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# Education Filled With Hope

**E**ducation today leaves young people without hope. It might teach them how to earn a living, but it fails to show them *how to live*. We have written about this educational paradox many times before. Our universities have graduated brilliant scientists and engineers—experts in their fields. Meanwhile, nations war against nations, marriages are splitting apart, children are raised without discipline, families are disintegrating.

There is a crisis in education.

I plan to start a small college in 2001, perhaps 2002. In June, the Philadelphia Church of God purchased 38 acres of land with a beautiful three-acre lake. Our short-term goal is to use that land to build a college that will better educate our youth today. But that is just a small beginning of a process that will one day fill the whole Earth with hope-filled education!

We are resurrecting an educational system established by Herbert W. Armstrong. Since his death in 1986, his own followers have obliterated some or all of what he taught. But the world needs his teachings now more than ever! Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote in the *Plain Truth*, September 1978: "I was never called to engage in the college *business*.

But by 1947 the need had become imperative to establish an educational arm of the Church on the college level. It definitely was NOT because this world needed another college. There were too many of this world's institutions of higher education already!

"But the living God had caused me to realize the serious need for a college to educate a ministry for His Church and to train other personnel to fill the increasing number of administrative offices. For this purpose it had to be God's kind of college—utterly unique in the world. No college or theological seminary extant filled this purpose."

Mr. Armstrong went on to explain what was lacking in educational institutions today. He quoted from a section of Ambassador College's annual catalog, titled "The Missing Dimension in Education": "It is generally recognized by educators that dangerous evils have leavened the educational system. Curricula, generally, have become wholly materialistic. Demands in scientific, technological, industrial, commercial and professional fields have put the emphasis on the purely technical and intellectual, at sacrifice of spiritual, moral and cultural development; on curriculum rather than on character; on earning a living at the neglect of learning *how to live!*

"Universities have grown so large, students lose their

identity, moving along a huge academic conveyor belt. Personality development is sacrificed. Personal contact between student and instructor becomes nonexistent.

"The most essential knowledge is the purpose and meaning of life—the true values as distinguished from the false—and THE WAY to peace, happiness and abundant well-being. But this basic and most important dimension in education is entirely missing from traditional curricula."

What is wrong with the education of this world? Where have educators gone wrong? Mr. Armstrong gave us the big overview that I have never read from any other source. I hope you will think deeply about what he wrote.

In last month's *Trumpet*, we explained the origin of present civilization in the Garden of Eden incident, described in Genesis 2 and 3. There the parents of humankind, Adam and Eve, under the influence of Satan, chose to reject God's education on proper and right living, and began to look only to *themselves* as the source of knowledge on how to live. God did give them that choice, and the free moral agency to make up their own minds. But when they rejected Him, He then sentenced them and their descendants—all of mankind, but for a few specially called

and chosen from among them by God—to being cut off from Him and His revealed spiritual knowledge. He left mankind to develop his own governments, his own religions—*his own system of education*.

That is exactly what man has done. The unhappy results are proof that man, cut off from God, does not know how to educate himself.

## Ambassador College

Mr. Armstrong founded Ambassador College (AC) on the spiritual foundation every other college lacks.

We will do the same. At our college, we will prove to our young people that evolution is a fable. We will prove the existence of God. Our college students will learn the Bible as they could in no other institution.

Mr. Armstrong continued in the article quoted above, "The only truly scientific method is to PROVE a proposition before accepting it as scientific FACT. But has either science or education PROVED the evolutionary theory? Emphatically they have not! By its very nature it is a theory not subject to proof. Has either science or education PROVED the *nonexistence* of a personal Supreme God, of supreme intelligence, wisdom, and POWER to create? Emphatically they have not!

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WHY, then, do so many great minds who profess knowledge and wisdom doubt or deny God's existence? Simply because of something inherent in human nature—something of which they are ignorant—a spirit of vanity, coupled with hostility and rebellion against their Maker and His authority!

"Is it, after all, rational or intellectual to willfully *assume* fables, unproved and unprovable, to be *fact*, while ridiculing provable truth, branding *it* folklore?"

That kind of education leaves young people without hope.

"If in *this life only* we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:19). This verse reveals the fundamental flaw in education today. Whether it is religious or secular education, young people are only taught a hope that causes misery. Educators are giving our youth hope *only in this life*, and our young people are miserable!

You can see that just by examining the fruits of their lives.

Colleges and universities rush headlong into assuring that our youth have no hope in a future life. They feverishly work to teach fables like evolution, while they can prove none of these fables true! But they seem so convincing, religion follows along! That reveals how bankrupt religion is!

How can men and women made in the image of God have hope if they close their minds to the God who created them?

"For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them" (Matt. 13:15). Educators have *closed* their minds to God and to real hope. They scorn anyone who would dare prove the existence of God and build hope in our incredible human potential. (Write for our free book on that subject, *Incredible Human Potential*.)

Imagine this bizarre fact. Educators should spend their main effort in opening young people's minds to the truth. Instead, they work extremely hard to *close* young people's minds to the truth of God. THAT IS NOT TRUE EDUCATION—IT IS INEXCUSABLE IGNORANCE!

These educators have become the most ignorant people of all. They have closed their minds to God and called this ignorance "education"!

Millions of hopeless young people are their fruits.

At our college, we will teach our young people to open their minds to all truth and "prove all things." And I mean proof that anybody should be able to see. We will give them hope—based on proof.

Like Mr. Armstrong, our aim will be to provide students with a well-rounded, liberal arts education. We plan to have strong classes in history, journalism, music, nutrition, computers, television production, speech and leadership.

We will have a class on *news analysis*, where students will be taught the true meaning behind world news. They will see how world news is fulfilling Bible prophecy. Their Bibles will come alive as they never imagined!

We also have the capacity to teach accounting, agriculture, English, Spanish and some other basic classes.

It will obviously start small, just like Ambassador College did. Mr. Armstrong began AC in 1947 with only eight instructors and four students. But Ambassador grew into three different campuses, educating several hundred students each year. God tells us to not despise the day of small beginnings (Zech. 4:10). We must see where that small beginning leads.

### Education With Vision

Here is another visionary comment from Mr. Armstrong: "I have traveled into all parts of the world. In China and India millions are starving. The filth, squalor and wretchedness is simply indescribable. This same degenerate condition of degradation and suffering fills many parts of Central and South America, and of Egypt and other parts of Africa. Two thirds of the people on Earth live in such destitution. I thought of the joyous WORLD TOMORROW that is coming, and immediately the question came to mind: HOW can abundant well-being be brought to these teeming impoverished millions?"

"And the answer was obvious. Correct the CAUSE—lack of right education.

"On the other hand, I have known many of the world's leading men—heads of state, industrialists, bankers, scientists, educators. And most of them—the highly educated—were not happy. Some committed suicide. Their minds were of high caliber; their IQs were high. They had learned much in *material* knowledge—they had learned how to earn a living—but they had *not* learned the true values, nor how to live. It will require a *right* education, available to *all*, to correct all the world's ills.

"Very soon, today's decadent education will be replaced by the educational system of the WORLD TOMORROW. This already has been introduced in Ambassador College. And like the proverbial grain of mustard seed, it is already beginning to spread around the world.

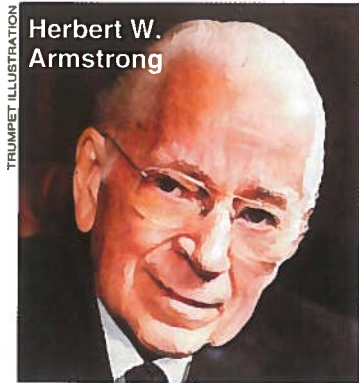
### FUTURE EDEN

The three-acre lake on the property





“Ambassador College knows, and teaches, the PURPOSE and true meaning of life—the TRUE VALUES that pay off—and THE WAY to peace, happiness, and abundant well-being. How do we know? We don’t guess, or theorize, or express unfounded opinions—we have it on AUTHORITY! The Bible is that authority, and it is PROVED to be the revelation of the



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Herbert W. Armstrong

almighty living God to humankind. The Bible is the world’s biggest seller, but also the book almost nobody knows. Few even know *what it is*.

“When you purchase a gadget or mechanism, you receive an instruction book which the maker sends along with his product. The most complicated mechanism ever produced is the human mind and body. The Bible is our Maker’s instruction book which He sent along with His product. It is the authoritative *revelation of the most necessary basic knowledge* otherwise inaccessible to the mind of man—even the great minds! It is the FOUNDATION of all knowledge and the *approach* to humanly acquirable knowledge.

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“Here is what modern education doesn’t know, and fails to teach:

“What *is* MAN? WHY is man? What are the TRUE VALUES? What is THE WAY to the *most necessary* objectives—peace, happiness, abundant well-being? This BASIC KNOWLEDGE cannot be acquired by all the mental, inventive, mechanical, exploratory, observational or philosophical powers of man. This kind of necessary knowledge is received only by *revelation!* It has always been accessible. Yet science and modern education GROPE HOPELESSLY in the dark, searching, researching, speculating and philosophizing in vain for the acquisition of knowledge that can come only through the very source they reject! Astonishing? Yes. Intelligent? Well, hardly!”

**Land Purchase**

Purchasing our 38 acres with its spring-fed, glittering lake is only the beginning. Now we must start a building program, which will be backed by enthusiastic supporters.

Our members and co-workers have a vision of where this is leading. We fully understand that time is running out fast in this world. This Earth is about to experience its worst catastrophe ever. We are going to use this land to build two, three or four major buildings—depending on the time we have to do so.

We fully expect these new facilities to accelerate our work in a short amount of time. The first building should be finished in early 2001. It will be a 22,000-square-foot field house. Inside will be an elegant gym-

nasium with a raised stage at one end. At the other end, there will be locker rooms and a cafeteria with a commercial-sized kitchen. There will also be several offices in the building.

In addition to being the hub of activity for college life, the field house will serve as an excellent summer camp facility for many of our teenagers before they are old enough to attend college. We canceled our camp this summer—the first time we have not had a camp in nine years. To this point, we have always rented a camp facility. Next year, we will be thrilled to offer our young people an even better camp experience—on our own property!

The field house will serve other needs as well, giving us room to expand our headquarters facilities here in Edmond and providing a weekly meeting hall for our local congregation as well as for special conferences and festivals. It will truly serve as a “MULTI-purpose” center.

Herbert W. Armstrong’s Ambassador College won several awards as the most beautiful college campus in America. We will follow in that tradition, on a much smaller scale. We follow the same God. When Franz Josef Strauss, called the strong man of Germany, visited the school, he said, “When you see Ambassador College, you see what you can do for this world.” He saw the potential of beautifying this entire Earth. But why can’t man ever achieve that goal? We see degeneration accelerate in most areas, and events move towards catastrophe.

Mr. Strauss saw what we want to show everyone who will see. He also saw the smiling, joyful faces of the students. But he failed to see the vision that produced that majestic college. He didn’t see what Mr. Armstrong saw and wrote about so often. That understanding is what the world is about to comprehend—*after* unparalleled suffering.

There is a cause for every effect. If you can make one small area on this Earth inspiring and uplifting, you can make the whole Earth that way!

Ambassador College was a vision of what could be. So will our college be a vision of the future. I believe the small lake on our property increases the potential beauty ten-fold.

There is a reason why God wants us to build in a way that inspires people to achieve more. The fact is, people perform better in an exquisite environment. That is the way it should be for all humanity. And that is the way it will be!

Our education will begin in an inspiring environment. And the students will be taught to help keep it

**ROOM TO GROW**  
The terraced hay field





that way. Those who refuse will be asked to leave our college.

This is how God will start changing the Earth in the World Tomorrow. There is only a small beginning in this world today. Why? Christ is preparing a people so He will have a government in place when He returns very soon.

That is a practical solution. And it is real! But only a few people will comprehend that deep vision before Christ returns. Only a few will have been educated into that awesome hope in this evil world.

God started Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden—an earthly paradise. It was a vision of what God would have done over the entire world if Adam and Eve had led mankind to obey their Creator. But they rejected their Creator by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, rather than the tree of life.

Ambassador College under Mr. Armstrong was different, because the faculty and students ate from the tree of life. They didn't experiment with different religions of mankind. They lived by every word of God—the tree of life.

We are going to follow that example. Physically, our small college will be a vision of hope. The Earth will still become a Garden of Eden. Our plot of land will help make that magnificent potential clear.

And that's not all. One day, the whole universe will be made to look like the Garden of Eden.

#### Preparing Rulers

Humanity has always lived in fear of terrorism and war. Our students will learn how to bring peace to mankind. "Of the increase of his government and peace *there shall be no end*, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isa. 9:7). Peace is about to fill this Earth and universe, because of God's government. Mankind is about to stop fighting against the rule of its Creator. Abundant peace and hope will be the result. There is going to be "no end." God's beauty and peace will continue expanding forever in an endless universe! (Write for our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow*.)

That result comes from applying God's government and law. That is why Ambassador College was a spiritual oasis in a wilderness of political, scientific and religious confusion.

Why do we refuse to see that God wants us in His family to build a Garden of Eden universe? Why won't we see our potential? Because, as Revelation 12:9 says, Satan has deceived this world. But even religion today doesn't believe that verse.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose" (Isa. 35:1). First the Earth will blossom as a rose! Then the universe will blossom as a rose!

*God is calling us to change the Earth and the universe. And it starts here and now!*

What we are starting is not an easy undertaking. But oh,



**LIVING WATERS**  
A brook on the PCG land

how rewarding it will be! Without vision, our 38 acres would be just another plot of land. With vision, it will help people see what God is about to do in this world. Our students will see God's master plan for the universe! What a mind-galvanizing vision! And it is no fantasy. There is a reason that universe is out there! We must expand our thinking beyond Earth. We were created to be in the God family. You can't confine God to this Earth.

There is a mountain of hope in God's educational plan.

"And HATH MADE us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (Rev. 1:6). God's people are the Kingdom of God in embryo. They *are* kings and

priests in embryo—"has made" the verse says. God is preparing rulers to fill the world with His knowledge as the waters fill the ocean beds (Isa. 11:9).

Where is education leading us today? Mr. Armstrong had this to say: "True progress is not measured by the false yardstick of gadgetry, mechanical devices, and the fatal concept that labor is a curse and idleness is a blessing. Science, industry and modern education have concentrated on developing the machine while degenerating the man!"

"Education—and the world of its creation—has lost all knowledge of the PURPOSE and true meaning of life. It has lost all sense of the true values, while blindly pursuing the false. Education has failed to teach THE WAY to peace, happiness, and abundant well-being. The actual bitter fruits of this modern materialistic 'progress' are increased unhappiness, discontent, boredom, and moral, spiritual and educational DECADENCE! The American and British peoples are traveling the identical road that led to the fall of the 'great' nations of the past—Egypt, Babylon, Greece and Rome!"

And you don't even need the Bible to prove that statement. Study your history books. After the Bible, history will be our most important class.

This Earth is about to explode into a nuclear nightmare (Matt. 24:21-22). THAT IS THE EPITOME OF MAN'S EDUCATION! He is about to destroy all human life off this planet—a product of man's hopeless education!

Would we destroy all human life off the planet before we heeded Christ's warning? The answer is yes. But Christ will stop it before all human life becomes extinct. And yet, He will not do so until we have learned a fundamentally critical lesson.

Mankind must come to admit that he cannot rule and educate himself! If it weren't for Christ's intervention, we would educate ourselves into oblivion!

Time is now a crucial factor.

It's time to wake up and learn that only God's educational plan works. There is no hope in man's education. Look at the fruits! Christ said, "By their fruits you shall know them." A true Christian believes Christ.

How long and how intensely must we suffer before we will let God educate us?



# Fifty Years of European Union

Current trends in Europe indicate more strongly than ever that what is emerging via the juggernaut of European Union is but the repetition of a recurring dream that had its origins almost two millennia ago.

BY RON FRASER

IT IS NOW APPROACHING 11 YEARS SINCE the Berlin Wall cracked open; 10 years since East and West Germany rejoined; 50 years since the post-war dream of European Union was launched. Yet, is this dream of a united Europe a child of the 20th century, or are its roots entrenched in a far earlier era of European history?

