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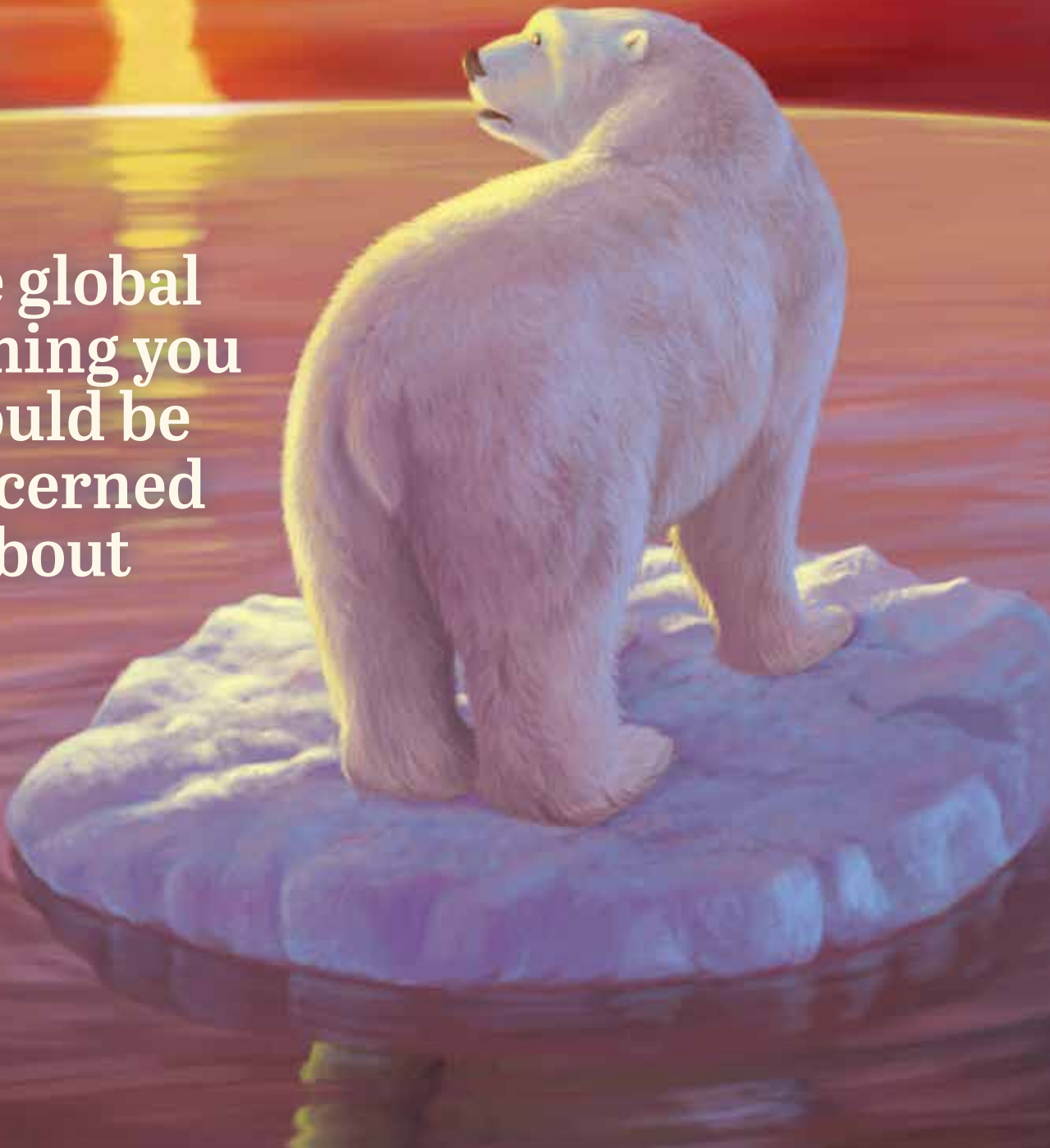
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**DOOMSDAY FORECASTS** President Trump's decision to pull the U.S. out of the Paris climate accord provokes a liberal backlash.

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# What the Paris Climate Agreement Was Really About

It was deeply significant—but not for the reasons people think.

**O**N JUNE 1, UNITED STATES PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP shook the Democratic Party, the news media and the radical liberals when he pulled America out of the Paris climate agreement. Many people acted shocked, but this was something Mr. Trump promised he would do when he was campaigning for office.



**GERALD FLURRY**

People cried out that President Trump's move endangers the future of the planet. This issue is deeply significant—but not at all for the reason they gave.

Everyone should want a clean environment and for everything to function properly. We should be good stewards of this beautiful planet. But the Paris Agreement was not about that.

What was it really about?

## What America Agreed To

The details of this accord are shocking. President Barack Obama joined it in 2016 by executive order. He bypassed Congress because he knew Congress wouldn't pass it. It was a dictatorial move.

The agreement obliged America to pay \$100 billion a year for actions on climate change. And who would the money go to? The United Nations. Does anyone really believe the UN would have wisely used that money to protect the environment? It may be the most corrupt institution in the world!

When America joins an agreement like this, it immediately begins paying and keeping all the regulations. Not so with other nations. China, which is the greatest polluter in the world, only agreed to “achieve the peaking of carbon dioxide emissions around 2030”—which means its emissions could keep increasing for the next 13 years! India secured a similar deferment. How committed are these nations to actually following through on their pledge? It's not like China cannot afford to pay—it is growing to become the top economy in the world.

This is so often the case with agreements like this one: Other nations cheat, while America is expected to keep all its pledges immediately.

Supporters of the Paris Agreement say the only way to prevent catastrophic climate change is to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The U.S. leads the world in *eliminating* these emissions. These efforts are extremely costly, and many governments want to increase regulations even more—rules that would gut the American economy.

With the Paris Agreement, America funnels \$100 billion into the United Nations—\$100 billion the deeply indebted U.S. *does not have*. Of course the UN wants America's economy and influence diminished; the U.S. challenges that organization so much of the time.

What is happening here is *not* about the environment. *It is about destroying the United States*. The regulations this accord binds America to abide by, and the funding it obligates America to provide, accomplish that purpose very nicely.

## Not About Environment, but Control

These “environmentalists” talk like the scientific community unanimously agrees that carbon dioxide emission reduction is the solution, and if we don't take action immediately, the planet is doomed. The reality is that there is *far* from being a scientific consensus on this point. (Read our article “Greenhouse Apocalypse” on page 3.) In fact, examples abound of scientific *fraud* supposedly proving man-made climate change.

Why would scientists deceive the public on this topic? Well, if you see who is really behind it, you understand that the real issue here is *control*.

Environmental regulation gives significantly more power to bureaucrats. The governments most in favor of confronting climate change are the socialist, Marxist-type governments that want to control everything. Most of the money collected for climate change initiatives goes to these types of governments.

Governments direct research money toward studies aiming to reinforce the notion that such regulation is necessary. Contrary information is ignored or discredited. But there is plenty of such information out there.

Climate change has become something like a *religion* for the radical left. They believe it as an article of faith regardless of the evidence. It is a tool they are using to INCREASE THEIR CONTROL.

President Trump correctly recognized that the Paris Agreement took matters out of the control of the people.

In a written statement, Mr. Obama commented on Trump's withdrawal from the accord. “[E]ven as this administration joins a small handful of nations that reject the future,” he wrote, “I'm confident that our states, cities and businesses will step up and do even more to lead the way and help protect for future generations the one planet we've got.”

Mr. Obama has left office, but he is still doing all he can to promote his agenda, along with the radical left. Here he is encouraging states, cities and businesses to undermine the policy established by the president.

This man singlehandedly, autocratically signed America up to the Paris Agreement. That is the way he governed for eight years. He said he wanted to “fundamentally transform the United States of America” and he did so. He flaunted the law and the constitutional limits of his office to do what he wanted. He assumed power that wasn’t his.

Like many other of Mr. Obama’s actions, the Paris Agreement weakened America and empowered America’s critics and enemies. That has been his intent from the beginning!

The weaker America is, the more vulnerable it becomes to being *controlled*. That is exactly what the radical left wants. It is using the issue of the environment in order to get it. The Obama administration didn’t want to get climate change under control; it wanted to get *America* under its control! Proponents of deals like this want to control *the world*.

Where does such thinking come from? That is actually a very *satanic* mindset—explained in many places in your Bible.

Efforts to reverse climate change may look like they spring from good intentions, but there is an evil spirit behind it. It is all tainted by deceit, intimidation, bullying and autocratic tendencies. This is exactly the way a great evil spirit thinks! He wants control and will use any means he can to get it. He is very active in the world today, and the climate change controversy is evidence of this fact. (This is obviously a provocative point to make, but you can prove it. Request a free copy of my booklet *America Under Attack*, which explains this little-understood reality.)

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Many people become very emotional about climate change and in some cases completely lose their tempers when they go on TV. Satan thrives by using such attitudes and emotions. If you are guided by your feelings, the devil will use that.

And there is another crucial reason why this evil being is pushing this issue so hard.

### **Why Natural Disasters**

Former Secretary of State John Kerry said that the real horror of President Trump pulling America out of the Paris Agreement is the terrible storms happening because of climate change. But is climate change causing these storms?

Satan is trying to get people focused on the complicated topic of climate change, which no one really understands. The media and scientists talk about the danger it poses to America and how it will end the world in 10 years. But they have been presenting this farcical notion for 20 or 30 or 40 years now!

We have to understand that it is *not* climate change causing these “natural” disasters.

Have you ever studied what the Bible says about weather disasters? Most people would reject any notion that what God says on the subject has any relevance. But it does! In fact, God has a lot to say about it, specifically about climatic catastrophes

affecting America, Britain and other nations *in our day*. You can read about these in our free booklet *Why ‘Natural’ Disasters?*

All the talk about climate change has pushed God out of the picture. The radical left blames every problem on climate change. But the Bible says that most of it is *from God!* God is plaguing this land in a terrible way to get our attention! And these plagues are about to get a lot worse.

The world has to be warned of this. But Satan knows that the idea of climate change diminishes that warning. It gives this world an out, an excuse to not listen to God’s warning.

### **Worse Threats**

There are far more dangerous and immediate threats to our planet than the environmental disasters that our carbon emissions will supposedly bring within the next several decades.

Mankind is racing toward nuclear Armageddon! North Korea is governed by a madman. This nation has a nuclear bomb and is developing a missile to launch it directly at America. Iran—also governed by a madman—was given a huge boost by Mr. Obama in its quest for a nuclear bomb. These two radical nations are working together.

THAT THREAT IS A THOUSAND TIMES WORSE THAN CLIMATE CHANGE! Those bombs could extinguish all life from this Earth!

The warped notion that climate change is our worst threat diverts our attention from the real issue!

God prophesied this—and I can prove to you that it is for America today: “I also will do this unto you; *I will even appoint over you terror*” (Leviticus 26:16). Read that whole chapter in the Bible, and you can see MANY CURSES that fall on us BECAUSE OF OUR GODLESSNESS. God sends that punishment in order to wake us up to our spiritual sickness. Shouldn’t knife-wielding radicals terrorizing innocent people turn people to God?

Mankind scoffs at the idea of God being involved in the nations of Israel today. But God says our curses and enemies are going to overtake us!

The terrorism and plagues in this country were prophesied by God! And they are going to get far worse—because of our egregious spiritual SINS. But Satan wants you to think that all the problems are a result of our emitting too much carbon dioxide!

But soon the plagues on our nations will overtake us—and crush the radical left’s hope for control along with it. Nations and organizations all over the Earth are working diligently to bring America down. This is not something America’s president can solve. He is trying very hard to get people to look to him, so he can “make America great again.” But there is no hope in any solution unless we turn not to a puny man, but to God.

This world must learn the lessons God wants us to learn. He is sending all these plagues just as He said He would if the nations of Israel turned their backs on Him. (These include America, Britain and the Jewish nation in end-time Bible prophecy. Request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.) Prophecy is being fulfilled at a rapid rate. God will continue to punish until people get the message and realize that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God!

But to those who do repent, God offers so much hope—the brightest future you could ever imagine. The solution to our problems is not a Paris Agreement. It is heeding the warning message God is trumpeting, and turning our hearts to God! ■

# GREENHOUSE APOCO<sup>2</sup>LYPSE

Do carbon dioxide emissions threaten all life on Earth? **BY ANDREW MILLER**



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS WERE OUTRAGED. POLITICIANS warned that greenhouse gas emissions would submerge cities, suffocate children, and put human survival at risk. Many saw President Donald Trump pulling America from the Paris climate accords as an unmitigated catastrophe.

“We shouldn’t have to wait until Mar-a-Lago is under water for President Trump to care about the consequences of climate change,” Democratic Party Chairman Tom Perez told a crowd of protesters. “And we shouldn’t be joining Syria and Nicaragua as the only three countries in the United Nations to oppose this historic progress.”

“The question I have for Donald Trump, as a mother of five and a grandmother of nine, is how is he ever going to explain to his grandchildren what he did to the air they breathe—assuming they breathe air,” House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said. “What happened yesterday on the climate issue is an embarrassment to our country, and it should be an embarrassment to him personally for how he answers to his grandchildren.”

