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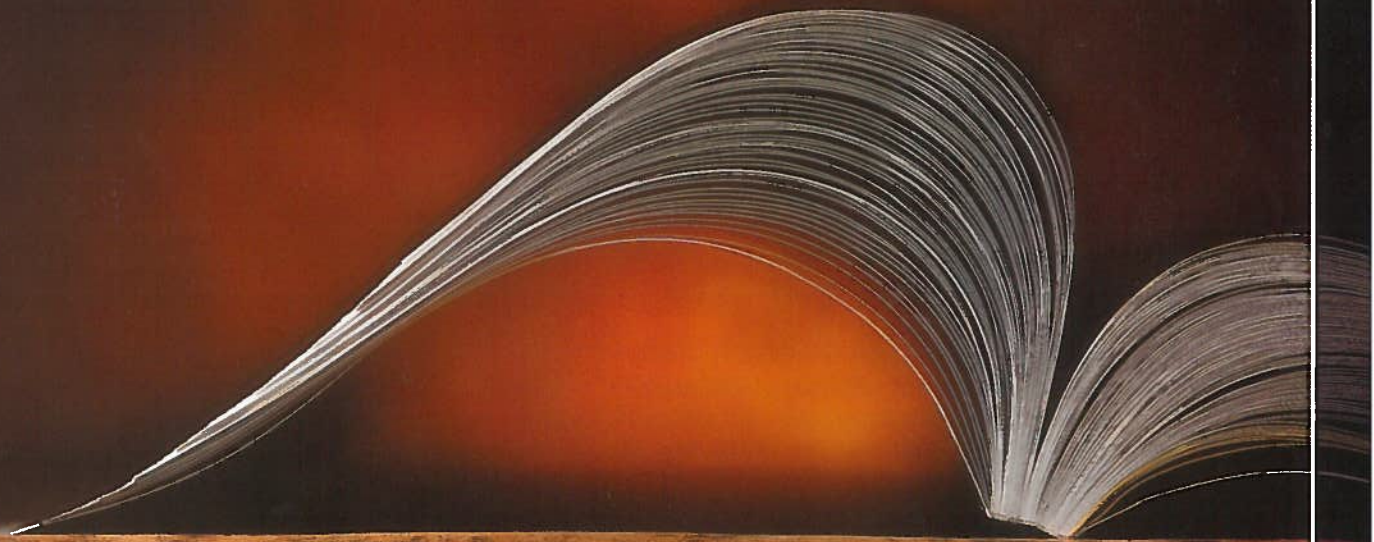
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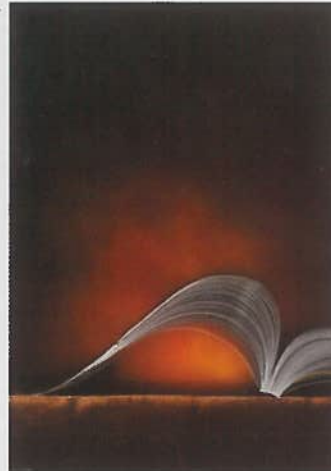
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How Mideast violence will affect YOU!

Speaking before a gathering of *Trumpet* subscribers in August, I warned that there could be a war in the Middle East as soon as October.

I wrote an article for the September/October *Trumpet* titled "Watch Jerusalem." It was planned about two months before the riots erupted around Jerusalem. The article was written because I believed events were ready to explode. Several newspapers have already referred to the battles around Jerusalem as a *civil war*.

What do these events have to do with *you*? They have everything to do with America, though most of our people are unaware of that fact.

On October 12, seventeen U.S. sailors were killed on the USS Cole. Two suicide bombers blew a giant hole in the side of our ship in Aden, Yemen. It was AN ACT OF WAR against the U.S. So the U.S. is involved, even if our leaders and people refuse to accept this harsh reality.

The *Weekly Standard*, October 30, said (emphasis mine): "Traditional realpolitik and gunboat diplomacy—the only meaningful responses to terrorists who kill Americans—gets cast aside in favor of far-off prosecutions that may well do more damage to America than terrorism.... Middle Eastern terrorism against the United States, particularly a kamikaze strike against a U.S. Navy vessel, is, from any angle, an ACT OF WAR by unconventional means, as former secretary of the Navy John Lehman recently pointed out in the *Washington Post*.... The primary reason, of course, why the Clinton administration has made the Justice Department and the FBI the lead counterterrorist agencies is that doing so offers more foreign policy wiggle room: WE CAN BLINK IN THE FACE OF A FOREIGN THREAT AND PRETEND WE HAVEN'T."

This is just childish game-playing by our leaders to avoid the use of military force! That illusion keeps us from facing the brutal truth.

The Prophet Daniel prophesied that we would have evil come upon our people in this end time (Dan. 9:13-14). He also related how the prophecies of Moses would apply to the American and British peoples. (Write for our free booklet *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). The book of

Daniel was written only for this end time (Dan. 12:4, 9).

One of Moses's prophecies stated that God would *break the pride of our power* (Lev. 26:19). Moses prophesied that we would have great power, but be afraid to use it. That shows that GOD IS DIRECTLY TIED TO OUR SHAMEFUL LACK OF WILL TO USE OUR MILITARY POWER! And it's time we learned *why* that is true. Nothing is more important.

That weakness causes us to make dangerous and strange decisions. But our enemies see our weakness very clearly. That is usually why the terrorists attack us in the first place!

And the very fact that we call all those evil deeds *terrorist acts* also reveals our weakness. Those terrorists are often sent by leaders of Middle East nations. That reality we also refuse to face. At least to the point of doing anything about it.

When violence broke out in the Middle East, the U.S. stock market plunged over 300 points. That is because we are so dangerously dependent on Arab oil. We would be paralyzed without it. You probably couldn't even get to work without imported oil. Stock investors have a better understanding of that reality.

Anyone can easily see how fragile the stock market and our economy are. The stock market could be shattered almost overnight.

So don't forget that the Middle East crisis involves *you*—much more than you can even imagine!

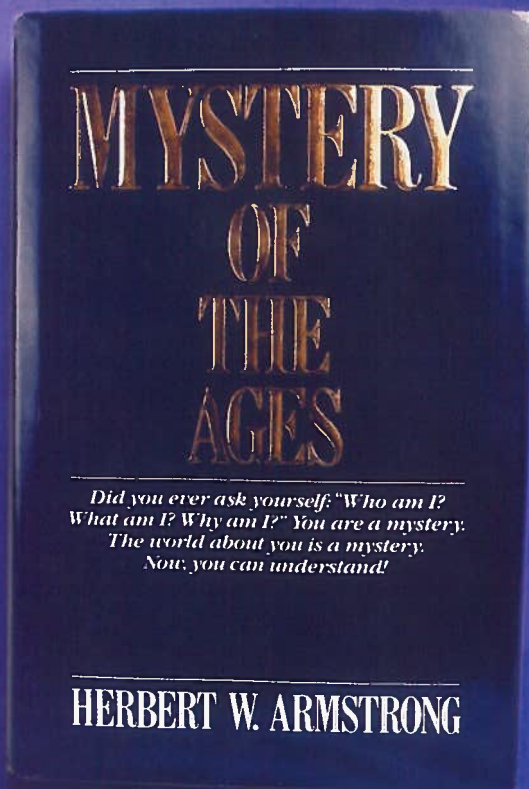
We can see that our oil suppliers have a lot of hatred for Israel and the U.S., and it is intensifying very rapidly. They fully understand how helpless we are without their oil, even if we don't.

Ninety-six nations of the UN officially condemned Israel for the violence—taking blame off the Palestinians. The U.S. was one of only six nations to disagree. Many Arab nations in the UN are venting their wrath against America. The whole Arab world supports the Palestinians.

Are we about to have serious problems getting our Middle East oil? The answer is *yes*.

The Middle East violence will dramatically touch your life. But you can be protected. Write for our free booklets *History and Prophecy in the Middle East* and *The King of the South* for more information.





Our Christian Duty

Why we risked litigation to distribute *Mystery of the Ages*—and how this court battle affects you

TWO BOOKS PRINTED IN 1997 TELL the story of our struggle. We, the Philadelphia Church of God (PCG), printed one, *Mystery of the Ages*. The Worldwide Church of God (WCG) printed the other, *Transformed by Truth*.

Joseph Tkach Jr., author of *Transformed by Truth* and current pastor general of the WCG, sums up the dispute like this: “While many have exited the Worldwide Church of God over the years, some still cling to Herbert W. Armstrong’s teachings, and others have been transformed by the truth.” Mr. Tkach correctly identifies the nature of this division—*Mr. Armstrong’s teachings*.

Herbert W. Armstrong founded the WCG in 1934 and wrote *Mystery of the Ages* in 1985. After he died in 1986, the new administration in the church repudiated all of his central doctrines and permanently stopped the presses

on *Mystery of the Ages* and all other works by Mr. Armstrong.

In this article, we will briefly explain how all this came about. With that background, you will see why we reprinted *Mystery of the Ages* in 1997.

“Cognitive Dissonance”

Mr. Tkach says Herbert Armstrong was a complex man—a man of contradiction. In *Transformed by Truth*, he refers to these many “contradictions” as “cognitive dissonance”—a term as condemning as it is vague. It enabled Mr. Armstrong and his followers, Tkach explains, “to believe two contradictory ideas at the same time.”

Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions—people who have studied Mr. Armstrong’s plain and understandable teachings—would take exception with how Mr. Tkach views those teachings.

Yet, if you look into the writings and speeches of Joseph Tkach Jr., you

will be struck by a number of complexities. *Transformed by Truth*—indeed, Mr. Tkach’s life—is markedly contradictory. Even those in the traditional Christian community—those who now applaud the “unprecedented changes” he has made—suspiciously wonder why he tried so hard to conceal from his own members the earliest changes made after Mr. Armstrong’s death. If the WCG’s post-Armstrong “transformation” was an innocent awakening, as Tkach suggests, why did church leaders keep its members in the dark for so long?

It’s because they had an agenda to destroy Herbert Armstrong’s life work while simultaneously working to dupe his supporters into believing their LIES. They wanted the best of both worlds: Get rid of Mr. Armstrong’s beliefs, but keep as many of his members as possible, not to mention his multi-million dollar assets (an estimated \$250 million worth).

The End-Time Elijah

Long-time members of the WCG will remember that Herbert Armstrong and most of his faithful ministers, from about the mid-1970s on, referred to Mr. Armstrong’s prophetic office as “end-time Elijah.” This belief was based on numerous biblical prophecies, most notably Malachi 4:5-6 and Matthew 17:10-11. Mr. Armstrong acknowledged this office in his final book, *Mystery of the Ages*, on page 291.

Even after Mr. Armstrong died, Joseph Tkach Sr. confirmed the church’s official position on the end-time Elijah role. In the August 25, 1986, *Worldwide News*, a newspaper for WCG members, Tkach Sr., then the pastor general, listed 18 points of doctrine Mr. Armstrong had “restored” to the church. He was implying that God had called Mr. Armstrong as the end-time Elijah to “restore” certain key truths (see Matthew 17:11).

Yet, concurrent with Tkach Sr.’s admission in the church newspaper (sent to members only), he cut out all references to this Elijah role when he serialized *Mystery of the Ages* in the July-August 1986 *Plain Truth* magazine (sent to the general public). That surreptitious omission proved to be quite telling.

By the middle of 1988, all production had been stopped on *Mystery of the Ages*. Mr. Tkach Sr. finally decided to let the members in on this monumental de-

cision in January of 1989. At that time, church representative Larry Salyer suggested that *Mystery of the Ages* was discontinued because it was very expensive and because there were a few *minor* errors in the book, giving the impression it was only temporarily shelved.

At the end of 1989, Gerald Flurry (*Trumpet* editor in chief) was fired by Joseph Tkach Jr. for adhering to Mr. Armstrong's teachings and beliefs. Dennis Leap (*Trumpet* senior editor) was one of the first WCG members to follow my father's lead in continuing the tradition established by Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Tkach Jr., in a nine-page letter written on April 20, 1990, tried in vain to convince Mr. Leap to reconsider his course of action. In it, he said that church literature over the years had referred to the *work of the church* as fulfilling the prophecy concerning Elijah, *not* Mr. Armstrong himself. Mr. Armstrong did *not*, he stated firmly, "claim to be the exclusive fulfillment of the end-time Elijah office."

Throughout the early 1990s, disgruntled former members of the WCG were trickling into the PCG and asking us about what Mr. Armstrong believed and taught concerning the role of "Elijah." They were being told by WCG ministers that Mr. Armstrong *never* referred to himself as fulfilling the end-time office of Elijah. To help settle the controversy, the *Trumpet* ran an eight-page story in its July 1995 issue proving where Mr. Armstrong stood on the subject. It was a reminder of what Mr. Armstrong actually taught on the subject—what Tkach Jr.'s *own father* had believed shortly after Mr. Armstrong's death.

Why Joseph Tkach Jr. would insist, as late as 1990, that Mr. Armstrong NEVER taught that he fulfilled the role of "Elijah" is inexplicable. More astonishing still is Tkach's frank admission in his 1997 book: "Herbert Armstrong used to read Malachi 4:5-6 and say that it applied to *him*" (p. 181; emphasis added). No mention of it applying to the *work* of the church, like he said in 1990. On page 182, Mr. Tkach asserted with emphasis that as Mr. Armstrong's "own ego accepted the notion and certain people began to play on his ego—he began to accept that he was *personally* the Elijah" (emphasis his). Here he not only admits Mr. Armstrong believed his office was fulfilling these scriptures, he attributes it to Mr. Armstrong's swelling ego!

What a contradiction with his own words in 1990 when he was trying to

PERSUADE MR. LEAP NOT TO LEAVE THE CHURCH! "It may surprise you to learn," he wrote to Mr. Leap, "that it has never been a doctrine of the church that men's names should be applied to scripture." He concludes his point by reassuring Mr. Leap, "There has been no fundamental doctrinal change in this area [of the end-time Elijah]."

Follow, if you can, this path of deceitful contradiction. Before his death, Mr. Armstrong restates his position on the official role he had fulfilled in prophecy. Mr. Tkach Sr. reaffirms the church's position right after Mr. Armstrong dies. Yet, at the very same time, perhaps earlier, church officials omit all "Elijah" references from the serialized version of *Mystery of the Ages*. Two years later, the book is gone from circulation forever. And when members start to wake up to what was happening, Mr. Tkach Jr. tries to convince them that nothing had changed—we NEVER believed Mr. Armstrong fulfilled that role, he said.

But in 1997, after almost three fourths of the church members had been forced out—the WCG's doctrinal transformation complete—Tkach Jr. asserts confidently, *Because of his oversized ego, Mr. Armstrong did attribute these scriptures to himself personally.*

Talk about cognitive dissonance.

Pinning Blame on Mr. Armstrong

When you are working hard behind the scenes to change everything, you can only cover it up for so long. Soon, many WCG members began to wake up to the fact that the WCG was changing—dramatically!

That's when the Tkaches concocted a most bizarre explanation for the church's transformation: *Mr. Armstrong*, they said, *wanted* these changes to be made.

Another classic contradiction! They didn't start with *this* line of reasoning until the early 1990s, *nearly five years* after Mr. Armstrong had died.

Meditate on these words, written by Joseph Tkach Jr. on November 12, 1991: "On his deathbed, Mr. Armstrong himself commissioned my father to *look into the very changes we have made*. Therefore, we are following the wishes of Mr. Armstrong and, more importantly, God" (personal letter to former WCG member).

Mr. Tkach again mentioned this deathbed discussion in his book: "Just before he died in January 1986, Herbert Armstrong told his handpicked

successor—my father, Joseph Tkach Sr.—that changes needed to be made in the church." But notice how the story had changed over time: "Mr. Armstrong *never detailed* everything that he meant...." He had to alter his recollection somewhat to account for the five-year gap. If Mr. Armstrong had gone into such detail, why did it take so long for his successors to come out and reveal what he had said? Ah, but if Mr. Armstrong wasn't specific, that accounts for why these changes surfaced gradually over the years.

Yet, in November 1992, when Mr. Tkach Sr. spoke about this supposed conversation, he indicated that Mr. Armstrong had gotten *very* specific. Tkach Sr. recalled telling Mr. Armstrong, "What you're bringing up here is really heavy, heavy information." And how did *he* explain the five-year gap? "Some of those things were so far over my head, it's only within the last few years that *they're beginning to come back*," he said. Apparently, he attributed the mysterious five-year gap to a simple case of amnesia.