That Europe has been the cradle of all that comprises the modern culture of the world's Western democracies is undeniable. Yet, for 1700 years, a recurring theme perpetuates itself throughout European history. It is a theme which we see building into present-day reality, reaching out from Europe to impact the whole world.

At the heart of this recurring theme of European history is a dream—a dream of a Europe united in diversity. Some say it has its beginnings in the time of Charlemagne, or, as the Germans prefer to call him, Karl the Great. It was Charlemagne who consummated the alliance between the Roman papacy and the growing kingdom of the Franks, uniting a vast territory in Europe extending from the Atlantic to the Danube, from the Netherlands to Provence, France. This we know as the second resurrection of what history terms the Holy Roman Empire. Charlemagne ruled between A.D. 768 and 814.

But Charlemagne's mighty empire grew out of an earlier resurrection of this Roman Empire, ruled by Emperor Justinian. It was he who codified the *Roman law* which was to become the bastion of civil jurisprudence in continental Europe. It is that same

Roman law which forms the basis of the judgments brought down by the European court in the modern-day European Union. Justinian ruled from A.D. 527 to 565.

Yet neither Justinian's rule, nor Charlemagne's empire, would have enjoyed anywhere near the degree of unity that they did had it not been for Emperor Constantine.

It was Constantine the Great, imperial ruler of the Roman Empire from A.D. 306 to 337, who infused the *glue* that was to repeatedly bind together the subsequent six resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire and even now works to cement that mixture of iron and miry clay emerging via the European Union into its seventh and final resurrection (see Dan. 2:43).

Through his enactment of the Edict of Milan in 313, Emperor Constantine commenced the imposition of what the world has since come to view as *the Christian religion* across the continent of Europe.

This was an overtly *political* act by the emperor. He needed to bind together into a singular empire the varying ethnic, cultural, linguistic and commercial attributes of the nationalities which he and his predecessors had conquered. That glue, which was to cement together the various revivals of the Holy Roman Empire ever since, Constantine found in *religion*. He simply took the various heretical forms of what historian Gibbon described as "a pure and humble religion," and bound them together through a compromise document agreed

upon by the leading Christian heretics of the time, termed "the Nicene Creed." He foisted this off as the charter for a state-imposed religion.

Thus Constantine's imposition on Roman Europe of universal Christianity, or *Roman Catholicism* as we know it today, was a shameless political act. It was simply calculated to infuse into the minds of a polyglot European peoples *a singular stream of spiritual thought*. It worked!

That this universal state religion spread from Rome to engulf most of western Europe over the ensuing almost 1700 years is a fact of history. Though schism rent this Catholic religion through the Eastern Orthodox split in 1054 and the Protestant Reformation of 1530, the core religion of all three major divisions of what we call "Christianity" had its genesis in A.D. 325, when Emperor Constantine convened the first general council of the church at Nicaea in Asia Minor. From that point, as Norman Davies declares in his book *Europe—a History*, the seed of a profound historic notion was sown: "that the Christian religion was compatible with politics.... After Constantine, *Christianity and high politics went hand in hand*."

Ever since that time, this *religion* has been the *glue* binding together two prime movers in the continuing resurrections of the Holy Roman dream of European unity—*high politics* and *business*.

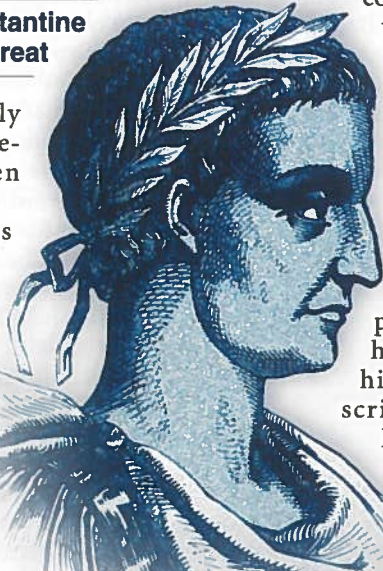
## Euromiracle

Europe's rise over the past 50 years, now threatening to overtake the greatest of the world's political economies, is nothing short of startling. It is particularly startling given that it lay largely in ashes and rubble following the cataclysm of two world wars in the past century and considering the complexities of its ethnic, linguistic, cultural and economic mix.

Readers of this magazine know that we have long held to the forecast of the rise of European power, even to predicting that the European Union's political economy will overtake that of the U.S. We have predicted that the EU will become the major global player in *politics*, in *business and commerce* and, ultimately, in *military and security* matters.

From its earliest beginnings in 1951, in the form of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), incorporat-

### Constantine the Great



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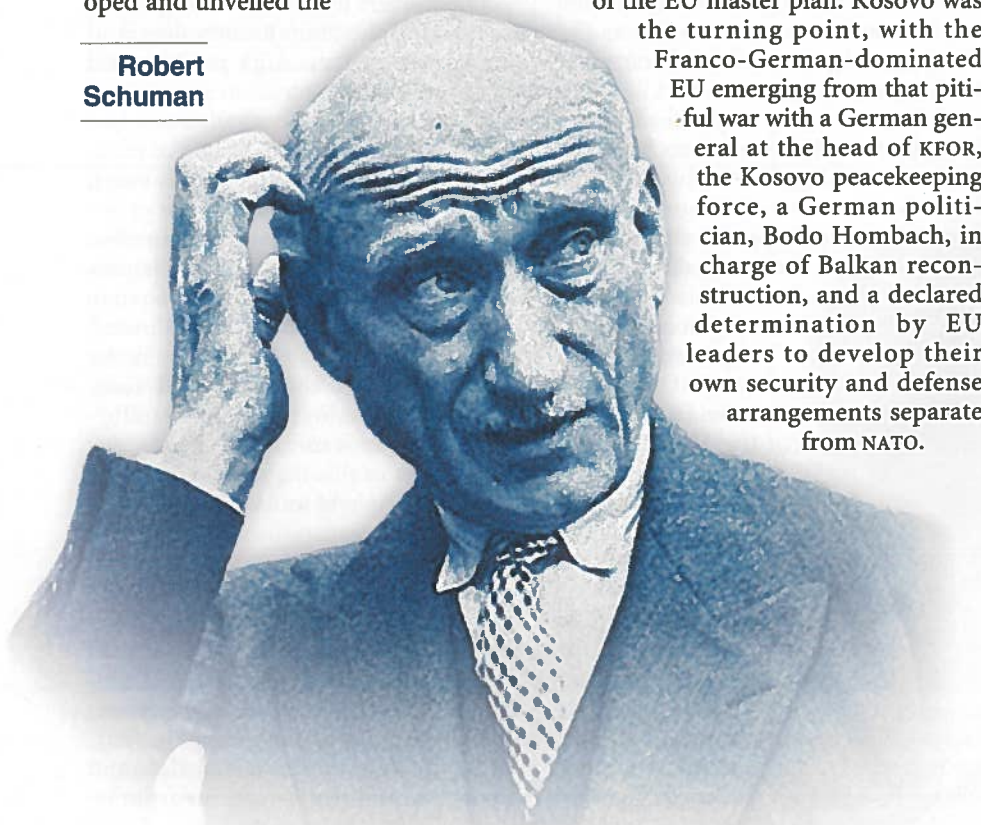
ing France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, post-war unifying Europe was destined to become a federated world power. As the German Professor Walter Hallstein once remarked, "Anyone who does not believe in miracles in European affairs is not a realist."

What many do not realize, as they begin to worry about the increased political clout of a German-dominated European Union espousing the desire to mount its own defense and security force, is that what is now emerging in Europe is the outcome of what that old Europhile Franz Joseph Strauss once termed a "Grand Design."

The foundation of this *grand design* was laid by social-democratic Catholic leaders half a century ago. EU founding fathers in fact did originally envisage exactly what the European Union is proving to be in the 21st century—a federation of European states, with a combined economy, under a single currency, with its own security and defense force, wielding power on the world scene in direct competition with, and not necessarily in tandem with, Britain and the U.S. Today's EU is indeed emerging as the fulfillment of their dream.

Robert Schuman, a Catholic and head of the French foreign ministry at the time, led a team that secretly developed and unveiled the

**Robert Schuman**



ambitious Schuman Plan for European Union in May 1950. This plan called for far-reaching initiatives in European economic, military and political institutions. It proposed a European army. However, fears of historic German aggression and dominance in European affairs meant that the *economic* path was chosen as the means to unifying Europe. The *military and political* elements were carefully shelved for a future time when memories of the horrors of Nazi aggression in the last experiment in European unity had faded. Up to the end of the 1980s, European union powered ahead *economically*.

With the unification of Germany in 1990, *politics* came to the fore, the most overt initiative being German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ramrodding the launching of the *single currency* for Europe through to implementation by a majority of EU nations in 1992. The time had come, with memories of two world wars fading, for the EU to exercise its *political* power.

The Balkan wars of the 1990s gave the EU the opportunity to place *defense and security* higher on the agenda of the EU master plan. Kosovo was the turning point, with the Franco-German-dominated EU emerging from that pitiful war with a German general at the head of KFOR, the Kosovo peacekeeping force, a German politician, Bodo Hombach, in charge of Balkan reconstruction, and a declared determination by EU leaders to develop their own security and defense arrangements separate from NATO.

Currently, as the wily Eurocrats weave through the web of contradictory elements involved in developing the basic structures for a credible European defense force, they milk the U.S.-led NATO for all it is worth to guarantee an

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umbrella of security from a reconstituting Russian empire and any other perceived exterior threat. The EU's continued membership of NATO is but a matter of expediency to give them time and space to build their own defense and security combine. The EU will eventually leave NATO, forming its own alliance with Russia. It still treads warily as it quietly goes about planning the Euroforce, hiding behind big business as its catalyst for growth.

Overwhelmingly, it is European *business and commerce* which is still the driving force accelerating EU expansionism, and there appears to be no stopping it.

**The Merchants of Europe**

"...and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Rev. 18:3). This prophecy is being fulfilled before our very eyes!

"The 'old' continent is embracing the 'new' economy. The European Union is pulling out all the stops to catch and overtake the United States in the race for leadership of the global, knowledge-based, Internet-driven economy," wrote Bruce Barnard in the May edition of *Europe* magazine. This is known as *e-commerce*. The Europeans have a significant edge over the rest of the world in *mobile telephones* with firms such as Nokia and Ericsson, in *media* with German media giant Bertelsmann, and in *e-commerce* support with SAP, the giant business software group.

In a recent interview, the EU commissioner for e-commerce forecast that Europe will become the world leader in the next generation of global marketing—mobile commerce. "By 2003... many of today's PC-based information and e-commerce services will move to mobile terminals. And when the Internet goes mobile this will be the real opportunity for Europe," he said.

Yet, it is not just in high-tech marketing that Europe is set to take over the lion's share of global business.

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In March the *Financial Review* reported, "German business is on a second wave of mega-mergers, turning its corporate giants into high-profile global players." The '90s saw a rash of mergers and takeovers by huge German corporations that shook the business world.

Throughout the period of two hot world wars and a 40-year-long cold war, German industrialists have been in the box seat. They have largely driven the collective European economy in time of peace and time of war. In World War II they employed slave labor and profited greatly. One such firm, I.G. Faben, produced the gas which slaughtered millions in the Nazi death camps. Many of the executives of these companies became card-carrying Nazis under Hitler's regime. Most survived, largely without condemnation, to revive their businesses with U.S. funds via the Marshall Plan in the post-war years. Their corporate empires are respected household names: Volkswagen, Siemens, Krupp, Thyssen, I.G. Faben, Daimler-Benz, Mannesman.

Mainly Germanic, such massive enterprises are now reaching out globally to dominate their chosen markets. Penetration into the U.S., Asia, Africa and the Pacific has been bold and aggressive.

The DaimlerChrysler merger at the close of the 1990s now joins with giant Japanese industrialist Mitsubishi, moving on to form alliances in South Korea. The German telecommunications enterprise Telekom eyes the U.S. market, with Quest Communications in its sights. The top utility groups in Europe, Germany's Viag AG and Veba AG, seek to merge into a European power giant, giving them hold over much of the EU's power supply. Pressing of Germany picks off travel companies to become a global leader in that market segment. Siemens AG and Mannesman AG merge to lead the world in the supply of high-tech electronics systems for the automotive industry. Deutsche Post AG penetrates the U.S. market by purchasing Air Express International Corp.

To cap off this corporate blitzkrieg, EU antitrust regulators recently approved plans for the daddy of them all: the giant defense merger binding DaimlerChrysler's aerospace wing DASA to France's Aerospatiale Matra and Spain's Construcciones Aeronauticas. Hardly was the ink dry on this deal when the new conglomerate, tagged EADS (European Aeronautic, Defense

and Space Co.) signed an agreement with Finmeccanica to create a joint venture company to manufacture military and civil aircraft. Add all this to the DaimlerChrysler-Mitsubishi merger and you have a mega-giant ready to lay the infrastructure to supply the forthcoming Eurodefense capability.

All this powerful business clout of the EU is now being used strategically against Britain to try to force that country into the European mold, to the obvious detriment of its economy (see accompanying article by Rodney Atkinson, p. 9).

As the *International Herald Tribune* reported last month, "A number of multinational companies took aim Tuesday at Britain's ambivalent attitude toward Europe and the euro, warning that their continued invest-

concern are the aggressive moves of the German banking and finance sector to control the global financial scene. In a rash of penetrations into the international banking and finance sector, German interests have, during the first half of this year, obtained majority stake in First Latvian Commercial Bank, positioned German-led Europe at the forefront of the e-commerce world via the recently announced Pan European Telecommerce Bank venture, backed by Mannesman and Deutsche Bank, and concluded a deal with the London Stock Exchange which will inevitably lead to Frankfurt taking over from London as Europe's financial hub.

When it comes to *business*, the days of tiptoeing through the tulips by post-war Germany are over. As our editor-in-

### POWER PLAYS: GERMAN TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS

ACTION	COMPANIES	TYPE
1989 Takeover	Deutsche Bank over Morgan Grenfell	Bank
1995 Takeover	Dresdner over Kleinwort Benson	Bank
1995 Takeover	Commerzbank over Jupiter	Bank
1998 Merger	Daimler and Chrysler	Automotive
1999 Takeover	Deutsche Post AG over Air Express Int'l.	Freight
1999 Takeover	Hypo Vereinsbank over Foreign & Colonial	Bank
2000 Merger	DaimlerChrysler and Mitsubishi	Automotive
2000 Merger	Germany/France/Spain Cos. form EADS	Defense
2000 Merger	EADS and Finmeccanica	Defense
2000 Merger	Siemens AG and Mannesmann AG	Technology
2000 Merger	Viag AG and Veba AG	Utility

ment in Britain was dependent on a decision to join the single currency.... 'Future inward investment will soon dry up unless the government commits us to the euro,' said Sir Richard Needham, vice chairman of NEC Europe, whose call was echoed by Mitsubishi, Toyota and Nestlé executives" (July 5).

Implying that the strength of Britain's currency would negatively affect business, Nissan's president chimed in and "warned last week that the company might produce a new small car on the Continent rather than at its English plant in Sunderland in order to stem losses caused by the high pound, while Honda said it would turn to the Continent to get more parts for its English plant in Swindon" (ibid.).

#### Controlling Global Finance

Yet it is not only the German-dominated corporate sphere that is engulfing the world's markets. Of particular

chief headlined some years ago in this magazine, "The German Bully Is Back!"

In all of this banking and business blitzkrieg, little thought is given by German political and business leaders to the sensitivities engendered by the three European wars which they masterminded in 1817, 1914 and 1939. "Anti-German feeling is still strong in Poland and the DB takeover was resented the more so. Fears are still acute that the country will fall prey to the economic influence of its giant neighbor" (*Central Europe Online*, Feb. 15).

As Dominic Hobson recently observed in Britain's *Spectator* magazine, the big German banks are putting their trust in technology as the fastest route to *global domination*. The extent of their penetration into London's financial hub is reflected in the ownership of city-based financial enterprises—Deutsche Bank owns Morgan Grenfell, Dresdner Bank has bought Kleinwort



Benson, Commerzbank owns Jupiter, and Hypo Vereinsbank now controls Foreign and Colonial. It is but a small leap from ownership of these flagship financiers of British origin to the transfer and consolidation of their holdings into Europe's financial center, Frankfurt, home not only to Deutsche Bank, but also to the European Central Bank, keeper of the euro.