“The longer we delay action, the more catastrophic climate change will be,” former Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein warned. “Water and temperature levels will soar in the next decades. The sixth mass extinction of species will accelerate, which will render the chances for human survival precarious at best. The issue is how many people will needlessly be forced to deal with—to die from—the ravages of extreme weather, droughts, famine, forced migrations, spread of diseases, and wars over access to land and water.”

To prevent this environmental apocalypse, some activists have proposed drastic action. Three years ago, environmental activist Robert Kennedy suggested that America needs laws to punish climate change deniers. Climatologist James Hansen said those who deny man-made climate change should face criminal trial for “high crimes against humanity.” One professor from the University of Graz suggested the death penalty for climate change deniers.

Before we start imprisoning skeptics, however, let’s look at the actual facts behind man-made climate change. Despite claims from alarmists, the science is far from settled.

## Consensus Myth

Former U.S. President Barack Obama tweeted in 2013, “Ninety-seven percent of scientists agree: #climate change is

real, man-made and dangerous.” Many others, including Sierra Club former president Aaron Mair, have echoed this statistic over the past few years. The problem with this figure, however, is that it is completely bogus.

The 97 percent figure comes from a survey of almost 12,000 peer-reviewed science papers conducted by Australian scientist John Cook. The survey actually found a 97 percent consensus only among peer-reviewed papers *taking a position* on the cause of global warming. The catch is that only 34 percent of the papers took a position on the subject. Since 33 percent of the papers appeared to endorse the notion that humans cause climate change, Cook divided 33 by 34 to arrive at his 97 percent figure. It would be more honest to claim that 1 percent of scientists say humans *are not* causing climate change, one third of scientists say they are, and *two thirds of scientists are not making such dogmatic proclamations.*

When University of Delaware Prof. David Legates reexamined Cook’s study, he found that even the 33 percent figure might be artificially high. By Legates’s assessment, only about 0.3 percent of the 11,944 abstracts Cook examined dogmatically state that humans were causing Earth’s climate to change.

More recently, over 31,000 U.S. scientists signed a petition saying, “There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth’s atmosphere and disruption of the Earth’s climate.” Among these scientists were two Nobel Prize

winning physicists, four NASA astronauts and more than 9,000 Ph.D.’s.

Despite being virtually canonized as religious dogma by the United Nations, the hypothesis of man-made climate change is not “settled science.” It remains an extremely contentious issue.

Those trying to silence dissenters have far more in common with the medieval inquisitors who arrested Galileo Galilei for spreading the heretical view that the Earth orbits the sun than they do with real, unbiased scientists.

### Government Bias

The environmental group Greenpeace condemned anthropomorphic climate change skeptic Dr. Wei-Hock Soon for accepting research grants from energy companies like ExxonMobile. They implied that fossil fuel companies are paying off climate change skeptics.

The majority of climate-research funding comes from the government. Could this lead to biased research?

Unlike the energy industry, which funds both sides of the climate change debate, the federal government primarily funds scientists who conclude that more government regulation of the economy is necessary in order to save the planet. According to Joanne Nova at the Science and Public Policy Institute, the U.S. government spent over \$32 billion on climate change research between 1989 and 2009—over 1,500 times more than ExxonMobile.

“Academics who jump on the global warming bandwagon are far more likely to get big research grants than those who express doubts—and research is the lifeblood of an academic

career at leading universities,” wrote Dr. Thomas Sowell, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution. “Environmental movements around the world are committed to global warming hysteria and nowhere more so than on college and university campuses, where they can harass those who say otherwise.”

These professors also receive billions of dollars from left-wing foundations like the Sierra Club, Earthworks, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Defense Fund and Earth Justice. Accepting funding from certain organizations does not automatically discredit research; however, it is undeniable that scientists skeptical of man-made climate change receive a fraction of the funding that goes to scientists who propagate it. In the words of Nova, “In this scientific debate, one side is gagged while the other side has a government-funded media campaign.”

What you see in the news isn’t an open, may-the-best-facts-win scientific debate. It is the result of heavily biased and politically motivated manipulation.

### Manipulating Data

Ever since the 1980s, scarcely a week has passed without some new report warning about the apocalyptic effects of man-made climate change. These reports systematically exclude data that cast doubt on their conclusions.

The hypothesis of man-made climate change states that when human beings burn fossil fuels, the resulting carbon dioxide gases insulate the planet to an unnatural extent. This causes the planet to warm and the polar ice caps to melt. While few people deny that the

MINOAN WARM PERIOD

BRONZE AGE COLD PERIOD

ROMAN WARM PERIOD

-20°

-25°

2000 B.C.

1500 B.C.

1000 B.C.

500 B.C.

A.D.

## Man-made Catastrophe or Natural Planetary Cycle?

Ice core research conducted by Prof. Richard Alley of Pennsylvania State University indicates that central Greenland has experienced four cycles of cooling and heating in the past 4,000 years.

ORIGINAL REFERENCE: ALLEY, R.B. 2000. THE YOUNGER DRYAS COLD INTERVAL AS VIEWED FROM CENTRAL GREENLAND. QUATERNARY SCIENCE REVIEWS 19:213-226.

planet seems to be about a degree and a half warmer than it was a century ago, the link between rising temperatures and rising carbon dioxide levels is not as straightforward as many politicians say.

According to NASA Earth Observatory, Earth's average temperature increased by almost 1 degree Fahrenheit between 1918 and 1941. Over the same period, carbon dioxide levels increased 5 percent. Between 1941 and 1978, carbon dioxide levels increased another 5 percent—but temperatures decreased by about a half degree.

The media at the time engaged in a freak-out about global cooling, yet from 1978 to 1998, temperatures increased another degree. Carbon dioxide levels have risen 15 percent since 1978; however, the average global temperature seems to have stopped increasing in 1998.

These facts cast serious doubt on the notion that burning fossil fuels is the primary cause behind the planet's 1-degree temperature increase over the past century.

Scientists from America's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) rushed to publish a paper denying this pause in global warming before world leaders met to sign the Paris Agreement in 2015. But Dr. John Bates recently revealed that NOAA had to breach its own rules on scientific integrity to get this paper out in time. For some reason, NOAA failed to archive key pieces of data used in the paper, which means that its conclusions can never be verified.

Government-funded scientists are ignoring evidence that global warming does not correlate to carbon dioxide

emissions, and has paused for the past 19 years.

They are also ignoring evidence that Earth has experienced higher temperatures than today—before carbon-emitting industries were even invented.

### Natural Cycles

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, natural factors play an insignificant role in climate change compared to human-induced factors. In order to believe this assessment, however, you have to ignore reams of data from ice cores, dripstones, tree rings and ocean sediment cores. The vast

“Based on climate reconstructions from North Atlantic deep-sea sediment cores, Prof. Gerard Bond discovered that the millennial-scale climate cycles ran largely parallel to solar cycles, including the Eddy Cycle which is—guess what—1,000 years long,” wrote German environmentalist Fritz Vahrenholt. “So it is really the sun that shaped the temperature roller coaster of the past 10,000 years. ... With our empirically proven natural pre-industrial pattern, however, we would predict that solar activity had risen since 1850, more or less in parallel with an increase in temperatures. Indeed,

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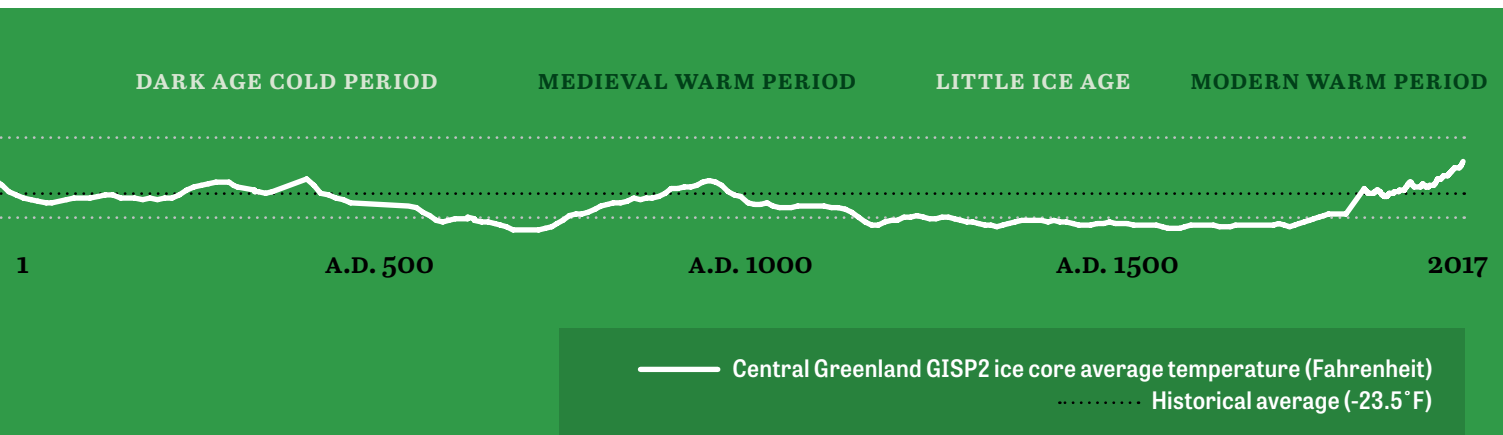
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preponderance of scientific evidence indicates that Earth naturally alternates between warm and cold phases in a 1,000-year cycle (chart, below).

This cycle includes the Holocene Warm Period, the Akkadian Cold Period, the Minoan Warm Period, the Bronze Age Cold Period, the Roman Warm Period, the Dark Age Cold Period, the Medieval Warm Period, the Little Ice Age and the Modern Warm Period. During the Medieval Warm Period, the Vikings colonized Greenland and the Normans planted vineyards in balmy Southern England. This warm period occurred 800 years before the first smokestack of the Industrial Revolution went up.

both timing and amount of warming of nearly 1 degree Celsius fit nicely into this natural scheme. The solar magnetic field more than doubled over the past 100 years” (*Telegraph*, June 18, 2012).

However, Dr. Vahrenholt, shunned by climate scientists as a nonbeliever, doesn't deny that greenhouse gases contribute to climate change. He simply concludes that the contributions of carbon dioxide emissions are insignificant when compared to the effects of the sun. Since solar activity increased from 1900 to 1940 and decreased from 1940 to 1970, it correlates much closer with global temperatures than with carbon dioxide levels.



Yet many scientists still find it politically expedient to bury and discredit this type of research.

In 1995, Dr. David Deming from the University of Oklahoma received an e-mail from a major person working in the area of climate change, saying, “We have to get rid of the Medieval Warm Period.” Four years later, Dr. Michael Mann did just that. His famous “hockey stick graph” showed that Earth’s temperatures had been stable for 1,000 years, before rising precipitously after the Industrial Revolution. This graph ignored Greenland ice core data indicating that the period between A.D. 1000 and 1300 was just as warm as it is today. In fact, according to researchers Steve McIntyre and Ross McKittrick, the algorithm used to produce this graph was specifically built to erase the Medieval Warm Period no matter what data was fed into it.

That is not science.

The burning of fossil fuels may have some limited effect on global temperatures, but the problem with climate change alarmists is that they systematically ignore evidence of naturally occurring climate change. Why would they do this? The evidence suggests that their real goal is to frighten people into surrendering their freedom to centralized government.

### Wrong Priorities

Using data manipulation to push a political agenda threatens more than the economy; it also threatens the environment and human wellbeing.

Former President Barack Obama’s plan to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050 would have cost the nation \$5.3 trillion, according to Columbia Business School economist Geoffrey Heal. Such draconian reductions would likely have a minuscule effect on global temperature, and a catastrophic effect on more pressing environmental issues.

Many rural communities in America lack access to clean drinking water due to outdated infrastructure. The Government Accountability Office estimates that the costs of fixing this water crisis will be \$190 billion in the coming decades. This is money unlikely to be

spent if drastic cuts in greenhouse gas emissions push the nation into recession.

Ecological restoration projects could also suffer if America abandons fossil fuels too quickly. Contaminated sites around the country—old factories, polluted waterways, disfigured wildernesses—need to be cleaned up. This “restoration economy” is worth about \$9.5 billion a year, but the work is usually done by green entrepreneurs banking on America’s continued economic prosperity.

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Conservation efforts nationwide depend on a growing, free-market economy. So instead of subsidizing unprofitable industries and giving money to the UN’s Green Climate Fund in a misguided attempt to shut down the fossil fuel industry within three decades, the U.S. would do better to invest its money in a research and development initiative to discover alternative energy sources that work. This would be cheaper and much more effective than the UN’s approach.

Fossil fuels and livestock grazing are often targeted as major culprits behind environmental catastrophes. But academic dishonesty, mismanagement of natural resources, and the abandonment of biblical agriculture laws are much bigger problems.

### Environmental Stewardship

Scientists, journalists and politicians have hijacked concerns about the environment and twisted them for their own purposes. Does that mean, however, that we should blow off these concerns and ignore the smokestacks, the river-dumping, the nuclear waste leakage and all the other very real, very toxic substances we human beings are releasing into our own environment?

