he felt a united Europe was essential to the free world, he answered: 'A united Europe is more essential now for the free world than it would have been anytime before. ... Big powers have been established, the United States of America, Russia, Japan. I think that small and medium-sized European states are no longer able to face what the future demands from all of us. ...

"Therefore my political friends and I have been pleading for years and years now for a united Europe. ... We need a strong Europe, a Europe with an attractiveness, a Europe with a fascinating cultural, economic, financial power, and a Europe which is also ready and prepared and capable of taking a greater share of the burden in Atlantic defense."

The *Plain Truth* later quoted a *Sunday Telegraph* article about Strauss, which said that as Germany's chancellor, "he will go for a tougher and more disenchanted view of détente [peace through negotiation]; a strengthening of

"Strauss, who more than any man can lay claim to being the architect of the *Bundeswehr* [Germany's army] is certain to voice his opinion on this issue and others loud and clear!"

So you could say Franz Josef Strauss was also the father of a powerful German army.

Mr. Strauss wrote a book, *The Grand Design*, to expound his vision for Europe. The cover jacket for the book quotes the *Washington Post* as saying, "Time and again, when Strauss rises to speak, his fiercest foes listen most intently, his hecklers give ground. ... He is the most capable of the German politicians. ... THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY DOUBT THAT STRAUSS AS CHANCELLOR WOULD GET GERMANY 'MOVING AGAIN'—THE QUESTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN 'MOVING IN WHICH DIRECTION?'"

In biblical language, that question is about a resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire (write for our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*).

In that book, Strauss wrote, "An alliance of the great power of America with the great power of Europe is another matter. Both of them have an unlimited capacity for development in the economic, financial and technical spheres, and their alliance would enable Europe to return to its true historical function. Europe could again fulfill the historical role which it began to lose at



**"There has never been any doubt that Strauss as chancellor would get Germany 'moving again'—the question has always been 'moving in which direction?'"**

**Washington Post**

NATO's defenses and a much stronger European profile within that alliance, including a new European nuclear profile" (July 9, 1979).

The *Plain Truth* continued, "A German government with Strauss at the helm would also pursue, as he has said, 'an African policy that corresponds with real German interests.'

"These interests, in his view, do not involve the overthrow of moderate forces in southern Africa and the mollycoddling of Marxist revolutionaries. Continued access to the mineral riches of the African subcontinent and protection of the strategic Cape Route—avenue for much of Europe's oil supply—are vital to Germany's interests. ...

the end of the First World War and which at the end of the Second World War appeared to have gone forever."

What is Europe's "true HISTORICAL FUNCTION"? It is primarily the Holy Roman Empire—the bloodiest institution this world has ever created!

Is this where Europe is headed—again?

### Stoiber's Global Vision

Mr. Stoiber, Strauss's successor, had this to say about Gerhard Schröder: "All he wants is power—SCHRÖDER HAS NO VISION FOR GERMANY" (*Deutsche Presse-Agentur*, Feb. 13). Mr. Schröder's vision is much less focused than Stoiber's.

STOIBER HAS A VISION FOR GERMANY, AND HE PLANS ON TAKING THE EU WITH

HIM. But where would this vision take Europe? He wants a strong “federation” within the EU. A powerful political government is one of his great passions.

This is a vision that frightened Margaret Thatcher, former prime minister of Britain. She warned against such an EU: “YOU HAVE NOT ANCHORED GERMANY TO EUROPE; YOU HAVE ANCHORED EUROPE TO A NEWLY DOMINANT, UNIFIED GERMANY. IN THE END, MY FRIENDS, YOU’LL FIND IT WILL NOT WORK” (*The Downing Street Years*).

*Webster’s Dictionary* defines *federalism* as the “establishment of a strong centralized government; to put under the authority of a federal government; specifically designating or of a union of states groups etc. in which each member agrees to subordinate its power to that of the central authority in common affairs” (see Rev. 17:12-13). Many authorities know that Germany will dominate the EU, guided by the Roman Catholic Church.

This is what happened in Yugoslavia. Germany and the Vatican recognized the breakaway republics of Croatia and Slovenia. Virtually the whole world was against them, but Germany prevailed. This led to a civil war and the breakup of Yugoslavia—the pieces of which are now virtually controlled by a German-led EU.

That is only a small beginning of the next resurrection of the so-called Holy Roman Empire!

Mr. Stoiber is a strong Catholic and has a powerful vision of the EU becoming another Holy Roman Empire. That is his grand design.

The *Economist* of April 20, 1996, reported, “At other times Mr. Stoiber shows his training in the Strauss school of populism. He blasts at Germany’s constitutional court for telling his state that it could not oblige schools to hang crucifixes in every classroom (he seems to have found a way round that ruling and the crucifixes are still there).”

The Holy Roman Empire’s goal has always been to rule the world. So HIS VISION EXTENDS BEYOND EUROPE.

“One of the mysteries of Bavarian politics is the drive for *international* representation.

“Theoretically, that is the role of Berlin. Theoretically, the CSU should be content that Bavaria has the best schools (it has), the lowest unemployment (it has) and the widest range of wonderful beers in Germany (it has). But Bavaria is always different.

“Franz Josef Strauss, the dominant CSU politician of the post-war period, ALWAYS SAW HIMSELF AS AN INTERNATIONAL FIGURE, active in Washington, Brussels and East Berlin—where he arranged loans with the ailing Communist GDR.

“Foreign adventure is a vital component of Bavarian self-confidence.

“STOIBER AND THE CSU ESPOUSE THIS TRADITION. So Stoiber has cultivated ex-Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev. He has yet to become an outspoken ‘Friend of the USA’ though this is his traditional role. He did support President George W. Bush’s missile-defense system when there were

very severe doubts in Germany. Some time later, he was seconded by Chancellor Schröder: A statesmanlike triumph, BASED ON INTERNATIONAL VISION” ([www.germanyspellsbusiness.com](http://www.germanyspellsbusiness.com), March 25).

## Habsburg’s Vision

That 1979 *Plain Truth* article contained some more history that we must review. It said, “Otto von Habsburg, 66, the eldest son of the last Austro-Hungarian emperor, was elected June 10 as one of West Germany’s 81 representatives to the enlarged and strengthened European Parliament in Strasbourg, France. His victory at the polls could have a wide-ranging effect on the future of the entire European continent. ...

“In an interview some years earlier, von Habsburg asserted: ‘Right now politically the only thing one can do in the West is to see to it that the West be united as fast as possible—that we have the United States of Europe here, in order to give all those nations [in Eastern Europe] who are now separated from Europe an alternative when the time comes—God knows when it’s going to come, but it will come one day.’ ...

“On other topics, von Habsburg’s views are equally outspoken. On the subject of European security, he strongly advocates less reliance by



**“All he wants is power—Schröder has no vision for Germany.”**

**Edmund Stoiber**

# Two Opposing World Views

The father of the Grand Design visited Pasadena in 1970 to meet with a “father” of a different type. Did God orchestrate that meeting?

BY GERALD FLURRY

HERBERT ARMSTRONG COMMENTED on Otto von Habsburg and Franz Josef Strauss in a letter on July 24, 1983: “[T]here have arisen in Europe two outstanding political leaders, both writing and speaking out and writing books, saying ‘EUROPE MUST UNITE POLITICALLY.’ One of those was called the ‘strongman of Europe,’ Dr. Franz Josef Strauss. Some 12 years ago I entertained him at dinner in my home in Pasadena, and he spoke to the faculty and students of Ambassador College. I have maintained contact with him.”

Mr. Strauss was stirred as never before when he visited Mr. Armstrong at the beautiful Ambassador College campus. He said it was the “greatest spiritual uplift” he had ever had—the happiest day of his life.

What *caused* him to have his greatest spiritual uplift ever? Why was he happier that day than any other? Mr. Armstrong proclaimed a message of how the whole world was going to experience

Western Europe on American military muscle, citing the negative impact of the Vietnam defeat on U.S. resolve and reliability.

“On the United Nations, he has declared that the organization is dominated by ‘anti-European illiterates, despots and cannibals.’ ...

“Possibly von Habsburg’s most controversial suggestion has been his recipe for dealing with national emergencies. In the April 1978 issue of his conservative publication *Zeitbühne*, he suggested that in certain emergency situations (such as nuclear blackmail or other major acts of terrorism) governments should let a strongman take over for a period of nine months, al-

that happiness. Not just for a day, but for all eternity. He had answers to all of life's biggest questions. He explained why men could not find peace and happiness.

Winston Churchill said, "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened." And so it has been, throughout man's history.

Mr. Strauss also related, "When you see Ambassador College, you see what you can do for the world." What could cause him to make such riveting statements? What *caused* these profound insights? There was a powerful spirit behind Ambassador College under Mr. Armstrong. The students were unlike any others in the world! They had a vision that colleges like Ambassador would soon to fill the Earth. Mr. Strauss felt the impact of this vision in the leaders and students he met.

The people who produce this magazine have that same spirit and vision. Mr. Armstrong was a spiritual father to me and most of the supporters of this work, either directly or indirectly (as Paul was to the Corinthians; 1 Cor. 4:15). He was used by God to deliver this message for the whole world. We just follow in his footsteps.

Franz Josef Strauss was a political *father* to Edmund Stoiber and his followers. He proclaimed a message that is being taught today by Stoiber and his supporters.

So, was there a meeting that day between two fathers? Those two men represented two world views that will soon clash. But only one can succeed in the long run. Our message is destined to prevail. But the other message will prevail in this world until Christ Himself destroys it!

Strauss said "you see what you can do for the *world*." He had a world view, and so does Edmund Stoiber. However, it is a dangerous global vision.

Mr. Armstrong also had a global vision. He was used by God to deliver His message to the world (Mal. 3:1; Matt. 24:14; 17:10-11). He had the responsibility of preaching the gospel to America, Britain, the little nation called Israel, and the world. This was prophecy about *one* specific man.

Would God also use that man to give us insights about

the man who would punish America, Britain and the Middle East Jews for their sins? (see Dan. 8; Rev. 13 and 17).

Mr. Strauss was invited into Mr. Armstrong's home for dinner. At the end of the evening, Mr. Armstrong grabbed Strauss by both shoulders and said, "Hitler was a great man, but he misused and abused his power. You may also receive great power—be very careful you don't abuse it."

At the time, he believed Strauss could be the last prophesied political leader of the Holy Roman Empire.

Strauss was not that man. But he was the political father of a man who could be!

God uses His messenger to prepare the way for Christ's Second Coming (Mal. 3:1). The Strauss experience could be a small part of that preparation, if Stoiber becomes chancellor.

God prophesied that He would raise up a nation and a man (Isa. 10:5-7; Dan. 8:23-25). This takes time. Did God begin preparing with "father" Strauss? God always plans far ahead and in intricate detail.

This history could help us put more emphasis on the most dominant ruler in the end time. This understanding could deepen our grasp of the Holy Roman Empire's philosophy.

God's view of living is much different than man's. When the Strauss entourage returned from Ambassador College to Germany, they said, "We have just returned from paradise." They were given a tiny taste of what the world is soon going to be like.

Mr. Strauss's philosophy will lead the world into its worst disaster ever. Regardless, much or most of his political philosophy will prevail. But that also means Christ's return is imminent. This world is about to be full of good news.

This reasoning may seem bizarre to some people. But consider this. The Prophet Habakkuk prophesied that there would be a deadly Church crisis just before the Holy Roman Empire rose to power in this end time (Hab. 1:1-11). The crisis in spiritual Israel (God's Church) paves the way for the worst crisis ever in the nations of Israel.

So there is a significant tie between God's true Church and the Holy Roman Empire. But the association soon will become violent (Rev. 12:14-17). ♦



Armstrong

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lowing him to suspend laws and 'take all measure necessary for the maintenance of the life of the population.'

"As could be expected, vocal criticism of this one-man-rule scheme was swift in coming. ...

"Interestingly, von Habsburg counts Bavarian leader Franz Josef Strauss among 'the few full-blooded politicians' who 'in the case of serious national crises are able to accept responsibility because of their clear-sightedness and indomitableness.' Von Habsburg says he is 'personally pretty close to his [Strauss's] ideas in many ways on the European unity subject. [So Strauss was also the *father* of most of Habsburg's EU ideas.] ...

"The zenith of Habsburg power came in the 16th century under Emperor Charles V. Chosen by electors in 1519 at the age of 20, Charles was crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Leo X in October 1520. He ruled until 1556 and is considered to have been the greatest monarch to bear the imperial crown since Charlemagne. He

**"Otto himself often speaks of the similarities between the Holy Roman Empire of the Middle Ages and his view of a coming United States of Europe."**

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was THE LAST EMPEROR TO VIGOROUSLY ATTEMPT TO REALIZE THE MEDIEVAL IDEA OF A UNIFIED EMPIRE EMBRACING THE ENTIRE CHRISTIAN WORLD. [Let the Christian world beware!]

"The Habsburg dynasty was, according to Bible prophecy, the fourth of the prophesied seven resurrections of the Roman Empire. As longtime readers of this magazine will know, there remains yet one revival of the Roman Empire to come, which will consist of a union of 10 nations under the overall leadership of a strongman called in prophetic language 'the beast.' ...

"Christopher Hollis, in the foreword to von Habsburg's book *The Social Order of Tomorrow*, points out that

Otto 'would like to see Europe resume her essential unity, and in the symbolism of that unity HE THINKS THAT THE IMPERIAL CROWN OF CHARLEMAGNE AND OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE MIGHT WELL HAVE ITS PART TO PLAY.'

"Inter-European unity has long been a quest of the Habsburg dynasty. OTTO HIMSELF OFTEN SPEAKS OF THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE OF THE MIDDLE AGES AND HIS VIEW OF A COMING UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. In this regard, Otto has stressed the importance of religion in the formation of a united Europe. He regards Christianity as Europe's bulwark: 'THE CROSS DOESN'T NEED EUROPE, BUT EUROPE NEEDS THE CROSS.' Last

April, he was received by Pope John Paul II, and discussed at length the subject of European integration.

"Observers of the efforts toward European unity have often noted that a lacking vital ingredient on the European scene is a charismatic leader and organizing genius—A NEW CHARLEMAGNE...."

But just who will that new Charlemagne be? The Bible defines him in shocking detail. Is the world about to be introduced to this man?