Of course, there never was a conversation with Mr. Armstrong about making all the changes we have witnessed the past 15 years. It's just another example of the cognitive dissonance within an organization willing to do anything necessary to cover its tracks.

Remember, Mr. Armstrong completed *Mystery of the Ages* six months before he died. He considered it his life's greatest work. His one main goal after finishing that book, right up to the day he died, was to get *Mystery of the Ages* into the hands of as many people as possible.

It was within this time frame that Joseph Tkach and his father insist that Mr. Armstrong wanted the church to make the "very changes" it has since made—one of which was to destroy *Mystery of the Ages* and repudiate its doctrines.

That is cognitive dissonance.

Mystery of the Ages

The *Mystery of the Ages* cover-up has been equally well documented. As mentioned, the WCG suspended production in 1988, announced the decision in 1989, and gave the impression it would be back soon after a few minor edits.

That has turned out to be nothing but a smoke screen, but it helped convince many WCG members to stay on for the long haul. Mr. Tkach Jr. told

Mr. Leap in 1990 that the book was “discontinued because we have more economical ways of providing exactly the same message.... The doctrinal message of the book is not being changed or stopped,” he said.

Today, he likes to give the impression that he made these kinds of statements in ignorance, not knowing where the Lord was leading him in this churchwide “awakening.” Problem is, FIVE MONTHS before he told Mr. Leap that *nothing in Mystery of the Ages* had been changed, he told my dad as he was about to fire him that the book was “riddled with error.”

That is cognitive dissonance.

As with all of these contradictions, the passage of time has helped prod Mr. Tkach Jr. to shed more light on what actually happened in those critical years between 1986 and 1990. In his tell-all book, he admits that Mr. Armstrong considered *Mystery of the Ages* “his crowning achievement.” He goes on to describe how much of its content (chapter 5 specifically) fostered “racial prejudice.” He says that *within two years* of Mr. Armstrong’s death, “several church leaders” had brought this to his father’s attention (Tkach Sr.). That would have been 1988, the year both *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* and *Mystery of the Ages* were discontinued.

It is nothing less than astonishing that nearly two years after that, Tkach Jr. insisted to many church members that NO DOCTRINES in *Mystery of the Ages* had been reversed or altered in any way!

Today, of course, his story is altogether different.

Honest Investigation

At the beginning of his book, Tkach Jr. urges readers to “honestly investigate ‘the plain truth’ about today’s Worldwide Church of God.” Later, he espouses “tolerance” as an “absolute requirement” for any Christian denomination. You can believe what you want, he says, “But as soon as you say it’s what someone has to do and you try to force your standard of righteousness on others, you’ve crossed the line” (emphasis his).

Then, later on, when acknowledging that some readers might wonder how the church under Mr. Armstrong’s lead could ever come to believe the “dubious theory” of “British Israelism,” he makes this remarkable statement: “And by the way, don’t bother writing for a copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. You

won’t get it from us. AND THEREIN LIES A STORY” (emphasis mine).

And what a *one-sided*, CONTRADICTORY story it is! The WCG today says, *We want you to honestly investigate the Worldwide Church of God, but don’t bother seeking Mr. Armstrong’s side of the story, YOU CAN’T HAVE IT! JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT! He was wrong and we are right, they say in no uncertain terms.*

Concerning Mr. Armstrong’s “opus magnum,” *Mystery of the Ages*, Tkach Jr. writes, “We feel it is our Christian duty to keep this book out of print.”

How decidedly UNchristian that is! How can he justify, as “Christian,” banning religious works that do not concur with his belief system?

He concludes, “We believe Mr. Armstrong’s doctrinal errors are better left out of circulation.”

Now who has “crossed the line”? Who is he to determine what is right doctrine and what is wrong? He’s certainly entitled to his own opinion. But isn’t he *forcing* his standard of righteousness on others by blocking them from reading Mr. Armstrong’s side? What about the “honesty” and “openness” he promulgates at the beginning of his book?

Yet another example of the cognitive dissonance tightly woven through the fabric of *Transformed by Truth*.

PCG Victory

We believe it is *our* “Christian duty” to KEEP *Mystery of the Ages* IN PRINT, because *anyone* who knows *anything* about Mr. Armstrong, KNOWS THAT IS WHAT HE WOULD HAVE WANTED. Indeed, right before he died, he told the ENTIRE CHURCH that he wanted the book to reach the “largest audience possible.”

In 1997, we reprinted the work with that express objective in mind. And the WCG has been fighting to keep the book out of print ever since. Throughout the four-year litigation process the WCG and its team of lawyers has pulled out all the stops to keep you from reading *Mystery of the Ages*.

In February 1997, they filed for a temporary restraining order to keep us from distributing the book during the litigation. Judge Letts of the U.S. District Court in California denied their request, saying Mr. Armstrong “didn’t dream that by giving this copyright to

the corporation, which was his corporation that reflected his religion, that those who would come after him would use their corporate power to suppress his religion.”

Ten days later, on a Friday, the WCG dismissed the California case altogether. The following Monday, they filed a new case in the Western District of Oklahoma in a cynical and obvious attempt to shop for a more favorable judge.

Three months later, the PCG was successful in having the Oklahoma court

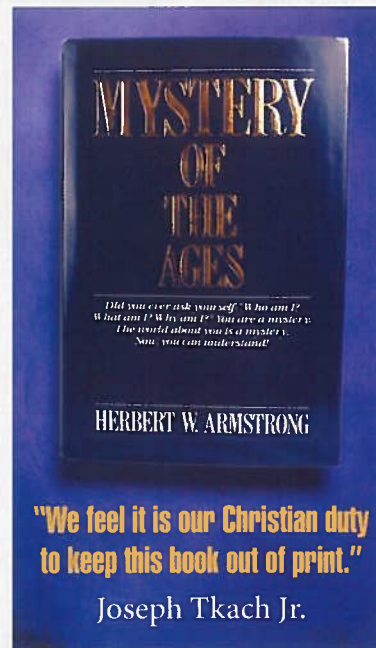
send the case back to California.

When Judge Letts finally issued his summary judgment on the case, nearly two years later, he ruled in favor of the PCG, saying a copyright does not exist for what the Worldwide Church of God wants to do, which is to keep the book out of print. He reiterated what he had said at the very first hearing in 1997, saying Mr. Armstrong “never intended the copyright to stop *Mystery of the Ages* from going to the public.”

WCG Response

In another distinct example of cognitive dissonance, the WCG responded to Judge Letts’s ruling by telling its members “it could not just stand by and simply ignore the *confiscation* of its assets” (emphasis added). Ironically, it is the WCG that wants to *use the copyright* to “confiscate” all of Mr. Armstrong’s works.

Later, Ralph Helge, the WCG’s top legal adviser, told members in a *Worldwide News* article, “It should be understood that this decision does not end the matter”—meaning they intended to appeal. He concluded his article by accusing the PCG of stealing, breaking both the commandment of God and the copyright law of the United States.



He mentioned nothing about all the WCG had stolen from former members who had donated thousands of hours and dollars—who had given their whole lives in support of Mr. Armstrong's religion—only to see it destroyed by a small band of rebels who despised Mr. Armstrong's teachings, but never made that known until after he died!

Talk about cognitive dissonance.

Appeals Court Ruling

The WCG's appeal brought us before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Pasadena, California, on December 6, 1999. Three judges had been randomly selected to hear our case.

They filed their judgment on September 18, 2000, siding with the WCG by a two-to-one judge margin. (For a full Internet transcript of the ruling, go to www.ce9.uscourts.gov/web/new_opinions.nsf and look up September 18 opinions or WCG v. PCG.)

While we disagree sharply with the majority opinion, we certainly found common ground with the dissenting Judge Brunetti. Three times he referred to the fact that the PCG considers *Mystery of the Ages* "divinely inspired." On the other hand, he wrote, "WCG's decision to cease publication of MOA, destroy inventory copies, and disavow MOA's religious message in the context of its doctrinal shift as a church demonstrates that MOA is no longer of value to WCG for such purposes, regardless of PCG's actions. Because WCG has admitted that it has no plans to publish or distribute MOA as originally written, there can be no market interference."

The last point Judge Brunetti touches on introduces yet another recent Tkach contradiction—the proposed "annotated version" of *Mystery of the Ages* the WCG now says they are going to produce. Once again, consider the timing of this proposal. The WCG discontinued the book in 1988, renounced all of its major doctrines by the early 1990s, and declared in 1997 that it had a "Christian duty" to keep the book out of print. Then, in 1998, a year-and-a-half after taking us to court—after Judge Letts had made it clear that he felt they were using the copyright unlawfully—they suddenly decided they wanted to print *Mystery of the Ages* again, in annotated form!

That is cognitive dissonance.

It has been over 12 years since they discontinued *Mystery of the Ages* and destroyed all remaining copies. They

have had plenty of time to do something with the book, if they were genuinely interested in reprinting it in some form. Additionally, it has now been more than two years since they told our lawyers they wanted to print an annotated version. Yet, *still*, there is no annotated version.

What will Joseph Tkach Jr.'s story be next year? What about five years from now? If recent history is any indication, it will undoubtedly keep changing.

The Worldwide Church of God has no interest in ever printing *Mystery of the Ages* in any form. Even if they did attempt such a project, perhaps just to spite us, it would be the most scathing condemnation of Herbert W. Armstrong and his teachings that you have ever read—much the same as *Transformed by Truth*.

That is why we feel it is our duty to make this book available to the general public—and at no charge.

How This Affects You

Stop for a moment and think—why would Joseph Tkach go to such great lengths to deceive his own members about what Mr. Armstrong taught and then follow it up by battling in court to "legally" ban all distribution of his teachings? What is it in *Mystery of the Ages* that Mr. Tkach fears so much? If it's riddled with error—full of contradiction—doesn't that, in itself, expose Herbert Armstrong's "flawed" religion?

Mr. Tkach's own contradictory writings give us every reason to question his sincerity. In truth, he wants to ban *Mystery of the Ages* because Mr. Armstrong's understanding of Scripture opposes his own, and in a powerfully clear and understandable way. In *Mystery of the Ages*, Mr. Armstrong CHALLENGES all the "unprecedented changes" Mr. Tkach has forced upon the Worldwide Church of God. *Mystery of the Ages* is what accurately reflects the true religion of the Worldwide Church of God, as established by Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mystery of the Ages is a magnificent summary of Mr. Armstrong's life work. Over the course of his long life, Mr. Armstrong learned that the Bible was a mystery to most people. He often quoted Bruce Barton, who once referred to the Bible as the book nobody knows. The reason for this, Mr. Armstrong explained, is because the Bible is like a jigsaw puzzle, with thousands of different pieces that will properly fit

together in only one way. In *Mystery of the Ages*, Mr. Armstrong puts together all the pieces of the puzzle so that they can be clearly understood.

This is why Mr. Armstrong was overjoyed when it was finally completed in 1985. Fighting back tears, he told the sophomore class at Ambassador College the day he handed it out, "Will you forgive me if I get a little bit of a thrill that this book is done—that this book is out now. Today is a pretty big day in my life, when I can hand copies of this book out to each of you."

That excitement spilled over into everything Mr. Armstrong did the last few months of his life. He did more to publicize this book than anything he had ever written because he believed it to be his most important work—the best work of his 93 years of life. He believed the book would prove to be a "major step forward" for the Worldwide Church of God.

Since he died, the Tkaches have done everything in their power to force the church backward. Early on, they camouflaged their mission with deceit and trickery. Now, they candidly admit that they are duty bound to keep Mr. Armstrong's teachings out of print forever—even calling this blatant disregard of religious freedom "Christian."

We plan to do everything in our power to prevent that from happening. We are currently in the process of appealing the Ninth Circuit's ruling. If that court rejects our petition to re-hear the case, we will appeal to the highest level of the land—the Supreme Court.

Questionable Roots

In his book, Mr. Tkach Jr. claims to offer a "behind-the-scenes look" at how the WCG came out of "darkness" and into the light. In doing so, he presents Herbert Armstrong in a most unflattering light—plagiarist, racist, brainwasher; uneducated, eclectic, ostentatious, heretical, dictatorial, legalistic and, of course, contradictory.

Yet, this so-called behind-the-scenes look is another of the many contradictions in *Tkach's own book*. Mr. Armstrong's ministry spanned nearly six decades. Mr. Tkach didn't become a full-time minister until after Mr. Armstrong died. Quite frankly, I challenge Mr. Tkach's qualifications as an "insider." If anything, when Mr. Tkach Sr. appointed his son director of church administration in 1987, most

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A Spanking From the Mother Church

The Christian community has been working hard for religious unity. A provocative new Catholic document forcefully slaps down those efforts. BY JOEL HILLIKER



RELIGION GIVES RISE TO THE MOST fervent of passions in people. When salvation or damnation are at stake—eternal life—extreme behavior is easy to justify in the name of righteous duty.

That is why *religious unity* is perhaps the most elusive, even dangerous, pursuit mankind can undertake.

We are right while the others are wrong. This pious belief, which often precedes a compulsion to convert

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others, has fueled history's goriest massacres. The crusades, the inquisitions—these were exercises in *religious unity*: the effort to save souls by bringing them into

subjection to the one "right" way.

It has only been in the last few generations that religious *unity* has commonly come to mean religious *tolerance*. Now, reconciling major dogmatic contradictions is not as important as peaceful co-existence, with each church merely not looking down on the others. Put another way, setting aside differences is just as good as having no differences at all. In the minds of many, that is religious unity.

Laboring under this belief, ecumenical movements in the Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist and Eastern Orthodox churches have lobbied hard to bring faithful individuals of all denominations together. At the head of the endeavor has been the *universal church*, the world's largest single religious body—the Roman Catholic Church.

Pope John Paul II has seemed to many to be the number-one champion for the cause. Over his 22-year papacy, his attempts to mend relations with Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Christians—even, recently, to patch things up with Jews—have been widely interpreted as Catholicism's turning the page to a new era of tolerance.

But now, Catholic leaders are clearing up that misunderstanding.

September 5, the Vatican released a document designed to combat the idea that all religions are equal. Buried within its daunting title, "Dominus Iesus: On the Unicity and Salvific Universality of Jesus Christ and the Church," is the implicit statement, *we are right while the others are wrong*.

By "unicity," the document means the belief that "there exists a single Church of Christ, which subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the successor of Peter [the pope] and by the bishops in communion with him."

Only those churches that accept the doctrines of "apostolic succession [meaning the uninterrupted transfer of papal authority through the generations from the Apostle Peter to the present-day pope] and a valid Eucharist" are to be considered "true particular churches." Those that don't, which include all Protestant denominations,

"are not churches in the proper sense," it says (emphasis mine throughout).

The stern, uncompromising paper was written by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the guardian body of church orthodoxy formerly known as the Inquisition. In it, Ratzinger states that understanding Roman Catholicism as the instrument for saving all humanity "rules out, in a radical way," that mentality of indifference

"characterized by a religious relativism which leads to the belief that 'one religion is as good as another.'"

While followers of other religions can receive a measure of divine grace, he continues, "it is also certain that objectively speaking they are in a gravely deficient situation in

comparison with those who, in the [Catholic] Church, have the fullness of the means of salvation."

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Religious Unity

Many religious authorities, including Catholics, received the announcement with "stunned horror," in the words of one news report. "The season of embraces is over—Rome speaks plainly," wrote Marco Tosatti, a Vatican expert, in *La Stampa*. He added that it represented "a cold shower on the delicate plant which is ecumenism." Many called it an appalling setback to church unity—by which they surely meant *tolerance*.

But *Dominus Iesus* clearly promotes religious unity. For one, its stated intent is to bring back into line the religious relativism creeping into the ranks of Catholic leadership worldwide. But its broader intent is to reiterate and clarify the *missionary* purpose of the church—that is, to bring other churches' teachings in line with Roman Catholicism; most specifically, getting them to acknowledge and *unite* under the authority of the pope.

Mentions of unity are notably present in the declaration. But make no mistake—the Vatican is in no way confusing *unity* with religious *tolerance*.

"The lack of unity among Christians is certainly a wound for the church,"

the paper says, explaining how disunity "HINDERS THE COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF HER UNIVERSALITY IN HISTORY." Such words should be chilling, given Catholicism's historical attempts to assert the fulfillment of this universality.

According to the document, inter-religious communication ultimately serves only to CONVERT other religions. "Because she believes in *God's universal plan of salvation* [that is, that salvation comes only through the *universal church*], the church must be *missionary*," it states. "Inter-religious dialog, therefore, as part of her evangelizing mission, is just one of the actions of the church in her mission...."