Not at all. In fact, we should care about the

environment *more* than those who co-opt it to serve their own agenda.

The Bible records with notable specifics that God created the environment: the seas, the atmosphere, the land, the plants, the animals. And He created all this *for man*. Not for man to abuse, but to use responsibly.

God gave the first human beings stewardship of the planet and provided them with instructions on how to sustain the environment, including these two principles: “And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to *dress it* and to *keep it*” (Genesis 2:15).

*Dress* means to work and, by implication, to serve as a bondman, or become servant to. *Keep* means to guard, hedge about, protect, preserve and look narrowly to (*Strong’s Concordance*). Dressing and keeping the planet requires honesty, discipline, self-denial and individual responsibility.

Industrialists today have discarded wholesome environmental practices and embraced principles based on short-term profit. Meanwhile, government officials who supposedly regulate these industrialists twist environmental concerns for their political agenda.

Our society is built upon the way of selfishness and greed. Our entire approach must be revolutionized.

Real environmental stewardship is going to require nothing less than a change in *human nature itself*.

Mankind needs to reassume its role as leader of the environment and once again dress and keep the environment as God intended. The Bible tells us that a time is soon coming when “the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine” (Amos 9:13). But first, mankind must learn that attitudes of greed and selfishness need to be discarded and replaced with attitudes of service and of respect for God’s law and God’s creation! ■



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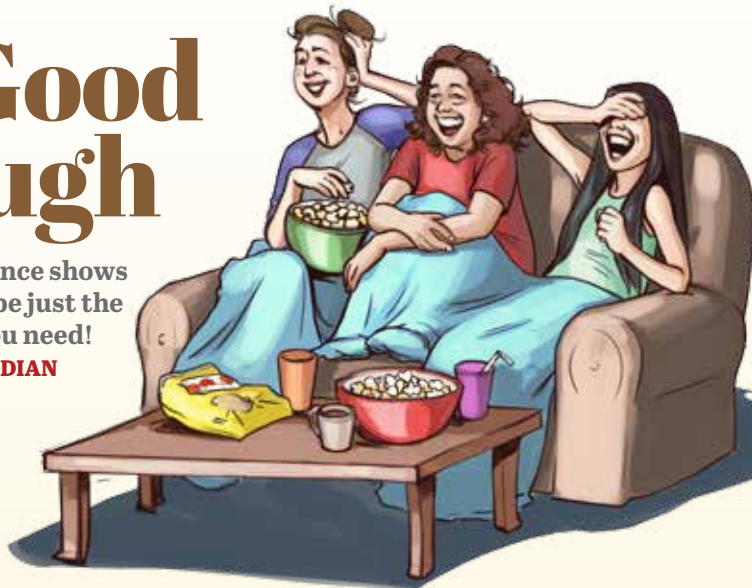
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# A Good Laugh

Serious science shows that it may be just the medicine you need!

BY JORG MARDIAN



**F**EELING TIRED OR SICK? TRY laughing more. Research suggests laughter just might be the best medicine to make you feel better. It gives you a more positive, upbeat frame of mind, triggers healthy physical and emotional changes, strengthens the immune system, and is a powerful antidote to stress, pain and conflict.

Laughter literally improves your health. Nothing works faster to bring mind and body back into balance, lighten burdens, and enhance relationships.

## How the Body Benefits

Laughter is universal, no matter the language you speak or the culture you're from. Triggered by sensations, thoughts or speech, laughter activates many parts of the body. Our facial expressions alter comically and we make curious grunts or snorts, something *Encyclopedia Britannica* describes as “rhythmic, vocalized, expiratory and involuntary actions.” As our facial and core muscles contract while in the throes of a sidesplitting har-de-har, the rest of the body's muscles become weaker or less coordinated. This is probably why people double over or have trouble walking straight after a great joke.

Laughter has more than anecdotal effects on human health. Physicians and researchers know that we get sick more often when dealing with high-stress situations, negative emotions or attitudes. These situations create an imbalance in immune system homeostasis, predisposing us to poor health.

The Bible backs up this complex reciprocal interaction between the body and the mind. Proverbs 17:22 states: “A merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.” Negative thoughts or emotions can bring about a state of anxiety and “dry up the bones.” In contrast, laughter evokes a merry heart and harmlessly releases otherwise harmful biochemical changes.

As it turns out, laughter's “happy state” might indeed be “essential medicine” for thriving health. It stimulates the heart and lungs, reduces allergies, and boosts the immune system, memory and digestion. A lively laugh even enhances the intake of oxygen, stimulates circulation, and relieves discomfort by prompting the body to produce endorphins. These attach to the same receptors as opiates and act like a painkiller, without the negative side effects.

Other research, such as a study done at Indiana State School of Nursing, has focused on the impact of laughter upon specific disease conditions. Evidence points to such jubilation increasing the levels of natural killer cells (white blood cells that attack cancer cells).

In fact, so powerful are the physiological effects of a single, one-hour session viewing a humorous video, that significant positive reactions can occur in minutes and last for days. Norman Cousins discovered that 10 minutes of laughter allowed him to have two hours of pain-free sleep. In his book *Anatomy of an Illness*, Cousins says that his doctor told him that his disease, ankylosing spondylitis, would kill him

within a few months. But Cousins read and watched a continuous stream of humorous films and similar “laughing matter” and within six months, his disease went into remission.

## Do We Laugh Enough?

Experts say the average 4-year-old laughs 300 times a day. The average 40-year-old? Only about 15. Whether these numbers are true or not, to children, the world is full of unexpected and pleasant surprises filled with silly faces and corny jokes. To the adult, life is more serious, especially at work. Experience tells us not to laugh at the expense of others, even if an incident is funny. Or perhaps we laugh less now because we have to pay income tax.

In social situations, these numbers tend to become far more favorable. Listen intently to a room full of adult conversation and you'll likely hear a copious amount of laughter. In fact, according to the website *Psychology Today*, laughter occurs about 30 times more often in social interactions than by ourselves. Laughter is amazingly contagious; just the sight of someone laughing uncontrollably makes us want to join in.

Most laughter is not about humor; it's about messages between people. We know this because we rarely laugh when we're alone. Laughter expert Robert Provine, a professor of psychology and neuroscience at the University of Maryland–Baltimore County, found that mirth was most common in situations of emotional warmth and in groups, suggesting that more daily contact with others is needed to gain benefits.

Because laughter elicits a positive emotional response, it can be a great tool to use at family dinners to foster conversation participation. Humor piques interest, spurs creativity, and broadens thinking, so a good dose of merriment can be a fantastic teaching tool for children.

Humans are naturally attracted to those who laugh because it makes them feel better. This is especially so as we age. That's why it's important to remember the saying: “You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.” So for a healthier—and more enjoyable—life, just *laugh!*

# Meet the Communists Taking Over Britain

Voters are growing comfortable with a Labour Party ruled by a radical. Welcome to Britain's new normal. BY RICHARD PALMER

ONCE AGAIN A BRITISH ELECTION has shocked the world.

The June 8 snap election was announced by British Prime Minister Theresa May on April 18. Her Conservative Party had a working majority of just seven seats. At the time of the announcement, polls indicated the Conservatives were even more popular than they had been when they were elected and predicted that if elections were held again, her party would win in a landslide. So May chose to hold elections again.

Part of the reason the Conservatives were thought to be so popular was attributed to the radical views of their opposition. The Labour Party has become so extreme in its views that it seemed unimaginable that Britons would vote it anywhere near power.

But on June 8, just two months later, British voters handed Labour 32 more seats than it won in the 2015 general election. May's party lost its majority, and is only able to remain in power with the support of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

This means that as extreme as Labour's socialist views once were, they are now mainstream. Under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn, the

Labour Party won 40 percent of the vote, its biggest share since Tony Blair's landslide victory in 2001. And Blair's Labour Party was downright conservative compared to Corbyn's.

Let's look at the views of Jeremy Corbyn, his supporters and the manifesto they stood on—the manifesto that came within a whisker of governing the country.

A quick glance over the resumé of Labour's top leaders reveals some dangerous commonalities. Whether it is running an organization that believes Britain is “no less sociopathic” than the Islamic State, or believing that “the British invented racism,” all of them have a deep-seated hatred of the West and what it stands for.

All also support Britain's enemies. Corbyn, especially, has reached out to radical Muslim terrorist groups and has *literally* been in the pay of Iran, the world's top state sponsor of terrorism. All supported the Irish Republican Army (IRA)—terrorists who have attacked and murdered British citizens and even members of the royal family and tried to murder members of the government.

These dangerous views are actually popular in Britain in the 21st century!



## JEREMY CORBYN

LEADER OF THE LABOUR PARTY

### Work History

**2009–2012:** Was paid £20,000 (US\$25,500) for five TV appearances on Iran's propaganda channel PressTV, which is now banned in the United Kingdom because of its involvement in Iranian government torture. The Iranian government beat and tortured a *Newsweek* journalist, and PressTV broadcast the results.

**2011–2015:** *Chairman of the Stop the War Coalition.* During Mr. Corbyn's tenure, this group wrote that “the United States, Britain and their allies are no less sociopathic” than the Islamic State. However, they supported Russia's invasions of Georgia and Crimea and have refused to condemn Syrian President Bashar Assad.

### Known Associates

**1984:** Invited the leader of the IRA's political wing to the House of Commons,



## DIANE ABBOTT

SHADOW HOME SECRETARY

as well as convicted IRA terrorists. This came just weeks after the IRA attempted to blow up then Prime Minister Margret Thatcher's government.

**1988:** Was an honored speaker at a commemoration event for dead IRA members and "soldiers of the IRA." The event's official program stated, "Force of arms is the only method capable of bringing about a free and united Socialist Ireland." This came just three weeks after the IRA murdered three British servicemen in the Netherlands.

**2002:** Spoke at a rally held by the terrorist group al-Muhajiroun, which is now banned. Its members include at least one of the terrorists who rammed a van into crowds of people along London Bridge on June 3 and then jumped out and began stabbing people to death. At that rally, some in the crowd were dressed as suicide bombers. Slogans displayed in the crowd included: "Skud, skud Israel" and "Gas, gas Tel Aviv."

**2009:** Invited his "friends in Hamas" and "friends in Hezbollah," as he called them, to Parliament.

**2014:** Attended a wreath-laying ceremony for Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) terrorists. One of these men was involved in the 1972 Olympic massacre, where 11 Israeli athletes were taken hostage and later murdered.

**2014:** Was part of a group welcoming Abdallah Djaballah to Finsbury Park Mosque. Djaballah is an imam who calls on his followers to "wage holy Muslim war" against the United Kingdom and the United States. Mr. Corbyn has been a longtime friend of the mosque—now

infamous as a haven for Islamists who encourage terrorism.

### Notable Quotes

**1987:** "I'm happy to commemorate all those who died fighting for an independent Ireland"—on observing a minute of silence to honor IRA terrorists who were shot dead while on their way to attack a police station.

**2015:** Called Osama bin Laden's death a "tragedy."

### Other Notable Events

**1991:** Seconded a piece of legislation in Parliament that would have abolished the monarchy.

**2015:** Refused to sing the national anthem "God Save the Queen" at a memorial event for those who died in the Battle of Britain.

### Police Record

Both Britain's MI5 and the Metropolitan's Police Special Branch kept a file on Jeremy Corbyn, fearing that he might be a threat to the country. An unnamed Special Branch official told the *Telegraph* that the police monitored him for 20 years as he was "deemed to be a subversive." The Special Branch defines someone as subversive if he is involved in "activities intended to undermine or overthrow parliamentary democracy by political, industrial or violent means."

"You cannot have a Special Branch file just randomly; the commander had to have evidence that they were satisfied with," the official told the *Telegraph* (June 7).

The home secretary is generally regarded as the third-most powerful person in the British government and is in charge of both the police and justice system. Diane Abbott is in charge of Labour policy on these issues.

### Notable Quotes

**1984:** "Ireland is our struggle—every defeat of the British state is a victory for all of us."

**1985:** On describing her time working at the Home Office as a graduate trainee 10 years ago, Abbott said, "I thought it could be transformed from within. I was

wrong. I was just one token black person in a fundamentally racist institution." She also said, "I am an extremist."

**1988:** Britain is "one of the most racist" nations. "The British invented racism."

**2008:** "Some people would judge that on balance Mao [Zedong] did more good than harm. ... He led his country from feudalism, he helped to defeat the Japanese, and he ... left his country on the verge of the great economic success they are having now."

**2012:** "White people love playing 'divide and rule.' We should not play their game."



## JOHN MCDONNELL

SHADOW CHANCELLOR  
OF THE EXCHEQUER

Essentially Mr. Corbyn's number two, and the Labour Party's head of economic policy.

### Notable Quotes

**2011:** "I don't want to just bring down the government anymore. I want to destroy the system."

**2011:** A pamphlet endorsed by McDonnell: "Any government of the working class would face violent resistance from the ruling class and would need to immediately disband and break up the armed wing of the rich and powerful—the police, the Army and the secret services. This could only be done with the working class being armed and ready to take power."