### "King of Fierce Countenance"

Europe's new currency, the euro, has become a powerful global currency. It has even become the official currency of

Kosovo and Montenegro, states of former Yugoslavia—which Germany and the Vatican led NATO to virtually destroy.

SOON THE EURO WILL REPLACE THE DOLLAR AS THE WORLD'S NUMBER-ONE CURRENCY! This developing superpower, the EU, is led by Germany—the same country that started World Wars I and II.

Winston Churchill wanted a united states of Europe led by Britain. He said, "[I]t should be built by the English; if the Russians built it there would be communism and squalor; if the Germans built it there would be tyranny and brute force" (Martin Gilbert, *The Churchill War Papers*, vol. 3).

Whether we like it or not, the EU is being built by Germany. If Churchill

## Europe's Right-Wing Swing

Stoiber's conservative appeal is showing up across Europe.

BY ERIC ANDERSON

**O**VER THE LAST DECADE, center-left politics dominated Western Europe. Whether in the form of Prime Minister Tony Blair's "third way," New Labor administration in Britain or the more traditional left-wing Socialist-led government in France, social democracy reigned supreme in many European countries.

Four years ago, center-left parties held power in 13 of the 15 European Union countries. But since the dawn of the new millennium there has been a change in attitudes among voters across democratic Europe. The tide of European politics is rolling to the right.

With growing fears of terrorism and worldwide economic recession, right-wing political parties stressing law and order and stricter controls on trade and immigration are becoming increas-

ingly popular across Europe.

In one of the most remarkable examples, Bavarian premier Edmund Stoiber, campaigning vigorously on the issues of domestic and economic security, is ahead in the race for chancellor against the present German chancellor, Gerhard Schröder of the Social Democrats.

Michael Schaaf, a leader of the young Social Democrats in Hamburg, says the

rightward, without question," he said. "Social Democrats in Europe have to change," either moving more to the center-right on all issues, or rededicating themselves to providing more jobs and even better security (*New York Times*, Jan. 30).

According to the *Japan Times*, "The question is whether the new left can re-invent itself for the new century and whether the right can steel itself to introduce structural reforms" (Jan. 21).

### Not Only in Germany

Besides Germany, several other nations are experiencing a rightist revival.

In Austria, there exists a ruling coalition between conservatives

and the Freedom Party, whose Jörg Haider has praised some of Adolf



Aznar



Berlusconi

Hitler's policies. (For example, he has lauded Hitler's employment policies and called the Nazi concentration camps mere "detention units.")

A center-right coalition is currently in power in Belgium, while the far-right Vlaams Blok party is gaining ground, currently holding about 15.5 percent of the seats in parliament and controlling two of the country's

biggest cities.

The Social Democrats of Denmark were thrown out by a center-right coalition last November, with the populist anti-immigrant People's Party doubling its number of seats and becoming the country's third-largest political party.

In Europe's other big election this year, France saw a surprise upset in the first round on April 21 when extreme-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen took second place, elbowing Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin out of the race. That leaves the front-runners in



leftists must respond more effectively to the issues at hand. "Europe is heading



was right, we can expect “tyranny and brute force.”

You are about to see his prophecy fulfilled dramatically! Bible prophecy makes that clear. The greatest and most destructive power ever on Earth is racing toward world power. It can be seen by anyone. But it will outstrip what anyone imagines—it is even beyond the ability to fully describe!

The vials of wrath are full, and unparalleled horror is about to fill this Earth—horrors we can’t even fathom.

“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and *understanding dark sentences*, shall stand up. And his power shall be

## The Euro has become a powerful global currency. Soon the euro will replace the dollar as the world’s number-one currency.

mighty, *but not by his own power*: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people” (Dan. 8:23-24). This is prophecy *only* for the end time (Dan. 12:4, 9).

This man’s power is not his own. He will be empowered by the evil god of this world, who is assisted by 10 kings (Rev. 13 and 17). He becomes possessed by the devil (Rev. 13:4).

He understands *dark sentences*. Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon defines *dark* as “twisted, involved.” The Revised Standard Version describes him as “one who understands riddles.” Lange’s Commentary says “he is able to conceal his purposes from both *friend* and foe.”

The Soncino Commentary translates *dark sentences* as “stratagems,” which they define as, “lit. ‘riddles, cryptic sayings.’ The probable meaning is that he will be cunning and able to hide his real purpose behind a cloud of vague phrases. Antiochus was notorious for the facility with which he succeeded in concealing his motives. Bevan renders, ‘skilled in double-dealing.’”

the election as center-right Jacques Chirac (who received 19.7 percent of the vote) and far-right Le Pen (with 17 percent). Another far-right presidential candidate, Bruno Megret, received nearly 2.4 percent of the vote, which meant that, together with Le Pen, the extreme right garnered almost as many votes as Chirac.

The support for Le Pen and his National Front Party came as a result of his strong standing for law and order—and against immigration. Le Pen has been accused of neo-fascism and racism. In 1987, he made an offensive pun about gas ovens and described the Nazi death camps as a mere “detail of history.” Despite his xenophobia, Le Pen’s ultra-hardline policies have seen his party become one of the largest in the country.

With the center-left Jospin out of the race, it is almost certain now that Chirac will win the presidency. Then, with legislative elections in June, parliament is expected to gain a center-right majority, with a strong contingent also coming from the extreme right.

In Ireland, the center-right coalition currently in power is likely to be reelect-

ed this month (May); other Irish rightist contenders are currently gaining ground, according to local polls.

The right has come back into power in Italy as well. Silvio Berlusconi, the billionaire Italian prime minister, beat the center-left in last year’s elections. His right-wing coalition, which has elements descended from Benito Mussolini, including Mussolini’s fascist-sympathizing granddaughter Alessandra, is against immigration, has shown coolness toward the euro and has resisted EU integration. Gianfranco Fini, deputy prime minister and National Alliance leader, has led a fascist party in the past. He once called Mussolini “the greatest statesman of the century.”

In the Netherlands, the right has received some recent attention. A new party called *Leefbaar Nederland*, or “Livable Netherlands,” has also suddenly emerged on the right wing of the national stage. The party,



Le Pen



Haider

sharply critical of immigration, has attracted important media personalities. Its leader is a former Marxist. The party seeks more support and autonomy for the police.

Norway’s socialist Labor Party suffered its biggest defeat in four decades last September to a center-right coalition, which is supported by the populist, anti-immigration, far-right Progress Party.

In Portugal, March elections brought into power Jose Durao Barroso of the Social Democrats, the main party of the center-right. He now heads a center-right coalition, which has taken office after seven years of rule by the Socialist Party.

In Spain, Jose Maria Aznar’s center-right Popular Party recently secured a historic second term. His right-wingers have been given more power than they have had since the death of dictator Generalissimo Francisco Franco (Hitler’s ally during WWII) in 1975.

The signs of the times in

Europe are becoming clear for all to see. Europe’s right-wing swing is but one symptom of widespread RESURGENT NATIONALISM!

### What Next?

With economic and security concerns worrying Europeans, there are strong feelings of national sentiment in Europe right now. Those politicians who appeal to these sensitive feelings of the masses are beginning to get the votes. The big parties are worried; they wonder now if they should change their tune and begin to act more nationalistic. This flies in the face of the agenda of the European Union, which seeks to sacrifice national sovereignty on the altar of federalism.

What will be the long-term outcome of this right-wing swing? Bible prophecy indicates where this trend is leading. **WHETHER WE REALIZE IT OR NOT, THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE—THE “FOURTH REICH”—IS NOW RISING IN EUROPE.** So says your Bible!

Keep a close eye on trends within European politics. The stage is rapidly being set for a nightmarish repeat of the dark days of the last world war. ♦

This man is the supreme fulfillment of the Antiochus Epiphanes *type*. Antiochus was a master of intrigue.

Here is how the *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* describes Antiochus: "Antiochus made himself master of Egypt and Jerusalem successively by craft (I Macc. 1:30, 'The king sent his chief collector of tribute, who came unto Jerusalem with a great multitude, and spake peaceable words unto them; but all was deceit: for when they had given him credence, he fell SUDDENLY upon the city, and smote it very sore, and destroyed much people of Israel,' etc.; II Macc. 5:24, 'Antiochus sent also that detestable ringleader, Apollonius, with an army of two and twenty thousand, commanding him to slay all those that were in their best age, and to sell the women and the younger sort; who, coming to Jerusalem, and pretending peace, did forbear till the holy day of the Sabbath, when, taking the Jews keeping holyday, he commanded his men to arm themselves, and so he slew all them that were gone to the celebrating of the Sabbath,' etc.)."

He deceives both *friend* and foe. The nations of America, Britain and the Middle East Jews are to become this political combine's "lovers."

Look for the probability of the United States to become even better "friends" with Germany in the near future. Our peoples are going to experience a massive betrayal.

God's Word has virtually no influence on the leaders of our nations. But failing to hear these words will become their most acute regret.

*Dark sentences* can also be translated "a vision." Mr. Stoiber said Chancellor Schröder has "no vision." In other words, Schröder is not so transfixed by the Holy Roman Empire vision to rule the world.

Daniel says this man will destroy mightily. He destroys many nations—and even God's own people. Why would he do that? Because he is empowered by the devil!

It is time for God's people and the nations of Israel to awaken!

### Learning From Mistakes?

"What has carried Stoiber to within grasping distance of the most powerful job in Europe is not so much intellect as a combination of hard work—16-hour days—and THOROUGHGOING RUTHLESS-

**The Germans yearn for a strong leader, especially in the age of terrorism and many other dangers.**



NESS. There was a saying in the CSU in the 1980s: 'GOD FORGIVES. STOIBER NEVER'" (*Spectator*, Jan. 19).

A king of *fierce countenance*. That means this leader is harsh, cruel and bitterly hateful.

Does Stoiber have the potential to fulfill this prophecy? Remember, whoever this man is, he is going to have a mind change (Isa. 10:7; Hab. 1:11).

"And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand" (Dan. 8:25). This man is prophesied to have a POLICY OF CUNNING INTELLIGENCE AND DEADLY DECEIT. That is his day-to-day *policy*! The way he does business.

How did he learn to be so cunning? Perhaps by seeing up-close the example of Strauss, his political mentor.

Mr. Strauss had a notorious "lack of oratorical self-control," in the words of the *Financial Times*. That 1979 *Plain Truth* article quoted this *Financial Times* statement about Strauss: "Herr Strauss in full oratorical flight is a wonder—scattering ironic abuse like shrapnel amid opponents too shocked

for a fast response. (Herr Strauss's delivery, the Bundestag calculates, averages 311 syllables in 20 seconds against a parliamentary average of 288.)"

The *Plain Truth* then stated, "It was in 1962 that Strauss suffered his most severe personal setback. He was held responsible for police raids on the offices of the Hamburg newsmagazine *Der Spiegel*, which had published an article on NATO, allegedly betraying state secrets. In the ensuing uproar, Strauss was accused of lying to the Bundestag and had to resign from office in disgrace.

"The incident would have destroyed lesser men. Strauss tumbled so low that virtually no public figures took his side. He went into retreat in his native Bavaria, seeking the advice of Catholic priests and his wife. He analyzed his past mistakes, determining how to rebuild his career without making the same mistakes."

An ardent disciple like Stoiber can learn much from mistakes that probably kept Strauss from becoming chancellor.

### A Man for Emergencies

The Germans yearn for a strong leader, especially in this age of terrorism and many other dangers.

Europe is prophesied to conquer radical Islam (Dan. 11:40-41; write for our free booklet *The King of the South*). The clash will revolve around Jerusalem and, probably to a lesser degree, oil. Europe is quite dependent on Middle East oil.

A serious economic crisis or some other disaster could cause the Germans to desire strongman Stoiber even more. Like his mentor, Strauss, he may be looked upon as a man for emergencies.

London's *Daily Telegraph* wrote this on March 10: "German workers are seeking jobs abroad in unprecedented numbers in a poignant reversal of fortune for a country once famed for its importation of foreign labor.

"Officials announced last week that the number of Germans leaving to escape soaring unemployment rose by more than 2,000 to 14,000 between 2000 and 2001—the largest increase ever. The figure represents only a fraction of the real total, however, as many more find jobs through private recruitment agencies.

"The statistics, combined with figures showing unemployment at a

three-year high of 4.3 million, were seen as a severe blow to Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's hopes of being returned to power in September after his pledge to cut unemployment to 3.5 million before the next election. Almost more humiliating for Germany than having to live with high unemployment was the revelation that the country that once attracted more than a million Yugoslav and Turkish guest workers in the years before reunification and sparked the British television comedy *Auf Wiedersehen Pet* about British builders working in Germany—is now experiencing a surge in its people seeking jobs abroad. ...

"With unemployment now well above the 4 million mark—a psychological watershed that badly damages Mr. Schröder's chances of re-election—and Germany recording the lowest economic growth rate in the EU, the country is being seen as the sick man of Europe. A team of government policy advisers predicts 0.7 percent growth this year.

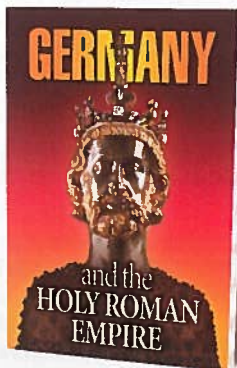
"The government only narrowly escaped a reprimand from Brussels last month over its failure to adhere to the EU stability pact on monetary union. 'Mr. Schröder's government is bereft of ideas and helpless,' said Edmund Stoiber ... 'It is behaving like the owner of a house without a roof who hopes that better weather will solve his problems.'

"Mr. Schröder's worsening predicament has enabled Mr. Stoiber to increase his lead in opinion polls to 6 percent since announcing his candidature in January."

This crisis is apt to get worse before it gets better. If it does, Mr. Stoiber will be much more attractive to voters.

He is a man we all should watch. ♦

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# The Grand Design

The election process for the chancellorship of Germany is shaping up to be a bruising affair. Whoever wins, one thing is certain: He will inherit a nation poised to fulfill a Grand Design for global dominance 50 years in the making.

BY RON FRASER

**"W**E MUST FIND A NEW STARTING point which changes the political face of the world ...."

Those visionary words were penned by one of Germany's most controversial post-war politicians, Franz Josef Strauss. Almost 40 years ago this Munich-born "strongman of Europe" laid out a Grand Design to change the balance of power in the world and thrust a federated Europe forward as a countervailing force between Russia and America.