"Indeed, the church, guided by charity and respect for freedom, must be primarily committed to...announcing the *necessity of conversion* to Jesus Christ and of *adherence to the church*.... Thus, the certainty of the universal salvific will of God does not diminish, but rather *increases the duty and urgency of the proclamation of salvation and of conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ*."

These words are a return to—a restatement of—a more traditional, more conservative understanding of what exactly constitutes religious unity. The specific actions that this *duty* and *urgency* will dictate is left unexplained—to be taken up in future proclamations.

But if history is any indication, with *conversion* as the goal and *salvation* at stake, extreme behavior will be easy to justify.

Conservatives in the Vatican

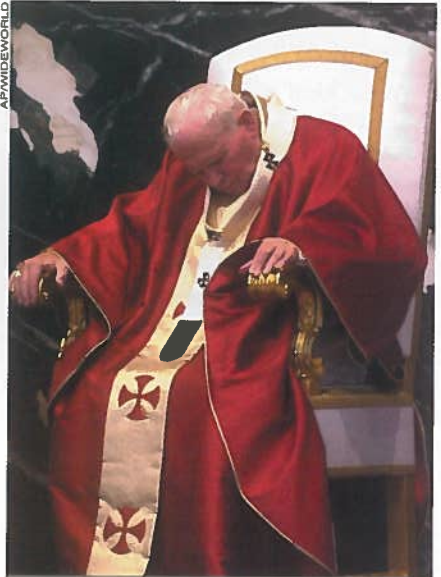
As upset as many Protestant and Jewish leaders were, the content of the September 5 pronouncement is nothing new, insist Vatican officials. It only reiterates long-held doctrines of the church, drawing heavily from the writings of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s and papal encyclicals, including those of John Paul II.

Though written by Ratzinger, the declaration was issued as having the "sure knowledge" and "apostolic authority" of the pope. Yet, as many commentators and theologians pointed out, it seems to unravel, or, even worse, point in a dangerous direction, much of what he has worked for.

What has raised suspicion among many people is the tone and the timing of the paper's release. The Vatican surely anticipated a backlash from the religious community. The fact that it

still issued *Dominus Iesus* exposes an alarming trend.

Pope John Paul II turned 80 this year and is severely weakened by Parkinson's disease. According to an interview senior Vatican officials granted the London *Times* this past March, his condition is so poor that a "power vacuum" has opened up in the upper echelons of the Roman Catholic Church. On condition of anonymity, the sources claimed this vacuum is being filled by hard-line



THE AILING POPE John Paul II sitting in mass in September

right-wingers who "are manipulating the pope to the extent of putting statements into his mouth."

These ultra-conservatives feel the present pope, while laying the groundwork for a significant return to more traditional Catholic roots, has also watered down some of the strictest Catholic dogmas. Even now they are positioning themselves to correct the problem.

The September 5 declaration that created such a stir is one of several recent moves that prove what the *Times* interview revealed: THE VATICAN IS BEING TAKEN OVER BY CONSERVATIVES.

As Catholic professor John Cornwell put it, the fear even among some senior Vatican clergy is that "ultra-conservatives are intriguing to ensure the election of a reactionary pontiff to continue the current policies and to take the church even further to the right" (*Times*, March 12). As John Paul II's papacy winds down, events are already making plain that his successor will most likely be much more hard-line than he is.

"The race for the conclave is on," wrote papal biographer Marco Politi in the Rome newspaper *La Repubblica*, referring to the group of cardinals that will elect the next pope. "[Dominus Iesus] is the first drumbeat in a quiet and resolute battle that is taking place behind the scenes." In other words, it is a mere taste of what the world can expect from the Vatican in the years ahead. The religious leaders who experienced "stunned horror" over the release of this one document are in for more shocks.

A Powerful Church

What kind of role will the next pope inherit? One stronger than any pope for a long time.

Roman Catholicism is riding high in the world today. Its membership has increased to over a billion. Its leadership has grown in political clout, exchanging visits with phalanxes of governments and church officials worldwide. Through its political wing, the Holy See, it is the only religion with a seat in the United Nations. It is a member of the World Trade Organization, several UN agencies and other international bodies. It has the ear of the European Union, to the

"It must be always clear that the one, holy, catholic and apostolic universal church is not the sister, but the mother of all the churches."

point where the pope can speak to its Parliament like a head of state would.

The pope's office carries a significant and growing religious and political authority, even among non-Catholics, that is unique in the world. The next pope is sure to capitalize upon and extend the reach of the authority he possesses.

This church has held such power in the past. It has united with world leaders, summoning armies under the banner of the cross, using its spiritual clout to steer the political and military might of nations into helping it accomplish its goals.

The recent momentous gains made by the Vatican are worthy of awe and wonder—they should not be overlooked. For the Bible warns of a powerful church exerting tremendous political and spiritual influence over nations in the end time.

In biblical prophecy, this church is pictured as a woman sitting on "many waters," signifying a globalist reign,

and drawing on the wealth of big business: "For *all nations* have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and *the kings of the earth* have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Rev. 18:3).

This description certainly could not apply to any of the church denominations that meekly protested this Catholic document. There is only one religion that comes close to fitting that depiction—a depiction becoming more fitting as time goes on.

The Lady of Kingdoms

This same church is described in Isaiah 47:5 as the "lady of kingdoms." In that remarkable passage, God exposes the real thinking behind Dominus Iesus and the Vatican's other recent efforts at church unity. "And thou saidst, *I shall be a lady for ever*.... Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, *neither shall I know the loss of children*" (Isa. 47:7-8).

This is the church that, just in September, issued a letter to bishops worldwide correcting them on using "sloppy terminology" like calling other Christian denominations "sister churches" of Catholicism. "It must be always clear that the one, holy, catholic and apostolic universal church is not the sister, but *the mother of all the churches*," it cautioned. Or, *I am, and none else beside me*.

This church has never forgotten the Orthodox Schism that began in 1054, and the Protestant Reformation that developed from 1517. "The lack of unity among Christians is certainly a wound for the church," it writes, "...in that it hinders the complete fulfillment of her universality in history." Now it is revealing its determination to mend that wound and bring its errant, "gravely deficient," protestant daughters back into its fold. *I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children*.

The fulfillment of this end-time prophecy is sure! The foundation for this religious superpower is being laid today. Headlines like those generated by Dominus Iesus will appear with

greater and greater frequency as its power and prestige grows.

This is not a trend to ignore! It is something that must be taken seriously and acted upon before it quickly moves well beyond mere words.

That this church will forcibly reabsorb its daughter churches is frightening enough. Coupling that prophecy



EN MASSE
St. Peter's Square in Vatican City

with others regarding this great, universal church increases the horror many times over.

Religious Unity in Prophecy

In Revelation 13:11 this church is depicted as a *beast*. This is where terrible deceit enters the picture. It will not *appear* as a *beast*: It looks like a lamb—innocent, just and righteous in the eyes of most people. It actually portrays itself as being like the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.

BUT THIS LAMB SPEAKS LIKE A DRAGON! While talking about the necessity to convert people to Christ, about the need to extend salvation to all men through the one right, universal way, this church will commit horrible atrocities—in the name of righteous duty.

Where will it get its strength? From another *beast*—a multinational, POLITICAL beast with fearsome military resources—which the church will be guiding spiritually. "And he [the church] exerciseth all the power of *the first beast* before him [the military power], and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast.... And he doeth great wonders...and *deceiveth* them that dwell on the earth by the means of those *miracles* which he had power to do in the sight of the *beast*...[this is clearly a *spiritual* power]. And he had power to...cause that *as many as*

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Palestinians riot in Ramallah

Israel's Dead **END**

Jerusalem's problems are intensifying, and the need for a solution is becoming both more urgent and out of reach. Where is this rocky road leading?

BY JOEL HILLIKER

THE CITIZEN OF ISRAEL stares out his window at his nation, a tear in his eye and a knot in his stomach. He knows Israel is in trouble.

It is true that for the whole of its 52 years, the country has existed without peace. But as this Jewish citizen watches Palestinian teenagers and Israeli soldiers tussling in the streets, as the multilingual shouting and popping of gunfire fills his ears, he knows that today the situation is worse than it has ever been. He fears Israel is changed forever.

In 1948, Palestinians attacked the one-day-old nation of Israel with force, and Israel fought back with stronger force. In 1967, with Arab armies threatening on several fronts, the Jews preemptively knocked them out and expanded Israel's borders even further. In 1973, they captured more territory defending themselves against yet another united Arab onslaught.

These were plain military victories by an Israel committed to preserving its national security through *strength*. Strength was the only sound policy for this young country, still smaller than the state of New Jersey, sitting precariously among neighbors that clearly craved its demise.

But over time, that policy was compromised. Fighting for survival is tiring. Jews wanted to believe there was an easier way. Secularism increasingly swept a country that had been founded on religion.

It was then that Israel took a gamble—a crap-shoot that started in 1993 on the White House lawn with a handshake between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat. There Israel surrendered bits of that hard-won, strategically important land in *hope* that the Arabs could be simply *bargained* into giving up their goal of destroying Israel. The Jewish nation committed to protecting itself not by strength but through *negotiation*.

Seven years have passed—seven years of giving up land and seeing no appreciable drop in violence—seven years of Arafat telling politicians and media that he wants peaceful coexistence with Israel while simultaneously promising to his people Israel's destruction. Still, through those seven years, weary hope for *peace through negotiation* persisted in the hearts of many Jews.

It was such hope that got Ehud Barak elected as Israel's prime minister 18 months ago. He campaigned on promises of healing a hobbled peace process, of conceding more territory than the incumbent government would—or anyone before him ever had.

Once in office he began to implement the politics of negotiation in full force: offering the prized Golan Heights to Syria in exchange for a peace contract; pulling Israeli troops from the northern border with Lebanon. Neither situation ended prettily, but Barak continued with his mandate.

Time came to bargain with the Palestinians living in the heart of Israel itself. After months of essentially fruitless bantering with Yasser Arafat, in July U.S. President Clinton called the Camp David talks, forcing final-status-type discussion on the full range of issues. Barak entered the meeting with his neck resting on a bet that Arafat was a man of his word, someone Israel could have a peaceable relationship with if he was just offered a sweet enough deal. Thus came Barak's terms: He would give up

Trumpet Prediction:

When Ehud Barak was elected as Israel's prime minister in May of 1999, the *Trumpet* wrote this: "No amount of land will make the Palestinians peaceful neighbors. [Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu did not achieve peace, but he did stave off a major Middle East explosion. With Barak in office and territorial concessions soon to follow, we'll now see how long it takes for the Palestinians' appetite for land to exceed Israel's capacity to satisfy it."





the Jordan Valley—a land strip buffering Israel from potential enemies to the east; He would hand over much of Jerusalem's Old City—its most sought-after acreage; He would accept Israel's obligation to resettle descendants of the Palestinians pushed out in the 1948 war (the "right of return"—a policy which would suddenly, or over time if it was carefully controlled, overwhelm Israel's Jewish population).

Arafat coldly snubbed Barak's offer. It wasn't enough. And whereas Barak

That article revealed the essential flaw in Israel that has brought down and emboldened the Palestinian *intifada* currently storming its streets. It is what Mr. Flurry since 1996 has been calling "Judah's wound"—that is, the terribly misnamed *peace process*.

As Mr. Flurry explained, the Bible refers to the present nation of Israel as "Judah" (hence the name *Jew*.) It is in a prophecy in Hosea 5:13 that the interesting word *wound* can be found. *Gesenius' Lexicon* defines it, "the pressing

together, binding up of a wound; here used figuratively of a *remedy* applied to the wounds of the state." In other words, **THE REMEDY IS THE WOUND!**

Could a single word better describe Israel's "peace" process? Is there any more grievous *wound* than the naïve, strength-sapping negotiation that has Israel virtually *begging* the Palestinians to stop their terrorism, giving up more and more land and resources along the way? This galling "remedy" has crushed Israel's will. If anyone needed further proof that Judah's

wound is the peace process, the violence now engulfing Jerusalem is it.

It appeared that after more than three weeks of clashes and only idle promises from Arafat to call off the violence, Ehud Barak had had enough. He called an indefinite "timeout" in negotiation—the first official pause in the peace process for seven years—to reassess the policy. (Of course, the Palestinians immediately accused him of stonewalling. Arafat said anyone who poses an obstacle to an independent state for his people "can go to hell"; he then announced open alliances with two major terrorist groups, Islamic Jihad and Hamas.)

It is possible that Barak, faced with no other options, will toughen his strategy in the short term. But the fact is, Israel has already permanently handicapped itself in dealing with the Palestinians. For some years, in compliance with its "peace" contracts, it has been unable to control the flow of weapons into Palestinian-controlled land. The terrorists' headquarters lie side by side with Israel's own, making a serious and decisive war effort impossible.

Clearly, the Israel that struggled for its independence in 1948, the Israel

that staved off through military might numerous assaults on its very existence for the next three decades, the Israel that won fear and respect from its neighbors—that Israel has been replaced by one which believes to its bones that, ultimately, negotiation is the only real solution.

It is *that trait* which will result in the DEATH of the present nation of Israel—unless they turn to God!

The Picture in Prophecy

"We have also a more sure word of *prophecy*" wrote the Apostle Paul in II Peter 1:19. It is only through understanding how events will *end*, using Bible prophecy, that we can decipher true significance in the steady stream of current news.

The Bible prophesies that soon, Israel will lose East Jerusalem to the Palestinians: "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and *half of the city shall go forth into captivity*, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city" (Zech. 14:1-2). Though this prophecy revolves around what the Bible calls the "great tribulation" (Matt. 24:21) and the Day of the Lord, verses 1 and 2 talk about the time leading up to that period.

As Gerald Flurry wrote in last month's *Trumpet*, the failure of the Camp David conference in July will culminate in the world's greatest ever battle! Before that time, Jerusalem will be split in half. The violence today is part of the specifically prophesied chain of events which will lead to the sacking of East Jerusalem by the Arabs. The clamor and chaos currently reigning will escalate—even if there are more temporary periods of coolness to come—until it appears the state of Israel could be completely subsumed by its surrounding enemies and **CEASE TO EXIST ALTOGETHER**.

It is then that Israel's deadly *wound* will bleed that embattled little nation to death.

Look again at Hosea 5:13: "When Ephraim [speaking of modern Britain] saw his sickness, and Judah [today's Israel] saw his *wound*, then sent Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound." In a desperate diplomatic frenzy (involv-



NO REASON TO CELEBRATE Barak, Clinton and Arafat pause for the cameras at Camp David.

came home to jeers from his government and his people—the comprehensiveness of his giveaway had left them breathless with horror—Arafat, shortly after returning home, proclaimed to an audience in Gaza, "Jerusalem is ours, ours, ours."

Today, one thing is clear: Arafat felt that what he couldn't win through negotiation, he could seek to take by violence. And after seven years of gambling with its own soil, Israel finds itself depleted of property and will.

The citizen of Israel stares out his window at his nation, watching the bloody results of a seven-year-old policy that has publicized, for all to see, the fatal weariness of his tiny country. He stares at the dead end of a street and fears that the Arabs have backed him right into it.

Judah's Wound

Avid *Trumpet* readers weren't shocked at last month's eruption of violence in Israel. They had just been admonished to "Watch Jerusalem!" in a six-page feature article by editor-in-chief Gerald Flurry in the September/October edition.

ing Britain) Israel will cry out to the *Assyrian*—the presently uniting European power with Germany at its head—for protection as its last hope for survival as a nation. They will, for one last time, try to remedy their plight through a peace pact.

Catholic Europe has been waiting for years for just such a request (see sidebar, below). By then bristling with military might, it will respond to the call—ready to finally fulfill its ambition in the Holy Land. With anarchy reign-

ing between Arab and Jew, Europe will intercede and impose “peace” on the region. “He [the European power] shall enter also into the glorious land [Jerusalem], and many countries shall be overthrown” (Dan. 11:41). Jesus Christ Himself prophesied that this intervention would be anything but peaceful: “And when ye shall see Jerusalem COMPASSED WITH ARMIES, then know that *the desolation thereof is nigh*” (Luke 21:20). What will appear to be a sincere effort to establish security

in the Holy City will end up being a grisly repetition of the Crusades!

The stage is already being set. Watch for resentment over U.S. failures to mediate a Mideast peace to increase. Watch for the prophesied sacking of half of Jerusalem by the Palestinians. Watch for Europe and the Vatican to intensify their efforts to play the peacemaker role. Keep an eye on this situation in the news. What we see today is only the beginning—and its *prophesied end is certain*. ♦

A new “solution” to Israel’s conundrum:

Give Jerusalem to **GOD**

THE CURSES AND QUESTION marks over Jerusalem can’t go on forever.