**2011:** On Ed Woollard, a student arrested for trying to drop a fire extinguisher off a seven-story building onto a policeman's head: "He's not the criminal. The real criminals are the ones that are cutting the education services and increasing the fees .... We've got to encourage the direct action, [in] any form it can possibly take."

**2013:** "I'm honest with people. I am a Marxist ...." "Parliamentary democracy doesn't work for us. Elections aren't working for us." Instead, the country needs "what we used to call insurrection; now we're polite and say its direct action. Let's get back to calling it what it is. It's insurrection. We want to bring this government down by whatever means we can."

## A Communist Manifesto

It would be easy to continue with more minor officials who worked for the Irish terrorists or who think Stalin was an OK guy, for example. But the patterns are clear. Britain nearly elected a leader who won't sing his own country's national anthem. It nearly handed its economy to a man who wants to smash Britain's financial system. It nearly handed its police and justice system over to someone who thinks the greatest mass murderer in history, in terms of numbers, was not all that bad.

But perhaps British voters were ignorant of all this. After all, in the election campaign John McDonnell told an interviewer that he was *not* a Marxist, and Corbyn said he "had never met the IRA." People may have believed these patent lies.

However, the campaign promises these men wrote into their manifesto made their radicalism clear.

The manifesto is about high taxation, high spending, and even higher borrowing. Labour planned to raise almost £50 billion in extra taxation. The government would take over running the railways, the water system, the electricity system, the mail system and more. Labour would spend £35 billion on infrastructure, £6 billion on the National Health Service and £5 billion for schools.

The tax increases it proposed would not come close to covering these expenditures. Even if Labour's taxes somehow brought in every last pound that the party claims they would and did not simultaneously cripple Britain's economy, the government would still need to borrow tens of billions more.

*Telegraph* assistant editor Jeremy Warner wrote, "Jeremy Corbyn proposes himself as a kind of Hugo Chávez on steroids; he promises an economic ruin so great it would make the 1970s look like a golden age of British prosperity" (May 16).

"This is a whole new order of magnitude: It's the kind of spending that you would only expect during an existential crisis like a war," said Julian Jessop, the chief economist at the Institute of Economic Affairs think tank. "This is a massive increase in spending and a massive increase in tax and borrowing to [go] with it. ... They are getting involved in almost every aspect of life. It's like they are trying to reverse all the postwar liberalizations in one go. It's unprecedented" (*Telegraph*, May 12).

Britain is already drowning in debt. Its debt, as a percentage of its economy, is at



## 'REVENGE OF THE YOUTH'

ONE REASON JEREMY CORBYN STUNNED THE WORLD WAS due to a much larger than expected youth vote.

Polls show a country more divided by age than ever.

Throughout the 1990s and on until 2010, those under 45 were slightly more left wing than their old countrymen: They were about 10 percent likelier, on average, to vote Labour, while those age 55 and above were about 10 percent more likely to vote Conservative.

But starting in 2015, the youth plunged left.

According to Lord Michael Ashcroft's polling data, 67 percent of those age 18 to 24 voted for Labour compared to 18 percent who voted Conservative.

The young were also much more enthusiastic than in previous elections. Sky News estimated that 66.4 percent of young people came out to vote. Typically, youth turnout is somewhere around 40 percent.

"Revenge of the Youth! How 18-to-24-Year-Olds Furious Over Brexit Gave Theresa May a Disastrous General Election Result" was the headline in the *Mirror* in the wake of the election.

Why the massive swing to Labour?

The younger generation faces some hardships—every generation does. Over the last 10 years, tuition fees for universities have risen from £1,000 a year (or free for children of low-income families) to over £9,000 (US\$1,275 to \$11,475). It's easy to see why the fees need to be in place: Britain is massively in debt and the debt grows larger every year. Britain simply cannot afford such massive subsidies for university education. At the same time, it's easy to see why a student graduating with tens of thousands of pounds of debt, while his older sibling went to university for free, feels hard done by.

Meanwhile, house prices have risen dramatically, to the point that a typical first-time buyer has to earn £52,000 (\$66,000) a year to keep up with mortgage payments. The majority of first-time buyers have help from parents and grandparents to pay the deposit. Meanwhile, British rents are the highest in Europe, with private tenants paying an average of 40 to 50 percent more than those in Germany, France, the Netherlands and Belgium.

But every generation has challenges; other generations had different, and worse, hardships to deal with. What is new is how these have become so heavily politicized. Jeremy Corbyn promised to end tuition fees—at one stroke saving young people from masses of debt. He also promised to build more government-subsidized homes and cap rents in the private sector.

In other words, he promised to instantly solve some of the younger generation's biggest problems.

Of course, these are fake solutions. Eliminating tuition fees doesn't mean the country can afford to pay for free university education—it merely uses debt to disguise it. And rent controls never work. They don't solving housing problems; instead they make the whole rental system a mess for everyone.

its highest since 1966, when it was still paying off debts from the worst existential crisis in its history, World War II.

In 2010, the outgoing Labour chief secretary to the Treasury famously left a note to his conservative successor: "I'm afraid there is no money." Since then, Britain's debt has grown every year. The Conservative government promised to balance the budget, to stop borrowing. It failed.

Yet millions of British voters want the party that promises them even more borrowing—much more. They supported a manifesto that would put Britain on the road to becoming a bankrupt, Communist country.

### What's Next?

Britons may have voted for Corbyn's radical agenda in droves, but what

does this mean, practically? After all, Corbyn is not the prime minister—yet.

Before the election Mr. Corbyn's politics were considered so extreme that many even in his own party were against him. Now he has proved that these policies can actually be a vote

**“Jeremy Corbyn proposes himself as a kind of Hugo Chávez on steroids; he promises an economic ruin so great it would make the 1970s look like a golden age of British prosperity.”**

—*Telegraph* assistant editor Jeremy Warner

winner. And the moderates in the Labour Party are changing course. They are getting behind the radical agenda!

Lord Peter Mandelson is one of the most significant figures on the right wing of the Labour Party. He was one of Prime Minister Blair's closest

supporters. Earlier this year he said, "I work every single day" to bring down Jeremy Corbyn. After the election he said he was wrong about Corbyn.

Owen Smith is a left-wing figure within the Labour Party. In 2016 he tried to push Corbyn out of the leadership,

considering him too extreme to succeed. Now he says, "I was clearly wrong."

"I don't know what Jeremy's got, but if we could bottle it and drink it we'd all be doing very well," he said.

That's not to say the Labour Party is

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Corbyn's Marxist philosophy has been discredited everywhere it has been tried. But young people have fallen for his false promises. And it's not simply the self-interest of voting to get benefits—many have genuinely embraced his ideology.

Alex Cairns, who ran a social-media campaign encouraging young people to vote, said the surge in younger voters was more because of Corbyn personally than the Labour Party in general. "A lot of young people were really inspired by him," Cairns told the *Guardian*. "They liked him as an individual." There was "an undeniable sense of inspiration and draw towards Corbyn," said National Union of Students president Malia Bouattia, herself part of the same radical-left-wing movement.

How could this happen? It reveals a major weakness in Britain's education system.

A huge part of the blame is on its teachers. A *Times Higher Education* survey published just days before the election found that British university staff were overwhelmingly on the left. Fifty percent said they supported Labour. Only 7 percent said they supported the Conservatives. The others supported other left-wing parties: 24 percent the Liberal Democrats, 5 percent the Green Party, and 5 percent the Scottish National Party.

In higher education, you are almost as likely to encounter a supporter of the Green Party—which has just one seat in Parliament—as you are to encounter a supporter of Conservatives!

British journalist Melanie Phillips, in the run-up to the election, pointed the finger at education. "Decades of exposure to an education system which has replaced knowledge by propaganda and instead of teaching children how to think has told them what to think has created a situation where many see Jeremy Corbyn as maybe a bit hopeless but essentially harmless," she wrote on her website on May 30.

"Social science and humanities departments have become giant, left-wing think tanks, spewing out reams of unreadable, ideologically monotonous 'research' calling for ever

more government spending and intervention," wrote the *Telegraph's* deputy editor, Allister Heath. "With a few honorable exceptions, freethinkers are no longer welcome, except in the hard sciences; it probably takes the average youngster a decade or so of real-life experience to begin to grow out of the academic brainwashing."

"It should be no wonder, given all of this, that young people who have no direct memory of the last time Corbynite economics was tried find it rather attractive," he continued. "It's what they've been taught, and it appeals to their better nature and youthful exuberance. The usual warnings that it will return us to the '70s cut no ice: The history books they do read probably depict a version of events that many of us would not recognize."

"It was in the educational system that the left got its foothold into the nation: first in colleges, then high schools and even elementary schools," Gerald Flurry writes in *Great Again*.

In 1956, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote that Communists were "perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system, wrecking our social structure, destroying our spiritual and religious life, weakening our industrial and economic power, demoralizing our armed forces, and finally, after such infiltration, overthrowing our government by force and violence! All this cleverly disguised as a harmless political party! Communism is a worldwide psychological warfare!"

Communism is a global ideology far bigger than just the Soviet Union. But look at what power communism is exerting through just one of the Soviets' strategies. They failed to overthrow America outright during the Cold War. But since the Soviet Union fell, it has become clear that they have poured millions each year into influencing *Western education*. When you see that the influence education has exerted on society has been radically left-wing, can you deny that, for the Communists, this is a devastatingly effective investment?

**RICHARD PALMER**

# 'Never Trust the German'



NIKLAS FRANK

An interview with the son of a Nazi war criminal **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

**N**IKLAS FRANK IS A RETIRED JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR. HE HAS DEVOTED MUCH OF his writing career to exposing and denouncing the ideology and actions of his father, Hans Frank, a prominent Nazi official who was convicted and executed in 1946 for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Hans Frank was Adolf Hitler's personal lawyer from 1926 to 1933 and the legal representative of the Nazi Party as it rose to power. After Germany invaded Poland in 1939, Hitler appointed Frank as governor general of Nazi-occupied Poland. Frank was in power for five years, during which Polish civilians were exploited and subjected to forced labor, reprisal executions were carried out, Jews were segregated and deported, and millions of Jews, Poles and Ukrainians were murdered. Four of six extermination camps in the Third Reich were under Frank's jurisdiction; the other two were located nearby. Frank's nickname was "butcher of Poland." He was captured by Allied forces and tried by the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg after the war. He was convicted and hung in 1946. Niklas was 7 years old.

Niklas Frank visited the *Philadelphia Trumpet's* regional office in Edstone, England, on May 25. During his visit, I interviewed him on camera. Here are the choicest parts of the interview, lightly edited for clarity and readability.

## ON GERMAN SUPERIORITY

Your 1987 book, *In the Shadow of the Reich*, is very critical of your father. What was your intent in writing it?

Living in Germany, growing up in Germany after the war ... nobody wanted to talk about the Third Reich and what really happened. And this silence was going on, and is going on, till nowadays. I ... became more and more furious about this silence in Germany, and I [wrote books] to show people that you have to be tough and you have to be [brave enough] to find out what your parents and grandparents really have done, [and how] Hitler was made great with their personal help. ...

Do you think that, in general, the Germans still believe they are the superior race? I would say so. ... Because they feel superior.

How does this view manifest itself?

I wouldn't say that we show this [part] of our soul and of our character openly every day. But it's something [that] keeps us together. It keeps German people together. We [believe] we are the best [people] and whatever we are doing is better than the other people are.

In your book, you wrote, "There are two people inside each German. One of them is well behaved, hardworking and a solid citizen. That is the official version of the respectable German. But underneath it, behind it, as if made up of negative eons, there are the authentic Germans. A people of murderers, and the murderers are growing in number, day by day. I see every German being followed by his own negative shadow. The official German carries his attaché case, is beautifully dressed, speaks English and French, goes to the opera and to soccer matches. The other one has a

face like yours in your cauldron. It is full of an increasing rage in a world that will not acknowledge him for love or money, and he is flirting more and more with the idea of putting on the butcher's apron again. Yes indeed, I'm frightened of the shadow German born of your spirit." You wrote that in 1987. Do you still see two people inside each German today?

Yes, for sure.

When you walk the streets of Germany, you still see that "negative shadow."

Yeah. And when I made my research for this last book *Dark Soul, Coward Mouth*, about the German denazification, after I had searched in about 4,000 files, this feeling about the two Germans in every German became really strong. ... Because they never changed after the war their true character. They are now just very great in hiding it.

What do you see that indicates there are two Germans?

I don't have a list, but it's nearly every day that I found something in the newspaper ... [M]y most popular example is that ... once during the [economic] crisis of Greece, [a prominent member of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's party] said, "Now Europe speaks German!" This for me is one of the most brilliant examples for what [the German] people are thinking. If you have a look through our tabloids [and] newspapers, they're all saying again, *Look at all those lazy people* [referring to the Greeks]. This strengthens this kind of feeling [of German superiority] inside the Germans.

Nietzsche wrote, "The German soul has passages and galleries in it. There are caves, hiding places and dungeons therein. Its disorder has much of the charm of the mysterious. The German is well acquainted with the paths to chaos." Do you agree with that? Yes. ... He's right. He has better words.

Are there other characteristics of the German people you think the world should be concerned about?

