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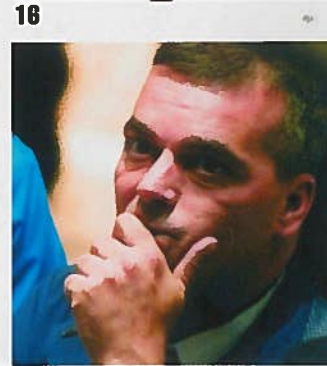
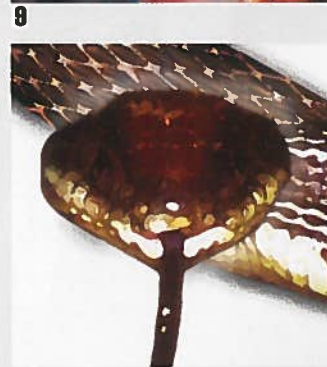
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Where Are We Now in Prophecy?

This past May, I gave a message to our Church members that we are living in the “last hour” of this present age. (We documented this fact in the last issue of the *Trumpet*). About four months later, the United States suffered the worst terrorist attack ever. Is this a sign of the times? Will things in this world ever be the same again? Where are we now in prophecy?

The “last hour” prophecy was recorded by the Apostle John: “Little children, it is the *last time*: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the *last time*” (1 John 2:18). *Time* is translated from the Greek *hora*, which literally means *hour* (it reads this way in the Revised Standard Version). This is the *only* place this expression is used in the New Testament. We are living in what God terms the “LAST HOUR” of this evil world!

John thought it was the last hour before Christ’s Second Coming, then, in his time. He was, as we know today, nearly 2,000 years off. He was off in his timing, but every explicit detail of this prophecy is NOW BEING FULFILLED. Jesus Christ, the one giving this revelation, allowed John to write it under this impression so it was recorded prophecy for OUR DAY.

When Herbert W. Armstrong came on the scene, he proclaimed that we were living in the *end time*. NOW WE’RE RIGHT DOWN TO THE LAST HOUR. John is talking about the *last hour* of the last day. I believe that this last hour specifically began when God recently revealed to His people what is in I, II and III John.

In a sermon in May, I said *we should expect this last hour to be different than any other hour in the history of man!* Just four months later, the face of the world changed dramatically. The terrorist attack of September 11 changed so much. Many people have mentioned how the world will never be the same again—how it’s almost as if we are in a new world. THE WORLD HAS ENTERED ITS LAST HOUR! IT IS PLAIN FOR ALL TO SEE!

This is one of the darkest times in the history of the land of America. It is the last hour. There is nothing in history to measure it by. It’s going to be that bad.

However, at the end of the *last hour* will come the greatest news this world has ever heard.

The terrorist attacks of September 11 were quite unsettling to me. Yet, I know what God says is coming, and it will be many times worse than those attacks. It’s been said that the devastation at the World Trade Center (WTC) looked like a nuclear winter. We are about to see a *real* nuclear winter that we cannot even imagine—if our people don’t repent.

Satan is about to inflict a “great tribulation” (Matt. 24:21) on the nations of modern Israel (which include the United States and Britain). But there is a preliminary stage that will bring these countries down. A dreadful, horrendous time is coming upon this Earth, even before the Great Tribulation.

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All

these are the beginning of sorrows. ... And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and *then shall the end come*” (Matt. 24:3-8, 14).

After the gospel has been preached, an “end” comes—the end of the Philadelphia era of God’s true Church (see Rev. 3:7-13). After Mr. Armstrong, the leader of that era, died in 1986, antichrists came on the scene (termed the “synagogue of Satan” in Rev. 3:9).

Continue the flow in Matthew 24 to see the next event that will begin to take shape on the world scene. “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)” (Matt. 24:15). When Mr. Armstrong died, Germany and the Vatican really began to gain power. (For more information, write for our booklet *Germany and*

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What have we learned?



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The date was instantly seared into America's memory. Within a space of two anxious hours that morning, 19 angry zealots hijacked four commercial jets and rammed them into the beating heart of the country's mighty economy and military—reducing the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center to rubble, carving a yawning hole in the Pentagon. September 11, Americans stared in wide-eyed horror at the grisly, smoking remains—remains of an era of perceived **power and invincibility suddenly past.**

Then horror gave way to fear. Anger. Vengefulness. Defiance. As the president declared war on terrorism, as security in public buildings, in airports and at borders was stiffened, the rallying cry came to **return to life as usual.** Any alteration in the way you live, they said, would amount to a terrorist victory.

But wait. **What did we learn from September 11?** Just that we need tougher airport security? That there are bad people out there? The late surge in patriotism and religion comes from a need to draw deeper lessons. **We need answers** to why thousands died in that disaster. "Life as usual" isn't good enough.

In this special issue, the *Trumpet* asks—and answers—the questions raised by that black day. Why did this happen? How could anyone hate so much? Where was God? Will the world ever be the same? We look too at the avalanche of events since the attack, which have produced more questions. Will we ever be safe again? How will this affect global affairs? How will the war on terrorism end? For the answers, we consult the one unimpeachable Source there is, the Bible. And **we take God at His word.**

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED September 11, God was everywhere: on signs, in song, at school and sporting events, in government. But where was God on September 11? And for all His popularity since that date, why was God so unpopular *before* September 11?

It might be more fashionable to talk about God than it was a few months ago, but mere talk is the shallowest form of religion. Jesus scolded the seemingly religious of His day by saying, “[W]hy call ye me, Lord, Lord, and DO NOT the THINGS WHICH I SAY?” (Luke 6:46). He likened mere *talk* about God to a house without a foundation that washes away in the first storm that comes along.

True religion, Jesus said, is hearing what God says AND DOING IT! *That* is religion with substance. *That* is a “house” built on STONE.

Blessings and Curses

Say what you will about God, but know this: He was fully capable of preventing what happened on September 11.

But He didn't.

The question is, WHY? This is the question our foremost religious leaders have not been able to answer. The reason they have no answer is because they cannot conceive of a God *who actually sends curses*.

Doesn't it seem ironic that, after something as tragic as September 11, we sing “God Bless America”? Obviously, God is capable of blessing our land and our peoples. In fact, HE HAS! *There's no denying it.* But isn't He just as capable of *cursing* our peoples?

He is if we believe Leviticus 26. What few people realize is that this remarkable prophecy actually pertains more to our time today than it did for the people of Israel in Moses's day. (Write for *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* to understand the duality of this prophecy more fully.)

Leviticus 26 is *the* fundamental prophecy of the Old Testament. In this central prophecy, God tells His people that He will bless us with rain in due season, fruitful crops, peaceful living, protection from enemies and much, much more *if*—and this is a mighty big *IF*—we will keep His sabbaths, reverence His sanctuary, walk in His statutes, keep His commandments, “AND DO THEM” (Lev. 26:2-3).

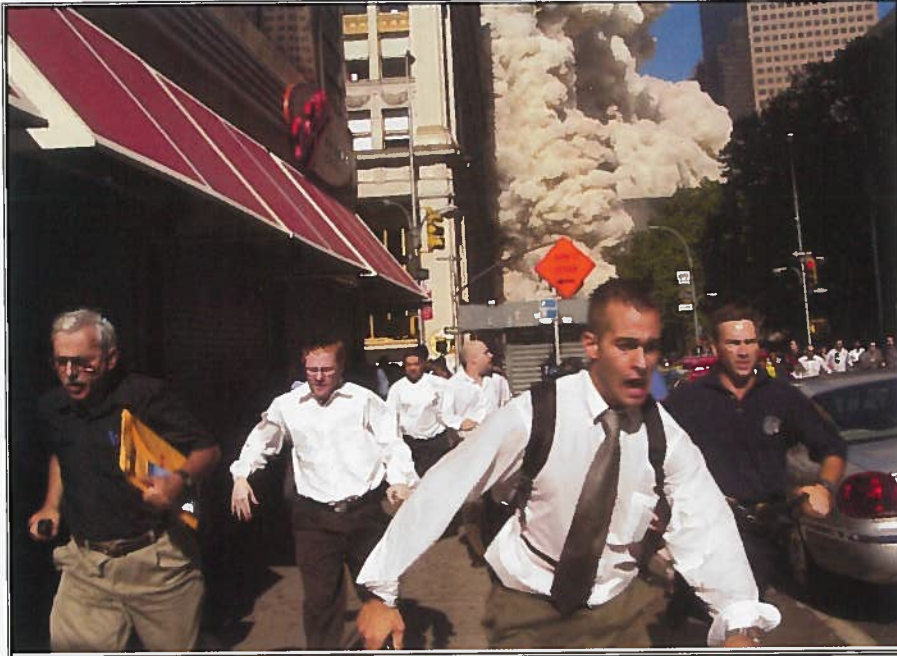


God Bless America

Why politicians, theologians and commentators cannot explain September 11.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

At the Trade Center ruins



"But if ye will not hearken unto me . . . I will even appoint over you terror."

And what if we disobey? God answers: "But if ye will NOT hearken unto me, and will NOT do all these commandments; And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not DO *all my commandments* [remember what Jesus said about true religion?], but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you TERROR . . ." (vv. 14-16).

What a frightening scenario! The God of love actually bringing terror? That's what the Bible says. (In the New Testament, in case you are one of the many who reject the Old Testament as being too harsh or outdated, James 4:12 says, "There is one lawgiver, who is able to SAVE *and* to DESTROY . . .") The Hebrew word for *terror* in Leviticus 26:16 means sudden destruction, alarm, dismay, fear and panic.

Americans are now well familiar with these realities.

Notice verse 17: "And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and *ye shall flee when none pursueth you.*" Think about the anthrax scare in the wake of the terrorist strikes in September. There have been a few scattered incidents, and yet politicians, news agencies and civilians were frightened to open their mail! Look at what a handful of enemies can do to terrorize the masses.

"And if ye will not yet for all this *hearken* unto me, then I will punish you *seven times more* for your sins" (v. 18). God says it will just keep intensifying unless we hearken unto Him. That word *hearken* means to *hear, consider* and OBEY. God wants true religion.

"And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass" (v. 19). The *Trumpet* has referred to this scripture a number of times. America's military power is unprecedented, but it lacks the will to use it. Look at what it took for us to *finally* do something! And even America's show of retaliation has, thus far, been a cautious, coalition-conscious strike against a tiny group of Muslim extremists known as the Taliban—a governing body the rest of the world does not even recognize.

But what about the string of terrorist acts that led up to September 11—those we did nothing about? The *first* World Trade Center bombing, the American base in Saudi Arabia, Khobar Towers, the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, the u.s.s. Cole. Terrorists have been emboldened by America's broken will in these instances. Years of skittishness over losing single soldier in combat created a climate that ended up costing over 6,000 civilian lives in a single day.

Now, after the most inconceivably brutal terrorist act imaginable, Americans seem unified in the fact that we

had to respond militarily. What does God have to say about this? "[Y]OUR STRENGTH SHALL BE SPENT IN VAIN . . ." (v. 20). God does not give us all the details of how this will play out. Prophecy does indicate, however, that in the end, America will NOT eradicate terrorism from this Earth.

Why? BECAUSE WE HAVE FORSAKEN GOD! "And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you *according to your sins*" (v. 21). That is a frightening thing—to be punished according to our sins.

Why is it so difficult for us to conceive of a Father who *blesses* His children when they are OBEDIENT—and who lovingly CORRECTS them when they go astray? God is a God of blessings—and curses. And after an unthinkable curse like September 11, before singing "God Bless America," we should ask, *why would God allow this curse in America?*

According to Our Sins

For as popular as it is to talk about God now, it remains decidedly UNpopular to discuss the subject of sin. Jerry Falwell brought the subject up immediately following the attack and was lambasted with a firestorm of rebuke! *Beef up airport security—lock down borders—bomb terrorist camps—sacrifice the lives of marines if you have to—BUT DON'T TALK TO US ABOUT OUR SINS!* we say.



"Ye shall flee when none pursueth you."

Shame on us. After suffering such a *curse*, can we not take an honest look at ourselves? Shame on our RELIGIOUS "LEADERS" for failing to help us look deep within ourselves for answers to *why* September 11. (Falwell quickly apologized for his remarks, saying he

was merely making a “theological point” that had been misunderstood.)

If we are now turning to God for help in these trying times, we had better be prepared to look into this subject of sin. God, in the *New Testament*, defines sin as the transgression of His LAW and says the wages we receive for committing sin is DEATH (1 John 3:4; Rom. 6:23).

This is a serious subject.

There is nothing wrong with paying tribute to those slain in the attacks or applauding the heroic acts of rescue workers and passengers who gave their lives to save others.

But this does not make New York or the rest of America righteous before God. Isolated acts of human goodness cannot mask the fact that America has forsaken God. And New York, in particular, has come to represent the decadent, godless, sinful lifestyle we Americans revel in.

Jesus likened these latter days to the days of Noah, before the Flood, and the days of Lot, before he fled Sodom (Luke 17:26-30). In both cases, those “days” were noted for their material excess—drunkenness and revelry, crime and violence, extreme sexual perversion and upside-down families. These are the sins most prevalent in Western nations today—*especially* America.

Why didn't Jesus say the end time would be noted for its Muslim fundamentalism, the evils of fanatical regimes, the oppressive abuse of women and children, the senseless acts of suicidal terrorism? Aren't these sins too? Of course they are. Will these evil acts go unpunished by God? Not at all. God is no respecter of persons (Rom. 2:11). He will deal with the sins of our enemies in due time.

But right now, He is chiefly concerned about OUR SINS.

Jesus focused on the sins that persist in *our society* because we are the peoples who should be setting an EXAMPLE for the rest of the world.

Abraham Lincoln once said, “We find ourselves in the peaceful possession of the fairest portion of the Earth.” God has BLESSED America—and Britain—above all other nations on Earth. To understand why, we again refer you to *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. It's a MUST read. God gave us these blessings, because of Abraham's obedience (Gen. 22:16-18), so that we might be a model society—to show, as

Lincoln noted, “that those nations *only* are blessed whose God is the Lord.”

But we, as a people, have forsaken God. Lincoln continued, “We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation ever has grown; but we have forgotten God! We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.”

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“Your strength shall be spent in vain.”

Imagine what Lincoln would say today about the many sins our people declare openly before the whole world.

Dirty Nation

According to one federal study, 30 years ago, the total retail value of hardcore pornography in America was around \$10 million annually. Today, just *one* popular pornographic website can bring that in on its own. Another study says the number of people visiting porn websites has *doubled* over the past year—which even outpaces the yearly number of new Internet users.

God bless America? We're known the world over for being the runaway leader in pornography production.

John Patterson commented for the *Guardian* in London, “For U.S. pornographers, the Clinton era represented eight years of expansion. The Justice Department adopted a hands-off role.... Day after day, revelation by revelation, it seemed the U.S. steadily became a dirtier nation. Porn statistics confirm this. There are now 25,000 adult bookstores in the U.S.; 10,000 new hardcore video titles are released every year, *up from 300 in 1980*. Last

year saw 711 million porn rentals, and the industry's annual turnover is now close to \$10 billion a year” (March 9).