Something has to give. But is a practical, pacifying solution over Jerusalem even possible?

Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem Michel Sabbah seems to think so.

If Jerusalem can’t be peacefully ruled by either Jews or Arabs, perhaps the only thing to do is to put it in God’s hands. That’s Mr. Sabbah’s plan: **DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER JERUSALEM**.

It was initially greeted with amusement. But then more people started to take a liking to the idea, including, most notably, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Omert and Palestinian Authority representative Ziad Abu Zayyad. Egypt and Jordan also say they are considering it.

What is attractive about the seemingly fishy notion is that it would give both sides a way to save face and avoid any accusations from their constituencies of selling out. Neither would have to acknowledge the other’s overall sovereignty. And who can argue when “God” is the landlord?

Menachem Klein, a researcher at the Jerusalem Institute who co-authored the study, told the *Jerusalem*

Post, “This works nicely because Arafat could say to his people, ‘Allah is sovereign,’ while the Jews would say, ‘God is sovereign.’” Enacting the proposal may silence even the most clamorous of religious political voices on both sides.

What does it mean, though, in practical terms? After all, details of the actual administration of the territory would still have to be worked out.

Pope John Paul II has proposed that Jerusalem’s holy sites be entrusted to a United Nations-supervised body representing the Jewish, Muslim and Christian religions. No one seems to love the idea particularly, but some Palestinian sources suggest that it’s better than anything the Jews have offered. Israel has conceded that it may consider a role for the United Nations in resolving the Jerusalem issue.

But, ultimately, any serious discussion of “divine sovereignty” will surely mean *Catholic* sovereignty. The pope is the only religious figure in the world with real political clout. He has met with Arafat eight times. Barak, Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and King Abdullah of Jordan have each had audience with him over the



ARAFAT meets with the pope

Mideast peace process. No other religious leader has their trust. In addition, he is respected as a “representative of God” by people and governments the world over.

Catholic Jerusalem

The Roman Catholic Church’s designs on Jerusalem go back well before this latest peace process. Throughout the Middle Ages they repeatedly fought with Muslims and Jews for control of the Holy Land in the Crusades.

The picture today is different insofar as the church is accomplishing its purpose through diplomacy and negotiation rather than violence. In the midst of a volatile Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Pope John Paul II has made agreements with both sides to safeguard rights to Catholic sites regardless of the outcome.

The pope’s trip in March to the Holy Land marking the Jubilee year 2000 was hailed as a coup of inter-religious diplomacy. He spent time with Muslims and Jews, visiting holy sites,

making public apologies for past sins committed by the church, stirring up a media frenzy. At one point he called Jews the “senior brothers” of Christians. Hopes for a rosy future of Catholic-Jewish relations were high.

However, indications that such thinking was

too optimistic have begun to surface. The *Dominus Iesus* document (see article, p. 6) issued by the Vatican labeling non-Catholic religion as “gravely deficient” and saying that only Catholics have “the fullness of the means of salvation” rankled Jewish leaders.

They were further taken aback by excerpts, published in a German magazine in September, from a new book called *God and the World* by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the Vatican’s official doctrine watchdog. The excerpts quoted him as saying that the Roman Catholic Church hasn’t given up hope that Jews will embrace Christianity: “We are waiting for the moment in which Israel too will say yes to Christ.”

These are not the words of a disinterested third party to the Mideast peace process. They point to a future of ever-greater involvement. In fact, they are evidence that for the Vatican to achieve its true goals in the Holy Land, diplomacy and negotiation will only get them so far.

A Cautious Relationship Builds

Initially cooled throughout the Chechen war, relations between Russia's president and Germany's chancellor seem set to warm into a genuine partnership.

BY RON FRASER

FOR SOME TIME AFTER BORIS Yeltsin's decline, relations between Germany and Russia had cooled. The strain resulted from Germany backing the U.S. and Britain in the Kosovo war and German/EU differences with Russia over the Chechnya war.

Back in June, barely two months following Putin's election to the Russian presidency, the Russian premier visited Chancellor Schröder. The chancellor had previously welcomed Putin's election to office with an expression of "great expectations of a strong, democratic, peaceful and prosperous Russia which acknowledges its international responsibility and takes full part in developments in Europe" (*Reuter*, March 27).

Each of these leaders know only too well that failed relations between them in the past have led to a literal blood bath. Stalingrad is still etched in the minds of both, with its legacy of over a million dead.

Yet this did not stop Vladimir Putin from rattling his nuclear saber on the eve of his summit with President Clinton, which preceded that with Schröder. He startled the West with his declaration that Russia would sell sensitive nuclear materials, even to nations that are nonsignatories to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Following his U.S. summit, Putin visited Berlin for a two-day conference, during which Schröder stated that he wanted to build a new "strategic relationship" with Russia. However, little evident progress was made diplomatically on this score, largely due to the debacle of the war in Chechnya and some apparent reticence on behalf of each leader. Never-



SUNSHINE AND SMILES Schröder (left) visits Putin (right) at the Kremlin in Moscow in September.

theless, during the recent UN Millennium Summit, Schröder and Putin apparently agreed that they would meet in Moscow shortly thereafter.

On the eve of this visit, Schröder said, "I am going there because I want to make it clear, especially at this current time, that Russia can politically count on Germany's support for the reform process." He anticipated "several hours" of talks with Putin, and emphasized "the important role in world peace," that Germany could play, "particularly in easing Russian concerns over NATO expansion" (*Agence France Presse*, Sept. 25).

Two key statements leap out upon viewing Schröder's words—"Russia can politically count on Germany's support for...reform," and the key reference to Germany's "important role in world peace...particularly in easing Russian concerns over NATO expansion."

No doubt the first key statement is a lead-in to Germany seeking to limit U.S. influence in the European theater by laying the groundwork for a future treaty which will assure an alliance with Russia. This would give both the continuing ability to trade off each other in international relations to the detriment of the U.S.

The second key statement is more chilling in its overtones. The most important role which Germany can play in world peace, given their history, is to *stay away from war!* Yet the only way that Germany can allay Russian fears over NATO expansion is to indicate that NATO's redundancy will be brought about by the implementation of a German-led Euroforce. That force is in the making right now, and Putin knows it. Perhaps Schröder's *quid pro quo* here is, *We'll keep NATO at bay—just don't rattle your nuclear arsenal at us!* On the other hand, from the Russian perspective, Putin can quite readily say, *We have the resources, you have the capital—let's dance!*

Russia needs that capital. A debt of \$43 billion hangs around its neck, owed to the

Paris Club, which comprises 18 of Moscow's creditor states. Germany is Russia's single biggest creditor, therefore its single biggest current investor,

and its closest neighbor of any size and of any economic and political clout. Up to now, Germany has balked at offering any sizeable relief through the restructuring of this debt. However, Schröder is a chameleon, well practiced in moving with the flow of events and adjusting his stance accordingly.

One other key statement in his comments to the press in advance of his visit to Moscow in September was "especially at this current time." What's so crucial about talking with the Russians "especially at this current time"? Well, let's take a look.

The recent UN Millennium Conference, at which Schröder and Putin apparently set up their luncheon meeting in Moscow, was notable not so much for the boring, repetitive rhetoric of the over 150 world leaders who engaged in that wasteful process. It was most notable for the meetings held on the way to the conference, on the side, and immediately thereafter as leaders of nations met with each other in the developing process of *marginalizing the U.S.* from having any major political influence on their affairs.

The world is in process of realigning, skirting Washington and isolating the U.S. in a grand collective effort to ultimately ostracize America from the global political arena. They want to see this "superpower" cut down to size.

Is Schröder simply striking while the iron is hot? Or is it, in terms of the absence of U.S. influence in this affair, a case of when the cat's attention is diverted away, the mice will play?

Besides the matters which Schröder highlighted as items he would address in Moscow, other aspects of his discussions with Putin were not accessible to the press. However, it is worthy of note that EU Commission President Romano Prodi contacted Putin shortly after Schröder's luncheon meeting with the Russian president; Prodi suggested to him that the EU double their import of Russian gas, increase oil imports from Russia and buy more electricity from them. No doubt this initiative came as a result of the EU reviewing their level of dependence on

OPEC countries at a time when oil prices have gone through the roof. The EU is suggesting a 20-year deal with Russia, supplying them with EU technology to better exploit Russian

oil and gas reserves. The EU proposal would lead to Russia providing 40 percent of the EU's gas needs and 32 percent of its oil. This amounts to a *strategic energy partnership*, hence the need for the EU to have some level of control over such a strategic resource by supplying the technology to distribute and control its flow (thus maintaining control over technical know-how).

Realizing its vulnerable economic position, Russia is playing hardball with its vast mineral and energy resources. No doubt such a deal will be the subject of some bloodletting along the negotiating path. Russia has already sent out its signals to the West indicating the hard bargaining to come in respect of its key mineral resources, in particular its near monopolistic holding of the high-tech mineral palladium. Three days prior to Schröder's visit to Moscow on September 25, the Russian Finance Ministry assumed control of the country's precious metals and gems. This puts Russia in the box seat in terms of negotiating power on

the sale of its palladium, platinum, nickel and diamond resources. With 80 percent of the world's palladium and 20 percent of its platinum, the Finance Ministry is in a position to play havoc with prices of these items on the world stock exchanges. Palladium peaked at \$854 per ounce in August. Price manipulation of this and other precious metals will be used as a tool of economic warfare in Russia's international relations as it struggles to drag itself out of economic slough and reassert itself as a world power.

Germany well knows this.

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favor in the energy, minerals and precious metals arena within which Putin is currently playing? No doubt!

The freeze is off German-Russian relations. The two leaders parted from their full hour lunch with Putin inviting Schröder and his spouse, Doris, to his Dacha to spend the Orthodox Christmas with him and his wife, Lyudmilla.

The relationship between Germany and Russia was pivotal throughout the 20th century, most particularly in the three wars which impacted that century: the hot wars—World Wars I and II—which dominated the first half of the century, and the 40-year cold war which so greatly influenced the second half. The cozier relationship which is now developing between Chancellor Schröder

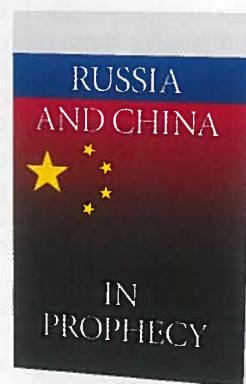
and President Putin is a harbinger of the future alliance between those two nations which they will seek in an effort to secure the line of division between the two—Russia's western front and Germany's eastern front—so they can get on with pursuing their separate goals in the race for global hegemony. ♦

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"I am going there because I want to make it clear, especially at this current time, that Russia can politically count on Germany's support for the reform process."

—Gerhard Schröder



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WORLD LEADERS convene at the Millennium Summit in New York.

duck in the UN anyway. In a shocking piece titled "Missing From New York: America's Influence," Stratfor Intelligence Systems wrote that beyond the fact that the summit was held in the U.S., "world leaders are trying

◆ U.S.

UN = world minus U.S.

At the United Nations Millennium Summit in New York this past September, world leaders gathered to renew efforts to make the world a better place by 2015. Though no one is holding his or her breath to see the talk turn to action, some critics are becoming more concerned about the efforts the UN is taking to become a bona fide world government.

In fact, some conservatives in Washington are calling for the U.S. to *withdraw* from the organization.

Supporters of the American Sovereignty Restoration Act, in a press conference on September 7, presented over 300,000 signed petitions in favor of the U.S. cutting ties with the UN.

Dr. Herb Titus, the attorney who wrote the legislation, called the Millennium Summit "a unanimous mandate by world leaders and heads of state to...implement an agenda for global governance." These critics believe that the UN's increased efforts to take on the role of a world government undermine the sovereignty of the United States.

This is not the first time a nation has felt undermined by the global organization. But the U.S.?

While some are calling for the U.S. to pull out, others say America is just a lame

to find ways to work around Washington as U.S. foreign policy increasingly drifts."

Stratfor suggests that the days leading up to the summit showed how "the world is tuning Washington out."

Prior to the international gathering, these *tête-a-têtes* took place, implying that America is truly out of the global loop: Russia's president went out of his way to visit Japan, making it clear that he would not budge on returning the Kuril Islands, which Russia seized in 1945; Israel's foreign minister visited Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to see if he could help broker a deal over Jerusalem after the failed Camp David talks; in Libya, over a dozen African leaders met, showing Libya's increasing influence in sub-Saharan Africa, despite America's continuing efforts to isolate the country's dictator, Moammar Gadhafi; Yugoslavia, similarly, tried to break out of its diplomatic isolation by brainstorming with Fidel Castro in Havana, Cuba; South American leaders gathered in Brazil to discuss a problem of American concern—the present crisis in Colombia. And on, and on.

Is the world tuning Washington out? Well, why not? That is what the U.S. is doing to the rest of the world. "The vibrancy of the economy has created a sense that what happens outside of U.S. borders is of little consequence," Stratfor wrote.

Despite the U.S.'s home-field advantage for the UN's

big powwow, it is evident that in the UN and the global scene, in general, America is losing its influence.

◆ EUROPE

Blair blind to real EU

In an impassioned speech delivered in Czechoslovakia on October 6, British Prime Minister Tony Blair disregarded his nation's sovereign interests by touting for the European Union to become a world superpower.

Amazingly, in his speech the prime minister clung to the fiction that "Europe is a Europe of free, independent, sovereign nations..." It patently is not. The new EU Charter of Fundamental Rights is, in fact, a blueprint for the constitution of a European superstate.

The embattled prime minister, aware of his party's dramatic slump in the British polls, strove to allay the fears of the British public. To the majority of Britons, who balk at the prospect of further Europeanization, Mr. Blair said that he saw the EU as a *superpower* but not a *superstate*. In a terribly blind brandishment he stated that Europe was too diverse and dynamic for a single written constitution.

On this score, not only has the prime minister backed the wrong horse—this horse has truly bolted! The drive for a federal constitution has already been accepted by the EU's constitutional affairs committee. The European Commission has stated that the new Charter of Fundamental Rights should form the basis for the drawing up of a written constitution legally binding on all EU member states. The charter

will be incorporated into the next Treaty on European Union, to be ratified by member states at an EU summit in Nice, France, in December.

Chaired by former German President Roman Herzog, the convention which drew up the EU charter conducted their whole process in the complete absence of any public debate. The most controversial clauses of the charter could be used to suppress the rights of EU citizens when "necessary," to "meet objectives of general interest being pursued by the Union." Such statements within the body of the charter must make the hearts of old fascists glow.

Notwithstanding Tony Blair's ostrich-like stance on these developments, it is obvious to sensible observers of EU trends that the three principle bodies which govern the



Tony Blair

EU (the European Commission, Council and Parliament) are all of one mind in cementing the various EU treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights into a single governing constitution.

This will create the very monster that Mr. Blair says he does not want—a European superstate.

Britons are slowly starting to wake up to the fact that becoming a signatory to the next EU treaty would not only erode their power to regulate their national economy, it would restrict the use of their military forces, impose Roman law over the top of British common law, and draw them into a European super-police-state.

With time it will be plain for all to see that the EU, on its path to becoming a global superpower, will first become a superstate. Mr. Blair's attempt to draw a distinction between the two simply denies reality.

◆ YUGOSLAVIA

New faces, old ideas

Brought into power by federal election September 24, Yugoslavia's new president, Vojislav Kostunica, has suddenly found himself deluged with offers of friendship from Europe and the U.S. alike, both of which clearly see him as a beacon of hope in the region, and a solution to the seemingly interminable problem of what to do with Slobodan Milosevic.

The EU is scrambling to bring Yugoslavia back into the European fold, setting aside \$2 billion in aid and lifting sanctions. Yugoslavia has already been included in the Balkan Stability Pact; inclusion in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is being considered—even possible EU membership down the road.

But what does this new leader, until recently a relatively unknown player in international politics, actually stand for? Can we truly expect to see the promised stability and peace—truly a new era of *change*—in the historically troubled Balkans?

At the moment, Kostunica is largely giving the West what it wants to hear. He has already released several political prisoners and said he will accept responsibility for war crimes committed by Milosevic, and European diplomats are arriving to meet the new president. But is he really different from his predecessor?

Kostunica's popularity has resulted from his *nationalist* approach. He protests the international condemnation of the Serbs. He supports the notion of Greater Serbia and is inflexible in asserting that

Kosovo remain part of the Yugoslav Republic (in compliance with the Dayton Accords and UN Resolution 1244). He is a hero to hard-line Serb nationalists, who look to him as they looked to Milosevic to reverse the trend which has lost them much Yugoslavian territory since 1990.