I think I have told it before: As long as we are dominating Europe with our industry, everything is OK. But if they dare to take away our money, then it will become dangerous.



HANS FRANK

## ON GERMANY'S 'SILENT MAJORITY'

You speak a lot about the "silent majority." What is that, and what does it stand for?

For sure they don't stand for a true democracy. They obey the democracy [as long as it] works for them. ... But they don't really believe in it. And we still know ... in the midst of our society there is a big anti-Semitism. And this is growing again. We build a lot of monuments for our victims, for our Jewish victims. But this doesn't count for the silent majority.

So the silent majority is still anti-Semitic? Yes.

And what is the source of that anti-Semitism today?

It was not [destroyed] after the war. It still was vivid in the people. They didn't dare to say it in public anymore, because it was forbidden, and it is forbidden by law [today]. But at home it's at tables, and [the silent majority] still has the same feeling against the Jews.

Are there other characteristics of the silent majority?

Yeah. One of the main things that always comes across in Germany is the cowardice of the Germans. Besides their famous army in former times and

their hard-fighting soldiers, we are a coward people. ... We don't have a lot of civil courage. It starts with your own. If you don't have civil courage, you give permission to the most horrible dictatorship in the end.

You've made the remark that the Germans have no empathy—

Yes, that's the other thing. They are cowards and they don't have any empathy.

You mean they have no empathy for the suffering of others?

That's exactly what it means.

This is not just something we saw in World War II—it's a characteristic of the Germans? For me, it's a characteristic of the Germans. ... You always can minimize this and say [the Germans are no different from] any other people around the world. ... But because of what we have experienced, because of our horrible crimes, we should know better. We should have built up a very strong empathy for all the misery around the world, and especially for the misery around Europe and our own people. But nobody cares about it.

## ON NAZISM AND POSTWAR DENAZIFICATION

Is Nazism, in your mind, confined to this period between 1922 and 1945, or is it accurate to say there's a spirit of Nazism that always exists in the German people?

Yes, because we lost the chance to burn it out—to really burn it out of our souls. It would have taken a lot of therapists to deal with all the Nazis after the war [and to help to] really open them up. Not to tell the big things like how many Russians they shot, or how many things they did that were awful. The most important thing would have been to tell the people, at least their own families, about their own cowardice and the truth about what they really have experienced, where they have helped actively to commit crimes. ...

Do you believe the Nazi spirit is alive today in Germany?

Yes, yes.

And it's evident in the silent majority? Yes.

And you say you see the first signs of the Nazi spirit reemerging in the refugee crisis? [The Nazi spirit] is going down again because Merkel, our chancellor, turned about 180 degrees and now we are not any more taking refugees. ... So now it's OK, [and] the silent majority is becoming silent again. ... [But the idea of] the Aryan race—the master race—it's still in us.

Can you tell us about the Vatican's role in helping Nazis leave Germany at the end of the war, and right after the war?

I only know about the ratline buildup from Bishop Hudal. The pope knew about it, and he helped, but I can't give really a figure [for how many Nazis Hudal smuggled out]. Maybe 50; maybe 100.

Was Hudal the only Vatican agent helping Nazis escape, or was there a team?

He couldn't have done it without helpers, just like Hitler couldn't have done anything without some helpers. The same with Bishop Hudal. It was a ratline, and the rats were building up this line for the Nazis. There were a lot of priests and bishops and cardinals in Austria and Germany. ...

You've talked about a cardinal who wrote a letter on behalf of your father.

This was Cardinal Faulhaber. He was the top guy of the Bavarian Catholic Church, and he wrote a letter to Pope Pius [XII] asking him to write a letter to the Nuremberg trial asking them to save Mr. Frank. But a Polish delegation found out, and they were really upset, so the pope didn't write [the letter].

So the pope was prepared to write that letter on behalf of your father?

Yes, yes, yes. Cardinal Faulhaber wrote him, "The Frank family was touched by God." ...

How complicit was Pope Pius XII in Hitler's actions against the Jews?

He was silent, [but] he knew everything. He [received] a lot of letters and open statements ... explaining how horrible the fate of the German Jews is, and he didn't do anything. ...

So the pope knew about the gas chambers? Yes.

## ON GERMANY'S REPENTANCE

Would you say after the war that there was repentance?

I don't know the word *repentance*.

Repentance means sorrow for what you have done.

No. There was [no] repentance. [In my interviews], whenever I started to talk [about the war], they immediately mentioned the [Allies'] bombing of Dresden and the bombing of Munich. ... [Many thought] we were the innocent people and suddenly the English and Americans start to bomb the peaceful Germany. Not only my father—all the people. They suffered a lot. Suddenly they had to suffer. After the war, we only were the suffering people, not the aggressive one.

And they never repented?

No.

**As long as we are dominating Europe with our industry, everything is OK. But if they dare to take away our money, then it will become dangerous.**

We've talked about the spirit of Nazism—defined by anti-Semitism, a belief in a superior race, admiration for a strongman when conditions aren't great. Was that spirit perpetuated after World War II in an intentional way through certain strategies or programs, or is it just in the German soul?

No. I would say, Brad, it was natural. For instance, when my father [during the Nuremberg trial] suddenly admitted personal guilt in killing the Jews, he took it back afterwards, months later. ... Everybody else around my father wasn't satisfied with [his admission of] guilt. ... Because if he was guilty, what about me—I was his wife? And what about me—I was his servant? And I was his minister for interior affairs in the governor general. All those people around were suddenly guilty as well as my father, not in the top position but the average level—suddenly they were all guilty. And so everybody who was in charge also on the lower level, if he or she would admit "I was guilty," all the relatives, all the others in the company or wherever it took

place, said "No! If this bloody, stupid guy said he has killed you, what about me? I was working with him all the time, all the 12 years. Let me as well, that can't be true." So there was an understanding, there was an understanding: *Keep quiet; don't admit any guilt because you will hurt all your friends*. And I think from there ... it came naturally to survive and [to believe] you were innocent.

Today Germany is what people would call a pacifist nation, extremely hesitant to get involved in military conflict, because of World War II. There's a lot of war guilt—[This is] not war guilt.

Well, a lot of people would say when they look at Germany today that they see a people who are ashamed and sorry. Good propaganda. We are brilliant in this propaganda.

Many people in America and Britain, like UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, believe Germany today has changed—it is rehabilitated. Is there a general shame and guilt? There's no shame. No shame. Only with the 10 million people [the "true democrats," which are the minority].

It seems there are hints of a backlash, especially among young Germans, against the narrative that Germany made mistakes and did horrible things. More and more young Germans won't accept blame for World War II and are tired of hearing about Hitler and the Nazis. Is this an accurate observation?

Yes. They're fed up with the Nazi stories. This also shows something really striking. If you say something like this, you never experienced empathy—you never felt empathy. Because if you really would have felt something like "putting myself in the role of a little Jew," you never would have said something like this, which you just quote: "I don't care about this. I am innocent. ... It was 70 years ago." ... He [should have] said, "Yes, I'm a German, and personally I'm not guilty, and I not only feel ashamed. It's far away, but I have to acknowledge, and this hurts, we have committed the most unbelievable crimes. And I say we, not that I'm personally responsible, for by chance or by God's plan I am a member

of the German people, so I have to acknowledge it." [But] you have to show me the one who will say this besides me.

So you haven't come across that. Never.

Do you find that concerning? Alarming? Yes.

## ON CONTEMPORARY GERMANY

You were a journalist for *Stern* magazine for 23 years. You were in the Balkans in the early '90s covering the breakup of Yugoslavia. Germany and the Vatican were the first to recognize Croatia, even against the wishes of America, the United Nations and most of the rest of the world. That breakaway caused a lot of conflict. Is it fair to say that Germany played a significant role in causing the Balkan wars?

Yes, for this recognition of Croatia, for sure. But I don't think that really came out of Nazi understanding, and the desire to build a new empire. Maybe they thought if we acknowledge Croatia that the other countries of the former Yugoslavia will follow, and Serbia will be left alone, which turned out was what really followed. But for me it was some mistakes that they cut out Serbia. ...

You said that Germany is accomplishing today through economic imperialism what it was unable to accomplish through bombs and bullets. You can see it.

So is that how you view Germany's role and relationship with the European Union? Would you consider it as kind of an economic and political imperialism where Germany—Economically, not politically. ...

Do you think Europe is vulnerable to a strongman coming on the scene in Germany? If a German strongman emerged, would he be able to have his way in the rest of Europe? We nearly have accomplished it. Nothing goes in Europe without the Germans. ...

What kind of chancellor is Angela Merkel? She is very clever. Especially she is very clever with all the countries around, and she is much better [than] many male

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# Empowering the Enemy



The United States has not been a passive bystander in the prophesied rise of Iran and Germany. It has encouraged and aided the astonishing rise of these two world powers. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

**I**N THE BIBLE, THE BOOK OF DANIEL describes a spectacular military clash to occur between two major powers right before a horribly destructive global war that will threaten to destroy every last human being on Earth. One is called “king of the north,” and the other, “king of the south” (Daniel 11:40). *Plain Truth* editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong identified the king of the north as modern Germany. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has identified the king of the south as radical Islam, led by Iran.

In this prophesied confrontation, Iran *pushes* at Germany, prompting the northern king to come against radical Islam “like a whirlwind.”

Yet the most significant part of this prophecy is what it *doesn't* say. The world's *lone* superpower, the United States of America, IS NOT EVEN MENTIONED. Why is it missing from this *crucial* prophecy? Because by the time it is fulfilled, the United States will no longer be a superpower! It will be *too weak* to factor into these earthshaking clashes.

This prophecy, then, indirectly reveals the astonishing downfall of the United States even as it foretells the emergence of these two prophesied power blocs.

What is even more stupefying is that America today, which is on its way down and out, is actually *pushing* these two kings to become WORLD POWERS!

## Obama and the Mullahs

The *Trumpet* identified the Islamic Republic of Iran as the “king of the south” in the early 1990s—back when America's number one enemy in the Middle East was Saddam Hussein's *Iraq*. Even after 9/11, when U.S. President George W. Bush identified Iran as one of three nations in an “axis of evil” and told the American people that the war against terrorism wouldn't end until *every* terrorist group had been defeated, the *Trumpet* said the war on terror was doomed to fail because America lacked the will to face the problem head-on.

Within weeks of the 9/11 catastrophe, we wrote that Iran would survive America's retaliatory wrath and emerge from the war “stronger than ever.” Today, the Iranian head of the terrorist snake is unquestionably stronger than ever. And America has been largely responsible for that fact!

Even before his election in November 2008, Barack Obama used secretive back channels to assure Iran's supreme leader that he would be a friend to the Islamic Republic. On June 4, 2009, in a landmark speech in Cairo, Egypt, he told the number one state sponsor of terrorism that, as far as he was concerned, the killing and maiming Iran had actively supported since the Islamic Revolution of 1979 was in the past. And Barack Obama wasn't about to be “trapped” in the past.

NOTHING would prevent Mr. Obama from extending America's friendship.

So when Iran's Green Movement rose up against the nation's supreme leader just days after that speech in Cairo, Mr. Obama shamefully turned a blind eye to those who were seeking freedom from radical religious oppression, who were demanding *democracy*. He actually took **AGGRESSIVE** steps to *prevent* a popular uprising from toppling Iran's tyrannical regime.

From that point forward, through a series of foreign-policy decisions, Obama helped strengthen and embolden the Iranian king and its proxies.

This push to empower Iran culminated in the coronation ceremony symbolized by the Iran nuclear deal. The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action went into effect on Jan. 16, 2016. That same day, President Obama signed an executive order lifting sanctions on Iran, releasing its valuable assets, handing over terrorists and tens of billions of dollars, and clearing the path for Iran to build a nuclear bomb.

At the time, we wrote that the United States had effectively crowned Iran as “king” of the south!

## Pushing Germany to Lead

America now has a new president, who is doing everything he can to help another nation amass more power: Germany. As

*National Interest* noted on May 28, President Donald Trump is pushing German Chancellor Angela Merkel to create a “German superpower.” It may not seem like it, but this is even more dangerous than enabling the terrorist-sponsoring, nuclear-hungry Islamic Republic of Iran!

During his trip to Europe in May, Mr. Trump made some remarkable statements about Germany and the European Union. In Brussels on May 25, he berated NATO members for not paying their fair share into the military alliance. This has been one of the most consistent refrains of his presidency so far. In his first meeting with Chancellor Merkel in March,

One of this administration’s major foreign-policy priorities so far is to force Germany to take the lead in Europe, economically, politically *and* militarily.

Not surprisingly, some European nations are unsettled by this plan. *Politico* wrote on May 24, “Any quick major muscle movement by Germany has repercussions across the Continent and awakens old ghosts.”

### The Article 5 Shocker

What shook Europe most about President Trump’s May 25 speech was what he *failed* to say. Article 5 of the NATO alliance stipulates that when one mem-

ber is attacked, all other NATO members must come to its aid. He was speaking in front of a new memorial commemorating the *only time Article 5 has ever been invoked*: NATO’s unified response to 9/11. And it was in this context that a United States president went out of his way to avoid saying that America was committed to honoring Article 5.