God bless America? When you consider these staggering statistics, you have to ask, why should He?

Timothy Egan, in a *New York Times* piece, attributes part of the increasing popularity of porn to the ease at which it can now be obtained. It's no longer necessary to get in your car, go to the shady side of town and pay money to enter an adult theater. Today, pornography is easier to order than pizza—on the Internet, cable, pay-per-view, satellite TV, video rentals—all of it can be brought right into the comfort and privacy of your own home.

But we can't blame technology for our sins. Egan notes that COURT DECISIONS in the last few decades have helped give porn “broad legal protection.” The Supreme Court's 1973 decision in *Miller v. California* set the precedent, saying that pornography was illegal only when considered obscene to the “average person, applying contemporary community standards.” Of course, as societal moral standards drop, the “average person” becomes more and more evil, which is why pornography has become increasingly more vile and widespread.

Egan also blames the greed of large corporations that want a piece of the financial pie. “Whatever the phenomenon may say about the nature of American society, the financial rewards are so great that some of the biggest distributors of explicit sex on film and online include the country's most recognizable corporate names” (Oct. 23, 2000). General Motors, AT&T, Time Warner, Marriott International, Hilton, News Corporation—these, Egan writes, are “all companies that have a big financial stake in adult films and that are held by millions of shareholders.”

And, of course, these trends keep getting worse because of the “average” person's increasing appetite for perverted entertainment.

This is the ugly side of our human nature—the underbelly of U.S. society that politicians won't confront.

Immediately after the terrorist attack on September 11, you might remember President Bush saying that America was targeted because it was a “beacon of freedom.” And we are. No other nation offers such widespread opportunity and freedom as the United States.

But this is not why Islamic extremists hate us. They hate us, in large part, because of the *sins and perversions* these freedoms have given birth to.

What God Wants

In the weeks following the September 11 attack, leaders in society encouraged American citizens to go about their normal routines—to not change a thing. Any alteration in the way we lived, they said, would be the surest sign of a terrorist victory.

But hold on—forget about the terrorists for a minute. GOD is the one who *allowed* September 11 to happen. And if He allowed it to happen because of *our sins*, shouldn't we all *want* to CHANGE OUR WAYS?

God gets no satisfaction from seeing people suffer. He's just trying to get our attention so that we will turn to Him. "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: *turn ye, turn ye* from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek. 33:11).

What's so bad about *turning* from our own sins after an act like what happened on September 11—even if it was carried out by evil men? But that has not happened. Where have you heard anyone talking about real, sincere, LIFE-CHANGING repentance?

God says we have *all* sinned. We have *all* taken God's abundant blessings for granted. We have *all* rejected His ways. We *all* live for self, instead of God. Jerry Falwell only drew attention to a few specific sins in our society, and we, as a nation, would have none of it.

What will *you*, individually, do about it?

If you haven't received a copy, we urge you to request our free booklet, *Repentance Toward God*. This booklet will dramatically change your life—if you will let it. It would dramatically alter the course of this nation, if only our people would heed its message.

A God of Justice

To those who might consider this message unfair, God responds, "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not *My way* which is fair, and *your ways* which are not fair?" (Ezek. 18:25, New King James). There is nothing unfair about God's system of justice: "When a right-

The Future of Terror

BY GERALD FLURRY

HORROR MOVIES AND FILMS ABOUT national disasters have been popular in the U.S. for years. Now, it's as though the terrorist incidents on and since September 11 threaten to plunge the whole nation into a mammoth horror movie!

For horror-movie directors and terrorists, their most effective tools are 1) the element of surprise and 2) the invisible threat. Both creators of fear design their strategies to prey on the imagination.

The September 11 attacks caught America totally by surprise. The unexpectedness of the affront and injury deep in the heart of American culture made U.S. citizens feel suddenly unprotected and vulnerable. A sense of national insecurity was sparked in the public consciousness and ignited like a brush fire. Subsequent reports of anthrax attacks had people snapping up gas masks and antidotes.

The prevailing fear in America chillingly calls to mind these Bible prophecies: "I will even appoint over you TERROR ... I will send a faintness into their hearts ... and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth" (Lev. 26:16, 36). Truly, terrorists, mostly from smaller countries with little say politically or militarily on the world scene, must be glorying in their newfound power, provoking dread in the citizens of mighty America.

A Real Threat

But the world is now awake to the very real threat of terrorism on a massive scale. Experts today are discussing *mega-terrorism*. After the World Trade

eous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; *for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die*. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, *he shall save his soul alive*" (vv. 26-27).

This theme runs clear through the Bible! God is a God of blessings and curses, DEPENDING UPON HOW WE LIVE. God says if we live according to His ways, we will not only be spared from tragedy, we will be rewarded with abundant blessings.

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, *every one according to his ways*, saith the Lord God. Repent,



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and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: *for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*" (vv. 30-31).

The burden of responsibility falls on our own shoulders. When we find ourselves face-to-face with violence, bloodshed, misery and suffering, God wants us to stop blaming others for these curses and to look deep within ourselves. The reason He allows these types of problems to come upon us is so that He might GET OUR ATTENTION. He wants us to realize that we must *turn* from our evil ways.

Center attack, we can better understand what that means. The same experts are also predicting *nuclear* terrorism. That will be many, many times worse than what the U.S. experienced on September 11.

In the *New York Times* on September 12, William Safire said, "Along with the funerals, the grieving and the intelligence shakeup comes a grim recognition that America is at war, and this time our land is one of the battlegrounds. The next attack will probably not be by a hijacked jet, for which we will be belatedly prepare. *More likely it will be a terrorist-purchased NUCLEAR MISSILE OR A BARREL OF DEADLY GERMS DUMPED IN A CITY'S RESERVOIR.*"

Nuclear, chemical, biological warfare. A terrifying nightmare to contemplate. But how real it has become.

After the break-up of the Soviet Union, 80 tactical nuclear weapons went missing, and they have never been found. Tactical nuclear missiles are the kind terrorists can use.

History shows that any time a weapon has been available, it has *always* been used—it is just a matter of when. Thus, if the past is any indication of the future, certainly we should be alarmed.

After the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, an article titled "Must We Wait for the Nuclear Morning After?" appeared in the *Washington Post*. In this insightful analysis, Graham Allison warned, "[T]he oft-repeated assertion that with the end of the Cold War, the United States faces no direct or immediate threat to our security at home is DEAD WRONG. As the most open society on a shrinking globe, America's democracy is also MOST VULNERABLE TO TERRORISTS' ATTACKS. ...

"Second, MORE DEADLY ACTS ARE SURELY YET TO COME. As a consequence of the collapse of the former Soviet Union, a vast potential *supermarket* of more than 30,000 nuclear weapons, plus weapons-grade uranium and plutonium sufficient to make an additional 100,000 weapons, is becoming accessible.

... [W]e have every reason to anticipate acts of NUCLEAR TERRORISM AGAINST AMERICAN TARGETS BEFORE THIS DECADE IS OUT" (May 8, 1995; emphasis mine here and throughout).

What kept the terrorists from using these nuclear weapons in the World Trade Center attack? Was it their morals or their spiritual understanding? Obviously, no. The only reason they didn't use nuclear weapons is because, at this point, it simply wasn't possible to exercise that option—at least not the way they wanted it to be done.

September 11 made clear that there are MADMEN in this present evil world (Gal. 1:4) who will use whatever weapon is at their disposal. We must realistically ask ourselves, how long until NUCLEAR TERRORISM begins? Do we really understand the dangerous times in which we live?

Forewarning

The Oklahoma City bombing occurred six years ago. There was immediate concern over the options open to terrorists at the time. Have those options since decreased? September 11 proved that the answer is no.

Mr. Allison continued in his editorial, "Over the past year, dribs and drabs of nuclear material have begun to trickle out of Russia. THE FLOW IS INCREASING The current trickle FOREWARNS of an impending flow of nuclear weapons materials and indeed of weapons themselves."

How will the U.S. stop nuclear material from entering the country? A river of drugs is flowing into America—we can't stop it at our borders. Might someone be able to smuggle in some nuclear devices?

Others have forewarned of IMPENDING NUCLEAR TERRORISM. In 1995, the *Economist* reported, "[Nuclear] bomb building is an industry in which the barriers to entry are steadily falling: *The technology is widely understood; for anyone prepared to pay, the skills can be bought; though trade in the crucial parts and materials is controlled, NO CONTROLS CAN BE WATERTIGHT.*"



FOREWARNING Oklahoma City bombing

Can we recognize the *love* in God's actions? How can we be so critical of a message as hopeful as this?

The Coming Judgment

We have already noted that Jesus likened our end-time society to the days of Noah and Lot. The lesson from these two ancient societies is that *sin leads to destruction*. Individual sin leads to individual destruction. National sin leads to national destruction. Worldwide sin leads to worldwide destruction.

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made

man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart" (Gen. 6:5-6). Consider this from God's perspective. He had created humans to eventually be born spirit in His own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26)—perfect in righteous character.

But in surveying the landscape of human society less than 1700 years after He created the first man, God was actually sorry that He ever created human beings! "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them" (v. 7). This ancient worldwide cataclysm makes the World Trade Center disaster look like

child's play! And notice, GOD BROUGHT IT ALL ABOUT!

Of course, the intellectual elite of our "religious" society today would reject without discussion any talk of a worldwide flood ever having occurred. But it happened—as is confirmed by the Bible account, Assyrian and Babylonian manuscripts and numerous other traditions from ancient civilizations.

God wants us to learn the lesson from the Flood. Worldwide sin will precipitate worldwide destruction, unless we repent.

Notice verse 8: "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Noah's family of eight was spared because of Noah's righteousness. Civilization got

An unnamed Department of Energy official, who follows nuclear trends closely, was reported by *U.S. News & World Report* as saying, "It is a matter of *when* [the next nuclear weapon will be exploded], not *if*. It *will* happen" (April 17, 1995).

Those are chilling words. Cultural and religious hatred and the rage of revenge saturate our present-day societies. The *U.S. News* article makes it clear that a THERMONUCLEAR FIRESTORM is only awaiting a nuclear device in the right hands—that device may well be a "nuclear suitcase bomb hidden in an American city." Nuclear terrorism has gone beyond a *possibility* and has now become almost a *CERTAINTY*.

"Welcome to the *THIRD NUCLEAR AGE*. The first passed when the Soviet Union exploded an atomic bomb in 1949, ending the United States' monopoly of the nuclear secret. The second, when a small club of five nuclear powers managed a Cold War nuclear equation according to well-defined rules of deterrence and crisis management, is over too. Now the world is entering a *MORE DANGEROUS NUCLEAR ERA* as new and *UNPREDICTABLE PLAYERS* prepare to join the game" (ibid.).

The article then referred to the monumental problem of monitoring and enforcing the provisions of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT). "What the NPT won't do ... is stop governments that are *DETERMINED*, despite the penalties, to get the technology and materials they need to go nuclear *ON THE SLY*." It was only a few years later that India and Pakistan, to the surprise of the world, tested fully functional nuclear weapons.

How effective is the NPT? Theoretically, a treaty is honored by all parties—but the fact is, all men are not honorable. Many will deceive or even murder to achieve their perverted goals.

The *U.S. News* article went on to say that the terror attacks we've seen "indicate that extremist groups are *INCREAS-*

INGLY WILLING TO RESORT TO MORE DEADLY, UNORTHODOX WEAPONS. A top worry of senior FBI officials is that a terrorist group will acquire radioactive material—not to build a nuclear bomb but to create a 'dirty' conventional bomb that would contaminate a wide area if detonated. Such a bomb would *not* require weapons-grade nuclear material."

Perhaps a terrorist might hijack and explode a plane carrying nuclear waste as it is being transported, or crash an airplane into a nuclear power plant, or destroy industrial facilities which disassemble nuclear bombs. Carrying out any of these monstrous plots would pollute the environment with radiation and bring death on the wings of the wind.

So many opportunities remain open for terrorists, it is impossible to guard against all attacks. And God has prophesied that *evil men will grow worse and worse* (II Tim. 3:13). That prophecy, written more than 1900 years ago, is becoming increasingly relevant in our modern day.

The former prime minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, aptly said after the September 11 bombing that the *survival of civilization is at stake*.

A Grave Lesson

As surely as the ocean tides ebb and flow, a rising tide of terrorism has begun sending its grisly waves of death and destruction surging through the world. We are facing a high tide of unprecedented violence.

Dark clouds of nuclear terrorism are on the horizon. Because mankind is trying to solve the problem on his own, we will surely have to weather some terribly stormy and blood-drenched times ahead.

But at the end of it all, after Jesus Christ returns to put a stop to the madness of man and establishes God's government of peace on Earth, mankind will be able to recognize the lesson in the horror movie we are experiencing today. How desperately this world needs God's education and His righteous rulership, that we may put away the horror and learn to live up to our exalted, God-given potential. ♦

THE FUTURE OF TERROR

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a fresh start with Noah's family. But it quickly headed in the same cataclysmic direction as the pre-Flood generations.

This brings us to where we are today. Jesus said that prior to His return to this Earth, it would get so bad that the vast majority of mankind would end up dead. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should *NO FLESH* [no 'human being,' as it says in another translation] be saved [alive]; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt. 24:21-22).

In the end, you see, it goes far beyond the sins of America or Britain.

God will eventually bring judgment upon the *WHOLE WORLD* for its sins—the immoral, the suicidal, the God-rejecting—all of them.

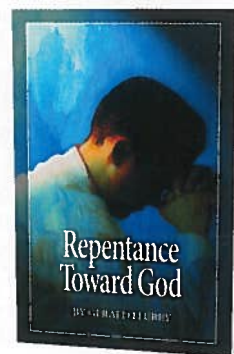
And were it not for a tiny group of "elect" people—just as in Noah's day—all of mankind would be erased from off the face of the Earth.

With this small group, however, Jesus Christ will set up a new civilization that, *finally*, *WILL NOT TURN AWAY FROM GOD'S WAYS*.

Never again, from that point forward, will God allow a terrorist act like we witnessed on September 11. That's because all people, in every nation, will be faithfully abiding by God's Word—striving to live His

way. God will remove the curses that have afflicted everyone, in every nation, throughout human history, and shower blessings unmeasured upon all mankind! ♦

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September 11 Global Aftermath

The Battle Lines Broaden

How Islamic jihad accelerates the new world order

BY RON FRASER

FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS, THE POST-war world experienced a Cold-War-induced hiatus—a period of comparative peace, stability and prosperity under a unique balance of power, as the United States and its allies faced off the Soviet Union over massive stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

Then, for ten years, following the implosion of the Soviet economic and political system, a singular superpower, the United States, held sway as global policeman, maintaining the tenuous peace in the post-Cold War period.

In the first quarter of this year, geopolitical events clearly indicated that the world had crossed the threshold from that brief epoch of U.S. dominance into a time described by foreign policy analyst Henry Kissinger of “perhaps the most profound and widespread upheavals the world has ever seen” (*Does America Need A Foreign Policy?*, p. 19). We had entered a phase which George Friedman of Stratfor described as a time when the whole global system was at stake, as a great geopolitical game was being played out in the new millennium. Nations, groups and alliances of nations began

to jostle for leadership and influence in the wake of obvious U.S. decline.