Then there is the intriguing interest by Germany in gold.

**All That Glitters**

"The Bundesbank suddenly acquired massive gold reserves, just as the euro was launched in the first quarter of 1999. The gold amassed, both in terms of its physical size and of its value (national valuation basis) is more than enough with which unilaterally to introduce a gold-backed 'new Deutsche mark'—in contrast to the U.S. dollar, which is not backed by gold" (*Economic Intelligence Review*, March 2000).

Commentators have been intrigued by the continuous slump in the value of the European Union's collective currency, the euro, since its launch in January 1999. Suddenly two facts explaining the EU's tolerance of this phenomenon leap into focus.

"The euro has given German manufacturing the weak currency it needs to counter high labor costs, and has created a single capital market across 11 countries, in which the German banks are ideally placed to thrive" (*Spectator*, June 17). German banks have been very clever at obtaining share cross-holdings in the firms to which they lend.

Add these observations to the following analysis by Christopher Story, and a worrying picture of European financial skulduggery leaps into view. "The Germans may have been preparing their greatest coup in history: the sudden, overnight substitution of a 'new Deutsche mark' backed by gold, for the regrettably 'failed' EU collective currency.... In reality, the Bundesbank's acquisition of colossal gold reserves coincident with the launch of the euro (which policymakers were never supposed to notice), and the convenience of the biggest competitive devaluation in history, betray the probable truth—that this represents the realization of the pan-German plan for a European collective currency elaborated by the Nazis, and was cunningly postulated from the outset. In other words, the euro's steep depreciation is 'not coincidental'" (ibid.).

Back in the heady European summer of 1990, when Germanic euphoria was high at the point of unification of East and West Germany, British politician Nicholas Ridley told the *Spectator* that "European Monetary Union, then being discussed seriously for the first time, was 'a German racket designed to take over the whole of Europe.... You might just as well give it to Adolf Hitler, frankly.... I'm not sure I wouldn't rather have the [bomb] shelters and the chance to fight back, than simply being taken over by... economics'" (June 17, 2000).

Try as you might, the emerging vision of the dynamic European Union cannot be divorced from its main driving force—Germany. That has nothing to do with any anti-German feeling, any Deutsche-phobia! *It's plain fact!* Just as is the plain, unadulterated truth that what is emerging in Europe is the revival of history, the revival of a dream held from the time Constantine first imposed thorough control on Europe by commencing the enforcement of one single state-endorsed religion, binding together the power of the merchants with that of the politicians. The continual revival of that Eurodream,

which historians call the Holy Roman Empire, has always had a dark and murky, mystical core. *Read the history!*

**The Glue that Binds**

Thus, as we move into the final half of this year of the united Europe's jubilee, the reality of the dream of European leaders, from Charlemagne to Hitler, from Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman to Jacques Chirac and Romano Prodi, emerges. The Germans have done it again—but this time it has been done by Deutsche marks, not Panzer divisions—so far!

The German-led penetration of global markets continues apace. Euro-business thrives, as it has for 50 years. Meanwhile the political nature of this Eurobeast is yet to show its true form. It still needs an overt binding force to keep its fractious nation-states together.

"In Europe, the uncertainty over the shape of the European Union...is coming to an end, but it is being replaced by uncertainty over the future international role of this strange new power.... The important change, however, lies less in what the EU does internally than in how it behaves externally. In trade and money, the union is already a global player. Before too long, it will be one in terms of geopolitics as well.... The EU will have to develop a strategy to match its reach, and this strategy could well be very different from that of the United States" (*Foreign Policy*, Summer 2000; emphasis mine).

Right now the Eurocrats seem bogged down in reams of red tape, trying to figure how to absorb the next wave of aspirant member countries by 2003. The European bureaucracy is a complex, turgid web of intrigue, corrupt at its core. How can it manage to absorb, control, energize and unite such a conglomerate, this emerging European empire which stands on feet of mixed iron and miry clay? (Dan. 2:41-43).

The answer is in Constantine's glue—controlling people's minds by imposing a state religion. "...the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.... These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (Rev. 17:1-2, 13).

As the strength of Pope John Paul II wanes, waiting in the wings is a dy-

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**Romano Prodi**



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# The End of British Democracy

Uncomfortable truths about Britain's alliance with the EU

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## ◆ NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND

IN A JULY 1997 DEBATE IN THE GERMAN Parliament, the then-ruling coalition had a motion passed which referred to the final achievement of a post-war peace settlement in Europe. Britons and Americans had assumed this had been achieved in 1945—but this is not the view of that German political class which has constructed today's European Union on the broken bones of those democratic nations re-established by the Allies after the war.

"German Europe," in the form of the "European" Union, representing a small minority of European states, is already turning back the clock and re-establishing that economic and political corporatism and collectivism which led to European and worldwide conflict in the 1930s.

Furthermore, the democratic destruction which has taken place has been aided by the United States which, like Churchill, uses the term "a united Europe" in the sense of European nations being united in friendship—not in a single state. But the corporatist, protectionist and authoritarian nature of Continental politics has a different vision, which is as dangerous to the United States and Britain today as it was the 1930s.

It is also unfortunate that U.S. industrial corporations are aiding the bulldozer tactics of the European Union in the name of mere business convenience. General Motors sees the abolition of the pound, the Bank of

England and the remains of sovereign government in the United Kingdom as a price worth paying for their factories' profitability. This is chillingly reminiscent of the critical support for the Nazi economy and war machine by large U.S. multinationals in the 1930s.

It is doubly unfortunate that NATO, 80 percent of whose effectiveness is due to American weaponry and funding, is being shamelessly used as a battering ram to extend the power of the European Union further east and south. The recent German-inspired breakup of Yugoslavia is a classic case. From their recognition of Croatia in 1989 to the arming of the terrorist Kosovo Liberation Army in order to provoke Serbia, the European Union has used NATO to achieve Germany's historical aims.

## Dishonest Dealings

When Edward Heath signed the Treaty of Rome and took the United Kingdom into the "European Common Market," his government assured the British people that they were entering a common market of sovereign (i.e. self-governing) nations. "It is this simple economic concept," as the government said at the time, "that is at the heart of the [European] Community. The impact of Community law is by definition confined to essentially economic matters. There is no question of eroding essential national sovereignty."

In fact, Heath SIGNED AWAY (in the infamous section 2 of the 1972 European Act) THE RIGHT OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE AND PARLIAMENT TO GOVERN THEMSELVES. It was not evident at the time, nor indeed for many years to come, since the fundamental rights ceded by Heath to "Europe" were only applied to most areas of policy-making slowly and covertly over many decades. There were big leaps like the Single European Act of 1986 (hardly debated in Parliament and not at all in

the media) and, of course, the Maastricht Treaty of 1992. But *throughout* the 27 years of British membership, the so-called European Court of Justice has daily made law for the people, companies and governments of the United Kingdom.

The signing of treaties by 6, 12 or, as now, 15 governments meant that agreement could only be achieved with vague, ill-defined and ambiguous wording. It therefore falls daily to the European Union's "court" to arbitrate and, in so doing, make new law which overrides all national jurisdiction.

This makes the use of international treaty law to create the European Union all the more disgraceful. For treaty law has always been used to regulate the relations between sovereign nations. (That is why "Crown prerogative" powers are granted by the queen to ministers to sign such treaties *without any prior parliamentary approval*.) But the European treaties completely undermined the *internal Constitution* of the United Kingdom. Once signed they were presented to Parliament as a *fait accompli*.

It was Douglas Hurd, who signed with Francis Maude the Maastricht Treaty, who said in Parliament, "Parliament has no power to overturn the Maastricht Treaty." This is hardly what the populations or even the parliamentarians of the EU member states had in mind. But we know what Mr. Heath had in mind, for when asked on BBC's *Question Time* on November 1, 1990, "The single currency, a United States of Europe, was all that in your mind when you took Britain in?" Heath replied, "Of course, yes."

Now that the British Parliament, democracy and 800-year-old Constitution have been largely wiped out, it is not unusual to hear those who, like Edward Heath, planned that destruction, admitting their long-held aims.

But some were more open earlier. Raymond Barre, the former prime minister of France, said, "I never understood why public opinion about European ideas should be taken into account." Claude Cheysson, the former French foreign secretary, said, "We could never have constructed Europe by democratic means." How true!

## Anti-Democracy

Closer to home, Professor Arnold Toynbee, who held sensitive posts in the Foreign Office in both world wars and was for a long time director of



studies at the Institute of International Affairs in London, spoke the following disgraceful words at a conference in Denmark in the 1930s: "It is just because we are attacking the principle of national sovereignty that we keep protesting our loyalty so loudly. And all the time we are denying with our lips what we are doing with our hands."

A group of British parliamentarians formed a so-called Design for Europe Committee in 1947. Their anti-democratic and secret intent was spelled out: "No government dependent on a democratic vote could possibly agree in advance to the sacrifices which any adequate plan must involve. The people must be led slowly and unconsciously into the abandonment of their defenses." And in the modern era it was Paddy Ashdown (reflecting the praise heaped on the last great "integrator" of Europe, Adolf Hitler, by the Liberals' Lloyd George and Lord Lothian in the 1930s) who said that "I do not believe that the nation-state is anything other than a recent historical invention. I do not believe it will always remain."

Thanks to the covert, undemocratic machinations of multinational corporations, the Brussels bureaucracy and a small coterie of Westminster politicians, our nation and its democracy have indeed been largely destroyed. For today our government no longer controls who can enter, reside in or vote in Britain. The British passport has been replaced by a "European Community" passport; our Parliament's laws are frequently overturned by European institutions; most EU directives are rushed by our British legislators, and some 30,000 regulations have been imposed by bypassing Westminster altogether; so many "common policy" areas have been created that majority voting has completely emasculated the rights of the British government to govern in the UK; the production of our agriculture and fishing industries is entirely controlled by Brussels, whose rulers can even ban our exports to the world in general; historical protections under Magna Carta and *habeas corpus* have been jeopardized by the rights of other European countries to have British citizens automatically arrested.

This process was well-summarized by the words of a Tory Member of European Parliament, Bill Newton Dunn, who said, "When ministers go to Brussels, they leave their democratic baggage behind them." The national veto right

now is so restricted that no British government has ever used it, in case there is a cost to be paid in areas where there is majority voting. "If Britain wants to be at the heart of Europe, there is a price to be paid. That price comes in the form of [the end of its] budget rebate, and we need new movement on tax. If the British do not give in on these areas there will have to be concessions elsewhere—for instance, with a big cut in EU regional aid to Ulster or Scotland."

This not-unusual tirade by a mere civil "servant" is made more ludicrous by the fact that there is of course no such thing as European Union "aid." Britain pays—even with its rebate—billions of pounds more into the EU coffers than we get out. Indeed, in Ulster the true political nature of the European Union "project" was revealed. The European Commission, having financed a company there, pointed out that unless that company flew the EU flag they were unlikely to receive any "help" again.

#### The Regional Principle

Perhaps the most insidious of all the attempts by the European Union to extinguish the once-free, self-governing nations of Europe is the so-called regional principle. The device was a favorite of European fascism in the 1940s, when national governments were bypassed and regional committees reported directly to Berlin.

In the European Union this system has gone one step further: The very borders of the nation-states have been extinguished. The leader of Kent County Council is now president of a Euro-region comprising Kent, Nord Pas de Calais, Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels. The chairman will be French or Belgian. The EU authorities are attempting the same in Sussex, linking East Sussex to a "partnership" with Seine Maritime and Somme with a French "project manager" (how forensic and managerial these political takeovers sound) installed in Lewes County Hall.

The chief executive of Welwyn Hatfield Council recently described how a small team of self-selected local authority chief executives of Eastern Area (consisting of Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Bedford-

shire) now dealt directly with Brussels. This bypasses not only Westminster but the voters and councillors of the over 40 local authorities whose bureaucrats were engaged in this "project."

One lady writing to me from East Sussex noted that "The Regional Development Agency, Regional Voluntary Chamber, Rural Development Agency, Town Partnerships, Twinning Committees are taking over—none are elected."

At a recent international conference in Oxford, Jan Myrdal, the distinguished Swedish Social Democrat and intellectual (whose parents, uniquely in the world, were both Nobel Prize winners) noted that "In 1943 the Oberbürgermeister of Munich spoke of how strong municipal self-government was in Germany—the municipalities as the

cornerstone of society, etc. This is the way they organized it—the only thing was that there were no elections."

Today in the EU there are scores of new funding bodies for urban development, for academic research, for small businesses, whose main aim is not to help them but to destroy national organizations by promoting Pan-European structures and Brussels control.

The most insidious is the town-twinning program, where a suggested *oath of loyalty* to the European Union was proposed and caused much anger in Britain. The instruction in the official European Union document was, "Whatever version [of the oath] is eventually used must make clear that European unification is the prime aim of and reason for the twinning."

This political corruption of all the democratic and parliamentary virtues to which the British people are accustomed has been accompanied (as one might expect) by a massive *economic* corruption at the very heart of the European institution. The regular annual loss of up to £6 billion (US\$9.1 billion) by fraud and mismanagement in the European Commission has produced no change.

The truly obnoxious nature of that corruption can be seen in the treatment of the individuals who have had the courage to expose it. Paul van Buitenen, the European Audit Commission member who leaked the details, was taken by an employee of the

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European Commission to view some guns—very subtle. Bernard Connolly, who was head of the Commission's euro department and who wrote *The Rotten Heart of Europe*, was excluded from the commission buildings, his picture was put up in public corridors, he was ordered—illegally—not to leave the country, his phone was tapped, his wife was followed and received many nuisance calls, and his house was broken into.

### The One-Currency Trap

Throughout the slow and debilitating erosion of democratic nationhood by the European Union (representing incidentally a mere 15 of the 42 countries of Europe) the political rhetoric has been characterized by euphemism. We should be part of a "common market" (when in fact our entire Constitution was being fatally undermined). We had to be "at the heart of Europe" (when anyone who glanced at a map and had a passing knowledge of British history would know that we are on the *edge* of Europe. But we are at the center of the English-speaking world, of the Commonwealth, of the world's time zones and culturally placed between Europe and America and geographically between the two great superpowers). We needed a "single market" to ensure fair trade (when the secret emphasis was on the word *single* as a prelude to a *single* currency, a *single* tax regime, a *single* government and hence the final abolition of the nation-states themselves).

The *real* final slice of this salami is the single European currency, which means the abolition of the pound, the Bank of England and what remains of our right to national self-government. For no country can be truly free without its own currency. The Nazis, when they invaded other countries, fixed their currency rates and set up a European central bank as a prelude to establishing a single European currency. By contrast, the first step of those countries freed from the tyranny of Soviet communism was to create their own currency.

And no state which has its own currency—as the European Union now has—can afford to let its various provinces control their own spending and taxation—no more than Yorkshire or Sussex or Wales can make those decisions independently of London. Should the United Kingdom adopt the euro, the European Union will not just "control our interest rates and economy": There

*will be no such thing* as British interest rates or the British economy.

The pound sterling—as the distinguished German banker Hans Tietmeyer has admitted—is the star of European currencies. It is the only one to exist in the same form for 250 years. And it has far surpassed the German currency in terms of stability. In 1921 there were 64 Reichsmarks to the U.S. dollar. Two years later there were 4 trillion Reichsmarks to the U.S. dollar. Some currency! Some stability!

Britain flirted with the single European currency when we joined the European Exchange Rate Mechanism. The result was a total cost of some £60 billion (\$90.9 billion), an additional 1.5 million unemployed, 1 million households plunged into negative equity and a further million losing their homes completely. In preparing for the euro, the European Union has had six years of low or negative economic growth, and unemployment now stands at 17 million. The EU average unemployment rate is 12 percent—more than twice as much as in Britain.

When Britain joined Heath's "Common Market," we were the third-richest country in Europe. Today we are the 14th richest. All the countries which remained EFTA (European Free Trade Association) and did not join the European Economic Community became richer as we became poorer. Today the richest countries in Europe are Norway and Switzerland, which are not, have never been and do not wish to be in the European Union.