What will this mean for the future? The same controversies which have fueled strife in the region for the past decade still burn. Since Kostunica's election, tensions have increased between local Albanians and the Kosovo peace-keeping force KFOR.

Kostunica aide Zoran Djindjic stated that "Between now and the end of the year we will return 1200 of our police and our Yugoslav soldiers to the border with Albania." According to *Intelligence Digest*, those close to the officially disbanded Kosovo Liberation Army have stockpiled

weapons and ammunition, ready to relaunch their guerrilla campaign if that happens. Prospects for peace seem slim.

However, as Kostunica recently told Balkan leaders gathered at a summit in Macedonia, "the

Balkans needs peace and stability; Europe needs a peaceful and stable Balkans." A decade of sporadic UN and NATO intervention has not brought peace to the region. But *Europe*—quickly working to consolidate its economic, military and political power—is in a perfect position to offer its support toward implementing a lasting solution.



Kostunica

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◆ COLOMBIA

A mini-Vietnam?

Last month the U.S. commenced pumping \$1 billion of military aid into

Colombia. This is the first installment in Plan Colombia, as the strategy is termed—a \$7.5 billion gamble being initiated by the U.S., with the collaboration of the Colombian government, to erase the cocaine trade in that country.

Unfortunately, it's another case of treating the effect and not the cause. The reasons for the huge U.S. drug problem are deeply interwoven into the fabric of a superpower in moral decline. Government statistics point to over 22 million known hard drug users in the U.S. It is the *craving* for the drug which causes the *demand*. Eliminate demand and the market dies. Instead, the U.S. government squanders billions of taxpayers' dollars on seeking to deal with the *effect* of the problem.

U.S. think tank Stratfor Systems makes no bones about the inevitable outcome of this misguided U.S. initiative: "The U.S. cure for what White House drug czar Barry McCaffrey calls a cancer, not a war, will fail. The drug trade and FARC [Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia] will suffer losses, but both will survive as they have for decades. Loss of life and civilian displacement, however, will increase significantly. Many refugees and some fighting will spill over borders into Ecuador and Peru. U.S. relations with Colombia's neighbors will suffer, and Americans will be targets as a result" (Global Intelligence Update, Sept. 27). The UN has warned that there could be around 30,000 Colombians fleeing from the negative effects of Plan Colombia.

Added to this problem are the results of the excessive use of chemical defoliants in the bid for eradication of the coca fields of Colombia. Already, mutated animals are being born in affected areas. The residual effect on land, on water tables and on the legitimate Colombian farmer will be horrendous.

Russian organized crime, in association with the Brazilian underground, feeds the drug trade cancer by providing drug warlords with weapons in exchange for the high-priced white coca powder. Marxist guerrillas, organized under the umbrella organization FARC, control a large part of the drug trade in Colombia. They have waged a 30-year war for political control of Colombia.

Forced to relocate their sophisticated military bases from the recently evacuated Panama Canal, the U.S. has moved into other Latin American countries. One such base is located in Manta, Ecuador, from which the U.S. plans to fly their defoliant missions. The trouble is, the guerrillas have indicated that they will mount attacks inside Ecuadorian borders if the U.S. persists in using Ecuador as a base of operations in conducting Plan Colombia.

A close look at the map indicates the very real prospect of this drug-related war escalating dramatically beyond the borders of Colombia, not only into Ecuador and Peru, but also into Brazil.

As the U.S. commits to yet another misguided strategy of training, supplying and supporting the Colombian and Ecuadorian security forces in the lead up to a heightened offensive against FARC, the specter of past failures in U.S. incursions into Latin America looms large, as does the sucking vortex of another Vietnam-style failure—this time much closer to home.





TAKING STOCK of GLOBALIZATION

The trend in politics, in economics, even in international security, is to unify, consolidate, globalize. Will this trend really move the world toward peace? Or is it merely setting the stage for a new totalitarianism?

BY RON FRASER

WORLD EVENTS OFTEN SEEM ponderous, complex and confusing. In fact, most people do not even have an interest in following the really important *trends* which underpin the fashioning of political and economic events destined to *shape their very lives*.

The plain fact is, global forces are at work which will have seismic implications for your life, and neither the politicians nor news media are informing you about these cataclysmic events.

“Willing or not, ready or not, we are all involved in an all-out, no-holds-barred, three-way global competition” (Malachi Martin, *The Keys of This Blood*).

The late Dr. Martin, Jesuit, professor of the Vatican’s pontifical biblical institute, intelligence expert, was in a position to know! He reduced the globalization process of the late 20th century, which continues on into the 21st century as this year 2000 draws to a close, to a three-way affair. It is what he termed “a competition between the world’s only three internationally based power structures for truly global hegemony.” His deductions were totally congruent with those of Pope John Paul II, whose vision of the world is based on what he terms the *three internationales*: The “Golden Internationale” being his shorthand term for the *financial* powers of the world—the transnationalist and internationalist globalist leaders of the

West; the “Red Internationale” being Russia and its satellite nations.

“The third geopolitical contender—the *Roman Catholic Church*; the ‘Black Internationale’—was destined...to be the ultimate victor in any contention with those rivals” (ibid., p. 21; emphasis mine throughout).

Too little attention has been paid to Dr. Martin’s incisive judgments and assessments of what was taking place in the volatile final decade of the 20th century. As we enter the 21st century, his vision of the *globalist competition* is rapidly merging into reality.

“What these competitors are talking about, then, is *the most profound and widespread modification of international, national and local life that the world has seen in a thousand years*. And the competition they are engaged in can be described simply enough as *THE MILLENNIUM ENDGAME*” (ibid., p. 16).

Dr. Martin had direct access to the intelligence networks of the world. His books describing the inner workings of the universalist Vatican are startling exposés of this consummate political Romish state. However, it is the conclusion which he draws, as to where these three globalist entities are headed, which is most chilling in its import: “Nobody who is acquainted with the plans of these three rivals has any doubt but that *only one of them can win!*... It would appear inescapable that their competition will end up as a *confrontation*” (ibid., p. 15).

Yet, as astute as Dr. Martin’s observations were, they miss the mark when it comes to the biblically prophesied outcome of this globalist race for world hegemony.

Dr. Martin failed to see the merging of the pope’s “Golden Internationale” with the “Black Internationale” aggressively forming into a singular conglomerate in Europe right now, taking advantage of both the Red Internationale’s temporary wounding through its present deep economic recession, and a United States seemingly oblivious to this threat.

In this article we take a close, behind-the-scenes look at the forces motivating the *globalization phenomenon* and show how two of these great globalist powers are merging into a singular great power which will seek to impose its religious, corporate, economic and political will upon the whole world.

Crunch Point

The cold war ceased when the Berlin Wall fell in November 1989. Thereafter, until the year 1999 dawned, the world experienced an *interregnum*, during which the Soviet Union disintegrated, the Eastern European states asserted their independence, and Japan’s economy crashed, triggering the East Asian financial meltdown and the resurgence of an assertive China. Meanwhile, the Latin American economic revival hiccupped along and the



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Middle East remained a hotbed of terrorism and anti-U.S. rhetoric. Threaded through this maze of geopolitical disruptions, Europe pressed on with its efforts to forge a *federation* out of what for many years was seen merely as a common commercial and trading entity, now known as the European Union.

Meanwhile, the United States, with Britain following along like a lackey, fought a limited war in Iraq—twice—got its nose bloodied in skirmishes with ragtag rebel armies in Rwanda and Somalia, and then, in April 1999, snubbing its nose at the United Nations, used the umbrella of NATO to wage a dirty little war in Kosovo. The Kosovo war was the most extreme flash point in a year which was billed by one American think tank as heralding “a new and dangerous world.” In their annual forecast for 1999, Stratfor Systems had this to say: “1999 will see a more conventional, natural world, in which other great powers in the world will unite to try to block American power. In 1998 the United States worried about Serbia, Iraq and North Korea. In 1999, the United States will be much more concerned with Russia, China, France and Japan. The world will not yet be a truly dangerous place, but it will begin *the long descent toward the inevitable struggle between great powers*” (“1999 Annual Forecast”).

As this leading intelligence organization predicted, 1999 did see a rise in

efforts by significant world powers to develop alliances which skirted the United States in a global climate increasingly resistant to America’s economic, political and military dominance. Stratfor concluded its 1999 forecast with these words: “1999 is the first of many years of increasing tension and conflict involving not only minor players, but also the world’s great powers. It is the beginning of what will prove to be a *tense first decade in the 21st century*” (ibid.).

We agree. If anything, we think this may even *understate* the true nature of what is emerging in this *dangerous new world* within the first decade of the 21st century.

A Process Year

Turning to the current year, in their year 2000 annual forecast Stratfor predicted that this would be “*the year in which the world gets down to the business of creating the new epoch in world affairs: the serious business of great powers and their conflicts and alliances.*” Forecasting a clear separation from 1999—the year of transition between the decade which followed the fall of the Berlin Wall and the formation of a new world epoch—Stratfor termed 2000 “a process year.” This inferred a year when “basic strategies will play themselves out.”

The year is not yet concluded, yet what is apparent to this point is that during the second half of the year in particular, much diplomatic shuttling back and forth occurred as concerns deepened about emerging world trends in the wake of the United States’ unerring failure to be any sort of continuing and effective arbiter in the world’s crisis centers.

In quick succession, the nations convened in the guise of the world’s various political and economic policy formulation and implementation bodies—United Nations, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Group of Seven, Group of Ten, Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), World Economic Forum, Trilateral Commission, Association of South-East Asian Nations, Group of 21. Then there

was the plethora of meetings and negotiations of representative bodies within the *European Union*, leading up to next month’s EU summit, seeking a further rewrite of the Treaty of European Union at Nice, France. In addition, those responsible for overseeing administration of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), MERCOSUR (Southern Common Market) and the Multilateral Agreement on Investment continued to meet from time to time, in pursuit of the development of a global trade agenda, not to mention that rather shady enterprise, the Bilderburg group, which also met in the EU headquarters city of Brussels in June.

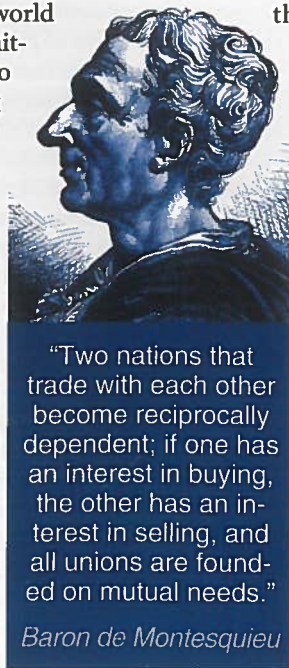
Every one of these organizations has one thing in common: the belief that international trade, commerce, politics, funding and security should come under some type of *global oversight*. Obviously, as part of this globalist strategy, every nation wishes to exploit the trend to globalism to further its own particular ends.

Amid all of the frenzy of globalization of trade and commerce, as Claremont’s Professor of Social Science Peter F. Drucker points out, “*There are any number of signs that something is going on in the world economy that breaks the rules that have been at work for decades*” (*Foreign Affairs*, Sept./Oct. 1997, p. 164). We are sailing in uncharted economic waters. That simply means we cannot be aware of the hazards. These economic waters do not chart the hazards of operating in

the unprecedented current high-tech zone, where vast flows of capital transfer internationally at the touch of a button.

What Is Globalization?

The underlying thesis of globalism is not new. In fact, the belief (of which the current U.S. president is a confirmed apostle) that nations which trade with one another forgo war and conquest was espoused by none other than the ideological co-founder (with John Locke) of the American Constitution, the Baron de Montesquieu. He declared, “Two nations that trade with each other be-



“Two nations that trade with each other become reciprocally dependent; if one has an interest in buying, the other has an interest in selling, and all unions are founded on mutual needs.”

Baron de Montesquieu

come reciprocally dependent; if one has an interest in buying, the other has an interest in selling, and all unions are founded on mutual needs" (*Foreign Policy*, Summer 2000, p. 32).

Yet, history itself proves the opposite. As one pundit explains, "History often beguiles us. The last great hoax played on the world was the carnage of the First World War. It had been preceded, we know, by a century of European peace, by the most benign of histories, some five or six decades into an age of *economic globalization* yet to be matched in its extent by this second age of globalization. A whole world and its faith in progress and chivalry then died in the trenches of the Western Front. *Men thought they had killed the beast, but they hadn't*" (ibid., pp. 32-33).

Minimal consensus exists on the meaning of the term globalization. However, a little investigation of the philosophies espoused by its many adherents reveals that its intentions are no newer than those which motivated

the empires of old. It's just that the inherent *political* motives of the forces driving the globalist juggernaut are not yet apparent to all. Globalism still *appears* to be an initiative of this world's *corporate moguls*.

Perhaps one of the easier-understood descriptions of globalization is the one posed by Krishna Jayakar of the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington: "denationalization of markets, laws and politics, in the sense of interlacing peoples and individuals for the sake of the common good."

Europe's Globalization Example

Now, if we were to look for a prime example of this "denationalization of markets, laws and politics" in action, where would we go? How about the *European Union*? This intriguing, developing Euro-empire, touted originally as a mere trading union, a "common market," is quickly revealing the *reason* why it was brought into being in the first place. Scratch the surface and, as author

Bernard Connolly has written, underneath is a *global agenda*. It is an agenda driven by a *religious fervor*, a fervor which inspires the disciples of globalism, in Catholic Europe in particular, to work by all means at their disposal for a centralized, universal control of this world's systems of government, religion, education, commerce, finance, industry, capital and labor.

One of its prime movers is the influential, now retired, former managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Michael Camdessus, who has worked at the very beating heart of the EU, influencing and guiding its monetary and economic policies for over 40 years. For over two decades he worked in the French treasury, rising to director in 1952. From 1966 to 1968 he served as France's financial attaché to the European Economic Community (EEC); from 1978 to 1984 he was chairman of the Paris Club of creditor nations; he also served as chairman of the EEC's monetary committee in the

When Democracy FAILS

What fills the void?

THE DAWNING OF THE 20TH century had brightened the great and continuing hopes of mankind for peace and goodwill among nations. The president of Stanford University at the time expressed these hopes in a book he authored at the turn of the century: "The man of the 20th century will be a hopeful man. He will love the world, and the world will love him" (David Starr Jordan, *The Call of the Twentieth Century*).

Such hopes were gravely dashed in the mud, flames and agony of the dying, injured and displaced in World War I. Arthur Schlesinger Jr. comments, "Looking back, we recall a century marked a good deal less by love than by hate, irrationality and atrocity, one that for a long dark passage inspired the gravest forebodings about the very survival

of the human race" (*Foreign Affairs*, Sept./Oct. 1997, p. 3).

Thus, although "people of good will in 1900 believed in the inevitability of democracy, the invincibility of progress, the decency of human nature, and the coming reign of reason and peace" (ibid.), a gray pall soon settled over humankind as the 20th century's wars, floods, fires, famines, pestilences, earthquakes and the outbreak of an uncontrollable AIDS pandemic slaughtered multiple millions in their prime.

And yet, the same global euphoria gripped the world in the wake of the Soviet Union's collapse and the end of the cold war as the 20th century waned. Hopes of a "new world order" were declared.

The end-of-history historian Francis Fukuyama ex-

pounded his theme of "the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government." If indeed universal liberal democracy is the *final hope* for mankind in his quest for a form of government that will bring peace

and unity to humankind, *what if it fails?* It collapsed due to the political, economic and moral *failure to deal with the forces of evil*, twice in the days of appeasement of the enemy in the years preceding World Wars I and II. If indeed liberal democracy, of all the forms of government tried by man over 6,000 years of recorded history, is the best that man can find, *to what form of government do we then turn in the event of a third collapse?*

"If liberal democracy fails in the 21st century, as it failed in the 20th, to construct a humane, prosperous and peaceful world, it will invite the rise of alternative creeds apt to be

based, like *fascism* and *communism*, on flight from freedom and surrender to authority" (ibid., p. 4).

Following the liberal democratic dictum which declares that a nation will never go to war with a trading partner, the Western democracies zealously pursue *globalization* of trade and commerce. As Josef Joffe, editor for *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, puts it, "Today the United States is more like Bismark's Germany, developing [trade] alliances with everyone so that ganging up against it is impossible" (ibid., p. 1). Perhaps that is why the U.S. does not begin to recognize the grave threat that is increasingly being posed by the Bismarkian corporate leaders of Germany to its trading economy (see article, p. 21).