Then came the horror of the worst aspects of militant religious war, perpetrated in the unprecedented terrorist attacks on Manhattan Island and Washington D.C.

Since September 11, the world has skidded dramatically into an up-tempo polarization of power among three specific geopolitical groups that are destined to increasingly hold sway over the next half decade: the *Islamic Crescent*, a *United Europe*, and the *East Asian bloc*.

The demarcation between these three great power blocs will become increasingly evident in the months ahead.

Anglo-American Decline

Just a century ago, the world-ruling superpower was Great Britain. No nation has ever controlled so much territory, possessed such great resources, secured by so many strategic land and sea gates, backed by such a powerful naval force, as the nation of Great Britain at its peak of empire at the turn of the 19th century.

Today, Britain’s vast empire is gone—the power of its naval and mili-

tary forces vastly diminished, its moral character and imperial vigor sapped. The once highly effective and influential British diplomacy and the famous British methods of administration are now whittled down to the point where its efforts on the world scene are likened to those of a “silly dove without heart” (Hos. 7:11).

Even as Great Britain’s rise to power preceded that of its brother nation, the United States of America, so has its demise.

But now it is the turn of the American nation. Having reigned supreme as sole world superpower, the U.S. is entering its *greatest time of trouble*, that which Jesus Christ calls “the *beginning of sorrows*” (Matt. 24:8).

Though Britain has endured terrorism for decades, courtesy of the villainous Irish Republican Army, the U.S. was untouched by terrorist attacks on its mainland until that initial attack in 1993 on the World Trade Center. Then, in one brief hour on September 11, the reality of terror struck America—at the very heartbeat of two of its greatest icons, the financial hub of Manhattan, and the military brains of the Pentagon.

“On September 11, 2001, there occurred a discontinuity of such millennial proportions that it has been said that ‘the world will never be the same again.’ ... This harsh discontinuity, exploiting the element of surprise, affected everyone, paralyzing economic activity in the developed countries for the best part of a week or more, and altering the psychology of the West, and indeed of the whole world. In the nanoseconds in which around 7,000 were incinerated and murdered, economic agents, including of course consumers, lost confidence in humanity, in the future for themselves and their children, and in the likelihood of their very survival” (*Economic Intelligence Review*, Sept.-Oct. 2001).

Oil, Politics and the Saudis

Americans, in their extreme penchant for even-handedness, have been selling themselves the lie that most Muslims are peaceful folks. If this be the case, why is it that America’s own media continue to throw up perpetual video images of hundreds, even thousands, in Iraq and Pakistan, demonstrating against the U.S. and baying for the blood of American men, women and children?

Granted, the terrorists themselves represent the extreme of violent Islamic hatred. Writing for the British *Spectator* magazine, Stephen Schwartz indicates that the militant Islamic sect from which the terrorists hailed is the *Wahhabi*, dating from the very establishment of Islam in the seventh century. Schwartz indicates that the Wahhabi “are best described as Islamo-fascists, although they have much in common with Bolsheviks” (Sept. 22). (Small wonder, then, that they find some of their greatest sympathizers in the rank and file of neo-Nazi groups. “German investigators into terrorist ‘sleepers’ have switched their attention to right-wing extremists who could join forces with Islamic fundamentalists. Neo-Nazi groups applauded the 11 September suicide attacks on the United States, and thanked the terrorists for ‘knocking out’ the ‘common enemy’” (*Observer*, Oct. 7).)

Christopher Story, editor of *Economic Intelligence Review*, states that the Wahhabi preach “extremism of the most demonic kind.” Osama bin Laden is a Wahhabi, as are the suicide bombers in Israel. Wahhabi form ex-

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PEACEFUL? Pro-Taliban Pakistani protesters burn a U.S. flag.

treme elements in Egypt, in Algeria, the Taliban of Afghanistan, and the Kashmiri murderers of Hindus.

Among the 10 million-strong Islamic community in America, the Wahhabi doctrine is rampant—as it is among over 2 million Muslims in Britain and over 1 million in Australia. It is estimated that over 80 percent of the mosques in the U.S. are under the influence, if not control, of Wahhabi imams (leaders), daily preaching extremism within the very nation which has given them freedoms and blessings they could never experience in their home countries.

Why is this tolerated? Why the big lie—in the face of the history of Islam and the fact that its founder, Muhammad, was a religious warrior—foisted onto Anglo-Americans that Islam is a peace-loving religion? The answer is simple: *oil!*

The apparent paradox is that, although Osama bin Laden has publicly sworn to destroy the royal family of Saudi Arabia, it is the Saudi princes who subsidize the Wahhabi extremists. And the wealth they enjoy, in turn, comes from the United States’ exploitation of Saudi Arabian oil.

American statesmen such as George Bush Sr. and James Baker have, since the 1960s, supported the ruling house of Saudi Arabia in the interests of maintaining the flow of oil from that country. In reality, by condemning every country that houses and supports those who contribute to the terrorist ideal, America condemns itself!

Although its adherents will not agree, Islam, by its very nature, is inherently extreme. In its purest form, it tolerates no accord with those who do not submit to its claims. They are collectively regarded as “the infidel.”

In this sense, Islam and Roman Catholicism, in particular as practiced by the Vatican via the Crusades of old, are on a par. While they both preach peace, it is ultimately a peace which can only be obtained by either the forceful conversion or elimination of the unbeliever. The IRA and its political lackey, Sinn Fein, are the Wahhabi of the Roman Catholic Church. Britain has suffered their demented attacks for decades.

All Fall Together

In four massive blows on September 11, the U.S. has now been brought into the bloody limelight of overt terrorism suffered by both Britain and the tiny nation of Israel during much of the post-war period.

A placard held aloft by an Islamic demonstrator in the wake of the U.S. bombing of Afghanistan said it all: “KILL BIN LADEN—NO!—BUSH, BLAIR AND SHARON YES!” How prophetic is the reality of the murderous thought behind that statement.

Over two-and-a-half millennia ago, a prophet of Almighty God declared such a curse would descend on the houses of Israel and Judah, primarily the U.S. and British Commonwealth and the Jews of today. All three of these cultures exhibit deep, self-inflicted wounds at their moral and spiritual core. Their wounds appear irreversible, given their continuing rebellion against God.

In a most condemning prophecy, the Eternal God declares of biblical Israel (primarily the Anglo-American peoples today), Ephraim (Great Britain) and Judah (the modern nation of Israel), “I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled. They will not frame their doings

to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the Lord. And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: *therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them*" (Hos. 5:3-5).

The U.S. and Britain, and their allies, supported by Israel, have entered what is basically an unwinnable war. It is a war which, as Stratfor declares, must be fought on four or more fronts. A war that risks sapping the energy, morale, economies and social cohesion of the allies. A protracted, debilitating war that will gnaw at the vitals of declining Anglo-American influence in this world, leaving them most vulnerable to the whim of the emerging *three great power blocs* that will seize the opportunity to divide control of the global system among themselves.

The Beast Arises

The European Union's reaction to events on September 11 is worth noting.

Surprisingly, German President Johannes Rau publicly stated that this horrific terrorist attack on the U.S. mainland gave no reason for the U.S.

to go to war! He preferred a civil action against the perpetrators. While the British and French leaders lost no time visiting Washington in displays of support, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder bode his time and belatedly visited New York a month after the attack. Within three weeks of agreeing to support U.S. retaliation for the strikes on New York and Washington, Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt, whose country currently holds the EU rotating presidency, asked the EU to re-evaluate its support in relation to whether or not the U.S. strikes in Afghanistan were "targeted."

The EU treads a wary line between its intentions to become the prime peace negotiator in the Middle East and its concern at reports that extremist Islamic terrorists active in Britain, Germany and Italy were plotting chemical weapons attacks in Europe.

Another concern that the EU has is that, having decided to pursue development of its own electronic-satellite intelligence and GPS-equivalent systems separate from those of the U.S., it not be compromised in any effort by the Anglo-Americans to share in intelligence-gathering in the war against terrorism.

Hard on the heels of a German declaration of support to the global coalition effort to fight terrorism, the German cabinet rushed through a US\$1.4 billion financing package to accelerate the outfitting of Germany's armed forces, in particular the Luftwaffe, military-commando and special-operations units.

Chancellor Schröder, seeking German parliamentary support for a German contribution to the war against terrorism, declared, "The attacks on New York and Washington have nothing to do with religion" (*The Week in Germany*, Sept. 21).

WOBBLY SUPPORT

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IRA/al-Qaeda Link?

THOUGH MILITANT Catholicism and militant Islam may seem to make odd, if not impossible, bedfellows, it seems that the common hatred that each holds against the Anglo-American establishment is far stronger than the opposing philosophies of their religions. Reports have surfaced which indicate that the Real Irish Republican Army (IRA) terrorists and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network are in collusion.

The prime facilitator in this relationship appears to be the Basque terrorist group ETA. Both the Real IRA and al-Qaeda have strong connections with ETA.

The common currency that links these terror groups is drugs. A Scottish newspa-

per recently wrote, "Bin Laden's terrorist organization is known to control massive quantities of opium and raw heroin, while the Real IRA is suspected of being heavily involved in drugs trafficking" (*The Scotsman*, Oct. 17).

The Spanish *El Mundo* newspaper reported that the Real IRA are involved in laundering cash for al-Qaeda. It is rumored that bin Laden's bagman for Europe recently set up house in Dublin, Northern Ireland.

All of this bodes ill for the U.S. and its coalition against terrorism. It is only time before Britain is targeted by militant Islam for its support of the U.S. war against terrorism. With the



FIREFIGHTING TERROR Firemen put out an ETA car bomb blaze in October.

Real IRA in a position to give Islamic terrorists intelligence on Britain's soft-spots, the anti-terrorist coalition could soon see the efforts of its leading lights, America and Britain, diverted from their common cause as they are distracted into fighting the war on terror on their home turf.

With three Protestant paramilitary forces ending their spasmodic seven-year cease-fire last month, attacks on Britain's soil from extremists such as the Real IRA could be lent extra and more deadly weight by involve-

ment and support from groups such as al-Qaeda.

"If the Real IRA had formed an alliance with al-Qaeda, it would have been in an exemplary position to provide the fanatics with many details—the home addresses of British ministers and politicians, sensitive military sites, potential targets and possibly the use of IRA safe houses in mainland Britain" (*ibid.*).

Already understaffed and spread thinly on the ground, if Britain is forced into deploying troops in Ireland in addition to strengthening security on the mainland, plus continuing its contribution to peace enforcement in the Balkans, this may well detract from its efforts to support the U.S. in any expansion of the coalition efforts to thwart Islamic terrorists in the Middle East and Eurasia.

This statement seemed at odds with Germany Interior Minister Otto Schily. Months earlier he had pushed for the deployment of special police detachments to control dissent within EU countries. He has since foreshadowed further draconian measures, promising to change German laws to restrict the free practice of religion.

All of these moves by Germany and the EU may appear appropriate, given the prevailing psychology following September 11. In reality they give excuse to those within the EU, particularly its leading nation, Germany, to accelerate an EU police-state of a nature that the world will soon regret.

Under the apt subhead "Make hay while the sun shines," the *European Foundation Intelligence Digest* had this to say: "The European Union is seizing the chance to centralize police and judicial powers in the flurry of activity which has been generated by the response to the terror attacks. ... In the longer term, the full centralization of domestic and judicial policy—as originally foreseen in Maastricht—is to be implemented [T]he extension of Europol's powers is already on the agenda for a meeting of the 15 EU interior and justice ministers next week. It is therefore likely that one of the last bastions of national sovereignty, justice and home affairs, will now finally fall to the EU: Brussels knows that the attacks in the USA mean that pressure can more easily be exerted in that direction. A list of measures is therefore being prepared, by, among others, the German Interior Minister, Otto Schily, to create an anti-terror unit within Europol. Schily knows a thing or two about terrorism, having himself been the lawyer for members of the Baader-Meinhof gang in the 1970s" (Sept. 20).

In a startling piece, unthinkable a generation ago, the *Washington Post* reported one other remarkable result flowing from the September attacks on the U.S.: "The NATO alliance plans to send five European radar planes to help protect the East Coast of the United States from attack, taking over responsibilities normally handled by U.S. aircraft that are taking part in the Afghanistan strikes The joint cooperation will place European troops, in this case *Germans, in charge of securing the safety of an American coastline*" (Oct. 9; emphasis mine).

Sensing the time was right, Mr. Schröder declared that Germany's militarily timid postwar role in world affairs has "irrevocably passed," broadening Germany's international role. How ironic that America's hour of trial becomes Germany's window of opportunity.



GETTING TOUGH Schily, Fischer, Schröder discuss new terror laws.

The attacks on New York and Washington have, in effect, given the green light to Germany in another area where they have deliberately held back, given their recent history. The Bush administration now has the opportunity to follow through on an early pre-election promise: the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe, giving Germany an ideal window of opportunity.

"From the start, the Bush administration has let it be known that as the operation unfolds, the United States will need to redeploy some forces out of the Balkans. ... 'We have some specialized units in the Balkans and committed elsewhere in Western Europe to specific European missions,' said a U.S. diplomat. ... '[W]e may have to pull out temporarily for some counter-terrorism operations'" (ibid.).

Sensing the time was right, Mr. Schröder made a move which Deutschland observers have awaited since the unification of Germany ten years ago: He declared that Germany's militarily timid postwar role in world affairs has "irrevocably passed" and that the country is ready and willing to send

troops abroad "in defense of freedom and human rights."

"The speech gave voice to a clear shift in German public opinion toward acceptance of the use of the military abroad, a taboo first broken in 1999 when German warplanes joined in NATO's bombardment of Yugoslavia. ... Political analysts here said immediately that today's speech, building on the 1999 decision to send Germans into combat for the first time since World War II, represented an important broadening of Germany's international role" (Washington Post Foreign Service, Oct. 12; see related article, p. 21).

How ironic that America's hour of trial becomes Germany's window of opportunity. Schröder's declaration is but further affirmation of the reality of our editor-in-chief's declaration in May this year that we have, indeed, entered that *last hour* of man's civilization. Write for a copy of our booklet *Germany in Prophecy* for a full explanation.

King of the South

Though the EU behemoth, under German leadership, emerges from the events of September 11 with its agenda for global domination greatly enhanced, it is truly the biblical king of the south, the Islamic Crescent of nations, dominated by the extremely anti-West Iran, which is the big winner in the wake of this horror.

Post-war Arabic history has been littered with division, strife and disorder—Arab pitted against Arab. Yet, increasingly over the past 40 years, and most particularly since the 1967 Middle East war, the Islamic movement has accelerated apace. The revival of Islam has spread rapidly throughout the Middle East, the Anatolian Peninsula and Eurasia up to the Caucasus, parts of the Balkans and Indonesia.

In parallel with this Islamic religious revival, the radicalism which has bred the anti-West terrorist movements has spread across the globe, depositing many of its adherents *within* the Anglo-American nations!

While there exist many of these fundamentalist extremist groups, they have lacked cohesion—even, at times, warring against each other. Yet, paradoxically, the threat to their existence posed by the U.S.-led coalition efforts could prove to be the very catalyst that unites them into a force that may in-

flame Muslim fervor in a great crusade against the decadent West.