In return for a total net budget contribution of £30 billion (\$45.4 billion) we have joined a club with which we have accumulated a manufacturing trade deficit of over £150 billion (\$227.6 billion) since 1972. For such an economic disaster, the British people—without knowing it—sacrificed their historical rights to self-government and protection under the 800-year-old British Constitution. In the annals of British self-government this association with "Europe" will be seen as by far the most disastrous series of decisions in our 1000-year history.

### Forgetting History

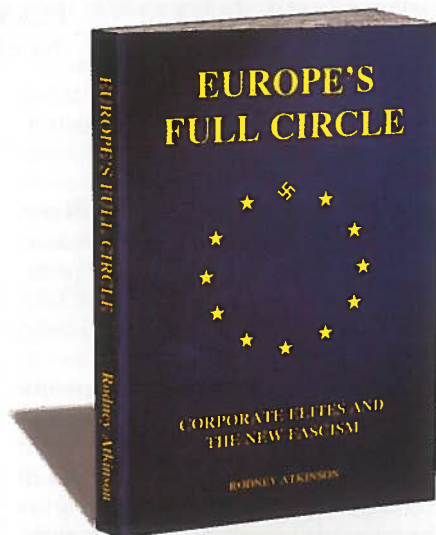
As a leading Eurocrat said recently, the creation of the euro meant that "It will be the first time we have achieved such a result without arms."

Democrats who fought two bitter wars to preserve the democratic self-

governance of European nations may well ask what has happened. Once they have grasped what they have lost, they will see there is only one solution. We must withdraw from the constitution-destroying structures of the European Union and return to the common market of self-governing nations for which the British people voted in 1975—and in which there are to be found today the richest and the freest nations of Europe.

The threat of the new, undemocratic and assertive power bloc which the U.S. has helped to construct is now becoming evident in Washington: the refusal to obey World Trade Organization judgments, the attempt to fix euro exchange rates against the dollar, the attempts to impose European regulations and values on non-European countries, the dumping of surplus agricultural produce on the Third World and, now, even the courting of Fidel Castro, who is to embrace the euro as a weapon against the dollar. And this is not to mention the carnage wreaked in Yugoslavia by the interventions of Germany and the European Union, into which U.S. troops were inexorably sucked because their politicians did not read their history books.

Is it not time that the American nation awoke to the complete unwinding of the post-war settlement for which so many of the youth of our two countries died? ♦



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# Where Is the "Third Way" Taking Us?

BY RON FRASER

LAST NOVEMBER, SIX LEADING PROponents of a type of governance commonly called Third Way met in Florence to publicly proclaim their brand of politics as the answer to the world's problems. In June the group met again, this time in Berlin, the new diplomatic capital of the EU, their numbers having more than doubled.

Perhaps the most telling comment from the 14 national leaders who met in Berlin on June 3 to discuss developments in "Third Way" politics came from Karsten Voigt, the U.S. specialist at the German foreign ministry. Voigt observed that the meeting was "one of the rare times to discuss the issues that drive them most—social issues, the problems of their constituencies, *how society should change*" (*AP Worldstream*, June 3).

Leading lights at the conference were U.S. President Clinton, Chancellor Schröder of Germany, and French Prime Minister Jospin. They were joined by the prime ministers of Italy, Holland, Portugal, Sweden, Greece, New Zealand and Canada. The presidents of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, even South African President Thabo Mbeki, also attended.

Billed under the title "Progressive Governance in the 21st Century," this conference may be the swan song of some of these *center-left* advocates of Third Way politics. Why? Not because the Third Way will become less fashionable. We have shown in previous articles that this Third Way between communism and capitalism is but old fascism in new clothes, revived.

But what is worthy of note is that the leaders of three major nations in Europe were not represented at this Third Way conference: Austria, Italy

and Spain—the reason being that they are presently at the forefront of a *center-right* swing in Continental politics, whereas the conferees all hailed from *center-left* governments.

## Third Way History

The term "Third Way" is not new. When British Prime Minister Tony Blair rode into power in Britain decrying all that is conservative and espousing what he called a Third Way alternative to traditional socialism and capitalism, all he'd done was resurrect campus politics from the period between the two world wars.

The 20 years between the first and second world wars was a hotbed of intriguing, innovative political activity.



**PLANNING THE FUTURE** President Clinton leaves the Berlin "Progressive Governance" conference.

The works of Karl Marx, Engels, Vogt and Nietzsche were highly fashionable with both academia and the intelligentsia throughout Europe. Russia's experiment with pure communism, introduced in 1917, had collapsed disastrously by 1921. The tenth party congress in March 1921 proclaimed the abandonment of pure communism and the adoption of the New Economic Policy, restoring a mix of state socialism, state capitalism and private capitalism. This boosted agriculture and industry by 1926 back to pre-war standards. By 1928, the private owners of land and business were harried out of existence, and the state took full control of the economy.

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was well established by 1935. It was in the 1930s that Russia aggressively penetrated the academic institutions of the West, recruiting young graduates and undergraduates from Western uni-

versities to train as spies for the USSR. Oxford and Cambridge universities became prime grounds for this recruitment drive. This was later to make headlines in the 1950s with the defection of Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean from Britain to Russia, followed by the famous Kim Philby defection in 1963.

Parallel with the popularizing of socialism through communist ideology in the 1920s and '30s, a different form of socialism arose—*national socialism*, or *fascism*. Touted as a Third Position, or Third Way, between conventional capitalism and communism, it was akin to a scavenger: It appealed to both left and right and clouded the distinction between the two. The late G.L. Mosse, formerly a history professor at the University of Wisconsin, described fascism as scooping up "scraps of romanticism, liberalism, the new technology and even socialism.... The tree became the favorite symbol" (*Masses and Man*). Thus we see Third Wayers embracing anything from technological change to the greening of the environment.

But between the wars, fundamental to the fascist movement and supporters of this Third Way was the revolutionary tendency to create a *new world order* which offered broad appeal to all classes of people, from the plebeian to the aristocrat. Professor Mosse, a foremost distinguished expert on Nazism and fascism, observing the 21st century appeal the Third Way has in Western politics, declares, "Those ideals of mass politics upon which fascism built its political style are very much alive, ready to absorb and exploit the appropriate myths. The danger of some kind of authoritarianism is always present" (*ibid.*).

The paradox is that though they are essentially anti-conservative, fascist or Third Way groups are willing to undertake temporary alliances with those of the right who may be used to serve their cause. Hitler's use of the industrial cartels in his mad Nazi drive toward a thousand-year Reich is a clear example of this phenomenon.

Tony Blair is Britain's prime proponent of Third Way politics. His aggressively anti-conservative speech to the party faithful at the labor convention in Brighton last year is a clear testimony to the anti-conservative stance of



Third Way activists. His wooing of British business is typical of the Third Wayers' tendency to draw in the right where they perceive that it will add to their mutual profits.

### Left or Right?

Fascism clouds the distinction between party lines, hence the confusion in Tory Party circles on continuing or increasing Britain's involvement in the European Union, which is founded upon fascist principles.

Stanley A. Payne, also a professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, has established that part of the ideology and goals of fascism involves "the attempt to realize a new form of modern, self-determined, secular culture" (*Fascism: Comparison and Definition*). This brings to mind Mr. Voigt's comment at the recent Berlin Third Way conference, that the discussion centered on "how society should change."

What most of the world is clearly failing to see is glaringly obvious to real students of history. The federating power of that international entity which will soon steamroll the United States into second place on the economic and geopolitical scene, the *European Union*, is founded upon Third Way, fascist principles!

One of the most rabid proponents of the "European idea," of the need for "European law" (as opposed to ancient British common law), and the vision that a new version of the state and of empire would emerge from the symbiotic relationship between Rome and Berlin, was Julius Evola. The darling of postwar neo-fascists, Evola was campaigning for European union through his published essays in the midst of World War II, in 1940 and 1941. Following the war he continued to aggressively "campaign for a Europe united not on Western (that is, American) premises, but on those of the 'eternal' spiritual values of 'the Tradition'!" (Roger Griffin, *Fascism*, p. 343).

Mr. Griffin points out that Evola's essays have become classics for the current wave of Third Way followers. In an essay titled "United Europe: The Spiritual Prerequisite," published in the foremost periodical of the new right in Britain, *Scorpion*, Evola declares that the concept of *nationhood*

(and therefore sovereignty) is not appropriate when talking of a uniting Europe. He goes on to endorse this *apocalyptic vision*: "The notion of European unity is *spiritual* and *supranational*.... The European *Imperium* [Empire] will belong to a *higher order* than the parts which compose it.... Europe must not be a stage towards the westernization of the world but a *move against it*, in fact a *revolt* against the modern world in favor of what is nobler, higher, more truly *human*."

Why do we say this is an *apocalyptic vision*? Read on!

### A "Holy Cause"

We quote here from a pamphlet of Group Union Defense, a fascist stu-

**THIRD WAY** (n.) A political alternative to the two dominant political theories of the 20th century, capitalism and communism. G.L. Mosse, professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, one of the world's most distinguished experts on Nazism and fascism, maintains that fascism was a "revolution attempting to find a 'Third Way' between Marxism and capitalism." The Third Way social democracy has been embraced by such luminaries as the British Prime Minister Blair, Canadian Prime Minister Chretien, German Chancellor Schröder and U.S. President Clinton. Third Way tenets are consistent with Catholic social dogma.

dent movement in France. Linked with *Troisième Voie* (Third Way), another ultra-right group, this movement espouses the destruction of all that is Anglo-Saxon and "the establishment of a specifically European military defense system [since last year, a declared goal of the EU]. This involves the *destruction* of NATO and the definitive withdrawal of American bases in Europe" (Letter 52, "Pour un Syndicalisme Auto-gestionnaire," Paris, 1988).

But the real clincher, that which most clearly espouses the *apocalyptic* dream of a new Holy Roman Empire, comes from the *British-based* English Nationalist Movement: "The rekindling of that Spirit which made Europe breathtaking can only come through the rekindling of sacrifice and struggle. It will *not* come from votes and elections, nor will it come from debates about the standard of living. It will only come when the New Man, who will build the New Ethos, is *forged and tempered in the fire of love generated by our fanatical devotion to our Holy Cause*" (*Fascism*, p. 360).

Perhaps the Communist penetration of Britain's security and secret intelligence services in the 1930s and throughout the cold war period proved often disastrous to Britain's and, to a certain extent, America's conduct of the cold war. But the penetration of Europe, and Britain in particular, by the post-cold-war Third Way militants, with their ideology recently endorsed by 14 world leaders including the U.S. president, is a harbinger of disaster on a more massive scale! A disaster that will consummate in *hot war!* Your Bible says so!

Read it in the words of the Apostle John who, inspired of God's Holy Spirit, looked on down through the ages to see the consummation of the Third Way, in graphic detail, occurring in the "latter days." What John saw was the realization of the dreams of Third-Way visionaries such as Julius Evola. He saw the spiritual, supranational nature of that which the Third Way is leading us toward.

In Revelation 17, John depicts a great spiritual entity as a fallen woman (vv. 1-6) riding upon (i.e. dominating by her spiritual influence) a great beast (vv. 3, 6-8), symbolic of a great imperial power (vv. 9-13). Yes! The overriding influence on

that great, short-lived, globally dominant government which your Bible says will rule on this Earth just before Jesus Christ returns is *spiritual*—the *spiritual* dominating the *supranational*!

But when John's great vision is matched with the parallel vision of the Prophet Daniel in Daniel 2:32-44, we see the hybrid mix of Third Way, fascist power depicted as a weakened blending of iron and miry clay.

Then comes the good news as the greatest of all spiritual powers intervenes and smashes that fascist empire (Dan. 2:41-44) and establishes a government which overrides the supranational—the *universal* government of Jesus Christ (Rev. 17:14).

You need to capture this vision in your mind. It offers you the hope beyond the Third Way. Request our free booklet *Daniel—Revelation and War*, and prepare now for the rule of that *ultimate* way, the way of the law and the government of the supreme Creator, which alone can guarantee a time of global peace in a new world order without end! ♦



◆ U.S.

## Carrot or compromise?

When describing countries which Secretary of State Madeleine Albright once referred to as existing "with the sole purpose of destroying the system," the U.S. government recently decided to drop the use of the term "rogue states" in favor of "states of concern."

Is this move a carrot designed to entice these countries into more amicable behavior, or is it a show of Washington's reluctance to take an uncompromising stance in defending American policy internationally, particularly in the face of declining international support?

Department spokesman Richard Boucher explained the change thusly: "The ['rogue states'] category has outlived its usefulness.... It's not really a change in behavior or policy or what we're doing as much as it is finding a better description or a different description, because a single description, 'one size fits all,' doesn't really fit anymore."



Albright

The term "rogue state" has been applied to Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Cuba, Libya and Sudan in the past, and the controversial title has been used to justify a policy of "dual containment" against Iraq and Iran in the mid-1990s, as well as, more recently, plans for a U.S. national defense system (described as necessary to protect against attacks from "rogue states").

Some feel that adopting the new, more palatable term will make it easier to deal with such countries on an individual basis, particularly when concessions or signs of

improvement are shown.

But others see it as yet another example of weakened American posturing in the face of long-term opposition and declining international support.

Iraq is an example. Recent articles report that in spite of 18 months of intermittent bombing designed to destroy Iraq's missile centers, the country's missile program has been restarted and Saddam Hussein recently flight-tested a short-range ballistic missile. Meanwhile Egypt, a key U.S. ally in the Middle East, has contracted with Iraq to become its leading trade partner (*Stratfor GIU*, May 3).

Writing for the *International Herald Tribune*, William Pfaff offers another view on Washington's change of approach. "The decision that rogue nations are not irredeemably roguish but are subjects for therapy provides a belated application to international relations of the currently popular American notion that the object of interpersonal relationships is the maximization of self-esteem. A rogue nation can only bolster its self-esteem by more roguery, whereas a 'state of concern'—as

rogue states are now designated—is one with potential for self-improvement and for winning the esteem of others" (July 1-2).

In other words, calling a country a "state of concern" might tempt it to change for the better, while "rogue states" remain locked into their behavior at least partially by their unpopular classification.

That the U.S. administration has become soft-fisted in dealing with regimes that violate basic principles of democracy and human rights is clear. But when has the boost to a dictator's self-esteem ever driven him to change?



SET PHASERS TO "DEGRADE" Aircraft launch from the deck of the USS Enterprise to conduct air strikes on Iraq.

◆ IRAQ

## Outfoxed in "Desert Fox"

"To degrade Saddam Hussein's ability to make and to use weapons of mass destruction. To diminish Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war against his neighbors...." So read the mission goals of Operation Desert Fox. Launched by the U.S. against Iraq on December 16, 1998, the 70-hour air-strike campaign was declared a success; President Clinton congratulated American service members by proclaiming "mission accomplished" at the White House on December 19 that year.

Since then, sustained military operations against Iraq have continued with bomb or missile attacks, on average once every three days, to enforce the no-fly zones declared over surrounding airspace.

But what are the true results of the vaunted Desert Fox mission and the continuing air strikes on Iraq? Just how degraded is Saddam Hussein's ability to use weapons of mass destruction on his neighbors? How diminished, really, is his ability to wage war?

The *New York Times* revealed on July 1 that just 18

months following Operation Desert Fox, Iraq has "restarted its missile program and flight tested a short-range ballistic missile."

Ever the sly fox, Saddam Hussein has ensured that the missile he tested has a range of less than the 95 miles permitted by current UN restrictions placed on that nation. Yet experts are of the opinion that it is a short leap in technology to upgrade such short-range weapons into having a greater reach.

What is now apparent is that the Iraqis have been busy as beavers rebuilding the production plants and research labs destroyed in Desert Fox's four nights of bombardment.

In a statement that struck at the heart of the fallacious goals of Operation Desert Fox, a senior defense department spokesman said of the damage wreaked by that operation, "We never claimed it was permanent. Whatever you can build, you can rebuild" (*ibid.*).

The point is, the ability to rebuild, and the time it will take, directly correlates to the degree of damage inflicted upon the enemy. Desert Fox was just another failure in a long line of military campaigns mounted under an American administration with little eye for history and military strategy.