That was when two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union, maintained the balance of global power. Now, with the USSR having faded into history and the European Union having overtaken the U.S. in the size and extent of its economy, the Eurocrats stand on the brink of realizing Strauss's dream—that Germany "must establish a new set of political facts, a new political Europe ... not merely neutral between Russia and America, but a political Europe standing on its own feet. ... We must change the balance of power in the world, ... we must wage a political campaign with increasing strength on our side" (Franz Josef Strauss, *The Grand Design*).

## The Plan's Genesis

To really understand the situation Germany faces as it contemplates its future—and by extension the future of

Europe and indeed the world—during this election year we need to understand a little of the history which formed it into the powerful nation it is today.

Anciently, Rome conquered Spain, Gaul, the south of Britain, northern Africa south to the Sahara Desert, Illyria, Greece and Central Asia to the Euphrates River. Yet, significantly, Rome could not stretch its hegemony beyond the Rhine River on the European continent. Why? Beyond the Rhine River dwelt a war-like race called by the Romans *Germania*, meaning "war men." It was to this race, consisting of numerous small tribes, that the possession of the Roman Empire would fall in A.D. 800 (for more information on this fascinating history, request our booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*).

For centuries, having declared itself as "the wall of defense against the barbarism of Asia," imperial Germany dominated continental Europe with its most enduring political institution: the German Reich. Officially designated by the Roman Catholic Church in the Middle Ages as "the Kingdom of God on Earth," this "Holy Roman Empire of the German people" embraced, until the 19th century, most German-speaking peoples and millions of others.

It has been the nature of this Germanic Reich to be given to frequent mutations. As Luigi Barzini puts it, "Not even the geography stayed put. Borders advanced and retreated like tides. Flags changed. Titles changed. The very language varied somewhat

from time to time and from place to place" (*The Europeans*).

Reflective of the recent transfer of Germany's capital from Bonn to the Berlin of Holy Roman Empire days, for many centuries the German empire sported a moveable capital, in German known as the *Pfalz*. It happened to be wherever the emperor and his court pitched their tents. Barzini continues, "For a long time, the only thing that did not vary was the national anthem, its boastful proclamation, 'Deutschland über alles,' echoing unchanged down the corridors of time. And every time I was there on a journalistic mission I saw a startlingly new country, only vaguely resembling what I had seen before or what I had read about."

Such a history is, in itself, but an expression of that which German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche asserted is the indescribable nature of the German people: "As a people of the most monstrous mixture and medley of races, perhaps even with a preponderance of the pre-Aryan element, as 'people of the middle' in every sense, the Germans are more incomprehensible, comprehensive, contradictory, unknown, incalculable, surprising, even frightening than other people are to themselves: they elude definition" (*Beyond Good and Evil*).

Then, in a remarkably candid assessment of the character of the Germany of history, Nietzsche declared, "[I]t is not for nothing that one is called ... the *Täusche-Volk, deceiver people*" (*ibid.*).

When we study German politics today, particularly as they impact the international arena, we should be most mindful of this trait of German character. The world, in particular America, now sees a Germany democratized, well behaved, repentant of its historic warring, even having paid its dues for the Holocaust, regenerated as a responsible leader within a uniting Europe. Germany today is seen as a staunch ally of the West, a prime mover for peace in the Middle East, a beacon of light to other regimes which yet have to overcome their tainted totalitarian past.

But is this *real*?

Strauss himself admitted that "in contributing to the formation of a Eu-

ropean federation, Germany herself would find a new identity." Well, if this be so, if Germany indeed has taken on a *new identity*, does it reflect a genuine change of character—or is it simply an identity of *convenience*?

Strauss clearly unveils the motive for this makeover of the German identity which the cloak of European Union has cast about it: "[I]t was going to be much easier for Germany to make a comeback as a member of an international family, as a member of a European federation, than as a German Reich, a single national state. Therefore we should not insist too much on what good Europeans we are; we must understand that our European attitude was the only escape hatch we had, the only approach that made a comeback possible" (*op. cit.*).

That comeback is now a reality. Are we, then, about to see the reverse side of that Europeanizing cloak that Ger-

many has clung to its bulging shoulders for nearly 60 years? Is Germany about to reverse its cloak of identity and fling it out around Europe, in essence converting the process of "Europeanizing Germany" into one of "Germanizing Europe"? Is this the time, in this German election year, to contemplate seriously those words of Nietzsche: "The German soul has its passageways and inter-passageways; there are caves, hideouts and dungeons in it; its disorder has a good deal of the attraction of the mysterious; *the German is an expert on secret paths to chaos*. ... [T]he German loves clouds and everything that is unclear, becoming twilight, damp and overcast: whatever is in any way uncertain, unformed, blurred, growing, he feels to be 'profound'" (*op. cit.*; emphasis mine throughout). In the art of foreign policy, one should never overlook the historic evidence of *national character*.

## Toward the Grand Design

Mr. Strauss had powerful influence on the direction of political thought regarding Germany and Europe within his own country as well as in foreign-policy circles in the U.S. and Britain. His Grand Design for Europe and his home country embodied 10 key objectives:

## A Ten-Point Plan

1. Destroy the legend that Germany is a country congenitally devoted to acts of aggression. This must be done by "*Europeanization of the German question*."
2. Europe must make a choice to become a *federation*. The epoch of *national pride and sovereignty must be viewed as having passed*.
3. The Soviet Union must radically change its policy toward Europe and Germany.
4. Europe should not become an anti-Russian potential. *Europe must become a potential on its own*. From the geographical point of view, *Europe may extend to the Urals*.
5. No definition of Europe should be held to exclude *Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and the other Eastern countries*. When we talk of a European federation, *Russia must accept that these countries are included*.
6. To counter fragmentation of the European continent and to ensure peace, *national thinking in both Western and Eastern Europe must be abandoned*. There should be no negotiation on the recognition or non-recognition of *national rights*.
7. *Germany has specific territorial demands*. Only in an Eastern Europe outside the Communist sphere of influence, in which all nations have gained the right of self-determination, can the right of Germans to settle in the homes of their choice be discussed. *A strong United States of Europe must be constructed where every citizen enjoys freedom of movement and free choice of where to work and live*.
8. *The unification of East and West Germany* [prior to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989] must be seen by Germans as part of a general settlement freeing all Eastern European countries from the Communist yoke.
9. West European states need to become members of a *European defense community*, having its own *atomic armaments*, developed via assistance from the United States.
10. *Germans must accept the long way round to the achievement of these goals*. It must be a *step-by-step* process, harmonizing our European economic and social structure, foreign policies, relationships with Russia and America and the East-West complex, plus *reform of NATO*.



**"Germany must establish a new set of political facts, a new political Europe"**

**F.J. Strauss**

That this Grand Design has the empowerment of the German nation, under a Europeanizing guise, as an ulterior motive, was not hidden by Strauss. Indeed, he clearly declared that this vision for a "stable European framework, a *Continent resuming and fulfilling its historical function*, federated and unified, could absorb, catalyze and canalize into the right path the German potential, German emotions, German feelings and German strength" (op. cit.).

Any astute analyst of the German question will realize that, with the specific exception of a well-consolidated European defense community, backed by nuclear armaments, ALL OF THE OBJECTIVES OF STRAUSS'S GRAND DESIGN FOR GERMANY AND EUROPE HAVE BEEN FULFILLED PROGRESSIVELY, STEP BY STEP, OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS. With the Eurocrats now deliberating over the evolving European constitution, and military strategists meeting behind closed doors to consider how to weld Europe's disparate armies of, collectively, over 2 million personnel into a single European defense force, *the final pieces of this Grand Design are about to be welded into place.*

But, Strauss is dead. This Munich-born political visionary died in 1988, without seeing his grand vision realized—yet not before passing it on to his hand-picked successor: Edmund Stoiber, leading candidate in the race for the German chancellorship in the September elections. *The vision of Franz Josef Strauss lives today in the mind of Edmund Stoiber.* Will it be left to the right-wing Stoiber, cast in the mold of his influential mentor, to see that vision through to ultimate fruition?

### The Peace Broker

To counteract, or at the very least to limit, fears of German hegemony, brought about by its increasing economic, business and political incursions into Eastern Europe and its recent political and military role in the Balkans, one of the facades presently attached to the constantly developing German image is that of *peacemaker* or *peace broker*.

The Germans have powerfully supported the EU in its role as chief bankroller for the Palestinians in their drive for recognition in the Middle

East. Joschka Fischer, Germany's foreign minister, has vied with EU Secretary General Javier Solana and EU special envoy to the Middle East Miguel Moratinos in making overtures for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Last month Fischer released a new "peace plan" for the Middle East—right at the time that U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell visited the Middle

**With one specific exception, all the objectives of Strauss's Grand Design for Germany and Europe have been fulfilled progressively, step by step, over the past 50 years. Today, the final pieces of this Grand Design are about to be welded into place.**

East and Europe in America's most recent unsuccessful peace effort.

It was also Fischer who burned the midnight oil preparing Balkan reconstruction proposals, even as NATO was bombing Yugoslavia from 14,000 feet up during the Kosovo war. This extremist-supporter of the mid-1960s has succeeded in creating an entirely new image for himself as globe-trotting *peacemaker* and has put Germany on the map with its new identity of *peace-broker*.

Germany's ground troops and air force have seen battle over the past half-decade in the Balkans and Afghanistan; its navy has been deployed to East Africa. These initiatives have always been in the guise of "peacekeeping" missions, overseen by umbrella bodies such as the UN or NATO. Most recently, crack German special forces have seen action in Afghanistan as part of the U.S.-led alliance against terrorism. In all of these situations, publicity has it that the Germans behaved impeccably, true to the nature of their clearly defined missions.

This new identity as a militarized peacekeeper is gradually being accepted by all sides in German politics, including Fischer's Green Party. Interestingly enough, this has resulted in a complete makeover of the Green Party's reason for existence, as that party had initially been founded upon a totally anti-military platform.

### Dangerous When Unhappy

Luigi Barzini summed up the course of post-war Continental affairs thus: "The future ... will probably be decided, once again, by Germany's decisions. And Germany is, as it always was, a mutable, proteus-like, unpredictable country, *particularly dangerous when it is unhappy*" (op. cit.).

Facing its election year, Germany is increasingly *unhappy*. Chancellor Schröder's coalition government has failed to deliver. Industrial output is down, unemployment is up, xenophobic fears bubble to the surface, anti-Zionist outbursts increase, neo-Nazi demonstrations continue to escalate. Cracks are now appearing in the government coalition, in particular in the relationship between the chancellor and his foreign minister, heading up the Green faction, Joschka Fischer. In the meantime, German nationalism finds a voice in expressing a new discontent with the effects of European Union. To top this off, at a recent conference of military officers and politicians in Hannover, Germany's military men made it clear to Schröder and his defense minister, Rudolf Scharping, that they were most discontented with what one officer described as the "drift towards a bargain basement army" (*Times*, London, April 9). Scharping was forced to admit that Germany's overseas military commitments have stretched its forces to the limit.

In addition to this basket of woes, Germany is now faced with "The prospect of a spring and summer of industrial discontent [which] could spell the end of any realistic hopes of re-election in September for Gerhard Schröder, the chancellor" (*Times*, London, March 26). With the blue collar vote vital to Schröder's election chances, the chancellor will be wracking his brains for a solution to a seemingly insoluble problem posed by the general union of IG Metall. The country's most powerful union has launched a series of strikes in support of what the government and industry bosses call an "indefensible" wage claim.

The seriousness of this situation was highlighted recently by a business spokesman: "It is grotesque that, in the worst economic situation in years, IG Metall is making the highest wage claim in years," said Otmar Zwiebelhofer of the German Employers' Federation.

About 17 percent of the industries in which the union is represented are making losses, according to the Gesamtmetall employers' group" (ibid.).

With a wave of insolvencies currently rolling over the country, Germany's current economic condition and, as a consequence, its social impact, will figure highly in this election. Figures published by the German news service Handelsblatt are startling: "Germany faces one of the biggest waves of insolvencies in its history this year. Economic-data agency Creditreform said Wednesday that the number of company insolvencies is set to reach 40,000 in 2002, a rise of around 25 percent from the previous year" (April 3).

Such a situation is set to deal a massive blow to German morale as Germans perceive their post-war economic miracle at risk of sliding into chaos.

## End Game

Yet, the Germans are no strangers to chaos. Indeed, as Nietzsche opined, "The German is an expert on secret paths to chaos." On more than one occasion, certain German leaders have even deliberately engineered a situation of chaos, crisis and seeming catastrophe, only to miraculously then rise to the occasion with the solution. Bismarck, Kaiser Wilhelm and Hitler are three cases in point.

The intriguing reality is, this German mind that so readily embraces order and discipline can, at times, so quickly descend into chaos, and out of that chaos, emerge with a singular determination to prove its claim to masterliness, at all costs, and without feeling for those who stand in its path. This phenomenon has been most clearly evidenced during Germany's great wars of 1870-1871, 1914-1918, and 1939-1945.

"When they are at war they do the job, as they do it in peacetime, as thoroughly, efficiently and expediently as possible, without looking left or right, like the good obedient workmen they are. They never bother about what the rest of the world will think. Scruples and doubts might slow them down" (*The Europeans*).

Nobody wants to see Germany at war again. Yet, when Germany is unhappy, that is when it tends to dust off and start banging the gray drums of war. At present, this unhappy Germany is waging

**"The future . . . will probably be decided, once again, by Germany's decisions. And Germany is, as it always was, a mutable, proteus-like, unpredictable country, particularly dangerous when it is unhappy"**

**Luigi Barzini**

war domestically—via strikes, street marches, political schisms, voracious business takeovers in the wake of a stream of corporate failures. The present war is largely political and economic. It will soon be fought out on the hustings from Brandenburg to the



**UNHAPPY** 15,000 people from all over Europe demonstrate against unemployment, racism and war in May 1999 in Cologne, Germany.

Rhineland, from Schleswig-Holstein to Baden-Wurttemberg.

This election could develop into a knock-down, drag-out fight, with Schröder scrambling for his political life, and the leading opposition contender, Edmund Stoiber, battling to gain the power to fulfill a dream, the

vision of his old mentor, Franz Josef Strauss. Who will win? Watch events in Germany and Europe over the next four months in the lead-up to this election. It may yet prove to be Germany's most critical election.

The outcome of this election in Germany may ripple on across the North Sea, the Atlantic and the Pacific to ultimately affect you!