"The predictable and recently begun military campaign against bin Laden and the Taliban threatens to embolden these fringe groups, expand their support base and give them an opportunity to revive popular opposition to their respective governments. ... As the U.S.-led military campaign against the Taliban heats up and fighting in Afghanistan pulls in a variety of factions, radical fringe groups in many Islamic countries are likely to grow" (www.stratfor.com, Oct. 8).

It may well be that the majority of Muslims are peace-loving people. But the point is that the most aggressive force within Islam on the political and religious fronts is the Wahhabi movement that has spawned **TERRORISM**.

An apt parallel exists in Ireland. Most Protestants and Catholics in Ireland would choose to get on with their lives peacefully, without the disruption of terrorism. Yet it is the extremist minority of the IRA-Sinn Fein which is the most powerful force in Irish politics today. As our editor in chief has explained with regard to Islamic fundamentalism, "Only a superior power could ever stop this extreme Islamic movement!" (*The King of the South*, p. 7; write for your free copy).

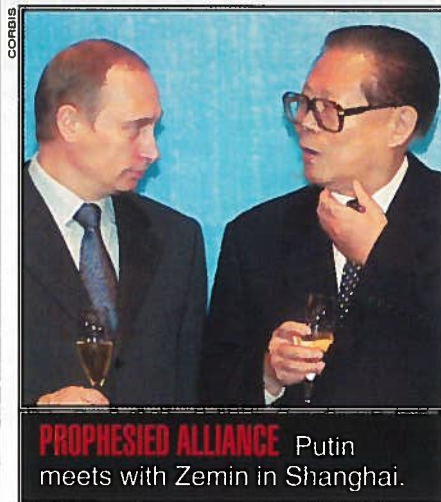
Biding its time as events shape up in the Middle East is the most dominant Muslim nation of all: Iran. The Iranians have a long-term goal in mind which was concisely articulated at the close of the Gulf War: "The political significance of a revitalized oil industry, although not clearly spelled out by Iranian officials, is obvious. Becoming second to Saudi Arabia as a world oil power, Iran expects to further its greater ambition of being the most important regional power in the Persian Gulf, a long-held foreign-policy objective" (*New York Times*, Nov. 7, 1992).

The rising Euro-empire, the biblical "king of the north," is even more heavily dependent upon Middle East oil than is the U.S. It will probably be concern for continuance of supply of this vital energy source that brings the king of the south, an Iran-led Muslim combine, to blows with the king of the north.

The Eastern Hordes

Biblical prophecy indicates that the Asiatic hordes of the East will be domi-

For centuries, China and Russia have seesawed between enmity and collusion. Will it be their combined fear of Islamic incursions—within Russia from the Caucasus and within China from its western provinces—that finally binds these two great powers together?



nated by a combine of China and Russia (Rev. 16:12; Ezek. 38:2). Both the Russians and the Chinese have long memories and tend to think much longer term into the future than do the Anglo-Americans.

As Stratfor points out, "If the United States wants to fight an effective military campaign in Afghanistan, an alliance with Russia is essential" (www.stratfor.com, Oct. 2). During the 1980s, America supported Afghanistan in their war against the Soviets by providing arms. Choosing to war in Afghanistan places the U.S. at the behest of Russia. Russia's failure in its Afghan war heavily contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union. Thus, Russian President Vladimir Putin is in the box seat.

"There are only two bases from which to operate. One is Pakistan, highly unstable and capable of turning on the United States should certain factions gain control. The other base comprises the three independent [Russian-influenced] republics lining Afghanistan's northern border: Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. It would be very difficult to mount an effective military campaign without

this Central Asian base" (ibid.). This gives Putin powerful leverage over the U.S.-led coalition.

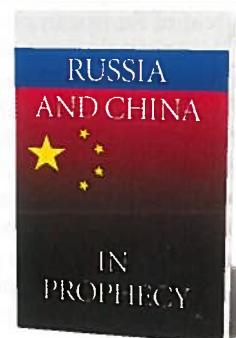
Watch for Putin to extract his pound of flesh from the U.S. America will have to pay a price for the continuance of this war in Afghanistan. "Such a price always strengthens someone who has the potential to become your future enemy" (ibid.).

China's interests in the war on terrorism hinge on their fears that any initiative mounted by the U.S.-led coalition that impinges on their borders may ignite a war on a wider front which could spread through Asia. Added to this is the prospect of Islamic separatism in China (such as obtains with the ethnic Uighurs in its western provinces) being exacerbated by U.S.-led action in Eurasia.

"[A]ny unilateral responses by Washington could trigger a wider war that could spread through Asia. ... [Beijing] fears Washington setting an international precedent for unilateral actions against sovereign nations, something that could work against China in the future. ... Chinese officials are concerned that domestic Islamic separatism may intensify in the wake of the attacks on the United States and any counterstrikes by Washington. ... Even more pressing for China, however, is preventing the United States from triggering a broader Islamic militant war. Regional media have already linked the Uighurs to Osama bin Laden and Pakistani militants, and China has long worried that they have ties to other Central Asian groups. With major Islamic communities spread around the nation, Beijing wants to avoid a repeat of the attacks in New York City and Washington in Shanghai or Beijing" (www.stratfor.com, Sept. 20).

For centuries, the Sino-Russian relationship has seesawed between enmity
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Quiet surrender

Four months after the Irish rejected the Nice Treaty in a referendum that upset the leadership of the EU, Britain surged ahead to approve it.

A small group of only 50 members of Parliament embraced the Nice Treaty on behalf of the British people. The six-hour debate witnessed their speeches echoing off empty benches. As the *Scotsman* observed, "What had been defeated with a bang in Dublin had been passed with barely a wimper in London" (Oct. 18).

The Nice Treaty, drafted last December, was designed to simplify the European Union's voting system to allow decisions to be made without bureaucratic paralysis as the Union prepares to receive up to 12 more members. For Britain, this means surrendering its veto over 43 areas of European policy. This is just the continuation of a process that began with the loss of 38 vetoes through the Treaty of Rome, 37 in the Single European Act, 41 at Maastricht and 19 at the Treaty of Amsterdam.

This willingness to place Britain under the authority of unelected officials in Brus-

sels foreshadows difficult times for British citizens.

Consider the incipient pan-European legal system based on *corpus juris*—a system already in place in much of continental Europe. Unlike Britain's present legal system (under which one is innocent until proven guilty), Europe's rules say the burden of proof lies with the accused rather than with the state.

This occurred recently in the case of British football fan Mark Forrester, who failed to overturn his conviction of being a "football hooligan," because he could not prove to the state that he was not a hooligan.

"[T]his Napoleonic approach to law is based on a radically different conception of the individual and the state from that which we understand. All 'rights' come from the state, and the state is more important than the individual. The law does not serve the public, but the public serves the law" (*Critical Journal*, Sept. 2001). The European police force, Europol, will already be able to operate on these principles within British territory as of next year.

One vital veto remains—at this point—which still presents an obstacle. The Nice Treaty must be ratified by all 15 EU nation-states, which means it should fail if the Irish refuse it in a second referendum.

However, shrugging off democratic process has become acceptable in the EU. As EU Enlargement Commissioner Gunter Verheugen stated following the first Irish *no* vote, "The outcome of a referendum in one country cannot block the EU's most important project" (www.eubusiness.com, June 8).

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◆ RUSSIA

Mixed signals

Communication between the U.S. and Russia during October's Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference in Shanghai produced mixed signals.

On the one hand, U.S. authorities and media resounded with praise for the "new relationship" of trust developing between President Putin of Russia and his U.S. counterpart. Sporting his usual deadpan facade, Vladimir Putin declared, "In this century, our strategic priority is a long-term cooperation and partnership" (*Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, Oct. 22).

President Bush indicated that this newfound warmth between Russian and U.S. leadership was shored up by Putin's reaction to the events of September 11.

"Vladimir Putin was the first person to call [after the September 11 attacks]," Bush said. "That's what a friend does, calls in a time of need, and he called" (*ibid.*).

However, it appears this may be a one-sided friendship. In an apparent foreign-policy cave-in, Washington was reported to have signaled recognition of Russia's right to a "natural dominance" in the region of the Transcaucasus.

Fear of the spread of Islam has motivated Russia's determination to halt the Muslim masses at the Caucasus Mountains. U.S. efforts to influence this region, capitalizing on Russian weakness following the Soviet's collapse, have met significant resistance from Russia.

Russia's TASS news agency reported that during the APEC conference Vladimir Putin made no bones about Russia reasserting its influence in the Transcaucasia region. Realizing that the U.S. will need access to Uzbekistan and Tajikistan as bases for operation in any continued conflict with Afghanistan, the Russian leader simply seized the initiative to reassert Russian authority in that region.

Another area where the two powers are at odds was confirmed at the APEC conference. Reinforcing his intention to push for a dismantling of the old Cold War antiballistic missile treaty, Bush declared that the recent ter-



NEW FRIENDSHIP? Putin and Bush in Shanghai in October

rorist attacks "make it clearer than ever that a Cold War ABM treaty that prevents us from defending our people is outdated, and I believe, dangerous" (*Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, Oct. 22).

Putin did not buy this argument. Meeting with President Jiang Zemin of China, he joined the Chinese premier in a declaration of mutual support for the old treaty.

If the mixed signals emanating from Shanghai in October are anything to go by, the U.S. president and Vladimir Putin will be far from seeing eye-to-eye in their coming summit in Washington and Crawford, Texas, during November.

◆ ITALY

Balkan role?

It is reminiscent of Mussolini's pre-World War II fascist government's involvement in the Balkans. Italy's right-wing Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, is considering the deployment of Italian military forces to aid in securing Balkan stability.

During a whirlwind visit to the U.S., Berlusconi was given a tour of the Pentagon, viewing damage caused as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11. Following Berlusconi's meeting with President Bush at the White House, U.S. Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz declared, "Italy has played a very big role in the Balkans, and obviously that's one of the places where we're feeling a certain amount of strain, so that's obviously a place where Italy might play a larger role" (*International Herald Tribune*, Oct. 16).

Earlier, conveying his eagerness for the Italian government to play a wider role in the situation that has developed since September 11, Berlusconi stated, "I'm here to express to you our desire to be as close as possible and to provide both moral and material support" (*ibid.*). The Italian leader obviously left no doubt that his defense forces were ready to serve on the soil of their Adriatic neighbors.

Italy has traditionally had a close relationship with Albania. It would therefore not be surprising to see them involved to a greater extent supporting the effort to secure Kosovo.

Such a move by Italy would suit the European Union perfectly. With a German general in charge of the peace-enforcement exercise in Macedonia, and the EU currently seeking a theater in



BERLUSCONI AND BUSH leave the Oval Office.

which to launch its new rapid reaction force, the die is cast for an EU takeover of security and defense in the Balkans pending an imminent U.S. pullout. Having Italian (EU) troops on the ground in the Balkans will just hasten and support this scenario.

◆ GERMANY

Controlling the tap

In a move which places the major waterworks in both Britain and the United States under German control, the Essen-based RWE group is cementing a deal giving it control of New Jersey-based American Water Works Company Inc. Having taken over British water giant Thames Water last year, the German conglomerate is wasting no time penetrating other overseas markets, particularly the U.S.

Takeovers in Australia and Chile indicate how widespread and aggressive the German market attack on strategic utility companies is. RWE is spreading its wings to embrace gas and electricity generation and distribution facilities, as well as waste management, in addition to its huge interests in water.

The current deal for American Water Works is a

real feather in the German giant's cap. It is the largest and most geographically diversified publicly traded water services company in the U.S. This acquisition will give RWE a presence in 44 countries on six continents, serving a combined population of 56 million.

Of concern, however, is that such large holdings of interests—which literally give control over the tap that controls the flow of water and energy to such a large area—have strategic implications. Having the hand on the tap gives a powerful bargaining position to Germany regarding any nation that may have a falling-out with them in the future. This prospect seems to escape those who permit such deals.

The industries involved in the massive takeovers of water, gas and electricity generation and distribution are handing over control of the basic resources upon which their nations depend for their daily operation and survival. While the merchants rejoice today over these transactions, the masses may have to pay the penalty for their short-sightedness tomorrow.

◆ ZIMBABWE

Socialism reasserted

Robert Mugabe, who has been Zimbabwe's only ruler as president since it gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1980, is reasserting socialism as its economic system after years of a lukewarm trial of market-based economics.

Though blessed with rich natural resources, Zimbabwe has been increasingly beset with economic difficulties in recent years. Wracked by

years of war and the world's highest AIDS rate, Zimbabwe has seen hundreds of millions of dollars drained from its economy. The problem was made worse when Mugabe supporters seized white-owned farms, which had generated much of the hard currency in the largely agricultural economy.

As if this weren't enough, Mugabe's strong-arm tactics in managing the economy, combined with rampant corruption in his government, are alienating the private sector, reducing foreign investment and drying up International Monetary Fund loans due to loss of U.S. support.

Threatened by economic collapse and a growing grassroots political opposition, Mugabe supporters have added fuel to the fire by killing black opponents and white farmers.

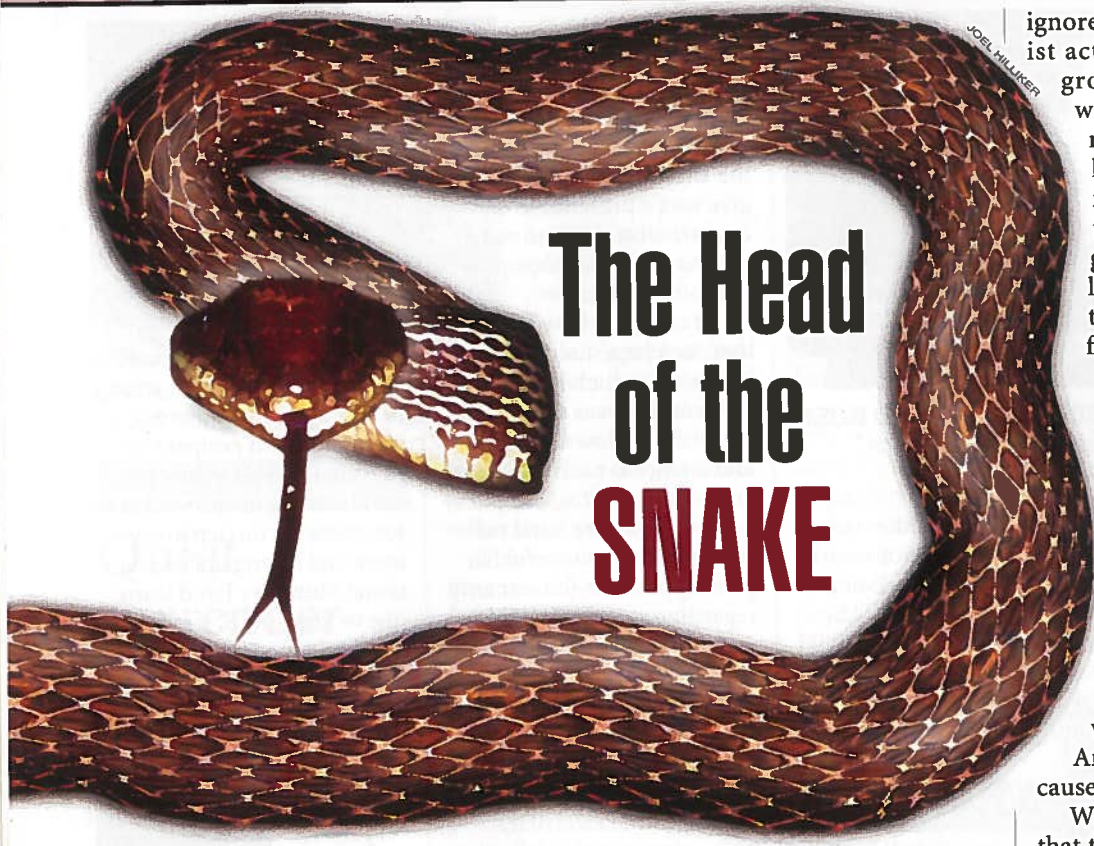
It is against this backdrop that Mugabe is announcing the return to socialism. The current market-based economy is a handy scapegoat for the errors of his administration.