While the U.S. is caught pursuing such policies to meet its own ends, it remains oblivious to the incursions into its own vitals by those who hail from the country of source of the Bismarkian philosophy!

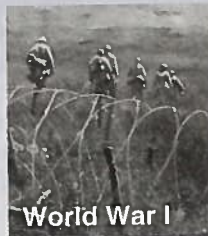


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World War I

early 1980s. Appointed governor of the Bank of France in 1984, Camdessus was the *sole representative* from an industrialized country to call for *global monetary reform* at an IMF meeting in 1986. In 1987 he assumed the office of managing director of the IMF.

Camdessus has always been driven by a *religious zeal*. He literally sees *globalization* as the will of God. He has often stated that “*globalization* is the best way to improve the human condition throughout the world” (*Foreign Policy*, Sept./Oct. 2000, p. 34).

It is significant that one of the chief mentors who shaped the Camdessus globalist-Catholic economic philosophy is Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Jesuit intellectual and scientist, who wrote that God reaches people through the unifying process of the universe—obviously through the *global reach* of the universalist Roman Catholic Church!

Camdessus took Teilhard de Chardin’s thinking and linked it to the current trend of *globalization*, of unifying human beings around the world. As he said in a recent interview, “I believe in this long-lasting trend of unification of the world. Globalization is only an acceleration of it.... You cannot denounce structural adjustment and be...against the structures of sin, to take the words of the Holy Father. If you are against the structures of sin that plague our world—corruption, nepotism, collusion, protectionism, rigidity of that kind—you must go for structural adjustment, *like it or not*” (*ibid.*).

Read between the lines. This religious zealot is really implying that globalization, driven by a universalist church, is the way that structural adjustment of this world’s political economy will be forced upon us—*like it or not!*

Backlash

Union boss Jay Mazur earlier this year declared his fear at the impact of globalization. “Globalization has reached a turning point. The future is a contested terrain of very public choices that will shape the world economy of the 21st century. The forces behind global economic change—which exalt deregulation, cater to corporations, undermine social structures and ignore popular

concerns—cannot be sustained. Globalization is leaving perilous instability and rising inequality in its wake” (*Foreign Affairs*, Jan./Feb. 2000, p. 79).

Referring to the public protests which accompanied the WTO meeting in Seattle a year ago, Mazur pointed out that the 1999 UN Development Report highlighted how globalization was widening the gulf between rich and poor, despite its success in connecting people internationally as never before.

Last September, riots in Melbourne, Australia, during the World Economic Forum, followed by a reported 11,000 protesters assembling and creating havoc in Prague during the recent IMF-World Bank meetings, painted a vivid picture of *public backlash* to the globalization process.

As the corporate globalizers proceed at a hectic pace in efforts to universalize (in Michael Camdessus’ terms) the world economy, the World Bank reports that 200 million *more* people this year, compared to 1981, are living in abject poverty—i.e., on less than one dollar per day. One simply has to ask, *What price globalism?*

All of this poses a real conundrum to those who are driving the globalist push. How do they contend with the increasing perception of the public that globalization is working against them?

Eminent political scientist Samuel P. Huntington sees globalization as leading to a widespread backlash which, far from universalizing the political economies of the world, will rather lead to an *identity crisis* within nations, ethnic groups, religions and cultures to the point where they will react to assert their individuality.

This is exactly what happened as soon as cracks appeared in the dominant, universalist Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Old nation-states, ethnicities, cultures and religions reasserted themselves in a great escape from the communist suppression of over half a century.

“The global religious revival, ‘the return to the sacred,’ is a response to people’s perception of the world as ‘a single place’” (Samuel P. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*, p. 68). This process of *backlash against universal oppression*,

leading to an assertion of national, ethnic, cultural and religious individuality, then leads to what Huntington describes as “the clash of civilizations”—witness Bosnia, the Caucasus, Kosovo, Central Asia and Kashmir, not to mention the tribal conflicts in Africa. Historically, what follows such confusion? Simply *the assertion of totalitarian rule!*

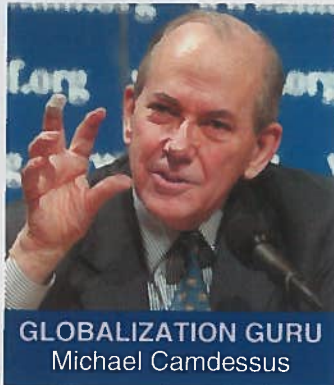
As we write, cracks are appearing in the federationist European Union. Even in that nation which is supplying much of the power to drive the engine of European unity, Germany, divisions are evident as the German public and some state leaders within that country express concern at the possibility of losing their national identity to a universal Eurofederation. If this trend is exacerbated by an increase in social instability, watch out! That’s fertile ground for the rise of a totalitarian leadership in Germany which could override the whole union—and we know, only too well, the outcome of totalitarian rule in Germany!

Will we ever learn from history? History itself echoes a very loud NO! Not until a power, superior to humankind, imposes itself to *control and refine man’s innate inhumanity to man* to the point where his aspirations for peace and unity, universally, became a *reality*.

Final Hand

Globalism and *world war* are children of the 20th century. During the 20th century the world broke with tradition. It was Carl von Clausewitz, the famous Prussian military thinker, who declared that, in traditional warfare, the strategic goal was “to destroy the enemy’s fighting forces.” Germany initiated and fought two world wars on Clausewitz’s theory. As the tide turned against them in 1943, the fascist intelligentsia realized that Clausewitz’s dictum had become outdated. *War* could now be fought on a *global footing*. They realized, also, that *economics* had *global impact* in the modern world, as exemplified in the Great Depression. The penny dropped in the Prussian mind. *The rules were changed*. Clausewitz’s teaching became history. The Nazis went underground and launched a new strategy for global conquest. The goal of warfare was redefined as destroying the enemy’s *potential* for waging war. This simply meant destroying the enemy’s *economy*.

Your Bible is replete with prophecies which indicate that there will be one more round—a third, final round of global warfare. It will be more hor-



rendous than both previous world wars put together. Its projected carnage is beyond the comprehension of the human mind.

What is little realized is that the first stage of that war commenced when the Nazis went underground 57 years ago. With the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the unification of Germany in 1990, the pace of phase one of that strategy accelerated. Up to the outbreak of war in Bosnia and the subsequent fielding of German troops in the Balkans, stage one was in vogue—the *dramatic economic revival of the German economy*, together with the assertion of political, diplomatic and bureaucratic efforts to create a *common market* in Europe, in preparation for implementing a *common European monetary unit*.

Barely was the Berlin Wall razed and the ink dry on the instruments of unification when phase two of the battle plan was entered. This involved the forcing through by then German Chancellor Helmut Kohl of the acceptance of a federal currency—the *euro*—by a majority of EU member nations.

Phase two would be but mere preparation for phase three: the development of a *common security and defense force*, with the ultimate aim of enforcing European hegemony as far as possible around the globe, under, you guessed it, *German leadership!*

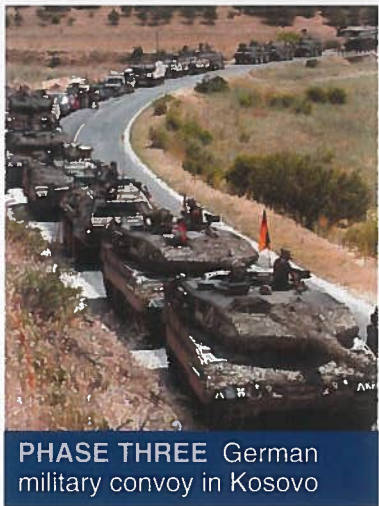
Phase three was quietly implemented with little fuss or fanfare. This involved the creation of conflict in the Balkans. Thus followed the German-Vatican recognition of Croatia and Slovenia as separate states in the Balkans and their ceding from the old Yugoslav federation. With the Balkans destabilized, phase three of the plan for German domination of Europe swung into play.

German troops went into combat on foreign soil for the first time since the overwhelming defeat of the Nazi war machine. Following that, the rest was easy. The Kosovo conflict ended with a German general heading up the peacekeeping effort, actually commanding *British troops* that make up part of a “peacekeeping” force.

This military phase of the Prussian strategy for success, the third time around, will soon be cemented into place within the terms of the next EU Treaty when it is signed next month in Nice, France. In the meantime the EU rapid reaction force is proceeding well ahead of schedule, with its command structure due to be in place by March. Interestingly, the initial figure of 60,000 troops which was given as the ceiling for the size of this force has suddenly leapt to 230,000! The entire force is due to be combat-ready for any foreseeable theater of war, either within or outside of Europe, by 2003. Yet, with Javier Solana indicating that, in terms of EU institutional progress, development of the rapid reaction force is moving “at the speed of light,” this target could be advanced significantly.

The Master Strategy

The master stroke in all this is the overarching aggression of German *global corporatism!* You thought that globalization was empowered by the mighty U.S. economy? *Think again!* The U.S. economy is being used as a convenient tool to significantly contribute to the driving of the global economy while the unerring, masterful globalist strategy of those old Nazis reaches out to ultimately render the economies of Britain and the U.S., in particular, *immobile!*



PHASE THREE German military convoy in Kosovo

That master strategy took a powerful leap forward in 1996 when German takeovers of international businesses doubled. Not only that, but they doubled again in 1998. *The German globalist juggernaut is on a roll!*

The Western political economies are in decline. Britain and the U.S. are putting up little resistance to the onslaught of the Catholic-universalist/corporate-globalist attack by the European Union. As Professor Fouad Ajami said, about the Great War, “*men thought they had killed the beast, but they hadn’t.*” That beast was sorely wounded, but certainly not annihilated, in 1939-45. It rises before our very eyes, materializing as it sheds its corporatist sheep’s clothing to increasingly reveal

the militaristic tendencies of its true beastly form! (Rev. 13:1-2, 7).

Trouble on the Horizon

The liberal democracies of the West are failing at their moral heart! Their balloon economies only require a major reversal of the boom trends of past decades to collapse beyond the scope of any routine market correction. There’s trouble on the horizon, and the financial, corporate and oil cartels of the world know it! That’s *why* the flurry of meetings of the financial, economic, corporate, industrial and political gurus this past half-year.

But there is a *backlash* emerging from the public that could cause a feeling of insecurity and ripple around the Western democracies. Kosovo has not gone away, Saddam is still on his puppet throne, Bosnia steams, the Irish problem bubbles under the surface. Jerusalem seethes with violence, Indonesia continues to implode, and Russia lumbers up from its stricken repose to assert itself once again in the world political agenda—then there is *oil!* And underneath all of this bubbling global cauldron are the Third World problems, some of them seemingly beyond help. *It is hardly a time to relax.*

Liberal democracy is on the brink of failure—*final failure!* Arthur Schlesinger Jr. said, “If liberal democracy fails in the 21st century, as it failed in the 20th, to construct a humane, prosperous and peaceful world, it will invite the rise of alternative creeds apt to be based, like *fascism* and *communism*, on *flight from freedom* and *surrender to authority*” (*Foreign Affairs*, Sept./Oct. 1997, p. 4). That’s totalitarian authority in human hands—a sure recipe for *disaster!*

Watch the European Union! *Watch* the Vatican! *Watch* the EU Treaty of Nice meetings in France, December 7-8! *Watch* for Austrian fascist sympathizer Jörg Haider to meet with the pope in December. Continue to *watch* Jerusalem. *Listen* to the final papal message for the Vatican jubilee year 2000 on December 25 and *read between the lines*. And as you watch, heed the words of Jesus Christ to His chosen disciples: “Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh...Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch” (Mark 13:35-37). ◆

BIG BUSINESS and the **BATTLE** of the **PEACE**

DIGITAL STOCK

The chilling, undeniable facts of how U.S. and German companies supported the Nazis and paved the way for Germany's third attempt at world domination

BY GARETH FRASER

AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II, Germany lay smoldering in the ashes of defeat. At the same time, a lone voice warned that the nation's will for global dominance had not been broken, and that it would rise again—once final time. That lone voice warned that Germany had prepared a blueprint for the resurrection of the German Reich, long before its crushing defeat by the clenched fist of the Allied powers.

The late Herbert W. Armstrong's warning came in May 1945, to an audience of *World Tomorrow* listeners, during the San Francisco United Nations conference: "Men plan, here, to preserve the PEACE of the world. What most do not know is that the Germans have their plans for winning the BATTLE of the peace. Yes, I said BATTLE of the peace. That's a kind of battle we Americans don't know. We know only *one kind of war*" (*Autobiography*, vol. II, p. 114).

This time, it would not be a conflict

where stony-faced, jack-booted stormtroopers took Europe by blitzkrieg. Rather, well-spoken, professional businessmen, equipped with the weapons of the new Euroforce—a three-piece suit and briefcase to match—would head the battle. The war waged by the underground Nazis was to be one fought in corporate boardrooms, restaurants, hotels, at political functions and through international diplomacy. But to accomplish their ultimate goal, they needed the help of big business in the United States.

The Corporate Plot

As Germany licked its deep wounds, Herbert Armstrong warned of its third blueprint for global ambitions. "THE NAZIS WENT UNDERGROUND, MAY 16, 1943!—two years BEFORE *the war ended!* The German generals, scientists, industrialists, bankers and others knew that World War II was lost.

"So at that time they organized themselves FOR THE FUTURE. The most thoroughly organized secret government of modern history began to function—UNDERGROUND!" (*Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*, lesson 3).

A declassified U.S. intelligence document dated November 7, 1944, proved Mr. Armstrong's warning right. The document confirmed that on August 10, 1944, at the Hotel Rotes Haus in Strasborg, France, the unholy alliance was ratified. Key military and corporate personnel were present. The SS, Navy, Krupp, Rochling, Messerschmitt, Rheinmetall, Bussing, Volkswagen and others agreed to prepare for a post-war *commercial campaign*. Remember, *all companies* in Germany were influenced, dominated and administered according to the will of the National Socialists.

Commercial contacts and business links with U.S. companies that were established prior to the war had well positioned Germany for this commercial battle. These corporate stormtroopers were directed to increase the strength of Germany through their exports and establish a secure post-war foundation in foreign countries, including the U.S.

American Involvement

As has been proven by extensive follow-up investigation, remarkably, a number of *American* financial and industrial kingpins of World War II—even several members of the government—readily cooperated with their German corporate counterparts.

Declassified documents prove the longstanding relationship between U.S. companies and Nazi Germany. These companies filtered money through various international accounts to front companies prepared, before war's end, to fund Germany's third attempt at global dominance. They amassed fortunes throughout the war as they stoked the fires of the Nazi industrial engine—in addition to contributing to the Allied war effort.

U.S.-based, Nazi-sympathetic companies identified in the declassified documents were Ford, General Motors, American SKF, American Bosch, Chase and Morgan banks, Standard Oil, International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation (ITT) and Radio Corporation of America (RCA). These and many other U.S. companies supplied vehicles, industrial components, money

and communications assistance to the Nazi war machine before and during the war, favoring the *love of money over national loyalty*.

So rampant was this American double-dealing that on December 13, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law the



“The tycoons were linked by an ideology: the ideology of Business as Usual. Bound by identical reactionary ideas, the members sought a common future in fascist domination, regardless of which world leader might further that ambition.... When it was clear

of their country into accounts in Spain, Switzerland, Argentina, Chile and Turkey. The money was used to purchase hundreds of companies and establish foreign bureaus from which to further the corporate fascist cause. In 1949 the Petersberg Treaty was signed by the Allies, and the new Federal Republic of Germany was born.

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“Trading With the Enemy Act,” designed to instigate U.S. corporate denazification. But this mammoth task was severely hamstrung by a high degree of both German and American corporate resistance.

Years later, in 1944, Roosevelt wrote a letter stating that he was committed to the destruction of the Nazi weapons of *economic warfare*. Quickly thereafter the Department of Justice assembled a team to investigate corporate cooperation with the Nazi cause.

Unbelievably, that team included representatives of General Motors and bankers who had themselves financed the Teutonic incursion. James Stewart Martin, a young lawyer assigned to the case, inquired as to why representatives of Nazi-sympathetic companies were leading the investigation. His questions met with mute response. Every avenue investigated turned up no hard leads. Corporate roadblocks faced the investigators at every turn.

Writing in his book *All Honorable Men*, Martin pointed the finger at American business: “We had not been stopped in Germany by German business. We had been stopped in Germany by American business. The forces that stopped us had operated from the United States but had not operated in the open.” Needless to say, the efforts at halting the disloyalty largely failed.

Business as Usual

At the close of the war, Nazi-allied companies and business executives were instructed by the fatherland to reorganize their efforts and aid in the reconstruction of Germany as a national trading giant dominating global business.