Bible prophecy clearly indicates that a German-led European power will descend upon the Anglo-American nations with overwhelming force and take them into slavery (Isa. 10:5-7). That would have been unthinkable 57 years ago, as Germany lay crushed and defeated at the feet of the victors in 1945. Yet, the German National Socialist intelligentsia, its leadership and its visionaries, largely went underground to bide their time and build once again for the fulfillment of their dream of global dominance. But their tactics changed. This time, instead of war they used trade, diplomacy, treaties and laws to build their dream. That dream has found its expression over the past half-century in the apparent Europeanizing of Germany. It has been fundamental to that dream that nationalism and the sovereignty of European nations be subsumed to the Eurostate—yet, strangely, German nationalism seems exempt from this process. Now evident is Germany's one insatiable desire: "to see Germany once more decide its own future and Europe's and the world's with an authority proportionate to its economic and cultural weight ..." (ibid.).

Domestic issues may shape this German election on the surface, but underneath lies a hidden agenda, hidden by the protean mask of the German people: "Which is the shape of the German Proteus this morning? Which will be its shape tomorrow? Johannes Gross thinks his countrymen wear a mask. 'But the day may come when someone lifts the mask,' he wrote. 'The face that appears may be less full-cheeked and rosy than today's. ... So long as we wear the mask, we remain hidden and continue to conceal the situation even from ourselves. ...' Is the German, as Nietzsche wrote, still 'acquainted with the hidden paths to chaos?'" (ibid.).

Watch the election date, September 22, for the answer to that question. ♦

# Anti-Semitism Revives!

The specter of anti-Semitism rises to haunt the world barely half a century on from its most horrific hour.

BY RON FRASER

**"S**YNAGOGUES ARE BURNING IN Europe again, 57 years after the war." So declared a bewildered Jewish woman from Frankfurt as the latest wave of anti-Semitism swept across Europe—in the wake of the biased television footage of the most recent violence in Israel.

That she hailed from Germany and her words were reported in one of the principle daily newspapers of that country held extra poignancy for any reader with a concept of history.

The same report highlighted the fact that it was not only the recent attacks on synagogues which is disturbing German Jews. "They are also uneasy about other Germans, their fellow German citizens, whether Christians or atheists" (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, April 22).

And well they might be, given the history of both, in relation to the sad saga of anti-Semitism that has permeated Europe, Germany in particular, over the centuries.

## Priests and Politicians

The term *anti-Semite* has come to denote one whose mind is set against the Jews; too often, in reality, a *Jew-hater*—most particularly those who have sought to work against, even deny, the right of the Jewish people to their own independent state.

Yet, anti-Semitism was not born with the establishment of this modern Jewish state in 1948. It has a long history. It has surfaced continuously in priestly and political circles, within, especially, the Roman Catholic Church and the murky corridors of political power in Europe—from the time of the first Roman Empire to the current European Union.

It was a militarized Catholic Church that mounted the Crusades of the Middle Ages and slaughtered countless non-Christians in the name of religion. In fact, some maintain that these Crusades had their genesis much earlier, in A.D. 622, when the church fought the Persians and Jews. Suffering defeat and the

loss of possession of Jerusalem left the Catholics extremely bitter against the Jews. Thus, anti-Semitism in Vatican circles has a history extending at least 1,380 years.

In the 14th century, the Vatican blamed the Jews for the great plague which swept Europe, claiming they had poisoned the wells. Since then, many paranoid delusions have heaped a blood libel on the Jewish people, blaming them for all sorts of phenomena, from the "threat" of corrupting national bloodlines to the failure of national economies. Some of the most venerated saints of the Catholic Church were among its most vociferous Jew-haters. Indeed, as historian Robert S. Wistrich states, "Nazi anti-Semitism could never have aroused the response it did had it not been planted in groundwater poisoned by Christian theology ... and in satanization of the Jews over many centuries" (*Commentary*, April 2001).

Thus Wistrich links the *priesthood* with the *politicians*. "The emergence of political anti-Semitism in parts of Europe in the late 19th century afforded many Catholics yet another opportunity to revive the church's declining fortunes" (*ibid.*). All this hatred of the Jew consummated in the engulfing of millions of them in the gas chambers of the great Holocaust during World War II. A plethora of documentation now exists linking *church* and *state* with this horrifying slaughter, by either benign neglect or outright complicity.

One would think that both priest and politician would be eternally repentant for this massive blot on the history of man. But no! That would require a memory of past events, and that is what is, too often and too quickly, disappearing from the public conscience.

## One-Sided View

Why is this so? One of the major reasons is that political opinion in Europe is so *one-sided* on the Mideast conflict.

"Members of the Norwegian Nobel



**HATE CHIC** An April anti-Israel demonstration in Berlin.

committee have publicly called for the withdrawal of the peace prize from the Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres, but *not from his co-winner, Yasser Arafat*. The European Parliament voted to urge member governments to impose trade sanctions on Israel but urged *no action against the Palestinian Authority*. Historically, the far right and far left have not agreed on much. These days they seem *united in their contempt for the Jewish state*" (*International Herald Tribune*, emphasis mine.).

But such contempt for Jews has spread like a rash around the globe. It is startling to read of last year's 100 percent increase in anti-Jew attacks in such a far-away place as *Australia!* Anti-Semitism's revival became glaringly apparent during last year's sham international conference against racism, held in South Africa, which simply turned out to be a celebration of *hatred of Israel*. The very *legitimacy* of the Jewish state came under repeated attack, with speaker after speaker equating Zionism (the movement to consolidate a national home for Jews) with *racism!*

There is *more* to this dramatic rise of anti-Semitism in Europe than meets the eye. "Guilt over the Holocaust may be salvaged with the thought that Jews, too, can act with cruelty. And given U.S. sponsorship of Israel, *being fashionably anti-American can easily mean being anti-Israel!*" (*ibid.*).

Not only this, but, as an Australian daily newspaper opined, "Discrimination against Israel is possible because *the Holocaust is being forgotten. ... Memory of guilt fades and the Europeans are now tired of the diplomatic effort required to legitimize Israel against more committed opponents*" (*Canberra Times*, April 22).

Failure of memory and guilt fatigue are having disastrous results on the ef-

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The land is soaking with blood. Palestinians are boiling with rage

# What is happening



THE RECENT DIPLOMATIC shuttle to the Middle East by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, far from achieving anything noteworthy for the peace process, may have had a distinctly negative effect.

One headline summed up the legacy of that doomed diplomatic mission by describing it as "a dangerous vacuum." Assessing the fallout from Powell's "Middle Eastern dash," the writer suggested, "he leaves behind a *dangerous vacuum* at the heart of the conflict—the Israeli-Palestinian confrontation .... [H]is words not only brought no comfort, they are a *source of deep concern*. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict cannot tolerate a diplomatic vacuum: In the absence of energetic activity, it is *doomed to further deterioration*" (*International Herald Tribune*, April 18; emphasis ours throughout).

Taking a decidedly anti-U.S. position on this latest attempt to bring the opposing parties in the conflict together, the Palestinian terrorism inciter Yasser Arafat simply declared that it was "a disaster."

This sad spectacle is the latest in a litany of failed attempts by various U.S. administrations to conclude a valid agreement between Israel and the Palestinians that would stick and thus terminate the endless cycle of violence in the Middle East.

With each U.S. failure, the remaining vestiges of respect for American diplomacy fritter away under a rising tide of anti-Americanism sweeping the world, overwhelming any brief sympathy which may have resulted from the horrific acts of terror suffered by the U.S. on September 11.

Nature abhors a vacuum, the saying goes. The vacuum in the Middle East is one of effective, assertive leadership, backed up by a declaration of authoritative power of the type that would literally put the fear of God into the instigators of terror.

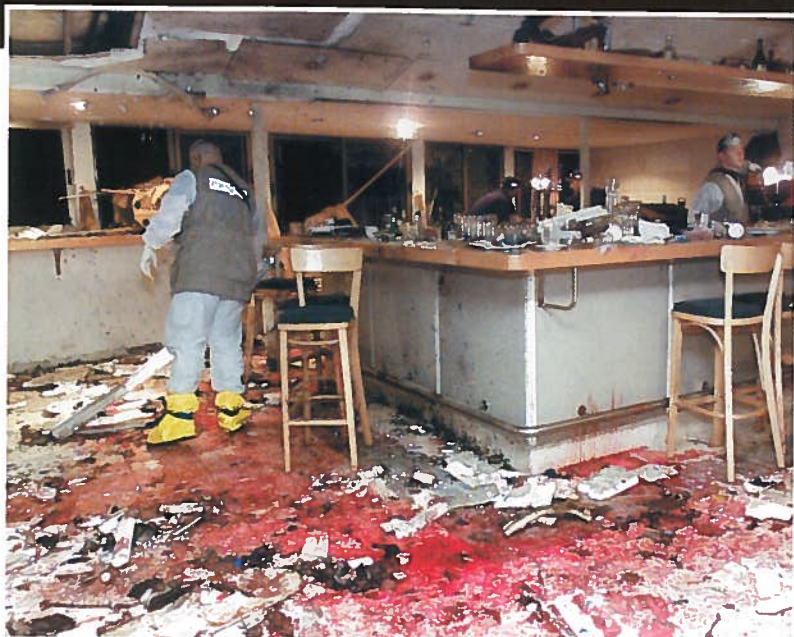
Though such strength of leadership will be the *ultimate* force which will fill the vacuum in the Middle East, a very *opposite* type of power is destined to fill it in the short term.





ge. Israel is infuriating the world. Diplomats are out of answers.

# to the Middle East?



Recently, calls have been stepped up for an external military presence in Palestine. The EU has become quite vocal in its call for an international observer force to surround Jerusalem and oversee and enforce stability in the region. This is an idea that has, in the past, been debated both by Israeli leaders and by Arafat.

But perhaps the most startling reaction to the recent firestorm created by the Palestinian terrorist incursions within Israel, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's reaction to rout the killers from Israeli territory, is coming from *Germany*. The BBC reported last month that "In view of the escalating Middle East conflict, the debate in Germany about a possible blue beret mission, including Bundeswehr soldiers, is intensifying. Bundestag members from the Greens and the Free Democratic Party (FDP) suggested today that German soldiers should participate in a possible blue beret mission to de-escalate the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians. ...

"Particularly because of its past, *Germany has a special responsibility for peace in the Middle East* .... The *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung* reported at the weekend that support for the French proposal to de-escalate the crisis in the Middle East with an international observer force is growing among the federal government. ... [A] senior official said that he 'quite liked the idea of a military presence that keeps the parties to the conflict apart'" (April 8).

This is an *ominous* sign! It is an *early warning* of a bloody betrayal that will soon deeply *wound* the tiny nation of Israel.

In the book of Hosea, the prophet declares, "When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound" (Hos. 5:13).

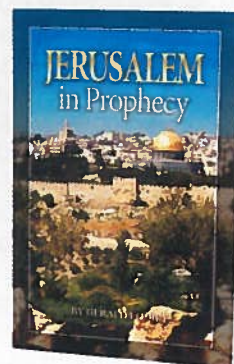


Biblical Ephraim is modern Britain. Judah is the nation we know as Israel today. Assyria is Germany. Here is a prediction, made over 2,500 years ago, that **THE JEWS WILL SEEK HELP FROM GERMANY**.

The EU, dominated by its leading nation, Germany, already has been approached by Israel with the invitation to contribute toward a Mideast observer force. Now Germany is indicating its willingness to contribute to such a force. This ought to *electrify* any true Bible student, who should know the great sign which Jesus gave to His disciples indicating that they should flee to a chosen place of protection from impending tribulation (Rev. 12:6,14): "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains ..." (Luke 21:20-21).

We are *dangerously* close to that event. You need to learn about this *quickly!* Times are extremely *urgent*. The streets of Jerusalem, stained with so much blood over the centuries, will soon become *rivers* of blood!

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**RELIGIOUS RIOTS** In Ahmedabad in February, Indian rioters protest a Muslim attack that burned alive 58 Hindu activists and their children on a train.

## What's Ahead for India?

The level of tension on the Indian subcontinent, coupled with the level of firepower, makes this a uniquely dangerous region. What has brought India to its current state? And what lies ahead for the Hindu nation?

BY RYAN MALONE  
AND GARETH FRASER

**W**HEN INDIA HAS TROUBLE, THE world takes note. Its 1998 nuclear saber-rattling with Muslim rival and neighbor Pakistan, and the terrorist attacks on the Indian parliament last December, which caused a severe rise in tensions between the two nations, have put the world on the edge of its seat.

Then when Islamic extremists set fire to a train transporting Hindu activists on February 27, the region exploded in the worst religious violence in a decade. Hindus responded to the attacks in clashes which have killed close to 1,000 and left another 100,000 homeless.

The level of tension, coupled with the level of firepower, makes the Indian subcontinent a uniquely dangerous region. What is ahead for this area? This is an issue of atomic proportions! You need to understand why India is

in its present state, and where it is all leading.

### A Land of Extremes

The landmass that is India is beautiful. Green pastures, rolling hills and snowcapped mountains caress the landscape. The feet of Genghis Khan, Marco Polo, Vasco da Gama, Akbar, the East India Company traders and Sir Winston Churchill trod the paths of history across this majestic land.

India has been, is and will remain a nation of abundant potential. It boasts one of the world's largest economies and, along with Japan, is one of "the only two major non-Western societies to sustain democratic governments for any length of time" (Samuel P. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*).

Despite widespread criticism of British colonial rule, India has benefited greatly from its past links with the British Empire. No nation of this size

and scope was better positioned for structural independence after colonial rule. India is the most populous democratic country in the world and has a burgeoning middle class.

Since achieving independence, India has experienced growth and expansion of its British-established financial institutions, communications, railways, military, airline industry, coal, oil and natural gas industries, and has developed a nuclear power capability.

Following the fall of the Soviet Union, India embraced capitalism and opened itself to foreign investment. Its economy has since seen steady increase. Its information technology and film industries are among the world's biggest.

In stark contrast, most Indians remain illiterate and impoverished, enduring periodic famines and epidemics sweeping the country. Though the Hindu caste system is outlawed on paper, citizens of the democratic country are still affected strongly by it. India is thus a country of contrasts. Like its varied landscape, the conditions of this nation lie in extremes: from skyscrapers to huts, from relative peace to full-blown violence, from natural beauty to natural disasters.

Today, India has a population of over a billion and the fourth-largest army in the world.