An October 15 AP online story reported, "Mugabe said a price freeze on basic foods imposed Friday will be strictly enforced 'Let no one on this front expect mercy. ... The state will take over any businesses that are closed,' Mugabe said. 'We will reorganize them with workers and at last that socialism we wanted can start again.'"

While Mugabe continues to assert himself in destroying Zimbabwe, superpower United States, and Britain, former ruler of Zimbabwe, condemn and criticize, but fail to persuade Mugabe to change.



Mugabe



JOEL HILLIKER

The Head of the SNAKE

Present targets in the war on terrorism are only one tendril of the monster. Will the U.S. strike at its head? Here is how the war will end.

BY JOEL HILLIKER

AFTER THE DUST SETTLED IN WASHINGTON and Manhattan on September 11, Americans wanted revenge. Blood.

But whose blood? War had been declared, but by whom?

Clues quickly led to the Middle East, a seething cauldron of anti-Americanism and violent—even suicidal—religious fervor. Clearly the attack came from radical Islamic terrorists.

After years of operating as a third party to Mideast peace efforts, of politely asking the terrorists to stop pestering Israel, suddenly the U.S. found itself alone in the ring with them. President George W. Bush declared the U.S.'s determination to eradicate terrorism root and branch.

The U.S. began its campaign on the outskirts, zeroing in on Osama bin Laden and the ruling Taliban regime in

Afghanistan. The Taliban is, at best, only a starting point. Far from being the fountainhead of terror in the world, it is a single shaky, friendless regime that before September 11 was officially recognized by virtually no one.

Of course, every war must start somewhere. President Bush says the U.S. will not end the war until terrorism is gone. That honorable goal is stirring Americans almost unanimously to hope. They have no choice but to vigorously confront this enemy; the security of every citizen is in jeopardy. Now, with the U.S. committing its full resources to the task and many other nations voicing support, one wants to believe terrorism is facing its richly deserved demise.

Can we know whether the U.S. campaign will be successful? We can—Bible prophecy gives the answer!

A Wake-Up Call From Hell

Many Americans believe that people are inherently good. The will to terrorize is unfathomable.

September 11 was a brazen, terrifying reveille to a nation largely asleep to the threats of today's world. A wake-up call from hell, in Benjamin Netanyahu's words. It quickly acquainted Americans (those who had

ignored or forgotten previous terrorist acts) with the venomous hatred growing in some quarters of the world. Many realized: If the terrorists could have, they would have leveled Manhattan with a nuclear bomb; if they could, they would turn cities into graveyards with killer diseases like anthrax or small pox. September 11 forced people to confront evil, if only for a moment.

That's not to say, however, that the optimism—even naivety—is gone. "How do I respond when I see that in some Islamic countries there is vitriolic hatred for America?" President Bush asked in an October 11 press conference. "I'll tell you how I respond: I'm amazed. I'm amazed that there's such misunderstanding of what our country is about that people would hate us. I am—like most Americans, *I just can't believe it because I know how good we are.*"

While Americans want to believe that the violent enemies of their country are few—a thinly spread, underground network of individuals—in actuality, hatred for America is gaining in popularity and intensity, in many communities, nations and governments. Footage of Palestinians cheering in the streets the day of the attack gave only a glimpse of the gravity of the problem. Terrorists do not operate in isolation. They represent the will of populations; they receive assent and aid from sovereign nations.

President Bush confirmed this reality by saying on September 20, "Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists *and every government that supports them.*"

Which governments? The list is not secret. But it is a hornet's nest of nations with powerful allies. Truly, prosecuting a war on terrorism is no small undertaking.

Does America have the will to see it through? What happens when the war spreads from Afghanistan to other, less-isolated governments—when world opinion begins to turn on the U.S.? What happens if American soldiers begin to die—or if retaliatory terrorist attacks on American soil intensify? Would the unanimity of public opinion fracture? Would fear intensify and determination falter?

King of the South

Let's get specific about where a truly penetrating war on terrorism would take us. If the Taliban is just one tendril of the monster, where is the head? For the answer, we can go straight to the Bible.

The September 11 assault was perpetrated by only a faction of the existing Mideast terror groups. The real head of the snake of terrorism is referred to in end-time prophecy as the "king of the south."

The *Trumpet* has often spoken of the king of the south (Dan. 11:40) likely being a potent Middle Eastern country leading a coalition of nations *united by radical Islam*. It is *religion* that feeds the murderous aims of the terrorists—and, as we have often said, *religion* that will bind together this diverse, generally fractious international power.

No Bible prophecy speaks expressly of a direct conflict between the U.S. and the king of the south. Prophecy instead explicitly tells of the demolition of this Mideast power by the "king of the north"—the *European Union*.

Realize what this means: The U.S. won't be the victors in this war. EUROPE will!

Prophecy affirms the imminent rise of the European Union to dominate the global political scene. And when Europe turns its hand to address the problem of Mideast terrorism, it will do so through decisive BLITZKRIEG WARFARE!

We must implant this firmly in our minds before we can understand the significance of the U.S.'s present effort. This is God's sure forecast of the ultimate end of the forces of Mideast terror. Read it! Believe it! "And at the time of the end shall the king of the south [radical Islam] push at him: and the king of the north [Europe] shall come against him like a WHIRLWIND, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land [Israel and Jerusa-

lem], and MANY COUNTRIES SHALL BE OVERTHROWN..." (Dan. 11:40-41).

Europe will not single out specific terrorists. It won't try to coerce Iran and Syria into joining a coalition against terrorism. It won't be squeamish about civilian casualties. Europe will come in a storm of fury! It will "overflow"—meaning inundate, cleanse, drown, conquer. *Whole countries* will be "overthrown"! The king of the north truly will make no distinction between terrorists and governments.

This is how the war on radical Islamic terrorism will end. In fact, this is the only way this war COULD end! The U.S. is talking about a vast network of terror that must be rooted out. The network is SO VAST that nothing short of a sudden, furious and indiscriminate *whirlwind* will get rid of it!

The inescapable conclusion we must draw,

then, is that the U.S. will fall short of its stated goal—and EUROPE, watching from the sidelines, will LEARN THE LESSON. They won't make the same mistake!

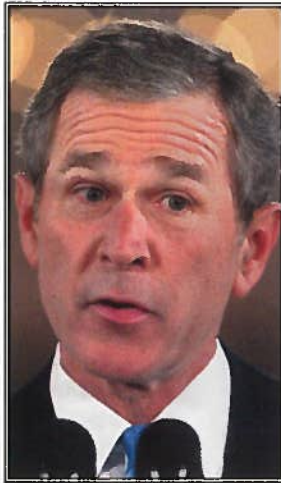
We must also deduce that there will soon come a point when *the U.S. won't even be a factor in this war*. In fact, numerous other prophecies foretell a crushing downfall for the world's current most powerful country. (Our booklet *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* is a must-read, and is available upon request at no cost.)

Understand: The *Trumpet* staff would like as much as anyone to see America conquer in the war on terrorism. But prophecy shows that it is, re-

Bible prophecy indicates the outcome: The terrorist snake will survive America's aggression—head intact, and stronger than ever.

grettably, underestimating its enemy. If we take a dim view of present U.S. efforts, it is because we know the Bible's stated outcome!

As we now examine the facts emerging from this war, we can see unequivocally that the terrorist snake will survive America's aggression—head intact, and stronger than ever.



"Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists and every government that supports them."

George W. Bush

State Sponsors of Terror

Before pledging to eliminate terrorism, America was outspoken about who it believed were its primary promoters. The State Department has held a list of seven regimes that sponsor terrorism: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Cuba. Documentation of the brutal activities of these nations—three of which are in the Middle East—is immense; the threat each of them poses is great.

Notice: Afghanistan was not on this list. As devastating as September 11 was, it was unanticipated—and, more importantly, *mild* compared to the potential for megadeath posed by hostile nations systematically building arsenals and production capabilities of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. The Taliban hardly rates in those areas.

Iran is the one Mideast country with the power, the determination and the resources to be the king of the south. Its long-held objective is to become the undisputed leader in the region. Not only is it at the TOP of the State Department's terrorist list because of its vast links to regional terror groups (including Hamas and Hezbollah), Iran has been stockpiling weapons and delivery systems (former Soviet nuclear warheads and weapons-usable nuclear material; thousands of tons of chemical blister, blood and choking agents; artillery mortars, rockets, aerial bombs and Scud warheads) and building production capabilities (manufacturing biological agents and long-range missiles; pushing for uranium-conversion facilities) for years. Make no mistake about it: Iran is the head of the snake.

Remember, it was the 1979 Iran hostage crisis that introduced the U.S. to the brutality of international terrorism in the first place. Soon after the Islamic Revolution put the Ayatollah

Khomeini into power, Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Teheran and held 66 Americans hostage for a tense and terrifying 444 days. The fact is, Iran's ruling Islamic regime is the *architect* of Mideast terrorism!

The *Jerusalem Post* reported on September 23 that senior officials within the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) believe



WRONG TARGET Afghans examine ordnance just outside the village of Karam, near Jalalabad, after United States-led air strikes.

Iran may have even had a hand in the September 11 attack. "They are very deeply involved in everything that carries the label of Islamic radical terrorism," a senior IDF official was quoted as saying. "Iran comes from the same school as [Osama] bin Laden. Hezbollah and Hamas are all from the same school of thought. Iran is the only country in the world that actually adopts this ideology and is working on its capabilities to get hold of weapons of mass destruction and long-range missiles."

The threat is clear. But will the U.S. go after Iran? Not likely—certainly not like the king of the north will. Now that state sponsors of terrorism are on America's new hit list, the definition of just what that is has suddenly grown more complicated. By striking Afghanistan, the U.S. angers virtually no one. Go any further, however, and the issue is not nearly so tidy. Make Iran a target, for example, and you're also picking a fight with its allies, most notably Russia.

While the U.S. wants to eliminate terrorism and is becoming much more aggressive in trying to do so, its efforts will fall short. It frankly does not have the necessary WILL to tackle the enormity of the problem!

Thus, America is forced to confront the issue using clever half-measures. At this point Iran is no longer considered a "state sponsor" of terrorism. Instead—in a telling twist of irony—it is being courted as an ALLY in FIGHTING terrorism!

An Impossible Task

After September 11, the U.S. quickly formulated a four-point war plan against terror: 1) attacking the specific perpetrators, 2) stepping up the campaign against host countries, 3) beefing up homeland security, and 4) creating a worldwide coalition of anti-terrorist nations.

While this plan sounds good, the truth is that the fourth of these objectives undermines the first three—particularly the most important of them, number 2: nailing terror-friendly governments.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported that for this coalition the U.S. wants "the vast majority of countries on board, but it is aiming for active participation by more than 100 nations"—including Iran and Syria. One official went so far as to describe Iran as a "key player" in any battle against bin Laden (*Middle East Newline*, Sept. 25). The evident rationale is that the terrorists are just as much a menace to the Iranian government as they are to anyone else.

In other words, to pursue this bizarre course of

action, U.S. leaders are making precisely the distinction between terrorist and state sponsor they said they would not!

Honestly, can Iran really be trusted in a fight against terrorism?

Iran must be smiling at the situation: the U.S.—the "great Satan," in the eyes of many Iranians—asking for help in curbing terror.

So how did Iran respond? With a firm no! Ayatollah Khamenei flatly rejected President Bush's statement that "either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists" for being "both arrogant and imperialistic." "We say that we are neither with you nor with the terrorists," he said. Rather than joining the fight against terror, Khamenei brashly called on the U.S. to drop its support for Israel. Even the "moderate" Iranian president, Mohammed Khatami, said Mr. Bush should realize his approach was wrong.

In spite of that slap in the face, efforts to woo other Arab states into the coalition continue. The problem with this approach? It leaves the head of the snake intact! It is tiptoeing around the enemy!

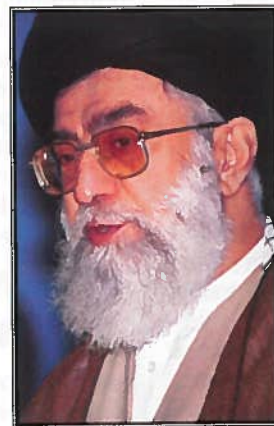
Realistically, no war on terror could be won without striking at the regimes on the State Department list. But a coalition that includes Arab states wouldn't hold together for a second if the war ever spread to an Arab state. "If an Arab country is hit," said one diplomat, "everyone in the Arab world will rally around it." Why? Because *that* is where their loyalties lie—not with the U.S.! This "coalition"

is fighting a cause that huge swaths of the populations of these Arab states deeply believe in. It is more brittle than glass.

The U.S. doesn't want to wage war against the whole Arab world (nor does it have the resources to do so). So even as it is talking tough on terrorism, it is bending over backward to avoid angering anyone.

In plain terms, the U.S. is taking on the impossible task of prosecuting a war without offending the enemy!

You can be sure that in the background the king of the north is watching—and learning.



"We say that we are neither with you nor with the terrorists."

Ayatollah Khamenei

Courting Terror

How far is the U.S. willing to go in creating this Arab-inclusive anti-terror coalition? Look at the facts to date.

Immediately after September 11, many commentators said the attack would surely strengthen the U.S.-Israel axis. American public opinion would no longer tolerate simply telling Israel to use restraint in its responses to suicide bombings and other terrorist acts. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat would have to crack down on terror and capitulate to Israel.

Remarkably, that did not happen. Arafat condemned the attacks (evading the issue of his people openly celebrating them). When the coalition idea was floated, Arafat said he would support it, publicly distancing himself from the anti-Israel terrorists (which Israelis accuse Arafat of privately supporting). President Bush welcomed him by explaining for the first time that his "vision" for Middle East peace included a Palestinian state.

Frustration within Israel erupted. A shocked Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon accused the U.S. of rewarding violence. After all, many Palestinians say they'll support the U.S. war on terrorism *if the definition of terrorism included Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip*. The U.S. itself has suffered attacks by some of these anti-Israel groups. Nevertheless, the Palestinians are in the coalition.