As Richard Perle, a former



U.S. assistant defense secretary, recently stated, "The word *policy* is an overstatement in describing the administration's attitude toward Iraq. *Paralysis* is probably more appropriate."

As long as they use their military arms to "degrade" rather than vanquish the power of their enemies, the U.S. will continue its history of never winning a war since 1945.

## ◆ FRANCE

### EU president with purpose

France took the chair of the revolving European Union (EU) presidency in July, signaling a flurry of diplomatic initiatives by the EU to occur over the second half of the year.

Among the heightened foreign policy thrusts is a special summit for Balkan leaders proposed by French President Jacques Chirac. Other summits include one with Japan, which took place on July 20, followed by the EU participation in a regional forum on security and defense organized by the Association of Southeast Nations a week later in Bangkok, Thailand. A further summit

will be convened with Asian and EU leaders in Seoul, South Korea, on October 20.

October will also be the month for EU summits with China in Beijing and Russia in Paris. The French EU presidency will tie in the African-bloc countries to this aggressive diplomacy, with ministerial talks scheduled for November in Botswana with the Southern African Development Council.

Continuing their thrust into the southern Mediterranean, the French presidency hopes to organize an unprecedented meeting of EU and Middle East leaders in Marseilles during mid-November.

This rapid-fire *tour de force* of French-led EU diplomacy will consummate on December 18 with summit meetings in Washington and Canada.

But the peak achievement of the French period in the EU presidential seat will be the conclusion of the next treaty on European Union, due to be signed in Nice on December 8. It seems that the EU will thus enter 2001 with a fresh treaty (probably marginalizing Britain even more than it now is) and strengthened strategic relationships—all resulting from this French-led season of diplomacy with key global players in the ongoing game of cut-and-thrust in international politics.



**EU DIPLOMACY** EU Commission President Romano Prodi, Chirac and Mori at the G8 summit in July.

## ◆ BRITAIN

### NAFTA or Euroland?

United States Senator Phil Gramm has stirred up a hornet's nest. On a recent visit to the United Kingdom to tap growing support for Britain casting off the EU in order to join the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Senator Gramm warned that Britain would lose its self-governance if it were to officially adopt the EU currency, the euro.

Speaking at the Center for Policy Studies (founded by Margaret Thatcher in 1974), he said, "We had a special relationship with Britain before there was an EU. When I think about our relationship with Britain, I don't think about the EU" (*London Daily Telegraph*, July 5).

As chairman of the powerful and influential Senate Committee on International Trade, Mr. Gramm has for some years felt that Britain would be better off joining Canada and Mexico in the NAFTA partnership. After a long slumber, Britain is waking up to the realization that its very sovereignty is in peril should it accept the euro as the official national currency and dump the beloved pound sterling.

A groundswell of UK support for rekindling the "special relationship" with the U.S. has come from senior Tories who oppose European integration, and from Canadian-born, British-based media mogul Conrad Black.

Mr. Gramm, backed by significant U.S. Republican support, believes that the EU is on the road to becoming the master of global free

trade. He sees that if Britain were to join Mexico and Canada in NAFTA, they would provide a suitable counterweight to the EU trading giant. To achieve this, Britain would have to pull out of the EU and join Norway and Switzerland as non-member trading countries.

To date, half of the UK's inward investment comes from the United States. Euro-skeptics are calling for the U.S. to up the ante and revive even closer economic ties,

before Britain becomes "EUK."

The euro- or NAFTA question will become an increasingly hot topic in the UK. With the latest EU treaty scheduled for signing in Nice, France, later this year, Britain will have to make some

hard decisions.

The present government has ushered in unprecedented change in Britain. After carving up the UK by giving semi-autonomy to Scotland and Wales, the administration has sliced and diced Britain into district upon district in accordance with EU policy, which decentralizes national power and hands it over on a silver platter to the EU headquarters in Brussels.

With European Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy working hard to change EU law to enable ALL decisions on trade policy to be made based on a majority vote by the European Council of Ministers, Britons face the prospect of devolving themselves into a mere state within Euroland.

Soon Britain will not be able to continue sitting on the fence, hiding behind its coveted euro opt-out clauses and veto powers which may disappear with the signing of the treaty of Nice. Britain will have to decide whether to be IN or OUT.



**Phil Gramm**



# The MERCIFUL DEATH PENALTY

How could  
a loving God  
advocate  
capital  
punishment?

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**T**HE OLD TESTAMENT OF THE BIBLE SPEAKS with perfect plainness on the issue of capital punishment: "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death" (Exod. 21:12).

Genesis 9:6 and Leviticus 24:17 also give full authority to those sitting in judgment to execute a murderer. Deuteronomy 19:11-13 commands unsparing punishment for such a killer: "...deliver him into the hand of the AVENGER OF BLOOD, that he may die. Thine eye SHALL NOT PITY HIM, but thou shalt PUT AWAY THE GUILT of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee."

Strong words, those. The God of the Old Testament clearly favored the death penalty.

About 7 out of 10 Americans favor the death penalty, too. But that number is beginning to decline. Recent events are casting doubts in many people's minds.

First there was the report released in June showing high rates of judicial error among death-sentence appeal cases. A subsequent moratorium on executions by the Illinois governor propelled the issue into the national spotlight, where it was taken up in force by the overwhelmingly anti-death-penalty news media. It reared its head in the presidential race, and was compounded by two death-row cases in Texas, the state in which the Republican candidate, George W. Bush, is governor. In one case, Mr. Bush, a self-proclaimed "compassionate conservative," granted a reprieve to a convicted murderer. The second man was executed, amid a flurry of protests.

In the growing national debate, death-penalty advocates are being made to look heartless and uncompassionate. But let's ask this fundamental





question: Is the God of the Old Testament heartless and uncompassionate?

The Bible says that God is a God of love (1 John 4:8). So *why* would a God of love allow the death penalty? How could a loving God actually command putting someone to death?

As we will see, when the death penalty is understood from God's vantage point, it is one of the greatest acts of *love* there can be toward society—and the condemned criminal.

First let's answer this question: Does God REALLY favor the death penalty? In the Old Testament, yes, but what about the New Testament?

### God of the Old Testament

Many people believe that in the "Christian" era, the death penalty no longer should be enforced, saying that the grace of Jesus Christ does away with the need to execute criminals. That is an error! The one who became Jesus Christ is the AUTHOR of the death penalty in the Old Testament.

The first chapter of the book of John tells us about the prehistory of God, at a time *prior to* Genesis 1:1. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him [the Word]; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:1-3). The Word made the universe, and then the one who was the Word *became* the Son of God, Jesus Christ (v. 14). That is why it says in Ephesians 3:9 that God "created all things by Jesus Christ." Space is not sufficient in this article to quote all the scriptures related to this subject, but please study such verses as Colossians 1:12-13, 15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 2:20; John 1:18; 5:37 and 1 John 4:12, which show that Jesus Christ was the God of the Old Testament.

This is a very important point in our study of the death penalty. The one who became Jesus Christ was the God of the Old Testament who demanded *death* for murderers! Hebrews 13:8 tells us, "Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, today, and forever." Furthermore, that same unchanging Jesus Christ said in Matthew 26:52, "for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Likewise, Jesus Christ inspired the Apostle John (Rev. 1:1) to write in Revelation 13:10, "he that killeth with the sword must be *killed* with the sword."

By the authority of God the Father, Jesus Christ is the AUTHOR and ORIGI-

NATOR of the death penalty. He bolsters His words in the Old Testament with clear statements of support in the New Testament.

Old Testament authority to execute murderers is placed into the hands of *men*, as shown in the above-quoted scriptures. In the New Testament book of Romans, God REAFFIRMS that authority: "Let every soul be subject unto the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist [speaking of man's governments and courts] are appointed by God.... For he [a government or court official] is God's minister

### **Punishment, when meted out in the proper manner, and at the proper time, is one of the greatest blessings a human being—at any age—can receive.**

["servant" or "magistrate" in some translations] to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an AVENGER TO EXECUTE WRATH on him who practices evil" (Rom. 13:1-4; New King James Version).

The God of love tells us in such scriptures as Hebrews 12:5-6 that for our own good those who commit wrong *must be corrected*. Correction is the God-given means to prevent crime and other problems. Using strong correction FORCES CHANGE in criminals convicted of lesser offenses and *eliminates entirely* the threat of those convicted of violent crimes such as murder.

As the *Plain Truth* magazine stated in 1961, "Punishment, when meted out in the proper manner, and at the proper time, is one of the greatest *blessings* a human being—at any age—can receive!" The reason is that if we do not receive correction, we will proceed on a course to our own destruction (Prov. 14:12). Through correction, God can steer us in the path toward a happy, fulfilled life.

As will be shown later in this article, THAT SOUND WISDOM EVEN APPLIES TO THE DEATH PENALTY.

### **"Mitigating Circumstances"**

Many people reject God's clear commandments involving implementation of the death penalty. And though the death penalty was reinstated by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976, Americans have demonstrated a *fear* to sternly correct evildoers, and are vacillating in their determination to use the God-given option of executing people for horrible wrongs. As the late FBI Di-

rector J. Edgar Hoover once stated about our modern permissive society, we have "substituted *INDULGENCE for discipline.*" The result is that our prisons are full to overflowing and our society is inundated in violent crime.

Too often, we indulge the weaknesses of criminals. The liberal element in our society constantly seeks to explain away evil deeds by reason of "mitigating circumstances" that supposedly justify a lesser or softer sentence. Claims of parental abuse, mental instability and racial injustice have all been used to acquit clearly guilty individuals.

Science has even rushed to the aid of lawbreakers by trying to uncover genetic and biochemical predisposition to violent behavior. "EVIDENCE FOUND FOR A POSSIBLE 'AGGRESSION' GENE," blared a 1993 headline in the journal *Science*. Some sociobiologists claim that "impulsivity," a trait presumably caused by bad brain chemistry or bad genes, is enough to give someone the inclination to lead a life of crime.

That is the whining, indulgent nonsense that is preventing deterrence of crime today. We shouldn't be trying to "understand" criminals, we should be harshly punishing them with retribution so severe that they *never* want to commit crime again!

And in the case of intentional murder, for reasons we will see later, that severe punishment should be DEATH.

So says our great God, who understands human nature and tells us in Jeremiah 17:9 that our natures are deceitful and desperately wicked. And in Romans 6:23 we are told that the "wages of sin is death"—not *separation* from God—but DEATH, the *absence* of life.

Mankind continually makes excuses for his wrong behavior and, in particular, has done so concerning crimes deserving the death penalty in the last 40 years. When will we learn that THERE ARE NO MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES, JUSTIFICATIONS OR EXCUSES FOR CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS? There are *reasons* why people do things, but those reasons cannot be allowed to become excuses for which they are given leniency. History REPEATEDLY SHOWS that when a society indulges its criminals with leniency, THAT SOCIETY WILL DRIFT INTO ANARCHY AND TOTAL COLLAPSE!



## Discipline Promptly

In Proverbs 19:18, God gives us the principle that applies to disobedient children, juvenile delinquents or hardened criminals. We are told, "Chasten thy son *while there is hope*, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Prov. 19:18). There comes a point for an undisciplined child when there is no (or very little) *hope* of correcting bad behavior. Often, a delinquent—and finally a hardened criminal—will result because the parents were *too soft* during their child's early years, when they had the greatest hope of curbing the child's self-centered and destructive ways.

As parents and as a society, we are not to "spare for his crying" by lessening the punishment. Proverbs 13:24 admonishes us, "He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him DISCIPLINES HIM PROMPTLY" (NKJV). For the good of society *and* the individual, swift, stern justice *must* be meted out when wrongs are brought to light.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 tells us the importance of swift punishment when it says, "Because sentence against an evil work is not EXECUTED SPEEDILY, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to DO EVIL." How clear and wise! When wrongdoing is not immediately punished, then all or almost all of the deterrent value to any subsequent punishment is lost!

As for determining a person's guilt, there is only one biblical rule: "Whoever kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but one witness is not sufficient

## People who commit crimes are promised a fair trial—not a perfect trial. That humans will make mistakes must not stop us from following God's commands.

testimony against a person for the death penalty" (Num. 35:30; NKJV). Deuteronomy 17:6 agrees: "Whoever is worthy of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses, but he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness" (NKJV). In God's eyes, repeated reprieves and appeals—and now, insistence upon DNA testing to verify guilt—should not be necessary for death-row inmates.

If mankind would only receive instruction from the word of God instead of doing what seems humanly right.

As pointed out above, without swift punishment, any hope of dissuading others from committing similar crimes

is lost or greatly diminished. Ezra 7:26 guides us toward speedy response to crime by stating, "And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, *let judgment be executed speedily* upon him, whether it be *unto death*, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment."

The criminal mind does not respect authority. The only thing such a person respects is equal or stronger FORCE! And when that strong force is used immediately to severely punish an offender, it makes others of like mind think twice before acting likewise.

However, once again, the liberal element in our society says there is little deterrent value in punishments such as the death penalty. They have a point—but only because of how *hesitant* our courts are to use the death penalty!

## The Deterrence Factor

No sane man or woman wants to put another person to death. It is understandable to have a certain degree of pity for someone who is going to die, even if he or she *deserves* to die.

But it is the seemingly interminable *delays* of 10 to 18 years that are taking the much-needed deterrent value *out* of the death penalty! The death penalty, once carried out, is as humanly irreversible as the murder itself, and therefore great care must be taken in implementing the death penalty. But human justice will ALWAYS BE FLAWED to a degree, and we *cannot* stop the wheels of justice or remove the deterrent value of the death penalty simply because we *may* make a mistake! To do so is to make a *far greater* mistake!

People who commit crimes are promised a *fair* trial—NOT a perfect trial. Yet so many of the *habeas corpus* appeals (many of which amount to little more than stalling tactics) are procedural and/or frivolous in nature, nit-picking the court over minor imperfections in court procedure. Flawed humans *will* make mistakes. But that must not stop us from following God's plain commands! A swift death penalty was intended by our Creator to deter or restrain additional people from committing the sin of murder. To stop or delay the death penalty because the courts are afraid of making a mistake is direct disobedience to God and His laws!

Many a career criminal has already proven he cannot "make it" in normal society; and if he murders, rapes, robs and commits general mayhem, so WHAT? He knows he'll be provided food and shelter for the rest of his life so that he never has to work again! Why should he fear to kill? Even though he probably murdered unmercifully, the "merciful" liberals will see to it that HIS life is spared so that the taxpayers can support him for the next 20, 40 or 60 years in a prison environment where he is "somebody"—a "man among men" so to speak!

We must not get softer on crime, we must get tougher!

The book of Proverbs states, "When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise," and "Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware" (Prov. 21:11; 19:25). People *can* learn vicariously from the experiences of others!

Even after 11 years of appeals, when convicted murderer Charles Troy Coleman was finally executed in September of 1990, the deterrent effect of the death penalty was clearly seen and reported in the news. On September 10, the day of Coleman's execution, the *Daily Oklahoman* quoted fellow condemned murderer Howard Marquez as saying, "I felt the fear. I felt fear for my life." Another death row inmate, Robert Grady Johnson, one of two men convicted of cold-bloodedly killing four people in the 1984 Geronimo Bank massacre, said after Coleman's death by injection, "Several people here are saying, 'I don't have a chance. I'm going to be up there (in the death chamber) too.'" Johnson further said, "People here are scared to death."

The deterrent effect of the death penalty is muted because of current practices. But even basic understanding of human nature tells us that, if administered properly, the death penalty *would* have a significant deterrent effect!

## The Missing Dimension

Again, *why* does God command the death penalty? Why would a loving God allow a convicted murderer to be executed and supposedly END his chance to repent and change?

The answer to these questions is plainly revealed in your Bible as being the *resurrection of the dead*. All unconverted sinners will be raised alive from the grave while Christ is ruling the Earth, and THEN they will be given a chance to learn and change.





## The Resurrections

The Bible truth about **resurrection** is the missing dimension and key to understanding how a God of love can be in favor of a death penalty.

The **first resurrection** will be at Christ's return to Earth, when He will resurrect to eternal spirit life those who have received God's Holy Spirit and who have overcome and endured in God's ways and held fast to God's truth.