America’s commitment to NATO is receding, putting the alliance in jeopardy. Without America’s immense military to rely on in the event of an attack, European nations will have no choice but to look to Germany for protection.

“There is zero hope for Poland without tens of thousands of German troops fighting on Polish soil,” Zeihan said. Yet when German troops enter Poland, he explained, they don’t tend to leave! “Every time the Germans have armed, the result has been a broad-spectrum European war,” he continued. “It is far too soon to call that inevitable, but unless the Germans prove comfortable with Russian troops within a couple hundred miles of Berlin, the era of German pacifism is nearly over.”

Which nation is most responsible for ending this era of German pacifism? A nation that fought against German imperialism in two world wars: *the United States of America*.

### Angering Germany

While President Trump is pushing Germany to step up militarily, he has also made many statements that have angered German leaders in politics and business.

“The Germans are bad, very bad,” he told a meeting of EU leaders on May 25, according to *Der Spiegel*. “See the millions of cars they are selling to the U.S.?” he asked. He said the trade relation was terrible and that the U.S. would stop it!

On May 30, immediately after his European tour, the president doubled down on his criticism of Germany with this tweet: “We have a MASSIVE trade deficit with Germany, plus they pay FAR LESS than they should on NATO & military. Very bad for U.S. This will change.”

This sentiment represents a real threat to Germany’s economy, half of which depends on exports. Many German business leaders see Mr. Trump as a direct threat to German prosperity.

On June 1, President Trump announced that America would pull out of the Paris climate accord, which President Obama signed onto in 2015. This was not received well in Europe.



CROSS-PURPOSES **President Trump and Chancellor Merkel chat at the G-7 meeting in Italy.**

## Donald Trump is doing all he can to help Germany amass more power. He is pushing Angela Merkel to create a “German superpower.”

President Trump lambasted Germany, saying in a tweet that it “owes vast sums of money to NATO & the United States” because of its lack of military spending.

If Germany increased its defense spending to 2 percent of its gross domestic product—which is what NATO nations have agreed to and what Mr. Trump wants to hold Germany accountable for—it would nearly double the amount it spends on its military. It would spend even more on defense than Russia! It would also mean that Germany, which is already Europe’s biggest economy, would have Europe’s most powerful military.

Trump administration officials are not only aware of this, they *want* this.

“The president’s rejection of Paris is a blow to Germany’s collective solar plexus,” wrote the *Financial Times*. “Fighting climate change is a consensus issue that unites the country’s political parties” (June 1).

“Nowhere is the social consensus ‘greener’ than in Germany,” wrote German newspaper *Handelsblatt*. “That sets Angela Merkel up as leader of the resistance against Donald Trump” (June 2; emphasis added throughout).

### Germany’s Response

German politics have “long included an anti-American strain, seen in

massive demonstrations against NATO’s stationing of medium-range nuclear missiles in the 1980s and in then Chancellor Gerhard Schröder’s standoff with George W. Bush over the Iraq War in 2003,” wrote the *Financial Times*. “Such tensions boiled up after Edward Snowden’s leaks about mass surveillance by the U.S. security services, and claims that the U.S. tapped Ms. Merkel’s personal mobile phone. Mr. Trump’s broadsides have intensified that anti-U.S. tendency” (op cit).

Considering this backdrop, it’s little wonder that Merkel chose to criticize Trump at a campaign speech on May 28.

Europeans, she said, must take matters into their “own hands.” She said the “times in which we could rely fully on others [a clear reference to the U.S. and Britain] are somewhat over.”

“This is what I experienced in the last few days,” she added, removing any doubt that this criticism was a result of her recent meeting with Mr. Trump.

These kinds of statements are very popular in Germany. German public broadcaster ARD leads the world in negative coverage of the president. A recent Harvard journalism study found that 98 percent of its reports gave Mr. Trump

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## What If European NATO Members Spent Their 2 Percent?

UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS BARACK OBAMA AND DONALD Trump have repeatedly criticized European NATO members for not paying their fair share on military expenditures. President Obama agreed with the *Atlantic*’s Jeffrey Goldberg’s description of European NATO members as “free riders.” “[W]e expect others to carry their weight,” Obama said (April 2016).

“NATO is costing us a fortune,” President Trump told the *Washington Post* in March 2016. “And yes, we’re protecting Europe, but we’re spending a lot of money. Number one, I think the distribution of costs has to be changed.”

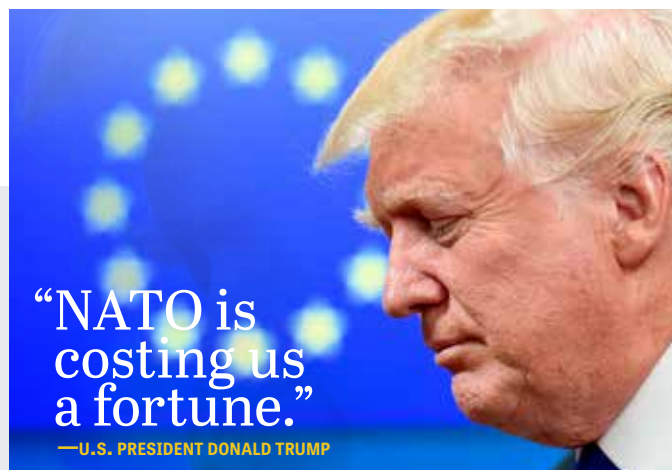
Both presidents refer to a 2004 NATO agreement where members would aim to contribute 2 percent of gross domestic product toward national military expenditures. But the agreement is informal, so the majority of countries spend less than 2 percent and thus bear a smaller share of the financial burden.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) data on military spending for 2016 showed *only 4 out of 28* NATO members spend more than 2 percent of their GDP on the military. Clearly, one would think, U.S. presidents have a point about Europe’s lack of defense spending. Europe needs to pull its own weight, so the thinking goes. The Middle East and Russia are Europe’s neighbors—not America’s. Europe should protect itself instead of asking America to watch its back.

But there is a danger in this thinking. Even without spending 2 percent of its GDP on the military, Europe is a superpower—a superpower of military, economic and diplomatic capabilities.

What would be the consequences of America relinquishing its role as the protector of Europe? How powerful would the militaries of European NATO states become if they all paid their 2 percent dues? If America encourages Europe to take on a larger role in its own defense, will it develop a Frankenstein monster in Europe? Should America think twice about encouraging Europe to pay its “fair share” and defend itself?

According to SIPRI’s 2016 data:



- If underpaying countries began reaching the 2 percent threshold, total European NATO military spending would rise from \$254 billion to \$328 billion.
- In comparison, U.S. military spending in 2016 was \$611 billion, China’s was \$215 billion, and Russia’s \$69 billion.
- If Germany spent 2 percent of its GDP on defense, its military spending would parallel Russia’s, \$69 billion.

Herbert W. Armstrong’s signature prophecy, proclaimed as early as 1934, was of a “coming ‘United States of Europe’—a new united superpower perhaps more powerful than either the Soviet Union or the United States!” (letter to *Plain Truth* subscribers, July 24, 1983). Germany would be the leader of this united Europe, just as it is today.

The European Union is already the most powerful political union next to the United States. Its population is larger than the United States and its collective economy produces more goods. Raising military spending to the 2 percent threshold would give this European superpower over half the U.S. defense budget. President Obama’s claim that America spends “more on [its] military than the next eight nations combined” becomes irrelevant.

America’s role of protector of Europe has had success for 70 years. Now, American presidents want Europe to do more. The problem is that, in the end, they’ll get much more than they expected.

**KIEREN UNDERWOOD**

# THE HIDDEN

Some analysts dismiss the European Union as a divided, squabbling, economically doomed political experiment doomed to fail. However, many of its resources outstrip those of the United States, and in many ways it outperforms the U.S. Successfully led, it can quickly become the preeminent global power.

## UNITED STATES

TOTAL  
POPULATION

326,000,000

506,000,000



Which European nations comprise the EU?

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

## EUROPEAN UNION

*Europe Is Still a Superpower*—Andrew Moravcsik

**“Europe today is a genuine superpower and will likely remain one for decades to come. By most objective measures, it either rivals or surpasses the United States and China in its ability to project a full spectrum of global military, economic and soft power.”**

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**“Here again the failure to aggregate Europe clouds our geopolitical vision. If we unify European military activities, it comes in second.”**  
—*Europe Is Still a Superpower*

## MILITARY SPENDING

“European military spending accounts for 15 to 16 percent of the global total. China runs third, with under 10 percent, and Russia spends less than 7 percent, less than half as much as Europe.” —*Europe Is Still a Superpower*

\$246,340 million

\$611,186 million

## MANUFACTURING OUTPUT

\$2,592 billion

\$2,068 billion

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION VALUE

\$338 billion

\$278 billion

## ENERGY PRODUCTION

31 quadrillion BTU

82 quadrillion BTU

## GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

\$19,180 billion

\$18,560 billion

“The conventional wisdom again misleads us. According to a recent poll of citizens in 40 countries ... [o]nly 5 percent think of the EU as a ‘leading economic power.’ Yet those 5 percent have a point. ...

... By the simplest measure of economic power, nominal GDP, the EU is nearly the same size as the United States and 63 percent larger than China.”  
—*Europe Is Still a Superpower*



# Congratulations, Beijing. The South China Sea Is Now Yours.

China's dominance of this strategic sea gate is effectively complete. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

LOCKSTEP Chinese sailors march in a massive military parade in Beijing.

**A**S RECENTLY AS JULY 2016, IT looked as if conflict could erupt between the United States, China, and possibly some smaller Asian nations over Beijing's belligerent drive to transform the South China Sea into a "Chinese lake." That month, the already fraught situation became far more volatile when the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague ruled against some of China's territorial claims in the area, after which China vowed to use "all necessary measures" to safeguard its control of the region.

But now, despite the Trump administration's decision on May 24 to conduct a naval action in the region, it is clear that China has emerged from this dispute victorious. The South China Sea—the vast, resource-rich region through which a third of global maritime commerce flows—is now the de facto territory of Beijing.

"It is, unfortunately, now game over," said Mira Rapp-Hooper, a senior fellow at the Washington D.C.-based Center for a New American Security.

This "unfortunate" turn of the tides reveals America's fading influence, China's rising power (and increasing

shrewdness about how to effectively use that power), and that the smaller Asian states are pragmatic and circumspect about these shifts.

## Innocent Passage

With his much-vaunted "Pivot to Asia," former President Barack Obama had sought to revive U.S. influence in the Asia-Pacific. The plan relied heavily on Washington increasing cooperation with its Asian allies and partners, in large part to contain China and to protect those nations from Beijing's domineering presence in the region.

But in 2013, when China began building artificial islands in the South China Sea at locations well inside the legal maritime territory of U.S. partner nations such as the Philippines, the United States issued only token chastisements of Beijing.

China calculated carefully and continued to make advances small and gradual enough to fall under the threshold of any robust reaction.

Then, despite initial pledges not to militarize its artificial islets and atolls, China began developing harbors, airfields, radar arrays and advanced

defense systems on them. It deployed warplanes and weaponry to them.

This militarized island infrastructure extends China's naval capabilities in the region and allows Beijing to reinforce its infamous "nine-dash line" claim to nearly the entire South China Sea.

The Obama administration responded to the militarization by conducting naval actions that it labeled freedom of navigation operations (FONOPs). Their purpose was to demonstrate to the world that America didn't need China's permission to enter the waters near the artificial islands.

But the actions were viewed as weak-willed. Some military analysts said they fell short of being actual FONOPs, and could only be called "innocent passage" activities. Critics said these actions failed to address the larger question of whether or not China's man-made islands earned Beijing any legitimate claim to the waters surrounding them.

In either case, these naval actions did little to reassure America's Asian partners that the U.S. would have their backs if they stood up to China's illegal activities in the South China Sea. As

the months went by, it appeared to the U.S.'s partner nations that there either was no pivot to Asia, or that a major aspect of that pivot entailed Washington appeasing Beijing.

### An Empty Edict

Then in July came the ruling from the court at The Hague. It said China's artificial features did not qualify as actual islands and, as such, could not give China claim to the 12 nautical miles of "territorial sea" around them. The ruling represented a blow to China, and a victory particularly for the Philippines. But still the Obama Administration chose not to reinforce this judgment by conducting a true FONOP. Instead, the U.S. Navy held another "innocent passage" action.

The leadership in the Philippines realized that without American backing, the court ruling meant little. Thus, Manila decided not to acknowledge its win. "One of the considerations driving Manila's backdown from pressing its legal victory was a sense that Washington was distracted and that there was no certainty that the U.S. would come to the defense of the Philippines, whatever the treaty guarantees," the Australian Strategic Policy Institute wrote on May 24.

Other Asian nations, unsure about America and fearful of Beijing, followed Manila's lead. They made little or no mention of the landmark court ruling.

Meanwhile, China unexpectedly altered its approach, substituting saber rattling and aggressive posturing for an emphasis on soft power tactics. Suddenly, China was proposing bilateral maritime security deals to several of its neighbors, tempering its rhetoric about owning the entire South China Sea, and even pledging to publish a code of conduct for the region—a move Beijing had been hindering since the mid-2000s.