The U.S.'s logic became even more tortured after Palestinians assassinated an Israeli cabinet member on October 17. Rather than supporting Israel's bringing the terrorist perpetrator to justice, America condemned any attempt at retribution by Israel for fear that it would hurt Palestinian support for the anti-terror alliance.

About the same time, the U.S. threw a bone to Syria, one of the "big seven" terror sponsors, by consenting to its joining the United Nations Security Council, the UN body supervising international peace and security.

Arab states have never enjoyed such conciliatory treatment from the current U.S. administration. Its newfound "sensitivity" for these nations is a stark contrast to the tough, distant, isolationist approach it took before September 11.

In return, how much cooperation will the U.S. expect from its new part-

ners? "Some coalition members will feel more comfortable doing certain things than other coalition members will," President Bush said October 11. "We will accept any help that a government's comfortable in giving. ... Any help is better than no help. And so I am so appreciative of the help we are getting in the Middle East."

At this point, the U.S. is receiving tepid statements of support—or, at least, no direct condemnation—from most Muslim governments over its air strikes on Afghanistan. What is alarming, however, is the groundswell of popular protest within these nations.

A New Push for Palestine

THE RECENT DECISION BY ISRAELI Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, U.S. President George Bush, the leaders of Ireland and Holland, as well as British Prime Minister Tony Blair to support the creation of an independent Palestinian State has rocked the diplomatic world.

This unexpected, across-the-board support by leading Western nations will have a profound affect on the way Middle East negotiations are viewed in the near future, especially if this joint national move has a bandwagon effect, giving the Palestinian cause the nudge needed to gain their long-hoped-for victory.

How interesting that this block-stand taken so far is by modern Israelite nations: the U.S., Britain, Israel, Ireland and Holland.

How clearly such a stand ignores the warnings of outstanding leaders of the past such as Margaret Thatcher, who warned to never negotiate with terrorists. Here we have leaders of principal Western nations going one step further and siding with one!

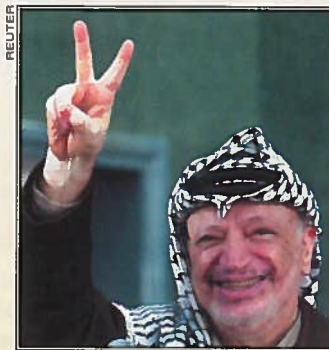
Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres falsely maintains that "Arafat is the only Palestinian leader who cares about the Western countries' position" (www.israelnationalnews.com, Oct. 16). Peres admits that Arafat's "desire to obtain legitimacy for the Palestinian cause influences him" (*ibid*). At the same time, from the other side of his mouth, Peres says, " Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah don't care about the West, cannot be influenced, and call for the destruction of Israel" (*ibid.*).

While world attention is diverted to Afghanistan, where the U.S. is waging fruitless war, the real issue motivating much of Islamic terrorism is the existence of the Jewish State of Israel, juxtaposed against the claim of the Palestinians for separatism. As veteran Egyptian publicist Muhammad Hassanein Heikal declares, "The current crisis in Afghanistan can spill over into other countries ... but the chronic crisis is the Palestinian issue" (*Jerusalem Post*, Oct. 19).

At the heart of this question is *religion*. As long as the Jewish religion and Islam are thrust onto each other's doorstep, as they are in Israel and particularly Jerusalem, there will be no peace in the Middle East. The creation of sovereign Palestine will not alleviate the hostility in the region.

Ignoring this reality, these world leaders seek to force the issue. Thus the tiny nation of Israel, surrounded by Arab states, finds itself increasingly pressed from all sides and fast running out of allies.

Stephen Hill



VICTORY Arafat celebrates

Volatile Allies

SINCE THE INITIAL outpouring of virtually worldwide sympathy and support, the U.S. is quickly finding out which of its avowed supporters will prove to be fair-weather friends. Even before most of the bodies are uncovered from the rubble still piled where the Twin Towers used to stand, support from America's primary Middle Eastern allies in its anti-terrorist campaign has already weakened.

Barely a month after the most horrific terrorist attack in U.S. history, both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have wavered from what first appeared to be solidarity.

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, feeling the heat of intense public disap-

proval for his support of the U.S. (a Gallup poll showed that 83 percent of Pakistanis are behind the Taliban), asked Washington to ensure that its bombing campaign would be brief.

On October 16, London's *Guardian* reported Saudi Interior Minister Prince Naif saying his country "wanted the U.S. to flush out the terrorists *without bombing*. "This is killing innocent people. The situation does not please us at all," he said.

An estimated 5,000 U.S. troops are based in Saudi Arabia, and the U.S. has for decades provided protection for the regime in return for an uninterrupted flow of oil. This is why David



PEER PRESSURE Pakistan protests

Wurmser, director of Middle East studies at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, said on October 15, "The U.S.'s entire foreign-policy structure in the region has been anchored in the strategic relationship with Saudi Arabia. If everything we're hearing is true, then we're facing a total meltdown" (ibid.).

The U.S. is again being reminded that ethnic and national interests will still prevail over principle in the unstable world of political alliances.

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embassies in Kenya and Tanzania were bombed. In response, the U.S. lobbed missiles at inconsequential targets in Sudan and Pakistan. In October 2000, 17 sailors died in the attack on the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen; six suspects were arrested, but Yemen refused to hand them over to the U.S.; again, there was no military response.

The fact is, the strikes on New York and Washington were merely the latest in a string of emboldening victories by terrorists against what was once a powerful country. Some years ago, the enemy would not have dared to make such an attack. Now they are determined and pervasive. They do not fear the U.S. They hate the U.S. They sense weakness in the U.S., as a shark senses blood.

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tremendous, even violent, public opposition on the other. The danger in Pakistan is that the radicals will overthrow the figurehead government, leaving the country's nuclear weapons at the disposal of Islamic fundamentalists.

This is the nature of the coalition the U.S. is building!

Unlike the more moderate Muslim governments, Iran was unafraid to condemn the U.S. air strikes in Afghanistan. And now there are multitudes of angry people spread across several countries who would like nothing more than for their own government to fall in step with Iran.

Even if Iran wasn't directly behind the September 11 strikes (though their involvement has not been ruled out), its position in the region has only been strengthened by them.

The Power of Will

The September 11 attack was truly an act of war. But it was merely one of many such acts committed against the U.S. over a period of years.

In April 1983, a car bomb claimed by pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad blew up the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, killing 63;

Hezbollah was also implicated in the deed, but its leader eluded the FBI. That October, a truck loaded with explosives rammed Beirut's U.S. Marine barracks, killing 241; Hezbollah was blamed; the U.S. pulled out of Lebanon four months later.

In December of 1988, a Libyan intelligence agent blew up TWA flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270; though the judges said the act was "of Libyan origin," they stopped short of calling it state-sponsored and merely prosecuted the one man. February 1993, Muslim militants killed six and injured over a thousand by detonating 1110 pounds of explosives under the World Trade Center; the convicted mastermind behind the deed was given life in prison plus 240 years.

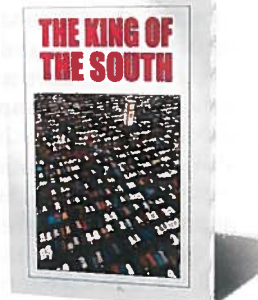
In November of 1995, five Americans were murdered at a military base in Riyadh; no military action was taken. In June of 1996, a Hezbollah truck bomb killed 19 Americans at Khobar Towers military housing in Saudi Arabia; U.S. officials said the terrorists were helped by Iran; still, no military action was taken. In August of 1998, 12 Americans were among 224 killed when American

America's power has been broken (Lev. 26:19). That is GOD's doing—a curse on a nation that rejected His commandments and abandoned His protection.

With the country currently standing at attention, singing patriotic anthems and waving flags, padding its security, issuing proclamations and orders, deploying ships and planes and personnel, America may appear strong to some. These actions may even be temporarily holding the next attack at bay. But on the whole, they are not acts of courage, but of fear. And they are not complete or savage enough to eliminate the threat.

Sadly, that will take a whirlwind from the north—the same whirlwind that will deliver the decisive blow to America. ♦

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Germany Moves to Front Lines



"NEW MUSCULAR ROLE" In August, German soldiers board a transport aircraft bound for Macedonia. Such activities will increase in the wake of terrorism.

Using terror as a pretense for militancy

BY RON FRASER

IN THE WAKE OF THE ISLAMIC TERRORIST attacks on the U.S., the German chancellor publicly announced that the time has come for Germany to move from its status as a secondary military power to the front line in response to global disturbances.

According to the October 12 *Daily Telegraph* from London, "In a powerful speech to the German parliament yesterday, Gerhard Schröder said his country must draw a close to the post-war era and stand ready to play a front-line role in international military actions.

"The chancellor told MPs the time had come for the nation to take up new and heavy responsibilities in the modern world, rather than continue as a secondary military player living under the shadow of its past."

Sensing that his time had come—that both German public opinion and the world climate, sensitized by the terror attacks on the U.S., was ripe—Schröder announced "a new self-conception of German foreign policy. ... Avoiding every direct risk cannot and must not

be the guideline of German foreign and security policy" (*Washington Post*, Oct. 12). He declared forcefully that "Germany has cast aside its post-war wariness of military force" (ibid.).

"There are more reasons why Germany, in the current situation, must show its presence and its active solidarity in the international alliance against terrorism," he said. "Historical reasons, contemporary reasons and reasons which have to do with the position of Germany in the future."

Indicating that Germany's post-war timidity in world affairs was "irrevocably passed," he stated that Germany was now ready, willing and able to deploy its troops abroad "in defense of freedom and human rights." He concluded that Germany would assume a "new muscular role."

Karsten Voigt, the coordinator for German-American relations in the German government's foreign ministry, followed up Mr. Schröder's remarks. "Germany is showing itself increasingly prepared to bring in the military ele-

ment as a component of foreign policy," he said (*Boston Globe*, Oct. 12).

Writing for the *International Herald Tribune*, John Vinocur indicated that Schröder's speech "represented a gesture of emancipation from the limited international role the country has played since the defeat of Hitler" (Oct. 12).

He continued, "Germany, now increasingly able to project its power militarily, could feel free to move gradually toward a level of global political influence corresponding with its vast economic capacity."

Delete "gradually"! On present indications Germany has kicked over the traces of restraint and is now moving aggressively to harness the peace process in the Middle East, dominate the Balkan Peninsula economically, governmentally and militarily, and now move in blitzkrieg fashion to establish a strong mediating role in Pakistan and Russia so as to seize the initiative, at the first indication of American weakness, in the current war on terror.

Having Russia already sewn up as a prime creditor, Germany has led the European Union into granting a multi-billion dollar aid package to Pakistan and accelerating the signing of an EU-Pakistan friendship pact. This is all designed to give Europe leverage in the Eurasian theater, so important to Russian and U.S. efforts to contain the rise of Islam.

The EU has seized the moment created by the terrorist attacks on the U.S. to quicken the pace of union on all fronts.

European Commission President Romano Prodi has declared outright that the EU is taking advantage of the changed political landscape in Europe created by the terrorist attacks which he sees as "opening the way for closer political union" (op. cit., *Daily Telegraph*).

Prodi continued, "We have almost fully completed economic and monetary integration. We now need to turn together to social issues, sustainable development, justice and security." As the *Trumpet* has often written, Europe lives with the heritage of the murderous Holy Roman Empire. Historical-



"Germany has cast aside its post-war wariness of military force."

Gerhard Schröder

ly, its views on issues such as *justice* and *security* resulted in terrible atrocities! (Request our booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* for proof.)

Three key personnel in the EU hail from rabid left-wing (Marxist) backgrounds: Foreign Policy Chief Javier Solana, German Foreign Minister Fischer and Chancellor Schröder. In their youth, all three worked to overthrow the established order. In fact, Fischer actually harbored terrorists in his bachelor pad in the 1970s.

As the late Herbert Armstrong noted, there is a very slim dividing line between the socialist ideals of *fascism* and *communism*. As leopards are not known for changing their spots, socialists are seldom known to change their ideals.

Have these three wormed their way into EU politics with a long-range agenda of destroying the "white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant" culture of Anglo-America and replacing it with Catholic social (universalist) dogma?

"This is a defining moment for Germany, and its role is being fixed," stated Karl Kaiser, director of the German Council on Foreign Relations (op. cit., *Washington Post*).

As Mr. Armstrong often pointed out, since the Allied victory in World War II powerful forces have been at work, biding their time, cautiously rebuilding Germany via trade, commerce and treaties, locking European nations into a process which *sacrifices independent sovereignty* in exchange for *dependence* on a federal Europe under Vatican social and religious control and German economic, political and military superiority.

Note how a German newspaper describes the manner in which the Schröder government has bided its time before showing its true colors: The *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* said Mr. Schröder "must consider that the *cautious whittling away at the German taboo surrounding everything military* has been one of the achievements" of his coalition government.

Cautious whittling away! That's how the Germans have done it this time: not by military blitzkrieg—*yet!* As Mr. Armstrong stated so often, the Germans learned their lesson after defeat in two world wars. Their *cautious whittling away* is paying off. But after the *whittling*, watch for the *whirlwind!* (Dan. 11:40; Zech. 7:14). ♦

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EVER AGAIN THE SAME? Wall Street traders stare at worrying numbers.

Economic Terrorism

The September 11 attacks severely damaged not only the American economy, but also the global economic structure.

BY J. TIM THOMPSON

WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE WORLD changed September 11 with the jetliner attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. Nineteen deranged, godless terrorists and those who support them have sent the United States and the world hurtling toward what may become the sharpest global economic slowdown since the 1950s. Fear and uncertainty now shroud America in the gloomy cloud of a potentially dark future, with the pendulum swinging from peace and prosperity to war and recession.

Even before the attacks, the world was already in dire straits economically. Europe, America and Japan, the world's top economies, were struggling through a *synchronized down-*

turn, which has not occurred since the 1930s—during the Great Depression. After September 11, the *ripples* emanating from that three-fold simultaneous slowdown became an international economic TIDAL WAVE that now threatens to swamp or even *sink* the titanic global economy.

An American economic recovery appears to be the world's **ONLY HOPE** at this point. The massive U.S. economy represents about one quarter of global economic output. The world depends on America to buy its goods and services, and in the decade of the 1990s America did not disappoint with its seemingly insatiable consumption. Consumer spending has also been the main girder holding up the U.S. economy, accounting for two thirds of its economic output, or Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

But free-spending U.S. consumers have been keeping their wallets closed as unemployment and personal bankruptcies surge higher and terrorist biological attacks increase fear and anxiety. In September, it was reported that the consumer confidence index had dropped 16 points—the biggest one-month decline since 1990.

So with the American consumer faltering, it now appears certain that the U.S. and the world are heading into a *global recession* and *worldwide economic contraction* for at least the next six months, and very probably more.

Economic Terrorism

This magazine has been warning the world that a globe-impacting financial shock to the American economy was coming—we just didn't know exactly how or when. We knew this because of biblical prophecy.