The **second resurrection** will occur 1000 years after Christ's return. Those resurrected will be given human physical bodies once again. For the first time, they will receive the opportunity to understand God's precious truth and put it into practice in their lives so that they, too, can be added to the spirit-composed family of God.

### THOUSANDS OF GRAVES at a military cemetery

The pagan teaching of an ever-burning hellfire to which most professing Christians today would condemn the executed murderer is nowhere found in your Bible!

Hebrews 6:1-2 shows that the resurrection is one of the foundational doctrines taught by your Bible. And it is the knowledge of the resurrection that gives us *God's mind* and understanding about the death penalty.

There are several references in the Old Testament to the resurrection, but only the Prophet Daniel begins to hint that there might be *more than one* resurrection. Daniel wrote, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Dan. 12:2). In the New Testament, Jesus Christ said, "...the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation [judgment]" (John 5:28-29).

In Acts 24:15, the Apostle Paul plainly stated "that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." Paul wrote at length regarding the resurrections in I Corinthians 15.

The simple truth of your Bible is that there will be three resurrections (Rev. 20:4-15). The first will be at Christ's return to Earth (I Cor. 15:22-23) when He will resurrect to eternal spirit life those who have received God's Holy Spirit in order to belong to Christ (Rom. 8:9) and who have overcome and endured in God's ways and held fast to God's truth (Rev. 3:11-12; 21:7).

The second resurrection will occur 1000 years *after* Christ's return (Rev. 20:11-12). Those in this resurrection will be given human *physical bodies* once again. For the first time, they will receive the opportunity to *understand* God's precious truth and put it into practice in their lives (Isa. 30:20-21) so that they, too, can be added to the spirit-composed family of God (Eph. 3:14-15).

This second resurrection is the missing dimension and key to understanding how a God of love can be in favor of a death penalty.

The third resurrection will also be a *resurrection to physical life*, but the end result of this resurrection will be *eternal death*, complete cessation of life—not spending an eternity boiling and bubbling in an ever-burning hellfire, but *death*. These individuals under-

stood God's truth and ways but rejected them, through either rebellion or weakness (Heb. 10:26-27; Rev. 20:13-15; 21:8). God will mercifully impose an **ETERNAL DEATH PENALTY** upon them to prevent the creation of another ever-living, wretchedly miserable murderer like Satan the devil (John 8:44).

To understand how the death penalty can be a blessing, one must have God's perspective on human life. Human death means nothing to God except a *temporary sleep* (I Cor. 15:51-55), because God can **RESURRECT** humans from the grave! If we understand the resurrections, then we can see how the death penalty is one of the greatest acts of love there can be—even toward the condemned criminal!

Imposing and carrying out the death penalty stops the example of lawlessness in society which can corrupt other human beings into the same wrong ways of violence and murder. Swiftly carrying out the death penalty also prevents the murderer from continuing in a downward spiral of ever-deepening rebellion against God's law. The longer such a person is allowed to live, the more deeply entrenched will become their evil habits and twisted and corrupted human nature, all of which must be *changed* when the person is resurrected to physical life in the second resurrection!

The merciful God will even resurrect Attila the Hun and Adolf Hitler, along with every serial killer and mass murderer who has ever lived! Once resurrected, all those who did not receive the truth of God in their brief human life (the vast majority) will have their *first* opportunity to have an open mind and receive God's truth!

**EVERY HUMAN BEING ONLY GETS ONE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO GOD'S TRUTH!** Just because a person has lived does not mean they understood God's truth. They will receive their *one* opportunity in the second resurrection!

That is how the death penalty can be implemented in *love!* It deters others in this life from committing offenses worthy of the death penalty. And it prevents a murderer or violent career criminal from continuing in his wrong and worsening ways and more firmly establishing habits which must be broken when he has his opportunity to receive God's truth.

How beautiful is the pure truth of the merciful God! ♦



# First-Aid for Sibling Rivalry

Psychologists tell us that sibling rivalries are a normal part of family life. But where do you draw the line? Some siblings are actually killing each other! How are you tackling the problem of your children fighting?

BY DENNIS LEAP

**T**HE FAMILY INSTITUTION IN OUR Western culture is in serious decline. Although many people still aspire to build a traditional family—working dad, stay-at-home mom and children—few actually experience this wonderful reality. There are specific reasons for this sad fact.

The Henley Center in the UK explains, "The decline of the family as an institution forms one of the primary symptoms of the paradox of prosperity. Significant factors contributing to family breakdown are the growing pressures of work and the pursuit of material gains. Women, in particular, consider that they have sacrificed the chance of having children or even forming relationships for the sake of their career. Men, on the other hand, are more likely to miss out on a home life due to short- or long-term work travel. Existing families are sacrificed in the same cause of putting work

before family. A significant number of men and women believe they have missed their children growing up, or even blame work pressures for their divorce or other strains on relationships" ("The Paradox of Prosperity").

Our Western world has reached incredible heights in prosperity. Yet our families are crumbling. Why? There is a cause for every effect. Yet few seem able to understand the reason for our family troubles.

Though only a few admit it, the truth is that our quest for prosperity has led to our family breakdown. As a society we have become extremely well educated on how to make a living. But we do not know how to live. We have forgotten the true values that lead to happiness. For example, ample statistics show that a two-career family generally leads to a single-parent family. Couples cannot maintain both careers and a family. Something must be sac-

rificed. All too often it is the marriage.

It is expected that 63 percent of all new marriages in the United States will end in divorce. Is it being truly educated to sacrifice a marriage for a career? Unfortunately, many think so.

## Sibling Rivalry

Divorce is not the only indicator of our family breakdown. Many families are struggling with the problem of sibling rivalry. Sibling rivalry is the strife between brothers and/or sisters that leads to bickering and fighting—and now even murder.

In June, a CBS *48 Hours* program featured the story of a 12-year-old girl allegedly murdered by her 14-year-old brother and two of his friends. The prosecutor in the case stated that the boy's motive in the murder was sibling rivalry. The boy was upset by his sister's success. He considered her a real threat. Details of the case show that the young girl was gruesomely stabbed to death in her own bedroom.

We know that sibling rivalry is as old as time. The history of this kind of family conflict is written deep within our Judeo-Christian cultural





heritage. Who has not heard the stories of Cain and Abel, Esau and Jacob, Joseph and his brothers? The tension and fighting among these brothers was often violent. Cain murdered Abel.

So sibling rivalry and violence is not new. But do families have to live with it? Is it possible to have real lasting peace within our families?

Many parents with more than one child are expressing a sense of helplessness in stopping what appears to be all-out war raging inside their own homes. Unfortunately, sibling rivalry has become a huge problem for many families—especially families that are bringing together two sets of stepchildren.

Experts have a lot to say about this issue. Some have very good insight. But most of them stop short of offering solid solutions to solve the problem. You *can* have peace in your home. Yes, sibling rivalry can be dealt with effectively!

### The Root Cause

Dealing with sibling rivalry is simply a matter of education. Parents must be taught how to stop sibling rivalry. It will require reading, study, thought and practice. Both single-parent and two parent families can use the principles discussed in this article.

To become well educated on the problem, parents must first learn the root causes of sibling rivalry. Envy and jealousy for another's talents or material possessions is an obvious root cause. Who has not witnessed one child upset over another child's success or acquisition of a new toy? This cause of sibling rivalry reflects a character issue and must be dealt with through strong teaching and discipline with the individual child.

But there is a more serious cause for strife among siblings. Brothers and sisters will fight with each other when they experience a deficit of *time, attention, love* and *approval* from their parents. This is so simple to understand, but so easy to overlook.

Think about it. In a one-child family, the youngster generally commands the full attention of the parents. When other siblings are added, it is not hard for the first child and the subsequent siblings to realize their time with mom

and dad will be less. In fact, it is significantly less with each additional child. If each child's need for time, attention, love and approval is not met, dislike for each other will generally develop among the siblings. What happens next? Sibling wars begin.

Parents must recognize that most sibling battles are a symptom of the parents not providing enough time, attention, love and approval for each child. It doesn't take long to recognize that when each child receives ample parental attention, even petty envies and jealousies decrease.

### A Stable Marriage

One of the challenges that parents of families with multiple siblings must deal with is that there is a finite amount of time to devote to each child. But even though

the time for each child may be limited, couples can still show their children plenty of love, approval and quality attention. To accomplish these tasks it will take forethought, planning, scheduling and, most of all, a team effort. A husband and wife must work together in unity to combat sibling rivalry. In other words, maintaining a stable and loving marriage relationship is the first key to building a family without rivalry.

This is why a two-career marriage is so damaging for children. Being effective on the job takes time. Building a successful marriage takes time. Raising well-balanced children takes time. Trying to balance all three places enormous demands on parents. When will we come to accept the fact that it is not possible to do all three? Two careers steal precious time away from both the marriage and the children. And current statistics show that it is the marriages and children that are suffering.

How can our families beat the statistics? Sometimes tough decisions have to be made. Isn't it far better to have a one-career family with a stay-at-home mom than to have children at war with each other? Isn't it far better for dad to make sure that work hours do not interfere with family time?

Sibling combat could be a sign of *parents* in combat. Parents must al-

ways present a united front to their children. A husband and wife must be totally united on house rules, approach to discipline, rewards and privileges. Any disagreements should be handled privately, away from the children. Parents caught in open disagreement will set the stage for sibling conflicts. For example, if one parent is a tougher disciplinarian, then it is only natural that children will be drawn to the more permissive parent to get an answer they want. In the long run this situation eventually cancels out all authority in the home—which means the children often get control and rule the parents. Siblings gain control of themselves. Unfortunately, when children take charge of themselves, competition and strife run rampant.

No one can overestimate the incredible value of parents being united. A stable, loving marriage builds stable, loving siblings. A united husband and wife can more easily meet the needs of their children.

### No Favorites

The story of the patriarch Joseph is a perfect illustration of why parents must work hard not to play favorites. "Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him" (Gen. 37:3-4). Joseph was intensely hated by his brothers because it was evident that Jacob loved him the most. Jacob even demonstrated his love by showering Joseph with special gifts. Joseph's brothers were so upset by all the attention

that Joseph received that they planned his murder. Since our own society has become more violent, sibling murder is on the rise. Playing favorites can have some disastrous results.

To avoid playing favorites, parents must strive to meet each child's needs. Your children will be more willing to share your attention with their siblings as long as their individual needs are being met. Parents must avoid the natural tendency to show partiality to a sibling more to their own liking. Parents must seize every opportunity to express love and approval for each child.

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One simple way to show love and attention to all siblings is to use meal times, especially on weekends. During the course of a meal, make it a point to converse with each child. Discuss the day's events, even minor events. Find ways to offer positive feedback and praise for each child.

There will be times when your children will need individual and private attention. There may even be times when all of your children will need individual attention at the same time. These situations require team effort. The husband and wife should work together to decide who is best suited for each child's need. A single parent may need to seek support from a close relative. If you find that you cannot take care of each child's need immediately, always explain to them when you can take care of it.

Let me give you some examples from my own life. My wife and I have four daughters. Three have graduated from high school. Two have graduated from university. When our youngest was born, our oldest was 9. Only my wife could see to some of our infant's special needs. Nursing is a good example of what I mean. When my wife had to devote time to our infant, I would take our oldest under my wing. I set aside time in the evening after work to spend time with her. Other times, when my oldest daughter needed her mother, I would then look after the younger siblings.

As our girls progressed through elementary, middle, high school and university, we did our best to make sure that at least one of us was in attendance at every school open house, concert or sporting event that our girls were involved in. It was always our first goal to attend each event together. At times my work schedule would not allow me to attend every event. So we made sure that we switched around so one parent wasn't always at the same event with the same child.

Seeing to the needs of your children will require creativity, energy and stamina. When our daughters got older and our budget allowed for it, I set lunch dates with my daughters to provide individual attention. I know each daughter enjoyed eating a meal alone

with me. During such times, the conversation seemed to flow. I learned much! The emotional ties between us always grew stronger as a result of these talks.

I do not believe my wife and I have handled every situation perfectly. But we did put forth the effort. Your children will love you, respect you and turn to you more when they see you serving them. Our children even helped us in our planning.



**It is vital to listen to each side of the conflict. Wrong conclusions about conflicts can make sibling rivalry even worse.**

Parents often worry that they are not meeting their children's needs. Your children will let you know when you are not meeting their needs. In fact, increased sibling squabbles are good indicators that needs are not being met!

#### Don't Compare

Parents need to be careful of making any kind of comparisons among siblings. Comparisons can be both favorable and unfavorable. A favorable comparison might sound like this: "John is good in math but Bill is good in science."

An unfavorable comparison sounds like, "I wish you were more like your sister." It should be obvious that an unfavorable comparison will set sibling rivalry spinning. Yet it is not as obvious that favorable comparisons do the same. Although the parent's intention may be to praise each child, generally the battle line of competition is drawn. How? Each child will use the favorable comparison to increase their own worth at the expense of the other. In the case of John and Bill, it will not be long before either math or science becomes the only subject with real value.

Even Paul warned that using comparisons is not wise. "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (II Cor. 10:12). Children can be ferociously competitive on their own. They really do not need any help from parents.

The way to avoid comparison is to recognize each child individually. Not all children have the same talents or abilities. We would live in a very boring world if every person were the same. Children have strengths and

weaknesses. Parents should praise their children's strengths and encourage them to overcome their weaknesses. Making comparisons does neither. Parents should learn to praise *each* child as an *only child*.

#### Be the Peacemaker

It is inevitable that siblings will quarrel. Parents must learn how to stop the fighting in the home. In other words, parents must be the peacemakers in the family. Unfortunately, some parents have retreated from solving conflicts.

Sibling fights can be frustrating. But parents should not just let children work out fights on their own. Yes, children should be taught to resolve their conflicts. But parents must always be available to help solve the occasional problems that become too large for children to handle.

Children must be taught not to fight. Quoting Isaiah, Paul stated, "And the way of peace have they not known" (Rom. 3:17). Playing peacefully and doing things in cooperation are *learned* habits. They do not come naturally.

Parents must establish a clear set of rules in the home about fighting. There should be no-hitting, no-name-calling and no-hurting rules. If and when those rules are violated, discipline should be administered promptly. Rules and discipline for infractions show children that they must learn to work out problems peacefully. In our home we outlawed all fighting. When fights occurred, we recognized that it was time to do strong teaching. Remember, peace must be taught.

Parents need to be careful not to take sides when dealing with a sibling conflict. For example, it is easy to assume that an older sibling is being a bully against a younger one. Sibling conflicts are not always that simple. In fact, there are times when younger siblings are the biggest bullies. I will never forget the time that I saw one of my toddlers provoke a fight with her older sister. Although I was out of their view, I witnessed the event take place. What was really interesting is that when my presence was discovered, the younger tried to appear as the victim.

It is vital to listen to each side of the conflict. Children need to be heard. Just as in a court of law, it is important to get all of the facts before drawing any conclusion. Wrong conclusions about conflicts can make sibling rivalry even worse.



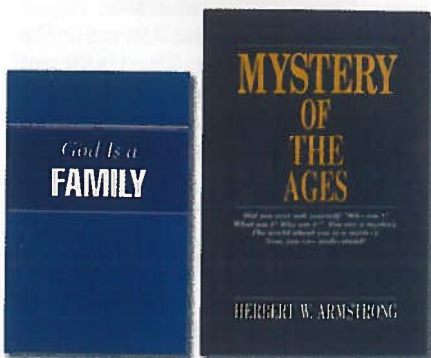
Parents should also discipline each child when a conflict arises. Although some sibling fights could be clearly the fault of one child, with most conflicts each child involved holds some responsibility. When each child is disciplined, the lesson that FIGHTING DOES NOT SOLVE PROBLEMS is learned quickly. When rules are enforced and consistent discipline is administered, children will work harder to solve problems before conflicts arise. Don't be afraid to discipline.

Remember, the proper use of authority will ensure peace at home. Speaking of the millennial rule of Christ, the Prophet Isaiah wrote, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end" (Isa. 9:7). At His return, Jesus Christ will use His great authority to usher in 1000 years of peace. Use your authority, and you will have peace.