Charles Higham, in his compelling book *Trading With the Enemy*, factually recounts the Nazi corporate plot and details the underhanded tactics of a *fraternity* of U.S. companies sympathetic to the fascist cause.

that Germany was losing the war, the businessmen became notably more ‘loyal’ [to the U.S.].

“Then, when war was over, the survivors pushed into Germany, protected their assets, restored Nazi friends to high office, helped provoke the cold war, and insured the permanent future of The Fraternity” (pp. xiv-xv).

After the war, Germany began to rebuild; new life began to stir in the shattered fatherland. *The corporate elite had not accepted defeat*; they had signed no papers of surrender. The Nazi military machine may have been overcome, but not its *corporate stormtroopers*. “The massive defeat they suffered during World War II did not refute the innermost convictions of many fascists, who kept pining for the day when they might again inflict their twisted dream of a new order on much of the world” (Martin A. Lee, *The Beast Reawakens*, p. 11).

Meanwhile, by the 1945 Yalta Conference, President Roosevelt was nearing death. Harry Truman waited in the wings to replace him. The timing of the change of guard in the White House

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was perfect for the Germans: The Truman administration failed to fully complete the corporate denazification process Roosevelt had started.

Rising From the Ashes

Thus, as the Allies began to relax, the German corporate juggernaut once again shifted into high gear. Germany’s economy quickly began to grow and develop. Nazi officials were placed back into their former jobs BY THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS!

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By 1950 the mayor of Cologne, Konrad Adenauer, became chancellor. One year later he admitted 134 former Nazis, men and women who had served under Hitler, into high posts in his Bonn government. Then, in a stunning display of defiance, Germans again began to sing their national anthem, “Deutschland Über Alles”—*Germany over all*. Adenauer would later have the anthem shortened to “Über Alles,” citing foreign misunderstanding of the intent of the lyrics.

Over 1952-53, Deutsche Bank guru Hermann Joseph Abs convinced the Allies that Germany couldn’t pay its \$20 billion debt to its enemies. The debt was consequently reduced to \$14 billion. The passage of time was softening the West.

As the Allies met with resolute opposition by America and German business at every turn, rather than getting tougher with them, these governments’ will to dismantle Germany’s corporate war machine waned. *Germany was finally left to denazify itself!*

Deutsche Bank, Lufthansa and VW (removed from existence only briefly after the war) returned under the same names and under the stewardship of many of the same fascist leaders, who were now training the Aryan youth to

carry on *the cause*. GERMANY HAD SURVIVED! Its corporations and business leadership remained intact. The country entered a period of economic boom.

The ’60s and ’70s saw companies regenerate and consolidate. Establishing pockets of influence all over the world and deepening their attachment to the United States both diplomatically and corporately, THE GERMANS WERE FOOLING THE WEST. *The plan was working.*

By the 1980s, the U.S. felt they had done very well at teaching Germany a valuable lesson, and decided that it was time to withdraw from Germany. With

the U.S. gone (and Russia as well), the Germans were free to consolidate their power. In 1989 the Berlin Wall fell and East and West Germany reunited.

The coming decade would place Germany in its strongest economic position since its defeat at the hands of the Allies. A united Germany then cast its corporate eyes squarely on the U.S.

Buying American

Half of today's top ten European companies are German: Daimler-Chrysler, Volkswagen, Siemens, Metro and Veba. Having established themselves firmly throughout Europe, Germany's corporate colonels have turned their economic panzer divisions toward the United States.

Reborn German conglomerates like Daimler-Benz, Deutsche Bank, Allianz, Siemens, Bayer,

acquisition strategy for development in the United States. They have taken full advantage of the prevailing climate of weak, ineffective, morally decrepit politicians and corporate elite who have no affiliation with the home team other than the lust for money.

Nine years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, it was reported that "large German companies are in the midst of the biggest concentration in their core competencies and the strongest portfolio restructuring since World War II" (*Financial News*, July 6, 1998).

Deutsche Bank and the German empire were born together and have always remained inseparable. In 1998 the bank's acquisition of Bankers Trust created the largest financial services company in the world. This past September, news leaked that Deutsche Bank was considering buying U.S. bro-



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BASF, Hoechst, Lufthansa, Bertelsmann, Thyssen, Heidelberger, Mannesmann, Volkswagen and BMW gathered as bees to the hive, ready to launch their ultimate conquest of corporate America. DECADES OF GROUNDWORK HAD BEEN LAID FOR THIS THRUST FORWARD.

A former editor for *Der Spiegel*, Werner Meyer-Larsen, recounts in his shocking book *Germany, Inc.* the premeditated intentions of German corporations toward the United States. "Most German companies now setting sail in the direction of America have troubled pasts. The larger and more important they were then, the more it is assumed they were involved in the corporate system of the Nazi regime" (p. 20).

Inroads into the American economic landscape by German firms have been steady, discreet and significant. Hundreds of takeovers, friendly and hostile mergers and acquisitions of small, medium and large U.S. companies line the German corporate war chest. Many of these German conglomerates have more money at their disposal than medium-size states. Their revenue is sometimes even higher than the budget and gross domestic product of entire nations! All of these companies have executed a *carefully planned*

kerage jewel J.P. Morgan. Germany's third-largest bank, Dresdner Bank, agreed to buy Wasserstein, Perella and Co. for \$1.56 billion. Dresdner has now gained access to a powerful client list that includes giants Phillip Morris and Time Warner.

In 1998 the parent of Daimler-Benz agreed to buy Chrysler Corp. for more than \$37 billion. In addition, Daimler-Chrysler recently acquired Detroit Diesel, the giant manufacturer of diesel engines. The company's revenues for 1999 were \$2.4 billion, with Freightliner (a Daimler-Chrysler company) as its largest single customer. The combination of the world's fourth- and fifth-largest truck engine builders ensures that their sales volume will pass Volvo, Cummins and Caterpillar—making Daimler-Chrysler the world's number-one builder of truck engines. This enhances its current status as *number-one commercial vehicle manufacturer in the world.*

Thyssen-Krupp merged in 1998, forming Europe's largest and the world's third-largest steel producer. They have walked an extensive path of expansion in the U.S., acquiring companies in Colorado, California, Michigan and Mississippi.

Germany's insurance giant Allianz recently completed the \$3.3 billion purchase of Pimco Advisors Holdings. The all-cash acquisition makes Allianz, Europe's second-biggest insurer, the world's sixth-largest money manager, with \$650 billion worth of investments under management. In addition, Allianz has expressed interest in acquiring privately owned U.S. fund manager Nicholas Applegate.

German companies that have settled in the industrial parks of America have enjoyed rich success. One such example is BMW, which selected Spartanburg, South Carolina, as the manufacturing base for its Z-3 roadster. With unemployment high in the region due to losses in the tobacco industry, the German firm was welcomed with open arms. Daimler-Benz followed suit and established the manufacturing location for its M-class in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Deutsche Post recently bought Airborne Express, snagging the third-largest courier company in the U.S. This takeover included Airborne's international airport, the United States' largest privately owned airport.

In September of this year, German utility company RWE purchased British Thames Water for \$4.3 billion. This also netted it a solid standing in the U.S. through New Jersey's water supply (E'Town), which had been recently acquired by Thames Water.

Perhaps the most recent advance is Deutsche Telekom's keenness to take over the nationwide U.S. wireless telephone company VoiceStream.

Regulators are calling for Deutsche Telekom to reduce its government's 58 percent stake in the company. German officials have already promised that the government will drop the level to 44 percent and eventually zero. (U.S. law prohibits an American telecommunications company from being bought by a foreign company that is more than 25 percent government owned.)

Democratic Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina has voiced opposition on Capitol Hill to the Deutsche Telekom-VoiceStream takeover. Hollings, a World War II veteran who fought in Europe, is concerned about the national security implications of permitting a foreign power to claim a large piece of the national communications network. "It's lunacy to think we're going to sit back here and give away America's tele-

communications to the foreigners. We can't depend on the German government to always be friendly" (*Washington Post*, July 13).

However, most expect that the deal will eventually go through, considering the U.S. government's support of the market-opening rules of the World Trade Organization.

Other German-U.S. mergers and acquisitions have been announced recently in the legal, chemical, pharmaceutical, manufacturing and financial service industries. Most of the U.S. companies that have been acquired are renamed and brought under the direction of the parent headquarters in Germany.

Illusion of Peace

While the required government approvals continue to be quietly rubber-stamped, it appears *America is oblivious to the frightening reality of the specific intentions of the reborn German corporate juggernaut.*

Noting how before World War II those in Britain wanted to believe that all was well, Winston Churchill poignantly said, "All will seek the ILLUSION of peace." Today, America is seeking the illusion of peace while the corporate battle rages.

In short, AMERICA IS ASLEEP—intoxicated by the love of money (1 Tim. 6:10). Government officials, regulators, business executives and the general public are clearly deceived. Germany is perceived as an ally, a *friend*, a trusted neighbor with a wayward past—reformed by the fluttering



As we look through the lens of time at the phenomenal strides made by German business, we see that the United States has *already* lost that BATTLE. It lost the BATTLE of the peace between World Wars I and II and again is losing the BATTLE of the peace following World War II into the foothills of World War III.

Germany has waited patiently for its enemy to rest, to become comfortable, before it exposes its talons in a blitzkrieg *military* attack!

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into its country. The U.S. draws down and closes long-held bases in Germany, giving them to a former enemy, while allowing Germany to establish a permanent military facility at Alamogordo, New Mexico. The signing of an open-skies treaty now permits German aircraft to make surveillance flights over the U.S., conducting joint military exercises on U.S. soil. In addition, America encourages the European Union as it separates from the West with Germany as its undisputed leader. In its own backyard the U.S. compromises national security and economic stability by signing off on the largest mergers and acquisitions in history.

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stars and stripes. PUBLIC OPINION COULDN'T BE MORE WRONG. Herbert Armstrong's warnings, now proved beyond doubt by declassified intelligence documents, have gone unheeded.

Mr. Armstrong's 1945 warning over the airwaves continued, "We don't understand German thoroughness. From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically planned, in such eventuality, the third round—World War III!"

of men, women and children massacred at Auschwitz, Treblinka, Belzec, Sobibor, Chelmno and Lublin. We have *forgotten* how a nation was galvanized by its antisemitic hatred. We have *forgotten* that U.S. companies sheltered, supported, aided and abetted Hitler's fascist final solution.

It is time to WAKE UP, AMERICA! Hear the message of Herbert Armstrong and of this magazine (Ezek. 33:11). We must realize that the German plan is *steadily* reaching its climax! God prophesies to America and

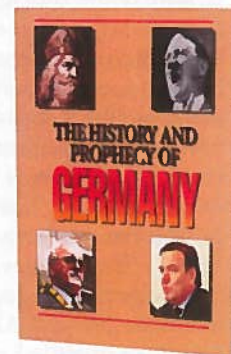
Britain that He will raise up Germany, a nation we are treating as our "lover," and bring them against us (Deut. 28:43; Ezek. 23:22). As the U.S. continues to turn away from God, defiling the very principles of His commanding law upon which its Constitution was founded, God warns that He will bring this punishment upon us (Deut. 28:49-53). America has *forgotten* God, and He desperately wants America to turn back to Him. However, this unrepentant country will have to learn the hard way—through pain and suffering.

It is now startlingly clear that, following its *carefully laid plans*, Germany has successfully used the United States to further its own global ambitions.

The BATTLE OF THE PEACE is about over. The tribulation of World War III is coming. This time the United States WILL NOT be victorious. Because of national arrogance and sinful practices that have come from our *rejection* of God's governing law, the American people will suffer as never before (Matt. 24:21-22). However, this suffering is for a very great purpose—to draw them back to God. Soon both the U.S. and Germany will submit in *unity* to the government of God.

For those who yield themselves NOW to the almighty, unseen hand, there is a way of escape (Luke 21:36). They must *have an ear to hear* and come out of today's sin-sick world to support the ONE voice that increasingly trumpets the final watchman warning to all peoples, nations, tongues and kings (Rev. 10:11). God will provide shelter from the coming storm. That way is open to you. Will you make the right choice? ◆

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The EU's Dangerous New SECRECY Policy

The European Union recently introduced new secrecy rules that restrict the public from knowing what EU officials are doing on a number of military and civilian matters. Here is what is behind this dangerous turn of events!

BY ERIC ANDERSON

THIS SUMMER, THE *INTERNATIONAL Herald Tribune* released a startling article on the European Union that should have been splashed across newspaper headlines everywhere.

The article, written by Barry James, reported that European Union leaders have recently adopted new secrecy rules that limit the public's right to know what EU officials are doing on a wide range of military and civilian matters. The European Council, the Brussels-based administration representing EU governments, ratified the rules at the request of Javier Solana, the secretary general of the council and the EU's high representative for foreign and security affairs.

The article said, "The rules, adopted in an unpublicized written procedure in Brussels while the European Parliament was on vacation, are likely to cause a political uproar...particularly because Parliament is currently attempting to increase rather than decrease openness on EU matters..." (Aug. 26).

According to the newly adopted rules, information may be withheld

from EU citizens on a broad range of security issues: public security, the security and defense of the Union or one of its member states, military or non-military crisis management, international relations, monetary stability, trade policy, court proceedings, inspections and investigations. Even low-level information would be classified if it concerned a non-EU country, and would be released only if that country's government gave written permission.

However, the secrecy rules directly oppose the government's repeated promises of greater openness in its decision-making. What's more, the rules will now enable NATO and non-EU governments to veto disclosure of EU documents. The new security code also clashes with a commitment in the 1997 Amsterdam Treaty that upholds the rights of citizens of EU countries to have access to EU documents. Furthermore, it modifies an European Council decision on the mandatory public registration of its documents.

Britta Lejon, the minister responsible for public access to documents in

Sweden, said she found the council's action "distressing," adding that although secrets had to be kept, this did not mean that whole categories of documents had to be concealed.

The British civil rights monitoring group *Statewatch* made similar remarks, and said that the decision would "impinge in a major way" on EU citizens.

The EU's new secrecy rules undoubtedly violate citizens' rights. What is truly scandalous, however, is the manner in which those rules were enacted this summer—and what impact the EU's control over the flow of information will have on the democratic peoples of Europe.

Hidden Agenda

One London-based newspaper reported on how the new secrecy rules came about. Apparently, Javier Solana had the rules "drawn up in secret" and "in cooperation with his successor as NATO secretary general, Lord [George] Robertson" (*The Guardian*, Aug. 31).

Why would such a drastic policy change need to be kept under wraps? And brought about without the consent of Parliament?

Even more amazing is that the newly concocted information policy was rushed straight onto EU law books on August 23 via "written procedure"—a sort of executive order which actually prevents dispute by the members of the European Parliament!

Now that the secrecy code has been ratified by the European Council, about all the MEPS can do is raise a general ruckus—it's already *too late* for them to effectively change the EU's new information policy!

How's *that* for democracy?

Already, several groups have denounced the council's decision.

Jacob Soderman, the European ombudsman (official government complaints investigator), spoke out strongly against the new policy. He said it was unnecessary, and a mistake to lump together military and nonmilitary issues. In an interview with the Finnish newspaper *Aamulehti*, he said that he felt Mr. Solana's appointment had been a "serious mistake."

The general secretary of the European Federation of Journalists, Aidan White, labeled the EU's underhanded move as a NATO-led "summertime coup" that "brings in secrecy by the back door." The less-restrictive infor-

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mation policy drafted by the European Commission, which had been in European Parliament discussions before their summer break, would have been quite adequate, the journalist federation said.

Hans Verploeg, general secretary of the Netherlands Association of Journalists, also condemned the EU decision as a “military coup—so clever in the middle of summertime.” He pointed out that the new laws in Brussels run contrary to the situation in his country, which has an American-style Freedom of Information Act. The Netherlands, which has enjoyed an open style of government for many years, will now have to conform to the more closed standards of the rest of Europe, he said.

The Netherlands has said they will open legal proceedings against the council’s secrecy code. Foreign Affairs Ministry Spokesman Floris van Hovell said, “We decided to fight this [decision] because we don’t believe all information should be kept secret. We want complete openness if it’s possible” (*AP Worldstream*, Sept. 25). Simply, the Dutch want secrecy to be an exception and not the rule.

The European Parliament, now returned from their mid-year break, is also considering taking legal action against the council decision. Yet, it appears their hands are already tied by the secretly conducted “written procedure.”

The Real Reason for Secrecy

Despite opposition, the European Council argued that theirs and Mr. Solana’s abrupt move was justified.