We must say that we are saddened to see the way in which those predictions are being fulfilled. The terrible loss of life, the destruction and financial disaster have occurred in a way which was totally unexpected, even though we wrote in our March/April 2000 issue that "The trigger [for an economic shock] could be an earthquake or volcanic eruption, or a major crop failure, war or political instability" This attack *may* be that singular disaster, or perhaps it is the first of many terrorist attacks which will bring about the economic fall of an *unrepentant* America as God has prophesied. God's Word says America will be besieged financially unless we *repent* as a nation and keep His law (Deut. 28:43-45, 52).

Aside from all the death and destruction, consider the *economic* damage caused by the terrorist attacks: These terrorists are grabbing the world by the throat and holding it hostage through fear while they dismantle our civilization piece by piece and dollar by dollar! And we can be sure that terrorists *will continue* their attempts to destroy America physically and economically!

In addition to all the direct economic damage which may occur in America and around the world in the foreseeable future, thousands, perhaps millions, of lives may be lost in this war against terrorism as nuclear power plants become targets, or biological-chemical attacks on population centers become common.

And even in those human losses, we will also see major economic damage through the loss of workers and craftsmen. Isaiah 3:1-3 tells us that important Western leaders will be removed from the scene; America lost many of its business and military leaders and important financial workers during the terrorist attacks. This death and devastation is part of the end-time troubles God said He would bring on the nations of Israel, *if they don't repent*.

A *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) article on September 21 stated, "The nation's economy, already stalling before September 11, is heading into recession. The consensus of forecasters surveyed Wednesday by Blue Chip Economic Indicators is that the recession will last through the end of this year. What happens then is in dispute [meaning they don't know].... When will consumers and businesses, still shaken, be ready to start spending again? ... When will stock prices, which have now fallen back to their levels of early 1998, turn up? ... Since September 11, \$1.2 trillion in stock-market wealth has been *wiped out*. That brings the loss so far this year—on paper, at least—to roughly \$4 trillion. ... In board rooms and living rooms, *economic shock waves* from September 11 *continue* to spread" (emphasis mine here and throughout).

Other articles say that airline companies may lay off as many as 200,000

workers, or 12 percent of their work force, while sustaining losses of \$10 billion or more. And it is highly likely that wounded United Airlines will perish next year. Experts are predicting that about 750,000 jobs in a variety of industries will be lost due to the recession. Already, new unemployment claims are their highest since 1992.

Further, many reports are saying that the insurance industry faces potential claims from the terrorist attacks of perhaps \$40 billion or more, topping the previous high of \$15 billion from Hurricane Andrew in 1992. These attacks amount to the costliest *man-made* catastrophe ever to occur in the history of the United States, and probably *all* history, with experts saying that lost revenue, damage and rebuilding costs may bring the final price tag for the attacks to *\$105 billion!*

By comparison, the Los Angeles riot cost \$775 million; the 1993 World Trade Center bombing amounted to \$510 million; the Oklahoma City bombing cost \$125 million—a pittance compared to *\$105 billion!*

It even appears that the terrorist organizations and others may have realized a financial *profit* from the attacks. The FBI and other agencies are following the money trail to see who had *advance notice* about the terrorist attacks in order to make money when airline and insurance stocks plunged after the attacks.

Planning in advance to make money on all that pain, suffering and destruction is truly being desperately WICKED and incurably SICK, as God describes human nature in Jeremiah 17:9.

Riches Evaporate Like the Dew

The Stratfor report of September 11 stated, "Even with the ongoing global slowdown, America's market capitalization [the value of American corporations based on the price of their stock market shares] is larger than its massive \$10 trillion GDP and more than all other financial centers combined. A fair portion of the value of that capitalization is *sure* to *EVAPORATE* over the next few days." And it certainly did do that!

This principle is addressed in Proverbs 23:5: "[F]or riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven." America's great wealth, comfort and high-flying standard of living can evaporate

DISASTROUS COST

The estimated **price tag** for the September 11 attacks far surpasses any U.S. disaster to date.

WTC (Sept. 11)	\$105,000,000,000
L.A. Riots	\$775,000,000
WTC (1993)	\$510,000,000
OKC bombing	\$125,000,000

The insurance industry faces potential claims topping any man-made or natural disaster.

WTC potential claims (Sept. 11)	\$40,000,000,000
Hurricane Andrew claims (1992)	\$15,000,000,000

overnight, and we're being naive if we believe it can't.

A Reuters article printed in the *Daily Oklahoman* of September 12 said, "For years, the United States has been seen by investors everywhere as a HAVEN—a place where *trillions* of dollars could be invested, offering returns typically better than those in Europe and elsewhere. But terrorist attacks that caused both towers of the World Trade Center to collapse and left the Pentagon in flames will have a *devastating effect on CONFIDENCE in the U.S. economy*, which was near recession, economists said. ... [T]he worst scenario could be a MASSIVE CAPITAL FLIGHT out of U.S. assets"

That statement should ring a bell with long-time *Trumpet* readers, because we have been warning since 1995 about the threat of capital flight out of America. To refresh our reader's memory, capital flight is when investors take their money out of a country and put it somewhere safer.

An online wsj article on September 11 said, "[T]raders noted the natural reaction Tuesday [Sept. 11] was to *exit the U.S. currency and shift into government or highly rated assets elsewhere*." The article quoted a London currency strategist as saying, "The immediate reaction [was] to get *out of dollar assets and into European bonds*." That is capital flight. If it happens in large enough quantities and for a long enough time, then America will *fall* economically! And that is the "bull's eye" of all this economic terrorism: the DESTRUCTION OF AMERICA.

Europe Rises!

Bible prophecy makes it clear that the big winner, at least in the short run, will be Europe. As the last wsj quote said, "[T]he immediate reaction [was] to get *out of dollar assets and into European bonds*."

Revelation 13:16-17 reveals that the "beast power" of Europe will totally control the world's economies and will produce confidence in itself to the point of Satan-worship, as shown in verse 4. The beast power will be the next superpower to come on the world scene as America topples.

This German-led beast is empowered by Satan. And Satan used the September terror attacks in his latest attempt to destroy Israel in order to put his unholy Roman Empire *back in power* once again—which God will *allow one final time*. And *because* God allows it, *trillions* and *trillions* of dollars of investor money will flow *out of America and into Europe*.

BOTTOM LINE
Foreign capital flight out of America is on the horizon, because the U.S. will no longer be a safe place to put money.

The September 26 wsj said, "Foreign investors, whose faith in the U.S. economy has long propped up the dollar, are growing *jittery* about American stocks and bonds. Some are already *taking their money home* [called "repatriating" their

money]. If the trend continues, it could damage the dollar. ...

"[W]ith war looming, investor's nerves are evident. UBS Warburg saw its clients pull a net \$1.6 billion out of U.S. stocks last week, the largest outflow in more than three years. Analysts there guess that much of that money is *no longer in dollar assets*. ...

"Scotland's Edinburgh Fund Managers is poised to shift money *into Europe and out of the U.S.* ... Across the globe, Japanese companies are repatriating some U.S. holdings. ...

"Analysts suspect that one reason that the dollar hasn't fallen more is that despite the troubles in the U.S. economy, there still aren't many better places to park money. Japan's economy shows no signs of emerging from its hibernation, and the European Union is slowing as well." Then the article quotes a financial expert as saying, "It's unsure where the *safe haven* really is." So it is clear that the world feels *no loyalty* toward America, and many people and countries *despise* the U.S. and will soon *abandon* it to a shameful and ignoble fate.

In a *Trumpet* article last year, an economist was quoted as saying, "A DAY OF RECKONING doesn't come *until* there is something to do with the money that is *better* than investing in the United States."

It is only a matter of time until capital flight occurs, and Americans need to face that reality. Don't get us wrong: We love America and the freedoms we

enjoy here, but we must FACE REALITY. Foreign capital flight, or the fleeing of *hundreds of billions* and even *trillions of dollars* of investor money out of America, is on the horizon, because the U.S. will *no longer* be a safe place to put money. People will simply *stop* investing here, and America's economy will *shrivel up* until we are easily CONQUERED MILITARILY! That's what Bible prophecy clearly reveals!

In fact, as we have mentioned before in many articles, foreign capital flight is probably the *primary mechanism* whereby America will be *abandoned* by its former financial "lovers." This will precisely fulfill God's prophecies such as Hosea 2:13; 5:5-9; Lamentations 1:1-2 and Jeremiah 4:28-30, to name a few of many.

America is *not* immune to the lessons of history, nor is it able to *defy* the prophecies of the living God. America has *forgotten* God, and God is *no longer* blessing America!

America's wealth will be *stripped away*, leaving the country exposed and vulnerable to its enemies. And that correction from God is what we are now seeing! America and Israel *will REPENT OR FALL!*

Built on Sand

A house built on a foundation of sand is described in Matthew 7:26-27. When the storms started hitting, that house *fell*, and "*great* was the fall of it." Like that house, America is built on a foundation of *financial sand* through debt and economic irresponsibility, and that foundation started to crumble even *before* the terrorist attacks. And when the world's mightiest and wealthiest nation falls, then *truly* that fall *will* be GREAT!

God foretold in Matthew 24:3-8 that, in this very end time, *nation shall rise against nation*—and such things are only the BEGINNING of sorrows! While we love America, but it is *obvious* that we can expect *continuing* terrorism and war until these sorrows are *stopped* (vv. 21-22, 29-30) by the prophesied RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST just *before* mankind ANNIHILATES itself!

God is sending a strong message through this work to WARN America of its *sins* and of its *impending fall*. Your encouragement and loyal support in helping us *finish* this work is greatly appreciated! ♦



The Real "Evildoers"

President Bush called the terrorist attacks "evil acts." What is the cause of evil? Why does God allow it to exist? How can we eliminate the threat of evil?

BY RYAN MALONE

DESPITE MODERN EDUCATION'S ATTEMPT to convince us that man is innately good, it cannot be disputed that man is capable of *ap-palling* evil.

Some consider the terrorist attacks of September 11 to be the epitome of evil. Islamic extremists, on the other hand—who consider the suicide missions GOOD—believe that *America's* lifestyle is the highest form of evil.

It is highly evident that there is MUCH EVIL in the heart of man. Though the human mind is able to achieve unbelievable technological and medical feats, it is inept at solving problems like war, crime, terrorism and immorality. Not only is the human mind unable to solve these problems, the human mind must be *BLAMED* for all these problems.

How could the world be filled with such evil? Many in America wonder about that since the terrorist attacks. Throughout history, even more grotesque displays of evil have been played out on the stage of planet Earth. Again, how could all this happen?

Yes, how could a GOOD, loving God—if there is such a Being—allow such tremendous evil on this planet He created? Where was God on September 11? In fact, where has God been these thousands of years of man's recorded history—when innocent civilians suffered as victims of war, crime and other forms of bloodshed? How can the

world be full of such suffering? How could God—if He is a God of love, as the Bible states—just stand idly by and allow all these things to happen?

God reveals the answer in His Word, the Bible. The Bible tells what happened to the Earth to bring it to its present state of evil—all with God's knowledge and permission. It also shows how *man* could become so incredibly evil—despite the existence of a great God.

The answer lies in the understanding that, along with the existence of God, there exists a vividly real, *EVIL* spirit world—headed by a deceitful and murderous *DEVIL*.

Many relegate the existence of a devil to mere superstition—a comical subject for cartoons and sitcoms. If only those who wondered why *God* would allow such evil would look into His Word to see what He says about this devil, they would understand so clearly why the world is the way it is—why human nature is the way it is.

In the Beginning

God reveals that Satan the devil is the "GOD OF THIS WORLD" (II Cor. 4:4). Many, even mainstream Christians,

are ignorant of this fact. This world is *not* God's world—it is under the control of Satan!

But how did Satan get hold of the reins of this planet?

The Bible shows that God created a magnificent, perfect archangel known as Lucifer (Ezek. 28:14-15). In Isaiah 14, God states, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" (v. 12).

Verses 13-14 show how he fell: "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt *my* throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

God had placed Lucifer in an authority position on planet Earth, over a portion of the angels, to beautify and perfect the planet. Lucifer was given a throne, as the passage in Isaiah indicates.

Lucifer was not satisfied with his position, though, and attempted to kick God off His heavenly throne—warring to take universal control from the Creator. God thrust Lucifer back down to Earth.

From that point on in history, Lucifer was known as *Satan*, which means "adversary." God did not remove Satan as leader of Earth. God, rather, decided to create humankind and give humans the chance to qualify to replace Satan as Earth's ruler.

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Notice II Corinthians 4:4 again: "In whom the *god of this world* hath *BLINDED* THE MINDS of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." Not only

is Satan the god of this world, he has blinded the minds of most of its inhabitants to God's way.



God reveals this about Satan's worldwide influence: "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, WHICH DECEIVETH THE WHOLE WORLD: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev. 12:9).

The Master Broadcaster

Quickly after being expelled from the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve acquired Satan's nature—that of self-centeredness, vanity, lust, greed, jealousy, envy, rebellion, violence and wars. This lifestyle continued on through their descendants—Satan broadcasting his nature into their minds from earliest infancy.

In fact, Satan is called the "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2). To understand this, consider how a TV works: Sound and pictures are broadcast through the air, and when the TV is tuned to the right wavelength it makes these sounds and pictures audible and visible. Satan broadcasts not through sounds and pictures, but through attitudes and emotions. He surcharges the air with the moods reflective of his nature, and the whole world is tuned in to the master deceiver.

This is why "human" nature is the way it is. This is why, though the human mind is capable of amazing feats, it is also capable of mind-staggering evil—being heavily influenced by this powerful spirit being.

God's Word shows that man's nature, as swayed by Satan, is HOSTILE toward God (Rom. 8:7). In the Old Testament, God tells Jeremiah that the human heart, despite what many believe today, is "DECEITFUL above all things, and DESPERATELY WICKED" (Jer. 17:9).

This should help explain why man is capable of such bloodshed.

Also, the Bible shows that SATAN is the author of lies and *murder* (John 8:44). This is WHY evil men will conceive of such wicked plots as hijacking commercial airliners and steering them into populated skyscrapers.

This is also why those men *believe* they are actually doing good. From infancy, they have been taught that resorting to these means is the way to achieve ultimate righteousness—to be sent, immediately after their suicide mission, to a decadent paradise where every lust and desire they have will be fulfilled. These terrorists, along with

the rest of mankind, were terribly DECEIVED by the god of this world. Their minds were swayed by the prince of the power of the air—a being that has great hate for ALL humankind, regardless of color of skin or religion.

So where was God in all this? Again, how could He stand idly by as Satan wreaked havoc on the world? How could He stand to watch innocent people suffer at the hands of American-hating terrorists?

As stated earlier, Adam and Eve CHOSE in the Garden of Eden a way of life that preferred God keep His hands off human civilization. God accepted their decision (Gen. 3:22-24), fully knowing, however, that it would mean much heartache and suffering for all of humanity throughout the years.

This heartache and suffering would serve a great purpose.

When God Will Finally Intervene

Humans, under Satan's deception and influence, would become so evil that they would get to the point where they would erase all human life from the planet, were it not for God's intervention at the last possible moment (Matt. 24:21-22). Mankind, by that point, will have *truly experienced* the fruits of going a way cut off from God. There is no other way human nature will genuinely learn this lesson except by brutal experience—the fruits of which, under Satan's sway, we are bringing upon ourselves.