### God Is a Family

Our society makes it very hard on families. It is a real challenge to raise a healthy, stable family. But it can be done. There is real help for families struggling with sibling conflict. That help is found within the pages of your Bible. The Bible is the only solid source of workable solutions for our families' troubles.

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## "Bang, Bang!"

The latest in a series of British money-saving policies has shot the Navy's morale.

BY GARETH FRASER

IT IS REMINISCENT OF THE 1970S BRITISH TV comedy series "Dad's Army," in which a geriatric band of insufficiently armed, bumbling volunteers were pictured as the protectors of the British home front. British sailors are now shouting "bang, bang" instead of firing live ammunition.

The Ministry of Defense has instituted the new policy in a drive to save over £1 million (US\$1.5 million) per year. Shouting "bang, bang" rather than firing the shore-to-ship guns saves £642 (\$974) per shell. HMS Cambridge, which is based near the port of Plymouth, already has the new program in full swing.

Previously the sound of gunfire filled the air, but now the distant cry of "bang, bang" is heard over an amplified sound system. Supporters of the "bang, bang" policy say it has reduced the level of noise for local people and expanded previously restricted fishing areas.

The sailors themselves are not so supportive. "You sit in a gun and shout 'bang, bang,'" said one. "You don't fire any ammunition. It's a big joke and the sailors are disgusted. It is just like being back in the school playground when you shouted 'bang' to shoot your friends in a game of cowboys and Indians" (*Electronic Telegraph*, May 20).

During the British Empire's zenith, Britannia ruled the waves. But today foreign countries and rogue nations smirk at a Britain that would shout "bang, bang" to fend off the approaching foe in naval exercises.

British Navy officials have decided to close their gunnery school next April as it is deemed that firing from the shore is no longer necessary. Training will now be conducted through static non-firing simulation in the continued drive to save money.

A sailor who trained on the HMS Cambridge said, "The cuts constantly coming in mean *the Navy has lost its pride*.... It is hitting morale and the effectiveness of the fleet" (*ibid.*).

Over last year's Christmas period, only three of the Royal Navy's warships worldwide were on patrol. The rest were tied up, saving fuel. Before the financial year is out, vessels will have been withdrawn from multinational exercises, and fuel-saving "speed limits" on ships actually allowed out of harbor will also have been imposed.

The Royal Air Force (RAF) is suffering too. In June 1998, 81 out of 186 Tornado bombers were operational, but recently this fell to 53. "Historically, the RAF has rarely had more than half these jets in service and working, because it keeps a large number in reserve, but the latest figure is shocking" (*The Express*, Jan. 24).

Cash shortages leading to delays in ordering spare parts have played an important role. Restricted by spending limits, the air force has lost many of its fighter pilots to major airline carriers.

The new "thrifty" defense policy has fearfully reminded British war veterans of the time prior to World War II when ill-equipped soldiers trained to defend their island with broomsticks and wooden guns. After Winston Churchill was finally installed as prime minister, he established a war ministry and instituted an accelerated program of military hardware production that helped equip the nation to fend off Hitler's Nazi onslaught in the Battle of Britain.

In their efforts to be "penny wise," Britain's socialist administration has become "pound foolish." This is inevitably resulting in breaking the pride of their military power (Lev. 26:19). ♦



# Have the Olympics Made the World Better?

BY GARETH FRASER

**"T**HE GOAL OF THE Olympic movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practiced without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play" ("Fundamental Principles," Olympic Charter).

Has this goal been achieved? Is mankind on the road to "a peaceful and better world" as espoused by the Olympic Charter? Let's honestly look at just how successful the Olympics have been at peacemaking—from the inception of the games to the 25th Olympiad beginning September 15 in Sydney, Australia.

## Olympic History

The ancient games were first held at Olympia, Greece, over 2,775 years ago. These games provided a forum for the Greeks to salute their pagan gods, principally Zeus, the mythological leading Olympian deity. A "sacred" flame burned continually on the altar of the goddess Hera. These games consisted of such sports as chariot racing, running, long jump, javelin, boxing, wrestling, discus and the pentathlon. Conducted every four years, the event was known as an olympiad. The ancient Olympics ended in A.D. 393 with the decree of Roman Emperor Theodosius and were only revived in 1896 after a gap of 1503 years.

In Paris on June 23, 1894, French educator Baron Pierre de Coubertin spoke to the International Athletic Congress. He proposed that every four years the games be revived on a worldwide scale promoting friendly competition. His proposal was enthusiastically received, and the modern Olympics were reborn. King George of Greece officially opened the 1896 games in Athens.

The framers of these modern games did not intend them as a forum for worship of pagan gods, but more a celebration of athletic talent. This ideal, however noble, was greatly compromised when the decision was made to



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feature on all three medals the image of a Hellenic goddess holding a laurel wreath with the Athens Colosseum in the background. In addition, the pagan "sacred" flame was revived and is known today as the Olympic torch.

Since their regeneration, the games have survived two world wars, Adolf Hitler, massacres, apartheid, communism, boycotts, riots, war, drug use, commercialization, corruption and terrorism. But have the Olympics achieved their goal of building a peaceful and better world?

## From Depression to Hitler

The Olympics were popularized with the rapid development of radio and cinema between World Wars I and II. Prior to this, facilities and funds for the reborn games were fairly spartan.

The Los Angeles games of 1932 were held amid the iron grip of the depression years. There was much public criticism over the cost of staging this major international event. With money so tight, the number of competing countries was down to only 34, with a total of 1500 competitors. Still, attendance soared well over the million mark. The Los Angeles Coliseum alone attracted crowds of over 100,000 on almost every day of competition, as the masses found brief escape in sports from their financial torment. Despite the depression, when the games were over, the organization committee declared a profit over \$1 million.

Four years later, the 1936 games in Berlin brimmed with fascist, nationalistic undertones. The Nazis used the games as a forum to propagandize their millennial vision of a master race. With the introduction of television and the cinematic sound newsreel, Hitler was provided worldwide media attention to push his demoniacal views.

Writing on Page 34 of his book *Gold, Gold, Gold*, Olympic historian Norman May reviews these events. "Adolf Hitler and his lieutenant, Goebbels, launched a vast propaganda exercise to prove the supposed superiority of the Aryan race and the greatness of Germany as a country.... Hitler's visions of

the supremacy of the German 'Master Race' were frustrated by a softly spoken black American athlete named James Cleveland Owens."

Jesse Owens was a superb athlete. That year he won four gold medals, in the 100 and 200 meters, long jump and the relay, shattering the "master race" theory. Despite the fact that the Germans won the most medals, Hitler and Goebbels lost the propaganda war, because the fastest man was not a white Aryan but a black American.

The games were cancelled in 1940 and 1944 due to the outbreak of World War II. They resumed in 1948, hosted by the city of London, which was still emerging from the rubble of war. Notable absentees from these games were Germany and Japan, excluded from all international athletic competition for 12 years.

## The Darkest Hours

Helsinki, Finland, was host in 1952 when the USSR unexpectedly entered the games and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) permitted them to build their own Olympic Village for their athletes. The USSR and USA dominated, winning 147 medals. These were the first "cold war" games, sowing seeds of political division that quickly grew, casting an ominous shadow over coming olympiads.

In 1956 the Australian city of Melbourne played host under the cloud of international crises in Hungary and the Middle East. The Netherlands and Spain pulled out in protest over the Hungarian situation. Egypt and Lebanon withdrew after demanding that nations "guilty of cowardly aggression against Egypt" (meaning Israel, Britain and France) should be



expelled. China also withdrew in opposition to the "Republic of China" (Taiwan) being allowed to compete. The Melbourne games saw politics come to the fore as nations locked in the struggles of the cold-war era sought to use each olympiad for maximum publicity for their cause.

The breakup of colonial empires in the late 1950s and the subsequent emergence of new nations in Africa and elsewhere had their impact upon the Olympics. As the 1960s dawned, pressure was brought specifically upon the Republic of South Africa, which had, prior to 1960, fielded all-white teams. Consequently, South Africa was not invited to send a team to the 1960 games.

Both the '60 Rome and '64 Tokyo Olympics suffered furious athletic confrontation, most notably in the swimming events. Old-fashioned sportsmanship began to suffer under the strain of political expediency.

Mexico City was the seat of riotous unrest during the 1968 games. These were the days of student riots leaving several hundred dead in street fighting. Forty countries threatened to withdraw from the games. Reporting on these Olympics, Norman May recalled, "It would be hard to forget the atmosphere of the opening ceremony, with thousands of soldiers armed to the teeth with rifles and bayonets surrounding the stadium" (*ibid.*, p. 83). The climate of the games in Mexico City demonstrated how the Olympics tend to reflect the darker side of human nature.

Thirty-four years after Hitler's propaganda games, the Olympics returned to Germany in 1972 under the cloud of international racial animosity. The IOC expulsion of South Africa for racial prejudice in 1960 now threatened Rhodesia. Two weeks before these games, 20 countries threatened a boycott if white-ruled Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) was allowed to compete. Despite Rhodesia submitting to IOC demands of competing under the British national flag and anthem, the African pressure was too much and it was expelled.

The games then rapidly descended into a forum for political and physical assassination. The host city will be forever remembered for the most terrible event in modern Olympic history—the Munich Massacre.

Eight Arab commandos from the

Black September group entered the Olympic Village and promptly took command of the Israeli team's residence. After 20 hours of high drama, the crisis ended in a bloody shootout. Eleven Israeli athletes lay dead, and five of the terrorists had been killed by police.

The IOC quickly organized an official "Ceremony of Mourning." With a packed crowd, this moment is best remembered for the deafening silence that gripped the stadium throughout the ceremony and the remainder of the Olympic events.

### Boycotts, Money and Drugs

Four years after the Munich Massacre, the Olympic spirit still had not helped unify nations. The Montreal Games of 1976 heralded a new Olympic phenomenon: THE BOYCOTT.

Tensions between China and Taiwan erupted. China unleashed a bevy of demands on the IOC. Taiwan was not to be permitted to compete under the name "Republic of China." In addition, the Taiwanese would not be allowed to fly their international flag or play their national anthem. The U.S. retaliated to the demands by threatening to pull their entire team in protest. A compromise was quickly reached. Taiwan could fly its flag and play its anthem but it could not call itself "Republic of China." Despite their athletes having already arrived in Montreal, the Taiwanese government refused the compromise and called them home.

On the heels of the China-Taiwan dispute, 20 African nations plus Guyana and Iraq threatened to boycott if New Zealand was allowed to participate. Their complaint centered on New Zealand's Rugby Union tour of South Africa. Rugby had not been an Olympic sport since 1924, and the IOC had no jurisdiction over it. Dumbfounded by the demands, the IOC rejected them—and the 22 dissenting countries withdrew their 441 athletes the night before the opening ceremony.

Boycott fever continued in 1980 when the USSR played host. Russia spent over \$3 billion on this event, twice the amount spent in Montreal. These games are best remembered for their disharmony and widespread Russian cheating.

The year before, Russia had invaded Afghanistan. This act of aggression prompted the United States to lead 40 other countries in the largest-ever boycott of the games. In support of the U.S. action, athletes from an additional 16 countries marched under the Olympic flag rather than their own.

In his speech during the closing ceremony, outgoing IOC President Lord Killanin appealed for calm: "I implore the sportsmen of the world to unite in peace before a holocaust descends....

The Olympic Games must not be used for political purposes..." (*Plain Truth*, July-August 1984). His appeal fell on deaf ears.

Reprisal action came four years later when 14 eastern-bloc nations, led by the USSR, boycotted the 1984 Los Angeles games.

Once again controversy erupted in 1984 as the usual African nations threatened to pull out if South Africa was admitted. This time their grievance was an English rugby tour of South Africa. The protest collapsed, and all dissenting African nations competed.

That same year representatives of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), who gained world renown for their acts of terrorism, petitioned the IOC to allow them to field a team. The IOC refused. (In the end, however, *terrorism won out*; Palestine fielded a team in the 1996 Atlanta games, as they will do again this year in Sydney.)

Los Angeles will be most remembered as a "capitalist venture." The games were staged without cost to the city. World television rights and historic sponsorship deals were struck with local, national and international companies. This commercialization turned the Olympics into a major money-making venture.

In 1988 the games were held in South Korea. These games would make a mockery of the Olympic motto, "Citius, altius, fortius" (faster, higher, stronger). The Seoul Olympics highlighted the widespread use of performance-enhancing drugs. Many athletes tested positive to various drugs and were stripped of their medals, sent home and banned from international competition. This widespread doping cast suspicion over Olympic medals won by China and eastern-bloc nations, in particular the former East Germany, whose athletes have



since admitted to using drugs to enhance their performance.

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 heralded the end of the cold war and the emergence of the "hot peace." The 1992 games in the Spanish city of Barcelona were a celebration of Eastern Europe's liberation from the bootheel of communism. The games were conducted under the backdrop of the Yugoslav crisis. Bosnia-Herzegovina competed under its own flag, as Croats, under the leadership of Nazi-sympathizer Franjo Tudjman, fought to liberate themselves from Serbia. These games also scratched the surface of widespread corruption within the IOC and its international affiliates.

The 1996 Atlanta games once again highlighted American capitalism and razzle-dazzle hoopla at its very best. Television networks jostled to spend billions to obtain broadcast and sponsorship rights, breaking all previous records. Security at the games was placed under the microscope as a pipe bomb exploded in "Olympic Park," killing one visitor and injuring 111 others.

The depth of corruption involved in the selection process for the choice of the Olympics city, which initially emerged in Barcelona, finally broke through the surface following the Atlanta games. Since that time a red-faced Salt Lake City was found to have provided bribes to IOC delegates in the selection of their city for the winter games. The business dealings of various Australian officials were also brought into question.

On September 15, 10,300 athletes from over 200 countries will descend "down under" to compete in the games of the 27th Olympiad in Sydney. Currently distracted by a faltering economy and embroiled in peacekeeping operations in East Timor, Australia now faces its native Aborigines threatening to make their own political statement by marking the occasion with violent protests.

### The Coming Solution

Events of history prove that the lofty Olympic ideals of Baron Pierre de Coubertin have been sacrificed on the altar of international politics. The Olympics center the world's attention on a single location for two weeks. Since their regenera-

tion, they have provided the perfect forum for nations to trumpet their national dogmas.

In short, the Olympic "spirit" has not changed the world. History reveals that *the world has changed the Olympic Games*. They remain a reflection of HUMAN NATURE, dominated by corruption, racial hatred, drugs and the extremes of competitiveness and greed.

Through 6,000 years of doing things his own way, man has proven that his "heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). The Baron's dream was destined to be besmirched by man's darker side.

Noted internationally as an unofficial ambassador for world peace, Herbert W. Armstrong identified the way to bring about a peaceful and better world. "The Olympic Games are based on the spirit of COMPETITION. This is contrary to the spirit of giving, sharing—of outgoing concern for the good or welfare of others. It is *contrary* to the WAY that causes PEACE. It is the WAY of human nature—of vanity, greed, desire for SELF-gain, SELF-reward. It is the way that has CAUSED rivalry and wars.

"In our very present generation, WORLD PEACE is going to come! How? By *changing* human nature! But that's IMPOSSIBLE, you say? By man, yes. But more than 1900 years ago Jesus Christ came with the most tremendous ANNOUNCEMENT this world has ever heard.... Few today know what it was" (*Plain Truth*, December 1972).

Herbert Armstrong dedicated his life to proclaiming the gospel of the coming Kingdom of God (Matt. 24:14). Soon man will live peacefully, happily and abundantly, trusting God with all his heart instead of leaning to his own understanding (Prov. 3:5).

The Olympic spirit of human nature will soon be changed, by the POWER of God's Holy Spirit, to His very nature. Giving, sharing and serving will break out on a unprecedented worldwide scale! Do you want to be a part of this coming solution? YOU CAN! To be set on the right course, you NEED to request a *free* copy of our booklet *Human Nature—What Is It?*

Very soon, using God's loving family government, Jesus Christ WILL return to stop man's inhumanity to man. Then, and ONLY then, will there truly be a *peaceful and better world*. ◆

# Our Draining World Water Supply

BY WAYNE TURGEON

**W**HAT WAS THE FIRST THING YOU did after you woke up this morning? Whether you splashed your face, used the toilet, hopped into a nice, hot shower or prepared coffee or tea, you freely helped yourself to one of this world's most precious and dwindling natural resources—clean water.