“Just imagine we were putting together a strategy for an EU defense against an attack by Libya,” said one council official. “You wouldn’t want people even to know you were dealing with that kind of information.... And you can imagine hundreds of situations like that.”

The council has admitted that their new secrecy policy would also cover plans to set up a 5,000-strong EU paramilitary police force and a rapid reaction force, which could be used to quell “violence,... armed conflicts” and “massive population movements” after a Kosovo-type conflict. The force is slated to be ready by 2003 to undertake operations in which the U.S. does not wish to participate.

The EU force reportedly will be able to carry out operations within and outside of Europe, fielding up to 60,000

men simultaneously with over 150,000 others in reserve. The Euroforce is also expected to include 80 warships and between 300 and 400 aircraft; its headquarters operations could be in place as early as March 2001—a full two years ahead of schedule. The headquarters would support a command staff of 90 officers, plus additional support staff.

On September 18, *ABC News* reported that “the United States, which initially viewed the EU force warily as a possible competitor to Washington-dominated NATO, now backs the concept and has even suggested it should have even more ambitious goals concerning force size and equipment...” (emphasis mine).

THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENSE FORCE IS THE REAL REASON BEHIND THE NEED FOR SECRECY. And who is pushing for a defense force the strongest? Germany. They, under the guise of the EU, have slowly and methodically planned their moves to power; and have purposely waited to develop a military force until near last.

In order to do this they first had to set up a European trade economy; next, a government had to be established to oversee trading. After the EU Parliament was put into place, then came the perceived need of a common currency—the euro.

European military union is fast becoming the successor to monetary union as the next big idea for Europe. Article J1 of the Treaty on European Union, which was instituted seven years ago, specifically states: “The Union and its member states shall define and implement a common foreign and security policy, governed by the provisions of the time and covering all areas of foreign and security policy....”

In the May 1998 *Trumpet*, we reported, “This is perhaps the most dangerous clause of all contained in the Treaty on European Union! It is this clause within the Maastricht Treaty, daughter of the old Pact of Rome, that spawned the European Union, which the EU leaders will use to legitimize their creation of a powerful combined military force that will startle the world with the ferocity of its future ‘peacekeeping’ missions!”

At their Cologne summit earlier this year, Europe’s leaders further committed themselves to creating a fully operational European military and an-



SECRET MATTERS Prodi (left) with Solana at a September EU foreign ministers meeting.

nounced their decision “to take the necessary decisions by the end of the year 2000” to make such a military a reality. They specifically mentioned the need to expand EU “intelligence, strategic transport and command and control.”

European Commission President Romano Prodi has maintained that establishing a unified European military will be his legacy. Gerhard Schröder of Germany, Lionel Jospin of France and Massimo D’Alema of Italy are all pushing for a European military.

What the German-led EU has achieved politically, socially, culturally and economically in recent years is becoming obvious to the whole world. The initial achievements were not blatantly obvious. Slowly but surely, however, certain *covert* actions are being revealed—such as the new secrecy policy.

The truth is, many of our leaders have either forgotten about or don’t really understand the history of Europe’s—primarily Germany’s—elite fighting forces! In addition, the majority of the American and British press and their readers are asleep to what is clearly, albeit deceitfully, happening in Europe!

Anti-Democracy

The Council of Ministers’ legislation on the control of information in the EU truly ought to concern all democratic-loving people. How can the citizens of the EU know what its government is up to if they—or their Parliament—can no longer have access to defense or security documents?

Throughout history, so many scandals, crises and sensational events have

had their origin in government secrecy. Communism *thrives* on secrecy, as does National Socialism. Certainly, the EU's lock-down on information is an example of classic fascism in action!

World War II actually began with the *psychological* warfare of propaganda, infiltration, subversion and demoralization that was proffered by a restriction on the public's knowledge of what was truly happening at the top! Plainly, these are the same tactics being employed by today's EU council and Mr. Solana—and these tactics will eventually lead to World War III!

God's word, the Holy Bible, has much to say about the future of Germany and the nations of Europe. You'll find these plans prophesied in Daniel 2 and 7, and even more specifically in Revelation 13 and 17. The building up of the German-led EU—which will eventually consolidate into a group of ten nations or ten power blocs—is the final resurrection of the ancient Holy Roman Empire.

Throughout history, Germany has usually been the military will and power behind the Holy Roman Empire. As our editor in chief wrote in the *May Trumpet*, "It is time for the entire world to wake up to what is happening in Europe. THAT EMPIRE IS THE GREATEST PHYSICAL DANGER ON THIS EARTH TODAY!"

At the right moment, a few short months or years from now, the new leader of this European combine will appear suddenly in the public eye. He is already in action behind the scenes, but he still works under cover. Prophecy does not specifically identify the man. He could be a German. However, we won't have to wait much longer to find out!

Daniel 11:21 says this new *fürher* will come in by *secrecy* and *flatteries*—using tactics not unlike the current leader of the EU. He will deceive people into believing he is a "peacemaker," but his real purpose will be to make war! ♦

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Book ban *from page 5*

church members viewed Tkach Jr. as an unknown *outsider*.

But what about Joseph Tkach Jr.'s *spiritual* qualifications? That he freely condemns and judges the character and work of a dead man goes without saying. But what does that scathing condemnation say about his own spiritual roots? He grew up in a "heretical" church led by an uneducated "racist." The founder of his own church, Tkach Jr. says, did *not* receive *any* of his distinctive doctrines from God, but from "extreme and even heretical" Protestant groups. As a young man, Tkach Jr. went to school at Ambassador College, Mr. Armstrong's "indoctrination camp" where students were "brainwashed" into accepting the church's heretical doctrines and "pressured" into getting baptized.

And yet, *amazingly*, it was within this purportedly satanic environment that Tkach Jr. somehow became *converted* and was *ordained* as a minister. Here is how he tries to explain his most unusual spiritual pilgrimage: "By the time I was baptized [at the "indoctrination camp" in 1971, we might add], I *already had a saving relationship with Jesus Christ*—even though it was en-crustured with layer upon layer of theological barnacles."

As Mr. Tkach Jr. knows, Mr. Armstrong taught that those who endure *to the end* "SHALL BE SAVED" (Matt. 24:13). In saying he received salvation *before* his baptism in 1971, which falls in line with more traditional Christian beliefs, he is basically admitting that he lived a lie while Mr. Armstrong was alive.

What I'm wondering is this: How can Mr. Tkach justify receiving salvation before 1971 when all he had ever known was "Armstrongism"? How can he say Mr. Armstrong's followers were "programmed not to talk much about Jesus," while at the same time saying that "Jesus was central to our faith"? How can he accuse Mr. Armstrong of abusing power while also saying Mr. Armstrong made the right decision in appointing his father as successor? How can he call Mr. Armstrong's teachings heretical and yet somehow consider Armstrong's church "Christian"? How can he reject everything that has to do with Herbert Armstrong and yet, at the end of his book, imply

that Mr. Armstrong received salvation and made it into heaven?

The answer is simple—cognitive dissonance. Joseph Tkach Jr. *has to* believe these contradictory ideas to somehow justify his own spiritual identity—to make sense of his own complex life.

What confusion.

Our mission is much less complex. We believe and adhere to the teachings of Herbert W. Armstrong.

Always have—always will.

That's why we reprinted *Mystery of the Ages*. The WCG can say what they want about our distribution of Mr. Armstrong's works. But they are the ones "confiscating property" and committing "corporate theft." They are the ones banning books that do not agree with their interpretation of Scripture. They are the ones who have lied to their own members and to the courts. They are the hypocrites.

Of course, they would deny all of these charges, even in the face of *overwhelming* evidence. Why?

Cognitive dissonance.

Over the years, they've gotten pretty good at believing contradictory ideas. ♦

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would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Rev. 13:12-15).

The prophecy of this ghastly martyrdom would be difficult to believe—if not for the fact that the same church destined to fulfill it *has done this very thing repeatedly through its tainted history!* This will be the worst carnage ever mounted in pursuit of that terrifying goal of false *religious unity!*

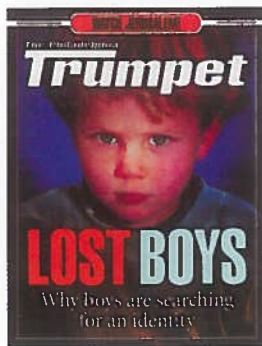
But the living God of heaven and the true Jesus Christ are not observing impassively as this great church, misappropriating Christ's name, labors to fulfill its universality in history. They are watching intently, full of emotion, ardently anticipating the day when they will put an ultimate end to its bloody exploits.

Here is the prophecy of that end: "How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, *I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: FOR STRONG IS THE LORD GOD WHO JUDGETH HER. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning*" (Rev. 18:7-9).

Today, this church is rising before our eyes, making these prophecies leap off the pages of the Bible for those with the eyes to see. Before Christ returns to right its wrongs—to destroy it, out of His *truly* righteous duty—its ascendancy will shock the whole world into "stunned horror." If you believe your Bible, you must understand that God never prophesies in vain (Isa. 55:10-11). Every word is certain to come to pass.

But after that church's reign is abolished, Christ will establish His Kingdom in righteousness. He will then re-educate the entire world in a pure, true universal religion—worship of the one true God. "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord..." (Jer. 31:34).

At last, the world will enjoy genuine, lasting, religious unity. ♦



Lost Boys

«The content of your September/October issue, as usual, is crammed full of 'need to know' information. The article on 'The Lost Boys' is excellent. The denigration of masculinity has long been a thorn in my side.»

Billings, Mont.

I THINK STEPHEN FLURRY DIDN'T GO BACK far enough in "Lost Boys." What I got out of the message was that women are responsible for the world's sad state of affairs, and boys are suffering because of it. Well, my good man! It is my observation that whoever has the authority in the home is the one who abuses it.

Sacramento, Calif.

I WAS NOT SURPRISED TO READ ABOUT THE sharing of Jerusalem in the Trumpet. It's time to say "enough is enough" to those leaders who want to share this holy place. The Bible tells us plainly that when we see these things happening, the end of the world is near. I wish all Jews would have the chance to read this article.

Jerusalem, Israel

I HAVE BEEN READING YOUR MAGAZINES and booklets for about four years now and have found them very informative and encouraging. You tell what is happening and relate it to what the Bible says. What more could I ask for?

Sigatoka, Fiji

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCELLENT, INFORMATIVE and intelligent articles. How the world needs to be informed! I have been aware for some time now of the subtlety of Satan as he introduces more and more high-tech filth into the minds of our youth—as well as parents. Your article "Harry Spells Danger" says it perfectly.

Lake Panasoffkee, Fla.

European Union

BEING A KEEN OBSERVER OF EUROPE, I study the history thereof. Thanks to your articles it's easy to fill in the gaps that modern media leave out, especially concerning the EU. History repeats itself, though doesn't condemn those who remember it. Keep sending your message in news stories to the world; keep the trumpet sounding.

Victoria, Australia

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE *TRUMPET* each month. Your message about Germany and the EU and China and Russia's actions for the future are consistent and persistent. Anyone who reads the *Trumpet* with an awareness of history should be able to see the dangers you predict.

Callahan, Fla.

THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL AND enlightening article titled "The End of British Democracy," by Rodney Atkinson. I am saddened by the plight of the British citizens.

Detroit, Mich.

BEING A CHINESE WHO MOVED TO NEW York City four years ago, I am upset with what you wrote in the Sept./Oct. edition. You increased animosity of the American reader toward the Chinese government. China and the USA are like two giant hands holding the Pacific Ocean. It is childish to try to break and destroy the little peace between the two countries.

Flushing, N.Y.

WHEN I GET THE *TRUMPET* I CAN HARDLY wait to start reading and don't want to put it down. I like the way you explain the Scriptures. I wish all our schools could be like the one you are going to build. All our children need to be taught how to live.

Concord, N.C.

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Problems Still UNresolved

The UN is revealing its ineptitude at making this world a better place. Any other options?

AFTER THREE DAYS, ABOUT 200 FIVE-MINUTE SPEECHES (some longer), 85 nations signing nearly 300 treaties and, of course, 91 “orderly” demonstrations, the Millennium World Peace Summit at the United Nations in New York came to an end this September. Over 185 meetings occurred between government leaders at the United Nations, not including the dozens held in hotels and other New York venues.

It would appear, from these figures, that the UN had a successful gathering. However, while UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan called the summit “a defining moment for the leaders and for the United Nations,” plenty of skeptics claimed “it was only a feel-good public relations exercise” (United Press International, Sept. 14).

What was *accomplished* by the 191-nation organization? Primarily, a broad, nine-page declaration listing six “fundamental values” essential to international relations: freedom, equality, solidarity, tolerance, better management of the environment and, lastly, a sense of shared responsibility of all nations in managing the global economy and social development.

This document actually may cause more harm than good. Here is why. The UN, according to the declaration, will strive to uphold the *sovereign equality* of all states, as well as respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence. But at the same time, the UN will also strive to uphold the right to *self-determination* of peoples. This presents a problem for many nations in territorial disputes right now. Consider how Chechens, Tibetans and Kurds could preach from the memorandum stating they demand freedom and “self-determination,” while their “mother” countries—Russia, China, Iraq or Iran—could argue back from the same UN memorandum stating that THEY deserve “respect for their sovereignty and territorial integrity.”

Here, in the most concrete accomplishment of the summit, planting seeds for MORE WAR might have been the major achievement! Believe it or not, words to that effect were sounded by the late Herbert W. Armstrong back in 1945, when he attended the inaugural session of the United Nations. He *predicted that day*, “I do not see PEACE being germinated here, but the seeds of the next WAR!” He said the UN was producing “nothing but strife and bickering” and that it was “destined from its inception to end in total failure.” Strong words to proclaim on such an optimistic day.

But how true they have turned out to be. The summit even saw the United Nations trying to bolster its reputation

as a more worthy “peacekeeping” force by expanding its mandate: “that the United Nations regularly intervene in *civil wars* when the human stakes are high.” But does this not contradict its original 1945 charter? Was the UN created to stop war WITHIN nations or BETWEEN them?

This last-ditch effort to salvage its reputation will create more problems and further damage the credibility for the organization. The UN, in sticking its nose in intranational wars and ethnic conflicts, would have to be able to assign blame: *Which side is the good guy?* Could this possibly work? The UN cannot even be successful at KEEPING “peace” (consider the botches in Rwanda, East Timor, Kosovo, Sierra Leone). Now they want to try their hand at MAKING peace?

The fact is, as Herbert Armstrong predicted over 55 years

ago, the UN will not be able to keep or make peace, within nations or between nations. In fact, it will only increase the possibility for *more conflicts*, intra- and internationally.

Finally, the summit produced a number of bold pledges to be turned into reality within 15 years.

By 2015, the UN aims to cut in half the number of those who earn less than one dollar a day and those who suffer from hunger. In the same year, it declares that ALL CHILDREN ON EARTH will be able to complete elementary education, that each gender will have equal access to education, that maternal mortality will be cut by three quarters, the mortality of children under age 5 will be cut by two thirds (not addressing how this will significantly cause more problems for population control) and that the HIV/AIDS epidemic will be reversed. And the UN resolved to spare no effort to free humanity “from the scourge of war.”

However unrealistic these goals are for the UN to achieve, they WILL be achieved by a *different power* VERY SOON. The Almighty God, in *His* inspired document, canonizes a pledge that He will free the world from the scourge of war. It will be a time of peace among and within nations. It will be a time when, yes, all children will have equal access to education regardless of gender, and all will complete their education. The AIDS and HIV epidemic will be wiped out; maternal, infant and child mortality will not merely be cut down but TOTALLY ERADICATED! And not at the expense of an uncontrollable population explosion.

Our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*, written by Herbert W. Armstrong—who so vividly predicted the UN’s bleak future—explains this awesome, utopian future awaiting this planet. Write for it today!



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Tobago—CCN 7:30am, Sun
Trinidad—CCN 7:30am, Sun

Middle East and Africa

Algeria—Star World 1:00am, Sun
Bahrain—Star World 1:00am, Sun
Cyprus—Star World 1:00am, Sun
Egypt—Star World 11:00pm, Sun
Ethiopia—Star World 12:00am, Sun
Iran—Star World 1:30am, Sun
Iraq—Star World 11:50pm, Sat
Israel—Star World 11:00pm, Sat
Jordan—Star World 11:00pm, Sun
Kuwait—Star World 12:00am, Sun
Lebanon—Star World 1:00am, Sun
Morocco—Star World 1:00am, Sun
Oman—Star World 1:00am, Sun
Palestine—Star World 1:00am, Sun
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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