Russia and the U.S. are both seeking strategic partnerships with India. The November 26, 2001, *Statesman* (India) reported, "Being simultaneously wooed by two of the three major world powers of the early 21st century is recognition of a militarily self-confident India's gradual emergence as a future economic and industrial powerhouse."

In fact, Henry Kissinger noted that the "international system of the 21st century ... will contain at least six major powers—the United States, Europe, China, Japan, Russia and probably India" (*Diplomacy*).

So what is ahead for this emerging "powerhouse"? What kind of power will this nation be as the 21st century progresses?

### Colonial Rule

Before discussing India's future, let us gain an overview of its recent history.

The Portuguese, with explorer Vasco da Gama, established trading posts in India around A.D. 1500. Soon, the Dutch did so as well—eventually superseding

the Portuguese and gaining a toehold on the lucrative spice trade in the East. When the Dutch, however, made the fatal mistake of charging the British exorbitant prices for the Indian spices, a small group of British traders formed themselves into the English East India Company in 1600.

At this point, the British had no aims for political control of India. But Britain sought to protect its commercial interests in the land—which was not yet a unified nation, but a vast number of warring states, each with its own language, religion and customs. It wasn't long until the British forces were drawn into the local feuds and assumed greater responsibility for law and order.

In 1858, the British crown assumed control of the Indian subcontinent. Its rule of India was a vast improvement on the 200 years of commercial domination and exploitation by the East India Company. With the growth of a native middle class, social and political reforms were loudly demanded.

Under the British, the abundant natural resources of the subcontinent were exploited to the fullest. Fourteen million acres had been brought under irrigation by the turn of the 20th century, and famine was drastically reduced. As the British spread the English language and culture among the Indians, education began to flourish. Corrupt misrule by the local rajahs was abolished. Infanticide and suttee (the suicide of a widow on her husband's funeral pyre) were made illegal. Also, numerous factories were built—causing trade and commerce to thrive in India as never before.

As one of the nations of the British Commonwealth, India had the privilege of receiving access to the abundant blessings God promised to the descendants of the ancient biblical patriarch Abraham—the father of the faithful (Gen. 12:3). (Request *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for more information.) It would be hard to believe that India could have brought itself to where it is today without the influence of the East India Company, the British Empire and the Commonwealth of

Nations, despite revisionist criticism of British colonial rule.

Colonial India gained its independence from British rule in 1947, forming two independent states: the secular state of India and the Muslim state of Pakistan.

India's independence marked a turning point in world affairs. With Britain's loss of a dominion population of 400 million (at that time), its global influence was slashed.

Britain had helped develop a strong army in India—800,000 troops of which supported the Allies in World War I. Yet, the untimely national independence movements ensured the absence of significant Indian military contributions during World War II. Instead, Churchill solicited large numbers of Canadian, Australian and New Zealand fighting forces in order to buttress Allied positions.

The secessionist Mahatma Gandhi generated immense popularity within India during the 1930s and '40s. After

his assassination in 1948, India undertook the enormous task of administering its own affairs, apart from the British, under the leadership of rookie Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Relative stability under Nehru was attributed largely to his domestic focus and neutralist stance on international affairs.

After Nehru's death in 1964, his daughter, Indira Gandhi, led the country from 1966 to 1977. In the 1970s, despite U.S. fears of Russian insurgency in both India and Afghanistan, Mrs. Gandhi signed agreements with northern neighbors China and Russia.

The 1980s saw much domestic strife, horrific floods, the Bhopal gas disaster, the tragic assassination of Mrs. Gandhi in New Delhi and the rise to rulership of her son Rajiv. In the 1990s, India didn't fare much better, with the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, religious riots, earthquakes, pneumonic plague and the controversial conducting of nuclear tests.

#### India's Future Revealed

So what does the future hold for India? Only the revealed Word of God answers this question and reveals

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## India's Biblical Identity

**G**OD IDENTIFIES THE MEMBERS OF AN END-TIME ASIAN ALLIANCE IN EZEKIEL 38 and 39. In Ezekiel 38:2-3, God identifies the key players as Russia and China. Verse 5 mentions these nations: "PERSIA, ETHIOPIA, AND LIBYA with them; all of them with shield and helmet." *Ethiopia* and *Libya* come from the Hebrew words *Cush* and *Phut*. These are descendants of Noah's son Ham (Gen. 10:6). Secular and Bible history show that some of these people migrated west, into eastern Africa, and some migrated east, into south Asia—inhabiting parts of India and Pakistan.

*Phut*, also spelled *Put* in the Bible, means *warrior*. The warrior-rulers of India have often been referred to as the "rajahs" or "rajputs." *Rajput* means king or chief of Put.

*Cush*, or *Kush*, also settled both in eastern Africa and in India—once inhabiting the area known as Hindu Cush.

The Parsees, among the wealthiest class in India, are known to be descendants of the ancient *Persians* (named in verse 5). This explains why some of the Indians are lighter skinned, like the Persians, while many are darker skinned, like the Cushites of Ethiopia.

Shem, father of the more fair-skinned races, had a great-great-grandson, Ophir, whose descendants founded the great Indus Valley civilization in India. India was where Ophir first settled. Solomon's ships traveled into this land, where they brought back "gold, and silver, ivory [margin: elephants' teeth], and apes, and peacocks" (1 Kings 10:22). India is the only land where peacocks are native. (Incidentally, Ophir eventually ascended the mountains past the land of Kashmir to Afghanistan and Tajikistan.)

The peoples of the Indian subcontinent, most likely much of Pakistan included, will comprise a major part of this end-time Asian alliance.

# Understanding the Kashmir Crisis

BY RYAN MALONE

**T**HE STRAINED TIES BETWEEN INDIA AND Pakistan are epitomized in the dispute over the border province of Kashmir. This conflict also epitomizes the confusion that was left when the British pulled out of the Indian subcontinent. How did the conflict begin? Is any solution in sight?

Kashmir contains a collection of culturally distinct regions, brought under the rule of Sikhs in the early 1800s. The British fought the Sikhs in 1846, but did not assume direct control of the area—instead they appointed a Hindu ruler as Maharaja.

When the Indian subcontinent became independent from Britain in August of 1947, two nations were formed: the secular states of India and the Muslim state of Pakistan. The rulers of the 565 princely states had to decide which new nation to join. The ruler of Jammu and Kashmir did not know who to join. His state was situated between the two new dominions; and he was Hindu, while most of his people were Muslim. Therefore, he chose to do nothing.

In October that year, armed tribesmen from Pakistan's North-West Frontier province invaded Kashmir. The Maharaja sought help from India. In return, he acceded Jammu and Kashmir (i.e., the southern part of Kashmir) to India—an accession that was to be confirmed by a referendum once hostilities had died down. A referendum still has not been held.

Pakistan contested the accession, stating many reasons—one of which was that they believed the Maharaja acted under duress. The war over the province continued until January 1, 1949, when the United Nations arranged a ceasefire and a ceasefire line. This left one third of the area (that west of the ceasefire line) under Pakistani control. India, of course, claims the entire area.



In 1971, another war was inevitable as East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) sought autonomy. India supported their cause, pitting itself and the East Pakistanis against the West Pakistanis. Fighting ended in 1972 with the Simla accord, but Pakistan didn't recognize Bangladesh until 1974. Under the Simla agreement, the ceasefire line in Kashmir was reinforced and renamed the Line of Control. In 1974, Kashmir reached an accord with India, affirming its status as a "constituent unit of India."

Again, armed resistance to Indian rule arose in the Kashmir Valley in 1989. In the next few years, several new militant groups emerged, many with radical Islamic views. This was mainly due to a demographic shift—always a catalyst for violence in fault-line wars between cultures and religions. The demographic shift resulted from the higher Muslim birth rate and migration into Kashmir from Pakistan.

Hopes of diplomacy were further dashed in 1998 when India tested nuclear weapons near the Pakistani border. Pakistan responded with six nuclear tests of its own. Both nations were sanctioned by major countries like the United States and Japan.

Things grew worse in 1999, when Pakistani-backed forces infiltrated Indian-administered Kashmir, north of Kargil. India retaliated with air strikes. This fray, known as the Kargil conflict, ended under pressure from the U.S. for Pakistan's forces to withdraw. Both sides claimed victory.

Shortly thereafter, the Pakistani government was overthrown by a coup, an act highly condemned by the U.S. and the international community. But Pakistan came back into the West's good graces when it agreed to cooperate with America's current campaign in Afghanistan. Meanwhile, the same

India's dynamic future. Knowing certain key prophetic events that will take place soon is necessary in understanding India's future.

First, unfolding westward of the subcontinent are key nations that will make up the emerging radically Islamic "king of the south" (Dan. 11:40). With Iran as its head, this Middle Eastern power bloc will challenge the sovereignty of Jerusalem and "push" against the European Union, led by Germany, termed in Bible prophecy as the king of the north. (For more information, request our free booklet *The*

## *King of the South.*)

This will launch the world into a devastating nuclear World War III—a war in which India will play a critical role. After the European king of the north makes conquests in Europe, the Middle East and other major parts of the world, the nations to his "east and ... north" will rise as a formidable foe ultimately to steamroll the European Union (v. 44). These nations are mainly Russia, China and other Asian powers (request our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy*). The key nations of this alliance, its army numbered at 200

million men (Rev. 9:16), are identified specifically in Ezekiel 38 and 39—the peoples of the Indian subcontinent comprising a major part of it.

## Asian Relations

Knowing this key point of Bible prophecy sheds much light on India's immediate future. Can India come into alliance with a bloc such as Russia, China, Japan and Korea? At this point, it may seem unlikely that any of these nations would form alliances of themselves, even without India—except for Russia and China. But, as the Bible re-

type of activities that started the Kargil conflict were going on in October 2001, resulting in a border spat that killed 38.

In December 2001, an attack on the Indian parliament left India blaming Pakistani-backed Kashmiri militants—leading to a dramatic buildup along the border. A month later, Pakistan's president pledged to stamp out terrorism and Islamic extremism in his country—stating his wishes to resolve the dispute over Jammu and Kashmir with India. India isn't holding its breath.

### End in Sight?

Border disputes, or fault-line wars, are always the most complicated and difficult to resolve. Samuel P. Huntington, in *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*, states that they "tend to be vicious and bloody, since fundamental issues of identity are at stake. In addition, they tend to be lengthy; they may be interrupted by truces or agreements, but these tend to break down and the conflict is resumed."

This is a perfect description of the Kashmir crisis. Huntington states that these types of conflicts last, on average, six times longer than interstate wars. They involve fundamental issues of group identity and power, and produce large numbers of deaths and refugees—as has been the case in Kashmir.

Perhaps the most remarkable trait of all fault-line wars, and so prevalent in this particular one—a characteristic that makes resolution even more challenging—is the presence of RELIGIOUS differences. "Millennia of human history have shown that religion is not a 'small difference' but possibly the most profound difference that can exist between people," Huntington writes (*ibid.*).

London's *Financial Times* concurs: "Nationalist feelings have been heightened by religious differences: the global rise of Islamic militancy has given courage to Kashmiri insurgents and eroded Kashmir's tradition of Hindu-Muslim tolerance" (Oct. 23, 1993).

Finally, all fault-line wars tend to be difficult to resolve because of the domino theory—when neither side will budge for fear of losing other territories. India will remain tough on Kashmir out of fear that "its loss would stimulate other ethnic and religious minorities to push for independence and thus lead to the breakup of India" (Huntington, *op. cit.*).

Perhaps the most remarkable trait of all fault-line wars, and so prevalent in this particular one, is the presence of religious differences.

Can this type of conflict ever be resolved? Herbert W. Armstrong, who founded the Worldwide Church of God and raised up three liberal arts colleges, gave the world the answer from God's Word. He was well known for his worldwide travels, in which he visited numerous world leaders as an "unofficial ambassador for world peace," and spoke to them about the ways that lead to true peace.

Mr. Armstrong wrote about the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war. Two days before that conflict erupted, he was meeting with then Under Secretary-General of the United Nations C.V. Narasimhan—a man originally from New Delhi. "The issues involved, he said, were very complex and complicated, and made more so because both countries insisted on misrepresenting the issues," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "This gives an indication of why we have no peace in the world. As long as individuals and governments are selfishly motivated, each trying to GET—to TAKE—to HAVE, without concern for the welfare or evils inflicted on others, there can be no peace" (*Plain Truth*, Jan. 1972).

For decades, Herbert Armstrong taught the way to peace. He summed it up at the end of his article: "A nation or an individual desires to have what another possesses. He finds a way to take it. This causes friction, retaliation. He pays the price of friction, or even war. He pays the price of losing PEACE.

"It's too big a price! ...

"If each had outgoing concern for the welfare of the other—equal to self-concern—both could profit without the costliness and waste and destruction and LOSSES through war.

"The way of OUTGOING CONCERN is the CAUSE of peace.

"And what is outgoing concern? It is the definition of LOVE.

"Until we turn off HATE, and turn on LOVE, we're paying entirely too much for what little we have!"

It will require a change in man's nature to solve the territorial disputes and religious fighting between Hindus and Muslims—which will be achieved after Jesus Christ returns to educate man on the ways of peace. Meanwhile, watch what unfolds in this area, as the relations of these two nuclear powers hinge on it. Though Bible prophecy indicates these two countries may overlook their differences for a brief moment in time, the events surrounding this province will be a hotbed of activity as religious extremism and wars increase the world over.

veals, it will be a major world war involving a dominant Western power that will unite these families together as they fight what will become an increasingly unipolar world—with a mighty Europe at the head.

Let's look briefly at where India currently stands in relation to these Asian societies.

• RUSSIA. Though officially non-aligned during the Cold War, India was dubbed an ally of the Soviet Union by the West. Thus, its relations with the West were distant. With the Cold War more than a decade past, India

and Russia still have close ties. A few years ago, during NATO's Kosovo campaign, Moscow sought to counter U.S. global dominance by proposing a tripartite axis with India and China—an idea that India and China (both recent rivals) did not rule out. Then, last December, Russia and India signed a \$10 billion long-term defense cooperation agreement. Russia sees India as an important trade partner. India has now become the largest purchaser of Russian military equipment. The two countries have also agreed on joint development and production of future, cut-

ting-edge weapons systems.