Nations like the Philippines and Vietnam played along. But China's substitution of the stick for the carrot didn't actually deceive any of the parties about Beijing's true intentions. The softened approach only made clear that China felt that it had already essentially won the de facto control of the South China Sea that it had long been seeking. Beijing calculated that since the U.S. had given in, there was no need to keep behaving so aggressively.

### Enter President Trump

The election of Donald Trump in the U.S. gave rise to new hope. American defense officials and several of Washington's Asian partners were optimistic that the U.S. would take a more hawkish stance toward China. After all, Mr. Trump had campaigned on being tougher toward Beijing.

But Trump's intention to confront Beijing about militarizing the South China Sea was soon overshadowed by his need for China to help pressure North Korea over its illegal weapons programs. Early in his presidency, this order of priorities even prompted Trump to turn down three separate requests from the U.S. military to carry out South China Sea FONOPS.

Quartz's Steve Mollman said this all meant that "for Beijing, North Korea's saber rattling does serve one useful purpose: It distracts attention from the contested South China Sea. ... Now, thanks largely to North Korea, the [South China Sea] issue has faded into the background—just as China might have hoped."

On May 24, news broke that the Trump administration had finally conducted a naval operation in the South China Sea, and that it was a true FONOP. It occurred within 12 nautical miles of Mischief Reef, one of the most heavily fortified of China's artificial islands. This seemed to be a promising sign. "[I]



a "return to the status quo" after a seven-month hiatus in U.S. naval actions.

It is possible that President Trump will order more FONOPS, and that South China Sea tensions could rise again. But as the North Korean threat intensifies, Trump's desperation to cooperate with China in order to contain Pyongyang will continue to hinder his taking meaningful actions against Beijing. Whether the Trump administration conducts more FONOPS or not, China is unlikely to be deterred from its present course.

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underscores the message that Mischief Reef is not an island, and therefore does not merit a claim to exerting territorial waters," the Heritage Foundation's Dean Cheng wrote.

But the measure was too little, too late to represent an actual check on China's aggression in the region.

*Foreign Policy* called the move "belated." Stratfor said despite the bolder nature of the operation, it was basically

Chinese have learned that it is unlikely to be challenged in a meaningful way over the South China Sea. China knows that its strengthened position in the region means it can continue to emphasize soft power and thereby gain even more influence over the smaller Asian states. China has learned that, partly thanks to North Korea's distracting belligerence, the South China Sea now essentially belongs to Beijing. ■

**CHINA'S PEACEFUL RISE IS OVER.** China's conquest of the South China Sea will lead to greater conflict. To learn why, read Gerald Flurry's article "[China Is Steering the World Toward War](http://theTrumpet.com/13880)" ([theTrumpet.com/13880](http://theTrumpet.com/13880)).



**KILLING FIELDS**  
Crosses are planted to represent the staggering rate of farmers murdered in South Africa.

## South Africa's Most Dangerous Profession

Racist political rhetoric turns deadly.

BY ANDREW MILLER

**R**OBERT LYNN AND HIS WIFE, SUE HOWARTH, were asleep at home in Dullstroom, South Africa, on the night of February 19. Then, shortly after 2 a.m., two gunshots rang through the house. Lynn awoke immediately, but someone struck him with the butt of a gun before he could check on his wife. Three men dragged him to the lounge and tied him to a chair. Lynn offered his attackers his bankcard and all the cash in the house, but they did not want money. Instead they took a blowtorch and torched Lynn's feet, legs and stomach. They did not stop till they ran out of propane.

The attackers tied a plastic bag around Lynn's neck and threw him in the back of a pickup truck. Moments later, Lynn heard a thud as the men threw his wife into the truck bed next to him.

The attackers drove the couple to a nearby field. After forcing Lynn to crawl through a barbed wire fence, they shot him in the neck and left him for dead. Lynn survived and crawled back to the roadside where he found his wife struggling to stay alive. Two passersby found the couple the next morning and drove them to a hospital.

Howarth died two days later with many skull fractures and horrific burns on her chest. Her attackers had burned her with a blowtorch, stuffed a plastic bag down her throat and shot her in the head twice.

Lynn is recovering from his wounds, and struggling to understand why someone would want to murder his loving wife. "These people ... I don't know what kind of goal they have in life," he told the *Telegraph*. "I don't know what they achieved."

This horrific incident drew international publicity because Howarth was a British citizen. But brutal, deadly attacks on farmers are common in South Africa. Lynn and Howarth are two of the most recent victims of a violent movement that has been developing for decades. It began in earnest in 1990, when the South African government lifted the ban on the African National Congress and other Communist-aligned organizations.

As South African farmhouses ring with screams of fear and pain, we must understand the real agenda behind these attacks. What is happening in South Africa actually fulfills a prophecy in the Bible. Thus, we can know where this situation will lead.

### Farm Terror

Farming is South Africa's most dangerous profession. According to the Transvaal Agricultural Union (TAU), 334 farm attacks resulted in 64 deaths last year. This represents the highest such death toll since 2008.

At this point, government statistics on farm attacks have become nonexistent. But TAU reports that 1,848 people have been murdered in farm attacks since 1998—1,187 farmers, 490 family members, 147 farm employees, and 24 people who were visiting the farm at the time. With about 32,000 commercial farmers in South Africa, this indicates that farmers are being killed at an average annual rate of 206 per 100,000.

This ratio may be high, since noncommercial farms are not counted in South Africa's 2007 census of commercial agriculture. But it could also be low, because many farm murders go unreported. If the ratio is anywhere near correct, it means South African farmers are four times likelier to be murdered than South African police and seven times likelier than the average South African citizen.

Ernst Roets, Deputy CEO of AfriForum, says the majority of farm attacks are motivated by robbery, while about 4 percent of the 334 attacks that took place last year involved brutal acts of torture like those perpetrated on Lynn and his wife.

The TAU estimates that though 14 percent of farm murder victims are black, almost every farm torture victim is white. "It is important to note that not all who are murdered on farms are white people," Roets told *News24*. "On the other hand, it is equally important to note that black farmers are not subjected to the same levels of torture as their white counterparts."

Outside of the worst drug-producing regions of Latin America, the highest homicide rate in the



world is in southern Africa. But these attacks on white farmers are not ordinary crimes. They are orchestrated by someone higher up than a few roving bandits or street thugs.

### Hate Speech

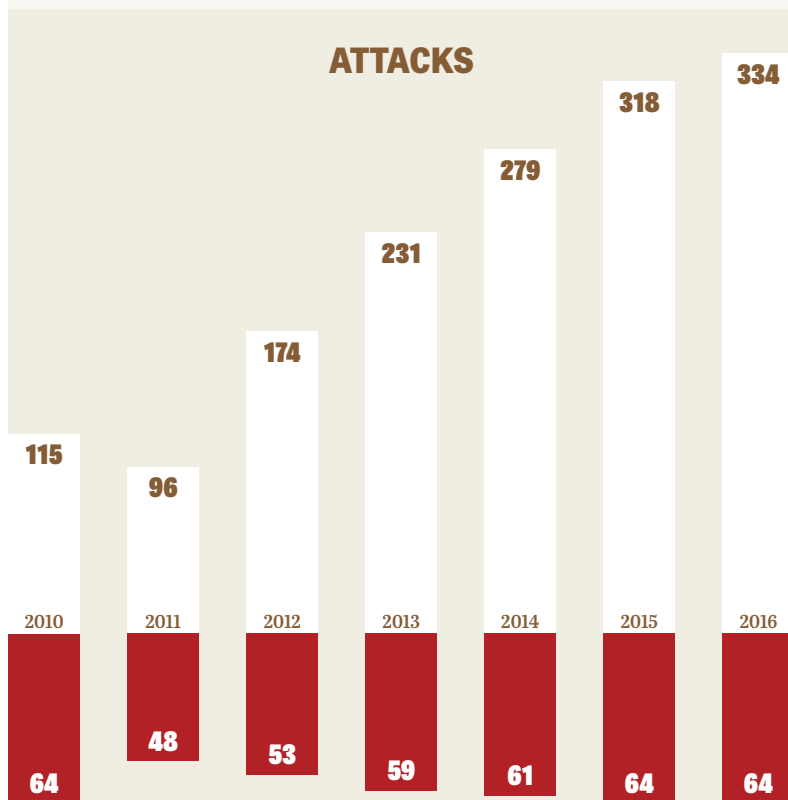
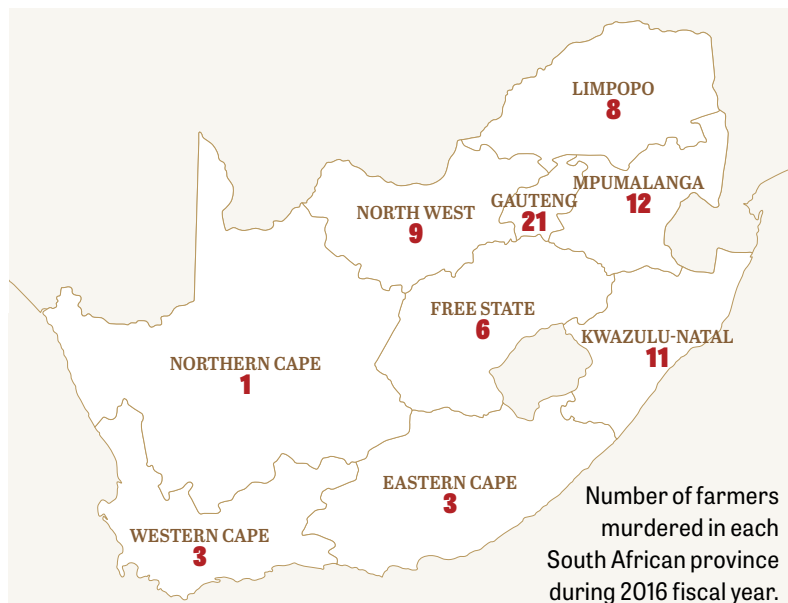
The number of white farmers in South Africa has plummeted from 60,000 in 1993 to 30,000 today. But there is no letup in politicians encouraging black criminals to target white landowners.

A direct correlation has been established between anti-white hate speech from South African politicians and farm attacks. A March 2017 AfriForum study noted that the number of farm attacks spikes when a South African politician delivers a speech vilifying white farmers. When President Jacob Zuma took to the stage in June 2012 to sing about massacring white farmers with machine guns, farm murders spiked 36 percent over the previous month.

Farm murders jumped another 92 percent last November over the previous month, when the Marxist politician Julius Malema encouraged blacks to occupy white-owned land. “When we leave here, you see any beautiful piece of land, you like it, occupy it!” he told supporters outside the Bloemfontein Magistrates Court. “It belongs to you! It is your land! It is the land of your forefathers. It was the land taken from us by white people, by force, through genocide!”

Many former members of Zuma’s African National Congress have left the party to join Malema’s Economic Freedom Fighters. Zuma is trying to reach out to disaffected voters by promising to confiscate white-owned land without compensation—like Robert Mugabe did in Zimbabwe between 2000 and 2005. “They are telling us that we will be breaking the law when we take the land, but they broke the law first by stealing our land,” Zuma told party loyalists last April. “No normal person would sit idly by after his land has been stolen from him.”

The hate speech coming from South African politicians is not only inciting murders, it is misrepresenting history. Contrary to claims that white settlers stole black land, the Cape Colony was mostly uninhabited when the Dutch settled there in 1652. Years later, skirmishes between the Dutch and the Khoikhoi people broke out over grazing rights, but the Dutch did not come into contact with Zuma’s people—the Zulu tribe—until 180 years later. At that point, Shaka Zulu had expanded the Zulu Empire to the borders of the Cape Colony by slaughtering 2 million people from these indigenous communities: Soshangane, Zwangendaba, Ndebele, Hlubi, Ngwane, Mfengu and Xhosa. In 1832, the Dutch tried to negotiate peace with Shaka’s successor. The new king ordered his men to club the Dutch peace emissaries to death. This ignited decades of



# Who and What Is God?



Here is a book to help you answer this most important question.

BY GERALD FLURRY

**H**OW WELL DO YOU UNDERSTAND the Bible? It is the best-selling, most widely distributed book in history—yet most people would say that it is a mystery to them.

One book can open the meaning of the whole Bible to you. Of the 98 books and booklets copyrighted by the Philadelphia Church of God, this book receives the most requests by far. Thousands of people have said this book gives their lives real meaning and happiness.

The Bible is where this meaning and happiness comes from. But the Bible is a coded book, a mystery to this world—to science, education and even religion. This book, *Mystery of the Ages*, is a synopsis of the entire Bible. Its author, Herbert W. Armstrong, said it was the most important book he wrote. He actually made the bold claim that, because it makes the meaning of the Bible plain, it was the second most important book after the Bible!

I want to inspire you to study the life-changing truth in this book.

## Proving the Truth

Human beings have made impressive advancements in industry and technology. Yet our world of material progress is also full of alarming and appalling evils. So adept at solving challenges

with solids, liquids and gases, human beings are primitive in solving their problems with each other.