You were not alone. Millions of people around the world did similar things. In fact, more people are using more water when less is available.

An even greater problem exists with industrial water supply and demand. This makes the largest impact, though most of us may be unaware of its astounding volume—billions and trillions of cubic gallons annually to power turbines for electricity, to mix with concrete, to run steam generators and so forth.

The effects of withdrawing from a finite supply "bank" of water are being felt by many countries as they attempt to achieve first world status from third or lower place.

Take China, which is grappling with severely limited water supplies to satisfy the thirst of its nearly 1.3 billion inhabitants while driving forward its growing capitalist economy.

A recent *Toronto Globe and Mail* article asserted that China's greatest challenge of this century is how to deal with its critical lack of water. According to the World Bank, water scarcity alone cuts off \$35 billion per year from China's gross national product if lost crops and lower industrial production are factored in. More than half of China's citizens endure the water shortages in 400 of its 600 northern cities. Eighty percent of the country's rivers are essentially garbage-strewn sewage canals and therefore not potable. Concurrently, the Chinese are eating less grain and more meat, necessitating more reliance upon water to





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### FATHER AND SON on a dried-up lake in Beijing.

raise grasslands for cattle. The situation is so dire, several researchers are estimating that China will be unable to feed itself in coming decades.

The *Futurist* of February 1999 asserted that "1 billion people will be facing absolute water scarcity by 2025. Countries such as China and India will have to drastically reduce water use in agriculture to satisfy residential and industrial water needs." The October issue of the same periodical reported that "population is growing so rapidly in dozens of countries that governments are becoming less able to provide basic services such as education, let alone respond to new threats such as epidemics, food shortages and water scarcity."

Another literal "hot-spot" that the *Trumpet* often features is the very arid Middle East. Israel has been forced, after two very dry winters, to negotiate with its ally, Turkey, to make up its water deficit. Israel plans to buy nearly 2 billion cubic feet of fresh water a year from a desalination plant located near Antalya on the Mediterranean coast. The water will be shipped in converted oil tankers. Israel's own desalination plants will not be operational for about three years.

Unless drastic action is taken now, Israeli agriculture could collapse as early as next year. Amazingly, no restrictions have been placed on using hoses to water lawns or wash cars, but farmers have had their water quotas cut 40 percent.

Israel uses more than its fair share of the region's water, about three times as much as the Palestinians do. In fact, Israel even controls the Palestinians' use of water—but that could dramatically change if Yasser Arafat declares independent statehood in September. A large underground reservoir of water that Israel has been using lies largely under Palestinian territory. Jordan's King Abdullah predicted last year that

"future potential conflict in our area is not over land. It is over water."

These are just two areas of the world that are suffering. How about the Horn of Africa? It has just experienced a temporary respite, with abnormally heavy spring rains. But what does the future hold for this hopelessly impoverished region that has already lost

staggering numbers of humans and livestock? The United Nations estimates that between 13 and 16 million people, half of them in Ethiopia, urgently need food and medical aid to prevent mass death by starvation. Yet Ethiopia's military expenditures are roughly \$1 million a day. Rival warlords are also responsible for putting about 1 million people at risk in Somalia since its central government failed almost a decade ago. Other wars on the continent, and the world's worst explosion of the dreaded and deadly AIDS epidemic, mute the severity of the drought-induced famine malaise.

Most of us are so far removed from the aforementioned problems that we only occasionally, if ever, hear about them. It can easily make us feel safe from similar problems ever happening closer to home. Though we are technologically advanced, the prospect of drought and famine is a very real and harsh reality which those in the Western world—mostly English-speaking countries—should heed.

Some of our readers may have experienced the infamous Dust Bowl years of the 1930s when drought occurred right in the breadbasket of the U.S. In some places, more than a foot of rich, fertile topsoil was blown away. Conditions today are ripe for a repeat of history—and potentially worse.

Drought is already choking the Midwest U.S.—particularly the corn belt. The area affected stretches from Nebraska and Iowa across parts of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and on into Ohio. Large portions of Texas, Florida and Georgia are also suffering through a severe drought. Since last July, rainfall in the driest zone has been 6 to 9 inches below normal. Plants may be greening on the surface, but the soil is bone-dry a foot or two down. Long-range forecasts suggest it will be drier and warmer than normal throughout this summer, a critical part

of the growing season. Iowa's precipitation, for example, from Sept. 1, 1999, to April 1 this year was the fourth-lowest since 1873. Temperatures over the same period showed the biggest shift in 105 years from what is considered normal.

Increased irrigation expenditures may mean higher prices for products such as corn and soybeans, and could spell financial ruin for many farmers.

Environmentalists may blame the much-touted global warming phenomenon, while climatologists like to cite La Niña, a cooling of the eastern Pacific Ocean around the equator that often brings dry, hot summers to the Midwest.

Drought has been the root cause of famines throughout history. But with the world's growing population, the devastating impact of a severe drought could be much greater than it has been historically.

Man naively reasons that if he practices reforestation, improves irrigation, rotates crops and is generally more responsible in land development, that he can conserve and even increase sources of water and totally eliminate drought.

But are drought and other weather abnormalities just naturally caused situations that can be explained away? Or are they punishment for sin? All of us, not just farmers, have disobeyed God's laws codified in His Ten Commandments. Each of us must obey or we will ALL suffer when our nations must pay in full for their sins, which include lying, stealing, adultery, Sabbath-breaking and murder.

Compare Deuteronomy 28 with Leviticus 26:3-4, 18-20. Worldwide repentance would bring rain. True repentance is genuine sorrow for having done wrong and a sincere determination to do what is right, to go God's way and not our own way. It means a *change in direction*.

God Almighty—who controls the weather, not man—says He would then intervene and give us rain in due season, provide us with abundant, healthy crops and protect us from drought and resultant famine—IF we would obey Him. These are God's rock-solid promises. But until our people drastically turn and are willing to learn from the curses afflicting many countries around the world, we will not receive those blessings. God cannot lie. He prophesies that one third of the entire world's population will die of drought-induced famine and disease (Ezek. 5:12). ♦



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namic religious leader, a cardinal, who will some day fill John Paul's shoes. Europe awaits this powerful religious head who will build upon the politico-religious foundation laid over the past 22 years of John Paul's papacy. Such a leader is now needed to pour the glue which will cement business and high politics together for Europe's final stand in the seventh resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire (Rev. 13:1-3).

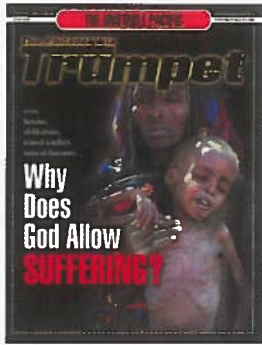
### Foretold

The *Trumpet* is a news analysis and forecasting magazine. But we are a newsmagazine with a difference—our eye is on the *future*. We base our articles on the analysis of *historical fact*, contrasted with *current reality*, within the vision of *prophetic inevitability*.

Thus, in respect of the European Union, the historic evidence points to the outcome of this latest revival of the grand European dream—the same as that which has been its fate through its previous resurrections. *All of them ended in conflict!* The most immediate previous revival, during the fascist-Nazi period, ended in the greatest devastation that not only Europe, but the world has ever known.

The visionary illumination of Bible prophecy draws our focus out beyond today to reveal that this revival of the Holy Roman dream, underpinned by the merchants' global penetration (Rev. 18:3, 23), will be the final attempt of the Holy Roman Empire to impose its domination over all nations of the world (Rev. 13:2, 6-7). Its *end* is foretold as being as inevitable and as sure as its final rise to brief power (Rev. 18:8-10).

The good news is that its end will finally herald the establishment of a pure form of government, delivering all of the deepest longings and desires of man for ultimate peace and security, which no man-made government can ever hope to provide. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever....*" (Isa. 9:6-7). ♦



## Why Does God Allow Suffering?

«Thank you for an honest biblical perspective of today's news. It is good to hear a clear voice in this day of lies called spin.»

*Del Rio, Tex.*

I READ YOUR MAGAZINE FOR THE FIRST time, and I was so blessed and encouraged by your strong and precise prophetic voice. Your prophetic observations have given me clarity and direction. God has used you in giving me a big piece of the prophetic puzzle that I had been praying for. I am a former Iranian Muslim and you are correct about Iran being the leader of the Islamic world. You are one of the few ministries that discerns the signs of the times and are not uniting with the Roman Catholic Church (our church has, and I am leaving).

*Kansas City, Mo.*

## The European Union

I AM ORIGINALLY FROM BRITAIN, AND NOW live here in Canada. It is probably fair to say that, while Britain is a member of the EU, they are in many ways a reluctant member. When I lived there, I was the most ardent European imaginable. I was looking forward to a United States of Europe, and could not agree with the obvious reluctance of the then-British government (Margaret Thatcher) to become more involved. After all, what is a percentage of sovereignty compared to the glorious "U.S. of E."?

Since I have left Britain, however, I can see federal Europe in a totally different light. I now believe that most, if not all, you have been saying is totally correct. I can also foresee that, when a choice has to be made, and I truly believe it will be, Britain will finally side with its more traditional allies in North America. Britain's only main problem is simply that of geography. Geographically it is a member of Europe. Morally it is not.

*Dartmouth, N.S.*

IN DECEMBER 2000 WE WILL BE LOCKED IN [to the EU] with no chance of release. Europe will then have: the right to set our taxes; the creation of a common EU army; a European police force; a Euro-

pean-wide legal system, i.e. no trial by jury, guilty till you can prove yourself innocent; a constitution for a UK or Europe that will override our own laws. I received a leaflet outlining the above this week. It is the latest Treaty of Europe due to be signed in December 2000. Piece by piece, what could not be achieved in two world wars is being achieved by other means. With each treaty, more and more of UK freedoms to govern ourselves are given away to Europe.

*Carlisle, England*

THANK YOU FOR THE LATEST EDITION OF the *Trumpet* magazine. I really look forward to each edition and its incisive analysis of the current state of affairs. Mr. Flurry and Mr. Fraser excel themselves with their in-depth analysis of the world's troubles. As for the sham peace process here in Ireland, the spinners in London and Dublin are busy feeding soothing messages to delude us about decommissioning. However, a lot of people are not fooled. Like their counterparts in Europe, [the Sinn Fein/IRA party] are fascist in nature and not apologetic about their murder machine. I received Mr. Hilton's book *The Principality and Power of Europe*. Thank you for mentioning it; it also is very visionary about what is happening in Europe.

*Co. Dublin, Ireland*

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HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

# Recapture True Values

This article, excerpted from the June 1966 *Plain Truth*, gives insight into what set Ambassador College apart from the rest.

**T**HE STRIKING DIFFERENCE IN BASIC EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY at Ambassador College should be clearly understood. And also, the reasons!

Higher education is fast approaching a crisis in the Western world. Prominent educators recognize with alarm the dangerous drift into materialism and collectivism. At the same time they confess their helplessness to change the situation. Major colleges and large universities find themselves in the clutch of an established system which no one bound by this tradition can alter.

Ambassador College came on the world scene free from the shackles of materialism and the grip of tradition. Ambassador has dared to recapture the *true* values—to blaze new trails, while retaining all that is sound and that has been proved good in educational experience.

Educational institutions, generally, have grown so large that the regimented assembly-line processes have replaced individualized instruction. The student has lost his identity. Development of personality and initiative is largely sacrificed.

Moral bars have toppled. University campus students say bluntly that with the waning of church and parental influence, “We decide for ourselves on codes of morality.” Stuffing minds with crass materialism, while moral, spiritual and emotional development is neglected, produces unbalanced education and is criminally dangerous.

The very first law of success in life is the choosing of the right goal as the aim of life. Where there is no sense of the true values, there can be no meaning to life, no right purpose, no aiming at the *right* goal. There can be no well-balanced, broadening and worthwhile education where the true values have become obscured from view. Character building is a lost and discarded art, and minds are filled with dead knowledge and false materialism.

This tragic state of affairs in today’s higher education is the natural result of the mass-production machine age with its demands for highly specialized technological, scientific and professional training along purely materialistic lines. Emphasis is upon specialized training in preferred fields for financial rewards. The development of the man himself, his character, right sense of values, knowledge of the real purpose of life, and the laws that govern happiness, peace and abundant well-being is neglected. Modern education too

often commits the crime of developing the machine while failing to develop the man.

Eminent scientists warn publicly that they are frankly frightened by this trend which now threatens to annihilate human life from this planet! This world’s education is failing to instill a knowledge of true values and a God-fearing sense of responsibility for the direction of these new and awesome forces into peaceful and productive channels. The question now is whether this new technology is creating the Frankenstein monster that shall destroy

its producers and all humanity!

At Ambassador College, students find the true values. They learn the real purpose of human life. Life takes on true meaning. Emphasis is upon character building. Students learn not merely how to earn a living, but how to live! Students acquire a well-rounded, broadening, balanced education. There is not only mind development, but also that of personality, true culture, poise and emotional maturity!

To that end, the small student body and ratio of one lecturer to each ten students provides a distinct advantage. At



**ELEGANT ATMOSPHERE** On the Ambassador campus

Ambassador the relationship between student and faculty is as happy and helpful as it is unusual. The smaller college, adequately staffed and outstandingly equipped for its needs, with its cultural atmosphere, offers greater opportunity for self-expression and activity in the area of the student’s talents. It can give more personal attention to the individual student’s problems. It produces an altogether different and more desirable college atmosphere.

The Ambassador policy is based upon the recognition that true education is not of the intellect alone but of the whole personality—not alone of technologies, sciences and arts, but an understanding of the purpose of life, a knowledge of the spiritual laws which govern our lives, our God-relationship and human relationships; not a memorizing of knowledge alone but a thorough training in self-discipline, self-expression, cultural and character development; not book learning only, but broadening travel and experience; not only hearing and learning, but doing.

In other words, the curriculum is planned to give students a broad cultural background—a foundation for the art of living happily, usefully, successfully, abundantly. Hence, the emphasis upon character building and spiritual development is aptly stated in the Ambassador motto: “Recapture True Values.”



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 Qatar—Star World 1:00am, Sun  
 Saudi Arabia—Star World 12:00am, Sun  
 Somalia—Star World 12:00am, Sun  
 Sudan—Star World 11:00pm, Sat  
 Syria—Star World 1:00am, Sun  
 Tunisia—Star World 1:00am, Sun  
 United Arab Emirates—Star World 1:00am, Sun  
 Yemen—Star World 1:00am, Sun

### Asia/Pacific

Cambodia—Star World 4:00am, Sun  
 China—Star World 5:00am, Sun  
 North Korea—Star World 6:00am, Sun  
 South Korea—Star World 6:00am, Sun  
 Hong Kong—Star World 5:00am, Sun  
 India—Star World 2:30am, Sun  
 Nepal—Star World 2:45am, Sun  
 Pakistan—Star World 2:00am, Sun  
 Kazakhstan—Star World 4:00am, Sun  
 Uzbekistan—Star World 2:00am, Sun  
 Georgia—Star World 12:00am, Sun  
 Indonesia—Star World 4:00am, Sun  
 Malaysia—Star World 5:00am, Sun  
 Maldives—Star World 2:00am, Sun  
 Brunei—Star World 5:00am, Sun  
 Vietnam—Star World 4:00am, Sun  
 Papua New Guinea—Star World 7:00am, Sun  
 Philippines—IBC TV 7:00am, Sun; Star World 5:00am, Sun  
 Fiji—Star World 5:00am, Sun  
 Singapore—Star World 5:00am, Sun  
 Taiwan—Star World 5:00am, Sun  
 Maldives—Star World 2:00am, Sun

### Australia/New Zealand

Australia nationwide—Network Ten 4:30am, Sun  
 Adelaide—Channel 31/ACE Ch.6, 7:00pm, Wed  
 New South Wales—NRTV 4:30am, Sun  
 Canberra—Ten Capital 4:30am, Sun  
 Queensland—QTV 4:30am, Sun  
 Victoria—Ten Victoria 4:30am, Sun  
 New Zealand nationwide—TV3 6:00am, Fri  
 Nationwide satellite—Sky TV 6:00am, Sun

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