• CHINA. India and China peacefully lived alongside each other for millennia. When China, in the 1950s, became more bold about its claim to Tibet, Prime Minister Nehru made no qualms about the Chinese advance, in an effort to maintain "peace." However, the Chinese didn't want to stop at Tibet. This thrust India into the 1962 Himalayan War, where—though it put up quite a fight against the numerous Red army—India lost administration of part of its northern territories. Relations have improved somewhat since

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the end of the Cold War, though both countries keep a watchful eye on each other, especially since the uprisings in Nepal of rebels sympathetic to the late Chinese dictator Mao Tse-tung.

Also, China has maintained close relations with Pakistan, supporting its military—particularly nuclear—capabilities. This has been Beijing's trump card in dealing with New Delhi. *Stratfor.com* noted, "China can easily increase tensions between Pakistan and India ... endangering stability" (Dec. 11, 2001).

Nonetheless, knowing what Bible prophecy predicts, we know eventually the two will both be allied with many other Asian nations. With Russia—India's strategic partner—drawing closer to China, India could easily be brought into the pack when the East is threatened by a dominant Europe.

• PAKISTAN. Since Indian independence from British rule in 1947, Islamic Pakistan has been an archrival of its great neighboring Hindu nation—epitomized by the border conflict concerning Jammu and Kashmir (see p. 18). India and Pakistan have been at war three times—escalating now into a nuclear arms race. China has typically supported Pakistan, though just months ago it stated that its aim for better relations with India would not affect its relations with Pakistan. When India tested nuclear devices in 1998, Pakistan soon followed (with Chinese support). In fact, India angered Beijing when it stated that China was the real threat that justified the nuclear show.

India is watching its western neighbor, especially since the terrorist attacks on the U.S. last September. After its brush with terrorism last December, when suicide bombers attacked the Indian parliament, India blamed Islamic extremists and many called for the same type of retaliation against Pakistan that the U.S. was waging in Afghanistan.

Relations between India and Pakistan probably will never simmer down to a friendly level. We can know, however, that should a strong Asian alliance occur that includes India and China, Pakistan may join its friends in Beijing,



**ALLIANCE?** Prime Minister Vajpayee (right) welcomes China's Zhu to India in January 2002.

even if it means temporarily patching things up with its Hindu neighbor.

• JAPAN. Though Japan condemned India and imposed severe economic sanctions in response to its nuclear display in 1998, relations are turning more friendly. When each country was visited by the other's prime minister, each head of state did not stop at the other's *political* capital first, but its *technological and commercial* hub. This indicates of a STRONG ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP. The main reason for this, according to analysts, is twofold: 1) to boost the large-but-ailing economies of each; and 2) to offset Chinese dominance in the region.

Recently, Japan and India have even worked more closely on a *military* level: When Japan's interests were threatened in the Strait of Malacca (near Indonesia), India accommodated its naval exercises—sending a coast guard patrol vessel for the first time to a drill in Tokyo Bay last June.

• SOUTHEAST ASIA. With its "Look East" policy beginning shortly after the end of the Cold War, India has sought closer ties with southeastern Asian nations. In 1995, it became a full dialog partner of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), strengthening its relations with those countries. It currently has strong military and economic links with countries such as Indonesia and Vietnam. In 2000, India held naval exercises in the South China Sea, presenting a direct challenge to China.

**Brighter Future Ahead**

The prophesied Asian alliance will not only deal a crushing blow to the European beast power, it will be a key bloc in *the final battle* before Jesus Christ returns to save mankind from self-annihilation (Matt. 24:21-22). The armies—what is left of the European power and the "kings of the east" (Rev. 16:12), or the Asian hordes—will gather in Armageddon (v. 16). God will then bring them to the final battleground: "I will also gather *all nations*, and will bring them down into the *valley of Jehoshaphat*, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land" (Joel. 3:2). God will plead with the nations of the world in the only way they understand. Prophecy tells that the carnage will be so great that blood will flow to the level of a horse's bridle in the valley of Jehoshaphat (Rev. 14:20). Here mankind

will begin to have the proper awe and respect for God's power.

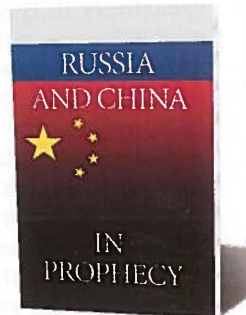
Understand this: These critical events are all leading to a glorious ending. When Christ returns, He will set up a perfect, peace-producing government, creating 1,000 years of utopian society worldwide. Nations like India that now suffer from epidemic famine and natural disasters

will see the end of such squalor and suffering. Nations like India that are involved in volatile border conflicts will live free from war for an entire millennium. That is the real hope for the Indian people. ♦

**Can India ally with a bloc such as Russia, China, Japan and Korea? It may seem unlikely, but the Bible shows something will unite these families together.**

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# The Penetrable Fortress

Is America vulnerable to attacks on the information systems that drive its government, business, finance and military? Could a hostile nation with an army of computer hackers destroy America's ability to wage war? BY MARTIN SLAMAN

**A**S THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED nation, the United States may seem unbeatable. Many assume that its technical advantage automatically makes it more secure.

However, in the latest round of the arms race, the new computerized weapons and electronic equipment, while offering tremendous advantages, also have an Achilles heel that can make the nation employing them actually much less secure.

## A Knife-Edged Precipice

The CIA is taking Information Warfare (IW), sometimes called the "Great Equalizer," seriously. The agency ranked it third among threats to U.S. national security. IW can be defined as actions taken to infiltrate, corrupt, disrupt or destroy the information systems of an adversary, or to defend one's own information systems from such attacks.

Information Warfare by itself could be used as a means of mass *disruption* rather than of mass destruction. However, if a nation is going to be physically attacked, the attackers may well use any means at their disposal, including IW. Military strategists admit that a nuclear attack would likely be preceded by an attack on communications systems.

Being the most technologically advanced nation on Earth, America is also the most technologically *dependent*. More than any other country, Ameri-

ca's critical military, government and commercial organizations are increasingly dependent on ever more complex information systems. Such systems run government agencies, transportation, banking, financial transactions, telephones, water supplies, and oil, natural gas and electrical power grids—without which little else can function.

In times of national crisis, the military must rely on civilian organizations such as oil, gas and transportation companies for the energy and logistics support required to keep a modern army functioning. Therefore, even attacks on the civilian information infrastructure can wreak havoc on the military's ability to respond to a crisis. Consider also that military information is of no use unless it is available to the right people at the right time. This fact requires connectivity, and connectivity results in an increased risk of *exposing* data to unintended intruders. This is the flip side of the technology coin.

Even more worrisome, especially when facing budgetary restraints and cutbacks, the military simply does not have the money and manpower to keep up with the dizzying pace of technical developments in the commercial world. Thus it is turning more and more to commercially available, off-the-shelf software to fill its needs rather than devising its own, more secure systems. Much commercial software has

mediocre security, leaving it vulnerable to attacks by computer hackers.

In addition, the military partly relies on the same communication networks as everyone else, including the Internet. Within the U.S., 95 percent of military data is transmitted over civilian systems. While most of this information is protected through secure connections, the risk of compromise is increased by having the systems themselves connected to public networks. "The DII [Defense Information Infrastructure] is not a separate, secure or encapsulated system, but shares common communications systems with civilian networks" (Colonel John Alexander, *Future War*). Alexander calls current efforts to shore up the system "embryonic" and says "the issues are so complex that they will require extensive mental and financial resources to solve."

The IW problem is not only technical in nature, but also involves complex and murky legal and strategic issues that can hamper responding to an IW attack. For example, Stratfor Systems concluded that "the real threat from rogue states won't be nuclear attack, but cyberattack. Rogue states won't launch nuclear attack for fear of the counterattack. But how do we retaliate against a virus attack? We depend on computers. They don't" (May 15, 2000).

Winn Schwartau, one of America's leading Information Warfare experts, wrote in his book *Cybershock*, "The bulk of Americans do not yet understand the knife-edged electronic precipice on which we now balance."

## Tools of Invasion

Individual computers, university and corporate networks and even many military networks are all wired together on the Internet. This makes all these systems at risk to a skilled hacker. Or, too often, anyone with the right tools.

Where would the people who maintain computer systems, the network administrators, be without their "tools"—those specialized computer programs that diagnose and repair, searching computer networks for security holes and other problems? Finding security flaws on a large corporate or university network with hundreds of computers is just too time-consuming to do "manually," one computer or file at a time. Powerful automated software tools are

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needed. These tools can, and do, fall into the wrong hands, though. Hackers can use them to find security leaks just as network administrators do.

The hackers also have a few tools of their own—tools almost anybody can learn to use—often made free for the taking on the Internet by the people who create them. Such tools may decipher passwords or locate security flaws, giving the hacker access to sensitive information—to read, alter or destroy.

New tools are being added all the time, and are finding a receptive market. In 1996, a CD containing information and tools for hackers sold 7 million copies in the first six months. Not to be outdone by the rest of the computer world, hackers also have their own magazines, websites and mailing lists to help them remain current. In addition, hackers often share their knowledge with each other on the Internet, so that when one trick is discovered many hackers can use it.

Many hackers have little fear of the law, since the vast majority of intrusions are never detected. Of those that are detected, most are not reported by network administrators to their superiors. And even if they are, the odds that the culprit will be found and prosecuted are slim. Most companies just don't want negative publicity informing their customers and other hackers that they have security problems. And there aren't enough law enforcement resources to deal with the profusion of incidents.

The Internet and computer networking have grown so explosively that there are too few of the highly experienced information security practitioners required to stem the growing tide of computer break-ins. Furthermore, the same old exploitable mistakes are still being made by busy, careless, lazy or overworked network administrators.

### Probing for Weaknesses

Despite the growing awareness of the government, the response has not met the need. *Government Executive* magazine explained the scope of the potential problem: "Protecting information on computer networks in the federal government is a vast and complex undertaking, because agencies have become dependent on computers for almost all of their day-to-day business operations. Networks have grown so fast in recent years that very few administrators fully

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understand the systems they are supposed to manage. Rapidly changing technology and employee turnover make it virtually impossible to keep agency personnel appropriately trained to deal with intrusions on their networks. At the same time, the government's growing reliance on data networks increases its vulnerability to hackers by exposing agencies to more points of entry, many beyond managers' control" (April 1, 1999).

Today we see a growing list of nations eager to see America toppled from its position of global dominance. Considering the U.S.'s unrivaled supremacy in so many facets of military might, it only makes sense that potential enemies would seek to exploit any back-door means of undermining that supremacy.

As the *Trumpet* has often reported, there are many specific Bible prophecies about the eventual downfall of the United States. Isn't it conceivable—even *probable*—that an iw attack would be partially liable?

### None Goes to the Battle

Consider this amazing and little-known prophecy. Something will cause America to fail to respond to a massive nuclear attack. "They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but NONE GOETH TO THE BATTLE: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof" (Ezek. 7:14). The alarm of war sounds, but there is no response. Why not? Could it be that communications in America's military command-and-control have been crippled, or that computers controlling vital weapons systems have been compromised?

In addition to disabling key weapons, there are many other ways iw could be used as a weapon of war. For example, consider the massive rioting, or "pestilence," prophesied to come just before the nuclear attack (explained in

our free *Ezekiel* booklet). America will be embroiled in rioting on the scale of a civil war. Millions will die in this melee and resulting famine (Ezek. 5:2, 12).

Will the foreign invader simply bide his time, waiting for America to self-destruct, or will he help initiate and ensure that self-destruction? For example, what if an information attack destroyed financial records such as those used for making welfare and unemployment payments? This would help trigger the rioting, especially among the poor. Any shrewd general knows the value of a divide-and-conquer strategy. The banks and Wall Street would be other obvious targets. Also, any attacks that take out transportation, oil, gas or electrical power could easily ignite or exacerbate rioting. These could be attacked before or during the internal chaos.

It is also possible that iw attacks from international terrorist networks or even U.S. extremists will contribute to America's downfall. "Law enforcement has serious concerns that extreme U.S. militia groups might resort to intense cyber assaults against the government and critical U.S. infrastructures ..." warns Schwartau (op. cit.). Foreign terrorists or homegrown militias could act on their own or be used as proxies by enemy nations.

### Trusting in Technology

People today are mesmerized by technology. But while technology can add wealth and power to a nation, it cannot make a nation truly great. Technology cannot increase the sound judgment required to discern between good and evil choices. It cannot instill the character to choose right. It cannot unite a nation that is deeply divided over political, social, racial or moral issues. Technology has not helped solve man's problems. As Dwight Eisenhower stated, "Science seems ready to confer upon us, as its final gift, the power to

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"The bulk of Americans do not yet understand the knife-edged electronic precipice on which we now balance."

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erase human life from this planet.”

In 1951 came the first hydrogen bomb. The cost of developing it was so high that nations hostile to the U.S. could not afford to develop it themselves. So they simply stole the technology. “The bomb was built in the Soviet Union far more cheaply after spies ... had turned the results of the American work over to Moscow” (Len Deighton, *Blood, Tears and Folly*).

The original nuclear secrets were stolen from America! That is how “secure” our technical secrets have been in the past. They will be even less secure in the future. Today, sensitive information often seems to find its way onto computers connected to networks. This makes these secrets far less secure than when they were locked in a safe behind closed doors. Espionage has played an intricate role in unveiling our secrets—and will continue to do so.

IW experts fear that it is only a matter of time until drug cartels, terrorist groups and rogue nations conduct cyberattacks. As Mr. Schwartau points out, “it would be stupid for a well-financed and motivated group *not* to attack the technical infrastructure of an adversary. The vulnerabilities are clear, the risks so low, and the rewards so great” (*Information Warfare*).

Many nations are developing iw capabilities. China has declared the U.S. information infrastructure and civilian information systems legitimate military targets. The Russians “have said that they consider an Information Warfare attack against their country or infrastructure to be second only to a nuclear attack and they will respond appropriately” (*CyberShock*). Rogue states like Iran, Iraq and North Korea are also currently developing iw attack capabilities.

### Overlooking Germany

The threat assessments of national security analysts focus primarily on individual hackers, terrorist groups and rogue nations like North Korea and Iran. Some major world powers and traditional enemies such as Russia and China raise concerns but are not considered likely at this time to strike at the U.S. homeland.

But what about Germany?

In the June 1999 *Trumpet*, Editor in Chief Gerald Flurry wrote about the high degree of cooperation taking place between the U.S. and German military.