As those verses in Matthew 24 state, Jesus Christ will return to save mankind from self-annihilation.

Notice what God prophesies about what is to follow this fantastic event. "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and BOUND HIM A THOUSAND YEARS, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, THAT HE SHOULD DECEIVE

THE NATIONS NO MORE, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season" (Rev. 20:1-3).

After Christ returns, Satan will be bound "that he should deceive the nations no more" for a thousand years. Imagine a world without this evil influence. For 1000 years, the air will not be saturated with Satan's wavelength, producing evil, violent attitudes and moods. Because *he* is the real source of man's violent nature, murder and crime will be utterly eradicated for this time period (Isa. 11:9).

This is how powerful Satan's influence really is. Allow him rulership of the world, and he deceives, causes murder, lies, greed, etc. Take him away (with, of course, the rule of God in its place—Rev. 20:4) and these things begin to disappear, as the results of the devil's influence on man's mind are purged through proper education of God's way.

Then, after 1000 years, the mighty deceiver will be loosed from this bottomless pit to deceive once again (Rev. 20:7-8). After 1000 years of peaceful, joyful, abundant, utopian living, many men—"the number of whom is as the sand of the sea"—will AGAIN fall prey to Satan's deceptions. They will try to introduce violence to the calm world, attempting to battle against those dwelling in Jerusalem (vv. 8-9).

God will quickly put a stop to this and rid the world of Satan's influence once and for all (v. 10). What a vivid description this is of the evil spirit world that IS NOW POWERFULLY AT WORK on Earth. This is the real evil power behind the terrorist attacks of September 11.

Deliver Us From Evil

So what is the SOLUTION for this terrorism? Remember that the cause is wrapped up in the fact that what many call "human nature" is actually Satan's nature. HUMAN NATURE MUST BE CHANGED before we will see a solution to these problems.

OVERCOMING

Even while Satan rules the Earth, we can turn to God in heartfelt repentance and ask Him to heal us of our nature.

With God's power, we can combat Satan's magnetic pull on our minds and rid ourselves of the deceitful nature he broadcasts!

How can that happen, though, if Satan's worldwide influence still reigns supreme? After all, as we've just seen, will it not take man bringing himself to the point of total annihilation to finally change his own nature? Yes, for the most part—as the Bible prophesies—it won't be until the majority of humanity, after living through a nuclear world war, comes to realize the depth of its evil nature, as influenced by Satan the devil.

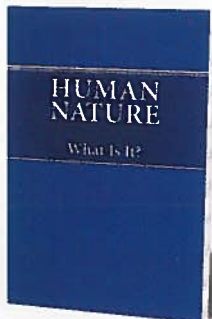
Yet, consider what Jeremiah—who wrote the phrase quoted earlier, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked"—wrote a few verses later: "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise" (Jer. 17:14).

Understanding that Satan is responsible for the evil in man's nature and the terrible sins man commits should not cause us to think man is blameless of evil—that all blame goes solely on Satan. Nor should we believe that, because of Satan being the source of it all, that man is HELPLESS against being this way while Satan still sits as the god of this world.

We should cry out to God because of our "desperately wicked" nature—a way of thinking that has led us to such a despicable time in history. Even while Satan rules the Earth, God says we can turn to Him in heartfelt repentance and ask Him to HEAL US of this nature. With His power, we can combat Satan's magnetic pull on our minds and rid ourselves of the deceitful nature he broadcasts—and replace it with God's own nature!

Though God's Word shows that many will not cry out to God, we can find hope in the knowledge that after all this evil climaxes in a Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:21), the great God will return and take the reins of this Earth, make the world HIS world, free man from the evil influence and replace human nature with His loving, divine nature. ♦

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the Holy Roman Empire.) Now they are leading Europe.

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (vv. 21-22). God will shorten those days so that there will be some flesh saved alive. Anybody who sees this mad world, with all of these enormously destructive weapons, can see where humanity is headed.

God really knows how to get people's attention. The Twin Towers were the tallest buildings in New York; the Pentagon is the largest office building in the world. These were citadels of the greatest financial and military power in the world. They symbolized America's greatness. But their destruction is just the beginning of sorrows.

The WTC attacks caused panic in a lot of people around the U.S. What do you think they will do when the sorrows get worse and worse? What kind of panic will we see then? What kind of panic will we experience if we are in it? It's not something we can take lightly.

Worse Curses Coming

The WTC attacks were a little taste of the Great Tribulation. What we saw is just a tiny little problem compared to what is coming. Multiply what happened on September 11 by maybe 30 or 40 thousand to begin to get a picture of what it will be like in the future, with all the blaring sirens and the bleeding nation. The unparalleled violence will continue until we repent! The horror will not end until we learn that lesson.

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). In the future, it will get so bad that they won't even be able to take care of all the dead. God is going to get our attention.

God is telling us that we are in the last hour. The present world is almost over. But understand—the devil also knows it is the last hour! That means he has only one hour left to wreak havoc on the world, and that fills him with violent rage! "... Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, hav-

ing great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12). He is the real power behind those instigating the terror, as they fulfill their bloodlust. Mankind has never seen anything like this.

The fire in the WTC was so hot that it caused the steel to lose all of its strength. It melted faster than ice cream in hot weather. It was so hot, people were jumping from 100 stories high. But as bad as that was, it was just the beginning of sorrows. The future will be much worse. That's what it will take to wake up America so that God can bless them.

After the Last Hour ... Good News

But realize also the positive side of this—there is a voice out there warning our people. The Philadelphia Church of God is the only voice telling the world what is going to happen. Though it comes with a lot of bad news—so much so that the land will eventually not be able to bear our words (Amos 7:10)—it also comes with the greatest news mankind has ever heard.

Notice Revelation 1:7: "BEHOLD, HE COMETH with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. ..."

Behold He comes! This is overwhelmingly good news. *Thayer's Lexicon* and *Strong's Concordance* state that "behold" can be translated, and in this context *should* be translated, "*Behold! See! Lo! He comes!*" Pay attention! HE IS REALLY COMING!

And it is in present tense: *He comes!* So who is God really talking to, if this is in the present tense? *He's addressing the people that are there when it's all going to happen*, the people who will have the honor and privilege to see Christ return to this Earth! Christ is coming. That is the only hope of man.

The terrorist attack is truly ugly news. But it is tied to this mind-staggering event!

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (1 John 2:28). We are in the last hour. AT THE END OF THIS HOUR, JESUS CHRIST WILL RETURN TO THE EARTH! We are so close to this awesome event!

When the last hour runs its course, then *behold! See! Lo! Jesus Christ comes!*

Battle Lines *from page 13*

and collusion. Will it be their combined fear of Islamic incursions—with in Russian territory from the Caucasus and within China from its western provinces—that finally binds these two great powers together? They are prophesied to descend on the king of the north after it takes over control of the Middle East. This is the great prophetic climax that leads to Christ's return.

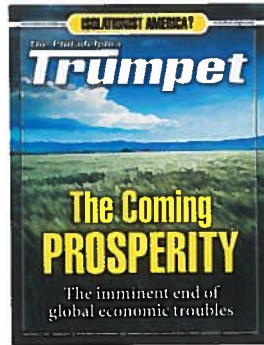
Biblical prophecies forecast a global climatic change that dries up the great Euphrates River (Rev. 9:14-16). This opens up the route for the "kings of the east" to sweep across Eurasia and into Armageddon in the Middle East in preparation for the greatest battle of all. There the remains of the armies of the north, south and east will gather to mount a final great combined resistance to the return of the King of kings (Rev. 16:14-16). (Write for your copy of our booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy* for a full explanation).

The Good News

While the U.S., Britain and Israel have entered a darkened hour of terror (Lev. 26:14-16), this last hour of man's civilization is but a prelude to the *first hour* of a new beginning for mankind!

The hope of this new hour—which will introduce a new age, with a new global system guaranteed to bring peace and harmony among the nations—is bound up in the acceptance by the U.S., Britain and Israel of their God-invoked punishment for their national sins (vv. 40-41). This great national punishment will eventually yield a humility among these nations such that God will remember His perpetual covenant with Israel: "But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the Lord" (v. 45).

Yes, the British, American and Jewish peoples, with the descendants of the other tribes of ancient Israel, will, once again, be given the opportunity to become model nations to the world, living by and teaching all nations the statutes, judgments and laws of God, which alone, under the rule of the King of kings and saints of God, will bring to mankind the peace which has been the desire of ages (v. 46). ♦



The Coming Prosperity

“I have read some issues of the *Trumpet*, and was very moved. Although I enjoy reading God's Word, I was stunned to find out about paying tithes to God. I don't have much, but to help God, I will. Thank you for helping me see the light.”

St. Paul, Minn.

THE *TRUMPET* HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO me for many years. I have enjoyed the books written by Herbert W. Armstrong and your many writers. "The New World Economy," in the September/October issue, was a wake-up call to my husband and me. It opened my eyes to how good God has been to us. He has blessed us with good health, allowed us to work, and everything we enjoy belongs to Him. After reading "Avoiding the Cash Crunch" about the laws of tithing, we feel God is directing us to support your wonderful magazine and ministry. Please use the enclosed check to further your work for God.

Richmond, Va.

I AM SENDING THIS LETTER WITH A CHECK FOR my contribution to your magazine and Church. I pray this is helpful for your Christian endeavors, and counted toward my tithes to our Lord. I am currently a college student, struggling through classes and bills, and my family is having financial troubles as well. I was truly uplifted when I read in a recent *Trumpet* article that if I am sure to always pay what I owe the Lord and follow His Commandments, He will bless me!

Cincinnati, Ohio

Prophecies Come Alive

BIBLE PROPHECIES COME ALIVE AS I READ YOUR magazine, listen to the news and read my Bible all together. Your magazine makes sense of it all! It is a great weapon against the devil's deception. It makes current affairs relevant to the Christian and gives a hope that truth will always prevail. Your articles on terrorism around the world, before the New York incident, kept warning the U.S. that terrorism was dangerously close.

Valley Village, Calif.

I READ THE AUGUST 2001 *TRUMPET* ON SEPTEMBER 16, after the horrible tragedies in New York City and Washington. I found the articles very impacting. I am a follower

of Jesus Christ, a Christian believer. However I was, unfortunately, unaware of the many events in our world regarding the religious wars. Thank you for printing such an informative magazine! It has truly blessed me and is being used as a tool, along with the Bible, to understand why all this is happening in America. I believe God is in total control, and what the devil means for evil, God will turn for good.

Chicago, Ill.

AFTER THE HORRIFIC EVENTS OF THIS LAST week, I realize the *Trumpet* is more than just a religious magazine. Over time it has actually forecast these tragedies.

Qld., Australia

I RECEIVED THIS PUBLICATION ONCE BEFORE and found it quite enlightening. However, it was unfortunately lost. In light of the recent attack on the U.S., I would like another copy to prove to others that this was foretold, and that there is more to come. I am a loyal *Key of David* viewer every Sunday. Keep up the great work in preaching the Word of God.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.

I HAVE RECEIVED MY FIRST ISSUE OF THE *Trumpet* with overwhelming joy. I'm especially stunned by events unfolding just after I've read the *Trumpet*!

Nkawkaw, Ghana

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STEPHEN FLURRY

Ending the Age of Terror

The one, hope-filled event that will change the world forever

IN 1932 I WAS ADVERTISING MANAGER OF A DAILY NEWSPAPER. In the newsroom one day, the city editor, reporters and others got into a discussion as to what possible event would make the most sensational banner headline," wrote Herbert Armstrong, editor in chief of the *Plain Truth* magazine for over 50 years, in his January 1964 Personal. "THE PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED! A few others were suggested: WORLD WAR II BREAKS OUT!—NEW YORK CITY BLASTED OFF THE MAP!

"Then the city editor said, 'This one tops them all: SECOND COMING OF CHRIST OCCURRED TODAY!' 'Ha! Ha!' They all laughed, in ridicule.

"You're going to write that headline sooner than you think!' I snapped sharply—and the laughing stopped."

To me, what stands out about that story is that the same would hold true today: In the minds of most, New York would likelier be blown to bits than Jesus Christ would be to return.

Mr. Armstrong continued, "Yes, thank God! THAT event, to eclipse all the world-shaking happenings of history, is nearer than people think!" It is nearer than most people think. In fact, MOST DO NOT EVEN BELIEVE IT WILL HAPPEN.

Since the terrorists struck America, we have heard more open religious talk in the U.S. than in the past several decades. Yet, not one person referred to Jesus Christ's return to Earth as being the only hope—the ULTIMATE SOLUTION!

We heard so much about prayer, healing, forgiveness, courage, justice, faith, the indomitable human spirit. We heard ministers tell overflowing crowds looking for answers that there were NO ANSWERS! They only said it would make us stronger, more courageous if we stood up to our enemies—stood up to our fears and refused to let terrorism terrorize us.

But no one mentioned the only real *solution* to ending terrorism.

There has been a lot of prayer in America over the past couple months. Notice how Jesus Christ, while He was on Earth, taught His disciples to pray. "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. THY KINGDOM COME. ..." (Matt. 6:9-10). Millions have uttered these words, oblivious to what they mean.

In that prayer is the only good news for us on Earth today, and no one is proclaiming it.

What most mainstream Christians seem to miss is that the one great event the Bible repeatedly points to is the RETURN of Jesus Christ to Earth. Of course, the Old Testament foretold the *first* coming of a Messiah—which occurred over 2,000 years ago. But many places in the Old Testament also prophesy about the Second Coming. David wrote about it in the Psalms. Isaiah referred to it in a number of places. So did Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Daniel said Christ's dominion would break in pieces and consume all other kingdoms. Nearly all the minor prophets refer to the coming of Christ as King over all the Earth—to rule it and give it a time of peace and abundance it has never known.

Even at His first coming, Jesus foretold His Kingdom would take over this evil, Satan-ruled world (John 18:36). He said that if He didn't come, man would wipe himself off the face of the planet (Matt. 24:22). He repeatedly told His disciples, "I will come again" (John 14:3)—even after His resurrection and ascension two millennia ago (see Acts 1:1-3, 9-11).

The New Testament Church constantly preached about this *Second Coming* of Christ. It was a major theme in Paul's writings—especially his letters to the Corinthians and the Thessalonians.

This event, which is the world's only sure hope—spoken of throughout the Bible from beginning to end in hundreds of passages—is denied by virtually all people who consider themselves to be religious.

Revelation, the most misunderstood book of the Bible, revolves mainly around this Second Coming of Christ. It gives explicit details of how real this event will be.

Verse 7 of the book's first chapter reads: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." *Thayer's Lexicon of the New Testament* states that the phrase "Behold" can be translated, "Behold! See! Lo! He comes!"

Every eye will see it, the Apostle John wrote. Nearly every eye in the world was glued to a television screen on September 11. But that was nothing compared to the worldwide viewership when this magnificent event occurs.

This event is no fantasy. It is surely coming. And it is the only hope this world has.



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"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." **Revelation 1:7**



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