Germany, he said, is “learning a lot about the modern-day computer technology that plays such a big role in U.S. military operations.” In that “Personal” he talked about how the British breaking of German military codes was a major reason for winning World War II. He then warned: “We could lose the next war before we even begin, if somebody breaks *our* military codes.”

Germany is already waging covert economic warfare through maneuvers such as the strategic purchases of key power, gas, water, telecommunications and media enterprises in the U.S. and Britain. These are all prime targets for an iw attack. Germany has a history of surprise attacks against “friendly” nations. Moreover, they have large financial resources, technical expertise, a government-sponsored hacking program, and ready access to the U.S. through extensive military and business channels. They are well known for thorough planning and organization.

And, most dangerous of all, they are a trusted “friend.”

### The Source of Power

Mankind is about to learn a very bitter lesson about trusting in himself and his own ingenuity. GOD offers to be our defender against hostile nations. God will defend any nation or individual that turns to Him (Heb. 11:31; Jer. 18:7-10). But, having rejected and forgotten the true God, the nations have left themselves to their own pitiful defenses.

It is NOT American ingenuity that has made America great. It is God’s blessings, including the wealth, that He has poured out on America. The wealth and power was given because the patriarchs, “thy fathers,” KEPT THE LAW of God! And now it will be removed because of LAW-BREAKING!

God says He gave America the power to create wealth. So He can take it away. And He will! America is prophesied to FALL—SUDDENLY! (Isa. 30:12-13). The only thing that can change that is national repentance.

The picture that emerges from current trends is that an attack on information systems is likely to play a key role in the prophesied destruction of America. While the Bible is not overly specific, it does say an attack is coming, and that implies an attack on all America’s defenses, in which computers have become a major and indispensable part. ◆

forts of any who would seek objectivity in the argument over anti-Semitism. But, as this same article points out, *objectivity* is not the  *motive* behind press coverage of matters involving Jews. “In the news media, *prejudice* is more subtly delivered in *half-truths*” (ibid.).

This writer, Gregory Rose, an associate professor of law at an Australian university, declares, “Do any understand the burden of fending off constant diplomatic offensives by 57 countries, intermittent military attacks by seven, and regular waves of terrorist strikes? *It is obvious to Jews that a Holocaust is intended for Israel*” (ibid.). But, on *this* story, the media is largely silent.

Thus it is that both the papal and political mind-control that has conditioned the minds of generations to hate the Jews finds its voice in a global media collective. This bizarre relationship between the right-wing anti-Semites and the politically left-wing press results in an apparent, tacit agreement that Palestinians must be seen as *victims* and Israelis as the *bloodthirsty aggressors*.

### Why Anti-Semitism?

There is a *force for evil* extant in this world. It is more real than just a metaphysical musing. It is a fact that what we see today, the boiling hatreds and grave inhumanity, is inspired by powers *unseen* (Eph. 6:12). Something *deeper* inspires this surge in anti-Semitism.

Something is stirring in the European mind that springs from the same source behind the rise of a *Catholic-Germanizing European Union*. Bible prophecy reveals that source.

Revelation likens this great end-time religio-political trading and future military bloc to a ferocious beast (Rev. 13:1). But that beast is *inspired* to exert its power by a particular mind: “... the *dragon* gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority” (v. 2).

You need to identify the power behind hateful anti-Semitism before it reaches out to impact not only the Jews, as it does today, but also to *powerfully* impact the lives of the descendants of millions of other Shemites: *the Anglo-American peoples of the world!* Write for your free copy of our booklet *The Key of David*. Its message is startling and timely. It explains in vivid detail the real reason for the anti-Semitism that will increasingly dominate world news. ◆

◆ DROUGHT

# Heaven as Iron, Earth as Brass

BY ERIC ANDERSON

**D**ROUGHT GRIPS ROUGHLY ONE THIRD of the United States, threatening many areas with what weather experts say could be America's worst summer water shortage in years.

"Half of the United States is either in a drought or staring one in the face," said Conrad Lautenbacher, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which includes the National Weather Service. "We need above-normal rainfall to get out of drought" (*USA Today*, March 15).

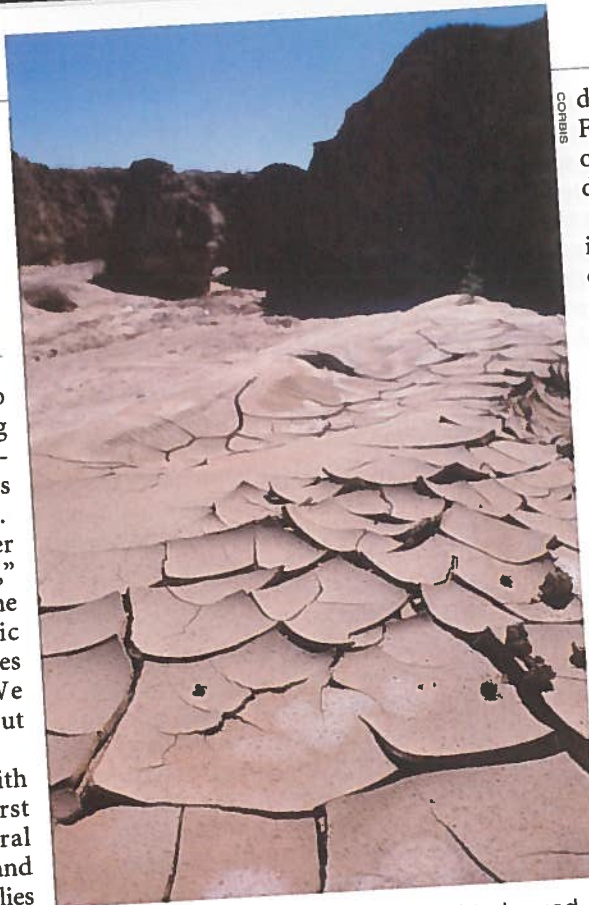
Hardest hit is the East Coast, with many areas experiencing their worst water shortage in years. For several months now, New York and Maryland have been pumping water from supplies normally avoided for their potentially less-desirable color or taste. The governor of Maine plans to ask President Bush to declare the state a disaster area due to an "unprecedented drought"—the worst in 107 years. Thousands of shallow wells in New Hampshire and other states have run dry. Reservoirs supplying the cities of the Atlantic Seaboard, including New York City and Philadelphia, are half empty. More than 100 counties are under drought warnings, watches or advisories. Lautenbacher says it is the East Coast's most severe drought on record.

Water shortages are also affecting other U.S. regions.

In the Pacific Northwest, salmon fishing is suffering because of below-average rainfall. Some communities, such as Klamath Falls, Oreg., have been embroiled over fishing and farm industry disputes as a result of drought conditions in recent years.

North-central Montana is in its sixth year of drought, with wheat production being reduced to the lowest levels since 1940. Wyoming has been dry for more than three years.

The huge High Plains (Ogallala) Aquifer, the primary water source for the American Great Plains (once called America's "breadbasket"), has been so heavily depleted that some Midwest



**THE RIVER RUNS DRY** A drought-plagued riverbed in California.

areas may soon have to switch to rain-fed agriculture. In Kansas, some ranchers are hauling in water or selling off cattle. Insurance companies already are paying farmers in northwest Oklahoma for their failed winter wheat crops, which were meant to be harvested this May and June.

Because of prolonged drought conditions in the Southwest, the Colorado River basin has been overtapped. In California too, the water table under the agriculturally critical San Joaquin Valley has fallen so much that land sinks. Overpumping in that region has caused one section of farmland to drop roughly 30 feet.

Drought has lingered in other states, such as Georgia and Florida, for up to six years. Floridians are now looking to the sea for new sources of water. And a decade-long drought near the Rio Grande has created a tense situation between Mexico and Texas over water supplies.

If drought causes a substantial decline in agricultural output in California, Florida and the Midwest, the economic cost will be great. Drought in the South is a major reason for the massive pine beetle infestation that is

destroying thousands of pines. Forest damage caused by this outbreak is already in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Drought conditions now run in two vast swathes, each hundreds of miles wide, from Maine to Florida and Montana to Texas, according to a federal-academic partnership that puts together the U.S. Drought Monitor map.

While some may say drought is a natural occurrence and that the U.S. has always had droughts, what makes the present situation so unique is how widespread and long-lasting it is. What's more, severe droughts today can have greater consequences than droughts in the past. During the Dust Bowl drought of the 1930s, the U.S. population was 123 million. Today, with the population at 285 million, water demand has multiplied.

"Natural" disasters such as floods and hurricanes are anticipated by disaster planners.

Drought is not prepared for in the same manner because of the gradual nature of its arrival. Nevertheless, because droughts are generally more widespread and last longer, the damage caused is greater.

And not only is the U.S. under the curse of drought. The last year has seen parts of Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, China, South and Central America, and Canada plagued by severe water shortages.

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

## The Real Cause

Over the years, meteorologists have gained better understanding of the physical factors involved in producing weather patterns. Yet they admit they don't know *why* major global-impacting weather forces, such as high altitude jet streams or powerful ocean currents, shift as they do.

In our scientifically and technologically advanced age, many forget that there is a God in heaven who reigns

supreme. Millions go about their lives with little or no concern for what the Creator of the universe is doing and what His purposes are for mankind!

The Bible plainly reveals that God has set spiritual and physical laws in motion. At present, God is essentially allowing humans to develop their own ways of living, which are contrary to His laws, and to reap the natural consequences that result from those ways—including weather upsets.

Normally, God sends “rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matt. 5:45). But at other times, He intervenes through the weather to extend both blessings and correction (Job 37:11-13)—or to warn nations of their mounting sins. “Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour [clouds]; stormy wind fulfilling his word” (Ps. 148:8).

Weathermen and news reporters don't tell you that. They don't explain that wrong ways of living—wrong lifestyles, morality and thinking—and chaotic weather are related. The *Trumpet* has stood out as one of the few voices proclaiming this fact!

The truth is, one of the ways God punishes nations is to shut off their water supplies: “Take heed ... [lest] the Lord's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly ...” (Deut. 11:16-17).

Repeatedly and eloquently Scripture reveals the *spiritual* reasons why many droughts and weather disasters are allowed to occur. Long ago, God foretold that because of society's mounting sins—crime, divorce, plummeting moral standards and total ingratitude to Him for the blessings bestowed upon our nations (including pure, abundant water)—we will see the day when the TAPS RUN DRY (Amos 4:6-8).

To a rebellious and self-willed people, God thunders, “[T]hou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain ...” (Jer. 3:2-3; see also Isa. 5:2, 6).

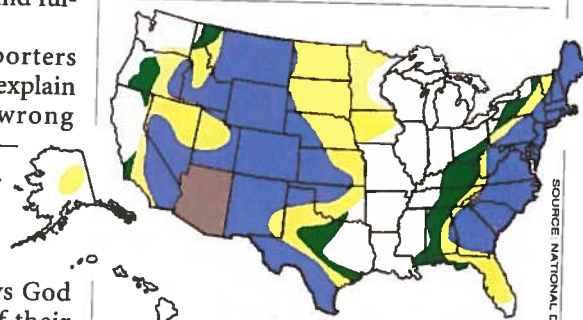
God, in His great purpose, may also allow Satan—the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4)—to have a role in producing catastrophic weather, for man's ultimate learning (see Job 1).

In the June 1995 issue of this maga-

zine, our editor in chief wrote, “Satan is ... going to *cause* what most people call ‘natural disasters.’ On top of all that, God is against us (Ezek. 5:8). ... Why all these disasters? They are a warning from God to REPENT! The disasters will keep coming until we repent. That is our *only* hope.”

Extreme weather upsets (Amos 4:7), crop blight (v. 9) and destructive insects and animals (Deut. 28:39, 42) will result in ruined harvests on a massive scale (Ezek. 5:16). The land will be stripped of its life-giving humus and rich topsoil. God says the heaven above us will be as iron and the earth as brass (Lev. 26:19).

“[Y]our land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land



- Recovering from drought, still under close monitoring
- Drought area, according to U.S. Drought Monitor (gov't. declared)
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- Drought watch areas

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yield their fruits. And if ye walk contrary unto me [still], and will not hearken unto me; I will bring *seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins* .... And I will bring a SWORD upon you ...” (Lev. 26:20-21, 25). INVASION—DESTRUCTION BY BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND NUCLEAR TERRORISM—will follow the drought and pestilence!

Not only will U.S. citizens be affected, so too will *all human beings* on this planet—but the modern nations of Israel most of all! (Request a free copy of our publication *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for details.)

But understand this: With God, such punishment is *correction* for our *good*—not *revenge* (Ezek. 33:11). God desires that humans live in health and prosperity (John 10:10; III John 2). He longs to see us repent and obey Him so

He may deliver us. He *yearns* to bring about worldwide peace, safety and health! God wants to lavish greater prosperity and blessings upon His people than ever before—and ultimately offer us *spiritual salvation* and *eternal life*. He would do so, if we would only REPENT!

Our merciful Creator promises to provide blessings, including *rain*, to those who obey Him: “If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you RAIN IN DUE SEASON, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit” (Lev. 26:3-4).

Some are convinced that biblical passages such as these are merely recorded history or poetic imagery. But you can prove that these are, in fact, *living prophecies* for this “last hour”—and for the soon-coming World Tomorrow! They WILL come to pass!

### No More Drought

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

When God sends Jesus Christ to set up His Kingdom over all nations, one of the top priorities of God's perfect government will be to completely re-develop and shape the Earth into an Eden-like paradise.

#### Imagine it!

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

Does this sound like some far-out fantasy? In the hands of man—absolutely! With God however, nothing is impossible.

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

Thank God that someday soon our drought problems—in fact, *all* our problems—will at last be solved! ♦



Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon  
**Queen Mother**

1900-2002

ONE MILLION PEOPLE LINED THE streets to witness the passing of the cortege as the body of the centenarian mother of the ruling monarch of the British Commonwealth wound its way from Westminster Abbey to be interred at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, by the side of her husband, George VI.

The media moguls and liberal anti-monarchists who throughout the past decade did all in their power to besmirch the name of the queen and her family were, on this day, denied an audience. For a moment in time, a wave of royalist nostalgia swept Britain and part of the Commonwealth of Nations. Forty-seven countries tuned in to observe the televised funeral service and procession. The organization of the subdued funeral pageantry served as a reminder that on such occasions of state, no one does it like the British.

Of the many words written in eulogy of the Queen Mother, those of author Sarah Bradford seemed to offer the most succinct summary of this probably most-well-known woman in the world: "She was a life-enhancer with a unique ability to communicate pleasure and enjoyment, and to combine it with a sense of dignity and tradition. It is hard to imagine anyone taking her place" (*Spectator*, April 6).

The Queen Mother is, indeed, irreplaceable in this age of generations born since World War I. With the quieting of the cannon on the western front in Europe at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918, the royal houses of Europe largely ceased to bear any influence on their subjects as kings, queens, princes and princesses fled into exile. The one notable exception was Great Britain.

Britain's king still ruled a vast empire stretching across the seas from the United Kingdom to Canada, to Africa and Australasia, South East Asia, India and the West Indies. The king who ruled this empire at that time, King George V, commanded the respect of his subjects, for we had not yet entered the age of the gutter press, with its vacuous intent of maximizing profits by self-righteously digging up and headlining every tale, true or false, about the royal family's carnal weaknesses.

The Queen Mother, with her century-long perspective, could look back to remember an empire at its height, and

reflect on its descent from the first among all world powers, to a second- and perhaps now third-rank power. She could muse over the progression from leaders of vision such as Disraeli, Churchill and Thatcher, to the currency of a prime minister who, in the words of a different article in that same *Spectator* issue, "plays statesman the way children play doctors. Above all, she witnessed the complete collapse of national morale and pride in country" (ibid.).

Indeed, she had lived to see the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy: "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isa. 3:12). It is this prophecy for our time which, perhaps more than any other, explains why, at the end of this regal lady's life, "She lived to see the day when the word *British* was practically an accusation in itself, or a term of abuse" (ibid.).

In reading the many words written in praise of the "Queen Mum," certain terms are constantly repeated in describing her character: impeccable manners, charm, humor, courage, wit, personality, loyalty, patriotism, a sense of dignity and tradition, and that old British trait, "unflappability." The shame of our age is that those terms have, over the past two generations, become so unfashionable. The type of character and behavior they describe has largely ceased to exist. The televised image of the British football hooligan has completely replaced that of the gentleman as the archetypical Englishman. A once-great culture has degenerated to the point where, "By the end of her life, the Queen Mother saw her own daughter publicly derided for having displayed the kind of iron self-control and devotion to duty that many British public servants would not be able to manage for half an hour, let alone for a half a century" (ibid.).

Queen Elizabeth II did not acquire the grace with which she carries out her often burdensome and restrictive duties by a stroke of luck. She is the daughter of a devoted, family-oriented mother.

The Queen Mother's devotion and loyalty to her husband, King George VI, and her respect for his duty to his subjects, the wider, far-flung family of the empire and commonwealth, was evidenced in one singular instance. When requested to consider taking refuge in Canada with the two princesses at the commencement of World War II, her retort was, "The children won't go without me. I won't leave without the king. And the king will never leave."

Sadly, for the present condition of this world, the Queen Mother is among the last of that stoic breed of British persons with the backbone, evi-

man's relationship with God and humanity. The world is a far less safe, peaceful and happy place without that strength of character.

The Queen Mother's basic common sense, that of unapologetic realism, led her to clearly see that with the passing of the British Empire went a better mode of civilization: "Not for the Queen Mother any guilt-ridden 1960s-style revisionism about 'the inherent immorality of colonialism'; throughout her life she believed implicitly that the British Empire was a tremendous force for good and for civilization in the world, and she unapologetically mourned its passing" (*Daily Telegraph*, March 31).

Some believe the British royal family may gain an upsurge of support following the death of the Queen Mother and the images of the one million who attended the funeral procession in London telecast around the world. Yet, many also thought that America would undergo a religious revival following the events of September 11. It lasted three weeks,

then the nation returned to its corrupt and corrupting habits.

It is not in the mind of those intent on burying Britain's royal heritage to entertain the prospect of its longevity. Indeed, before the spring warms to summer, the spin-doctors will be at it again, beavering away at their cultural denigration of the masses, intent on blinding them to any memory of the values and standards of behavior which shaped an empire, personified in a lady of character which they once simply called, "the Queen Mum."

"She stood at the pinnacle of this nation's traditional hierarchy, yet was able to put at their ease, and to talk on terms of easy equality with, people from the humblest walks of life. This paradox of equality within inequality is one that people who see in the monarchy nothing but an indefensible relic of feudalism will never be able to grasp. No wonder some of us have difficulty understanding what we have lost" (op. cit., *Spectator*).

• RON FRASER



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dent brains, innate common sense and moral courage which built the mightiest, most benign and beneficial empire this world has ever seen.

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yond just being arrogant. And it brings God's wrath upon our people.

That is why every person should be concerned.

Like a political dictator, the press blots out good, objective views as if they didn't even exist, and they include an abundance of views that reinforce their biases. In their holier-than-thou attitude, they act like God has given them the right to teach us all how to think.

That attitude is far from *holy*. IT IS IN THE SAME SPIRIT WITH WHICH SADDAM HUSSEIN RULES IRAQ! Generally, he doesn't give the truth to his people. He gives them what he thinks they should receive.

No matter how much we deny this news bias, the ending is going to be ugly and disgraceful. This behavior mars our precious Constitution, at the hands of the very people who should be fervently upholding it!

How much do we truly love our Constitution and freedom of speech? Do we even understand what it is? IF THE PRESS DOESN'T UNDERSTAND FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ITS IMPORTANCE, THEN THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC IS IN GRAVE DANGER!

In *Bias*, Bernard Goldberg quoted Steven Brill as saying, "When it comes to arrogance, power and lack of accountability, journalists are probably the only people on the planet who make lawyers look good."

Whether we agree or disagree with that statement, the problem is still enormous. The media are losing the trust of our people. People are building more and more distrust for our institutions—especially the press, which is seemingly accountable to almost nobody. In a democracy, that is a deadly danger.

There are numerous times when the press and politicians need to appeal for real support from the people. Without such support, how can anyone or any institution provide real leadership? They need the people's trust.

Can any democracy survive such a diseased condition?

Mr. Goldberg wrote, "The problem is that so many TV journalists simply don't know what to think about certain issues until the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* tell them what to think. Those big, important newspapers set the agenda that network news people follow."

This is also a reflection of our edu-

cational system. That is where we get our media leaders. Are our college students taught to think deeply and courageously speak out?

The press is either shallow, or they *fear* to speak the truth! Either way, this is an extreme danger.

WHAT IS THIS PROBLEM DOING TO OUR PEOPLE? THEY SEE THE MEDIA ARE NOT REALLY SEEKING THE TRUTH AS THEY PROFESS TO BE. This causes the people to rely more and more on themselves. "You'll never look at your nightly news the same way again." Isn't that statement true?

The nation of ancient Israel fell. Just before they collapsed, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Jud. 21:25). They didn't trust anybody but themselves. They made the same mistakes we are making today—and the nation fell!

And whether we realize it or not, they are our forefathers (write for our free booklet *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). Even the actions of our press strongly indicate who our ancestors are.

How can we avoid their mistake?

What happens when the press is corrected? Is there an inquiry to see if something is wrong, and do they then *change* if they are in error?

I see no such attitude. They lack the humility to turn from a dangerous course, AND THEY LACK THE VISION TO MAKE OUR REPUBLIC GREAT! ON THE CONTRARY, THEY ARE DAMAGING IT BEYOND REPAIR!

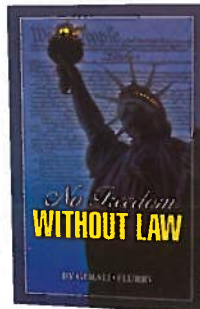
The press repeatedly discusses their passion for seeking the truth. Too often that is shamefully untrue. *Only the truth can set us free* (John 8:32). How often we discuss freedom in this land. But are we so *enslaved* to arrogance and self-importance that we don't even know what freedom is?

Study history. Either we correct ourselves now, or the harshest events imaginable will do it for us!

This is not a subject to take lightly.

The survival of our freedom is at stake.

For more information, you may find our free booklet *No Freedom Without Law* of interest. Visit [www.pcog.org](http://www.pcog.org) to order online.



YOUR ARTICLE "THE FRAUD OF EVOLUTION" was very informative in explaining the impossibility of the theory of evolution. In addition, even if life could have spontaneously started as a result of some type of chemical reaction, as evolutionists explain, it would need to be able to sustain itself somehow and have the ability to regenerate itself. That means that life would have to have accidentally come into existence with a digestive process and a process to reproduce itself, or it would have died off in one generation. When factoring in all the variables, it becomes clear that evolution is nothing more than an attempt to explain how life could have started without the existence of a Designer.

Long Beach, N.Y.

I READ YOUR MARCH/APRIL ISSUE WITH HORROR and amazement. The scientific method is a self-correcting activity. You offer no countermanding method. Your statement that no other alternative could exist is neither a process nor an offering of anything substantive, besides an emotional plea to blithely accept your position. Your use of the Bible as a reference book is incorrect.

Glen Cove, N.Y.

"THE FRAUD OF EVOLUTION" HAS MADE ME realize more that God is indeed our Creator. Never did I quite find truthful proofs in order to prove wrong Darwin's evolution theory. That evolution was just intended to put us apart from God. Thank you for telling the truth in your magazine.

East Los Angeles, Calif.

I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR WORK. IT IS REFRESHING to find that the truth is still taught. I was a reader of the *Plain Truth* from 1967 until Mr. Armstrong died and was horrified at what happened to his ministry after his death. If you keep to the truth according to the Holy Bible, I will keep reading and watching. Thank you again.

Adamsville, Ala.

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# Seven Minutes to Midnight

Facing the imminent threat of nuclear war

**T**HE WORLD SHOULD HAVE JOLTED OUT OF SLEEP AT THE news. Headlines should have splashed across all the media. But no real alarm was sounded. The majority of the news media dismissed it. And many still slumber on as the world heads toward self-destruction.

In February, the Doomsday Clock—on which midnight marks the onset of widespread nuclear conflict—was moved ahead two minutes. According to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists in Chicago, the world is now seven minutes to midnight.

Since 1947, the clock has been “the world’s most recognizable symbol of nuclear danger” (CTV Television, Feb. 28). In 1953, the clock reached two minutes till midnight when, during the Cold War, the U.S. successfully tested a hydrogen bomb. But since the end of the Cold War (when the clock went back to 17-till), the clock has only been reset three times. The second most recent was in 1998, when it changed from 14 to 9 till midnight—mainly due to tension between the nuclear powers of India and Pakistan. Then, since September 11, in light of efforts by terrorists to obtain ingredients for a crude nuclear bomb and, again, recent tension between India and Pakistan, the clock was reset once again.

At the end of World War II, it was clear the world had changed dramatically. A new age had been introduced. Atomic bombs had been dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. The magnitude of their destructive power defied imagination.

Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ prophesied about this global state of affairs. Yet, with His warning, He gave us great hope. “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [Moffatt: *saved alive*]: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened” (Matt. 24:21-22). Jesus Christ was talking about a time when the annihilation of all human life would be possible. This has everything to do with the Doomsday Clock. Yet, how many theologians discuss these two verses?

Herbert W. Armstrong spoke on his radio program, *The World Tomorrow*, at the end of World War II about the problem of human survival. “Before the end of the war in Europe we heard a lot of talk about this being the LAST WAR. ... We might as well face the stark, ugly, horrifying TRUTH, my friends—the world leaders know within themselves that there is NO HOPE, so far as human effort and international agreement or organization is concerned, of preventing ANOTHER WAR—

and ALL know now that even THIS greatest of all wars will have been but child’s play by comparison. We have engines of destruction now which can annihilate humanity from this Earth—stamp out ALL HUMAN LIFE! Too horrible to contemplate? Well, we MUST contemplate it! We MUST face it, for WE ARE THE GENERATION DESTINED TO LIVE INTO AND THROUGH IT!”

We are seven minutes to nuclear annihilation. Will we ignore these facts, or will we listen to Christ?

Mr. Armstrong continued, “You can’t cure any sickness without finding the CAUSE and removing that. Let’s dare to

boldly look, then, to the REAL CAUSE. It has to do with the SYSTEM that grips this world, holding it, in the modern complex structure of this machine age, bound so tightly we are unable to FREE ourselves” (Nov. 4, 1945).

What system grips us? The Bible makes it clear that Satan is the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4) and that the world is in the grip of his deception (Rev. 12:9). We think we are working toward peace, but the clock is ticking rapidly toward nuclear annihilation, because something is dreadfully wrong with human nature.

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, HAVING GREAT WRATH, BECAUSE HE KNOWETH THAT HE HATH BUT A SHORT TIME” (Rev. 12:12). This is the reason times are getting more intense. That is why this world is so full of hate. It is the system that grips the world. Humans are RULED by the devil. We need to understand that, and think afresh. We need, as Douglas MacArthur stated, a “spiritual recrudescence.”

Satan is full of wrath because he knows he has only a short time. A short time until what? Until Jesus Christ comes to Earth to rule it! That will be the end of Satan’s rule, and that is maddening to him. He knows how much time is left on the clock! And, since he has nothing to lose, he will do all the damage possible before Christ gets here. That is why we stare nuclear annihilation in the face. The scientists can see it. How can we ignore it?

Still, seven minutes to nuclear annihilation really means seven minutes to the greatest possible news you could ever hear: It is all a SIGN that Jesus Christ is about to return to Earth—to STOP mankind from destroying himself—and show the world how to have peace, happiness and joy.

Whether we listen or not, God’s purpose *will* be worked out. In the meantime, those who heed God’s Word are promised protection from this nuclear holocaust (Dan. 12:1; Rev. 12:14).

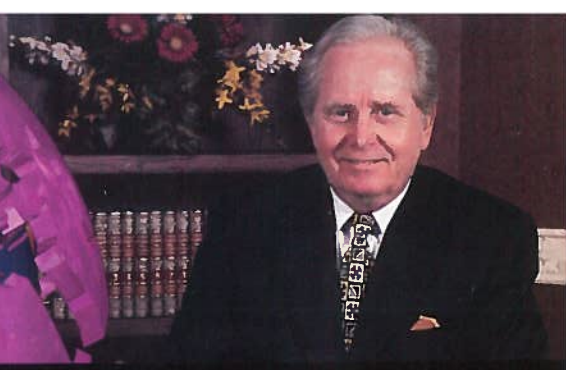
Will that include you?



**CLOSING DEADLINE** Physicist Leon Lederman adjusts the Doomsday Clock February 27.

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