Mr. Armstrong lived for 93 years and personally met dozens of prime ministers, presidents, kings, princes, emperors, ambassadors, legislators, judges, educators, businessmen and other world leaders. He also met thousands of ordinary people and many who were illiterate and impoverished.

Mr. Armstrong started out as clueless as anyone else. He grew up attending a Protestant church that never explained these important questions plaguing mankind. He saw *mysteries* everywhere he looked. He tried to read the Bible and reason out these mysteries, but he remained bewildered.

As a young man, Mr. Armstrong drifted away from religion because he did not find credible answers to the crucial questions of life. But God jolted him with a dual challenge. In *Mystery of the Ages*, he wrote, “It all started with the question of the theory of evolution and the religious question of Sunday observance. I knew that the Bible was the world’s number one selling book. Yet to me it had been an enigma. I could never understand it. I said, ‘The Bible says, ‘Thou shalt observe Sunday.’” I was asked how did I know? Had I read

that in the Bible? I answered that I knew because all the churches observe Sunday and I supposed the source of their teaching was the Bible.

“But my marriage was at stake on the question. I was forced into an in-depth study and research into the Bible and also into the theory of evolution, which was at that time rapidly gaining acceptance in the field of higher education. ...

“No longer was the existence of God taken carelessly for granted because I had always heard it or been taught it. I found absolute and positive proof of the existence of the Supreme Creator God and also of the absolute authority of the Holy Bible as the Word of God—the revealed message and knowledge of God for mankind.”

How many people are forced to prove their beliefs like Mr. Armstrong was? He discovered that the Bible has God’s absolute authority behind it!

## Jigsaw Puzzle

Mr. Armstrong discerned a common flaw in most people’s reading of the Bible. The Bible is not a book that you can truly understand by reading it from cover to cover! He wrote, “Instead of putting the various pieces of the jigsaw puzzle properly and sensibly together, it has become the practice and custom to

read an already-believed false teaching into each particular scripture, taken out of context. In other words, to interpret the Scriptures to say what they have already been taught and come to believe. *The Bible needs no interpretation because it interprets itself.*"

The Bible interprets itself! God tells us not to rely on an educational institution or scholars for understanding (Isaiah 28:9). Don't trust in men; trust in God!

"[T]he Bible was a coded book, not intended to be understood until our day in this latter half of the 20th century," Mr. Armstrong wrote. This is a statement that you can prove from your Bible. God only intended for the Bible to be fully understood today, in the time just before Jesus Christ returns to Earth to teach this truth to the whole world!

"I learned that the Bible is like a *jigsaw puzzle*," he wrote, "thousands of pieces that need putting together—and the pieces will fit together in only one way. Then the picture becomes crystal clear to the one willing to believe what God our Creator says. ... As you read and reread this book, compare constantly with your own Bible."

DON'T TRUST IN MEN! Meditate deeply on what you read in *Mystery of the Ages*. Compare it to the Bible. Prove all things (1 Thessalonians 5:21) and see if it contains the truth, the real answers to the fundamental questions of life.

### Cut Off

The first fundamental mystery of life, and the first chapter of *Mystery of the Ages*, is "Who and What Is God?" For millennia, human beings have believed in a higher power. Millions have devoted their lives and have died to serve their god or gods. But human history has been a wasteland of religious confusion and conflict. Why is the vast majority of mankind incapable of solving the mystery of God?

You can read in your own Bible Genesis 3:22-24, where God *cut mankind off from the tree of life*, by which he could live forever. Why would God do that? To this day, mankind is cut off from the tree of life! Mr. Armstrong wrote, "Even in these past 58 years I had not fully and clearly realized the significance of the fact revealed in Genesis 3:22-24—that, in fact, God had closed the Holy Spirit and

eternal life to mankind in general until the removal of Satan at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Traditional Christian teaching had always assumed there is a contest between God and Satan—that God has been trying desperately to 'get the world saved,' but in this great controversy Satan has been winning. In other words, God had sent Jesus Christ at his first coming to try to win this ongoing war against Satan. Traditional Christianity has taught that 'whosoever will may come' and be 'saved' through Jesus."

Mr. Armstrong finally understood the depth of this truth when he was 92 years old, not long before his death in 1986. God and Satan are not struggling for human souls today! The reason the world wallows in religious darkness is that God blocked human beings' access to the tree of life thousands of years ago! In each generation since, God has called only a tiny few out of the darkness.

Mankind in general does not have access to God because we have followed the example of Adam and Eve in rejecting God. We embrace the godless theory of evolution or the lawless platitudes of false religion. *No wonder* most people don't grasp the mystery of God!

### Laden With Lawlessness

The greatest relationship a human being can have is with his Creator. But mankind today is far from God. Thus people cannot understand the seven mysteries revealed in *Mystery of the Ages*:

1. Who and What Is God?
2. Mystery of Angels and Evil Spirits
3. Mystery of Man
4. Mystery of Civilization
5. Mystery of Israel
6. Mystery of the Church
7. Mystery of the Kingdom of God

Each mystery builds on the one before it. Understanding who and what is God is the *foundation* for understanding all the other mysteries.

The number one problem facing humanity today is HUMAN SURVIVAL. Nuclear weapons are proliferating globally. Human beings have *no way* to solve this deadly problem. The cause of this problem is man himself! We must solve the problem of *human nature* first.

Mankind could have a relationship with God, but we *refuse* it! Mr. Armstrong had an experience in India that

made this sad truth real. "I was returning to my hotel in New Delhi some years ago from a private conference with the late Mrs. Indira Gandhi, prime minister of India," he wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*. "Ever since arriving in India I had noticed cows and oxen wandering through the streets. I had never seen such animals straying loosely through city streets in any other country.

"Don't these cattle stray quite a distance from home?" I asked of the car driver.

"Oh yes," he answered.

"But when," I asked, "they wander all over the streets so far away, how do their owners find them, to drive them back home for the night?"

"The car driver smiled. 'The owners don't. But the cattle and oxen know their owners and where they live. They find their own way home in the evening.'

"Immediately I thought of the scripture in the first chapter of Isaiah, which I had never understood so perfectly before this living explanation.

"Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people LADEN WITH [LAWLESSNESS], a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, ... they are gone away backward' (Isaiah 1:2-4)."

What a horrendous picture! Only the nation of Israel knew God anciently. Only the descendants of biblical Israel—including America, Britain and the Middle East Jews—have known God and could turn away from Him like this! God says *even a dumb ox or donkey* knows his owner better than Israel knows Him!

The nations of Israel are *weighed down* with sinfulness and lawlessness. Only God can heal sinful mankind.

### They Became Fools

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things

of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:18-22).

We clearly see proof of God's existence all around us. God condemns the self-proclaimed "educated" fools who purposely suppress the truth.

Something is horribly wrong with human nature! Why doesn't man want to learn about His Creator and the most important relationship he could have?

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge ..." (verse 28). People would rather learn about evolution or other theories. The great majority of the 7.4 billion people on Earth don't know who and what God is and don't even want to know.

Anyone with an open mind can at least prove that God exists. The Apostle Paul preached the truth of God to the Gentiles, who were steeped in deception and paganism. On Mars Hill in Athens, he said, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you" (Acts 17:22-23).

Educational institutions today overwhelmingly point to evolution as the cause for human life. A rare few might believe in God, but only as a first cause. They do not want to know God! They entrench certain beliefs into the minds of their students instead of teaching them how to think. God gave humans a mind like His own! Use yours!

"The system of modern education has become entirely materialistic," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "The modern scientific concept denies the invisible and the spiritual as having existence. Yet all our seemingly unsolvable problems and the evils in this world are spiritual in nature" (ibid). Problems on Earth seemingly physical in nature actually have a spiritual cause: our human nature, which is naturally hostile toward God!

(Romans 8:7). Because of human nature, people are passively, if not actively, hostile toward their Creator. Science will never discover that. The only way to get rid of human nature is by receiving and using God's Holy Spirit.

### God Is a Family

The Book of John records the earliest chronological history in the Bible. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:1-4). This is the earliest revelation of who and what is God!

Before the angels, the universe, Earth and mankind, God and the Word existed; there was nothing else. The Word was the Spokesman of the God Kingdom. He submitted perfectly to God's will. These two eternal Beings lived in absolute peace and harmony.

But then, something changed. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (verse 14). God became the Father; the Word became the Son, Jesus Christ.

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (verse 18). Christ came to Earth to declare His Father and the Family of God. The Father and the Son are preparing for the birth of billions more sons into the God Family. This is a truth you can prove from your Bible.

Christ prophesied that so-called Christians in the end time would talk about Him instead of about His inspiring message about an endless family revolving around the Father (Matthew 24:3-5). Even God's own people have failed to honor their Father! (Malachi 1:6).

There is no bigger crisis in this age.

The Word transformed from spirit divinity to human flesh, begotten as a mortal human being inside Mary's womb. He was then crucified and killed by evil men who did not know who and what God is!

Christ's death and resurrection opened up the God Family to all mankind! All who have ever lived will have an opportunity to choose eternal life.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ..." (Genesis 1:26). Image means God's character and mind. We are in God's likeness, or physical appearance, already! God has a face and eyes and a nose and ears and hands and legs and feet and toes and hair. Jesus Christ looked like any other man. We look like God. Why? Because God is recreating Himself in us!

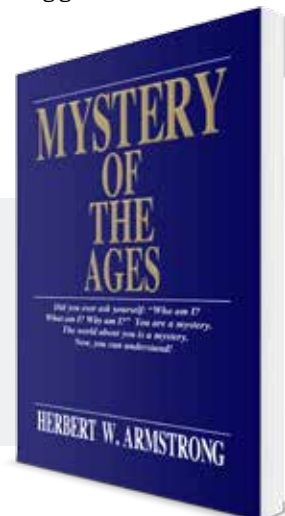
Christ is the firstborn Son, the first of countless more sons to be born into the God Family. Those who do God's work before His Second Coming will even be the Bride of Christ!

God challenges us to be led by Christ and to eradicate human nature. He expects us to become perfect like He is! (Matthew 5:48). Life is wonderful when you develop God's giving character. It will add real meaning to your life and fill you with joy and understanding.

I urge you to request a free copy of this wonderful book. Everything I have written in this article is thoroughly explained in it. Understanding who and what is God is just the first of seven mysteries you will come to understand by studying it. By knowing who and what is God, you can begin to grasp God's master plan, and your incredible potential. You will understand your Bible, and the biggest mysteries in life will be solved with real answers and truth! ■

## Break the code

The Bible is a coded book, which is not understood by reading from cover to cover. **Mystery of the Ages** gives you the code so you can understand. Request your free copy today.



► **EMPOWERING THE ENEMY** FROM PAGE 17  
negative coverage, compared to 80 per cent of reports in U.S. news media.

Merkel's opposition to America is a vote-winner. Former German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg said that Trump "is actually becoming her best campaign manager right now."

Former U.S. envoy to NATO Ivo H. Daalder said, "This seems to be the end of an era, one in which the United States led and Europe followed."

With America on the way out, Germany is moving fast "to fashion a Franco-German axis that will pursue a common economic and military path," wrote the *National Interest*. Mr. Trump is "emboldening Germany to become the superpower of Europe and inevitably it will pursue what it considers its own interests" (op cit).

It concluded with what is prophetically an electrifying statement: "Until now, the core relationship in American foreign policy in Europe has been with Germany. That tie appears not simply to be fraying but on the verge of snapping. It will be no small irony if Trump has impelled Europe to transform itself into a unified great power."

We are witnessing a seismic shift in transatlantic relations that is paving the way for the fulfillment of Daniel 11:40!

### 'Frankenstein Monster'

Go back and look at what the *Trumpet* has written about Iran over the past two decades. Review what Herbert Armstrong wrote about Germany in the years following the end of World War II all the way up to the 1980s. You will see just how accurate Bible prophecy is!

In our booklet *He Was Right*, we said that "in the years since 2001, the U.S. has *effectively done NOTHING to target Iran or degrade its support of terrorism*. The 'war on terror' has actually left Iran stronger." American wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, followed by the Obama-led U.S. withdrawal from the Middle East, effectively handed the region over to its most dominant power. Then the nuclear deal Obama signed before leaving office solidified Iran's position as "king" over the region.

As soon as World War II ended, Mr. Armstrong said that the United States would help to rebuild Germany, the very

"Frankenstein monster" that prophecy warns will come back and destroy us!

"The United States is determined, now, to let NOTHING stand in the way of building up a rearmed, independent Germany," Mr. Armstrong wrote in 1952. "This will be the heart and core of the united Europe that will revive the Roman Empire." In 1961, he wrote that this seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire had been "proposed, encouraged, aided and abetted" by the United States!

### Herbert Armstrong called a unified Europe a "made in the U.S.A." superpower to be dominated by Germany.

The U.S. literally rebuilt Germany from the ground up. It then pushed for the creation of the European Union. Mr. Armstrong called the project a "made in the U.S.A." superpower to be dominated by Germany. America, of course, believed that a union of *many* European states would help suppress Germany's dominant disposition.

Plus, there was the NATO alliance. As Lord Hastings Ismay famously quipped after the coalition formed, it was designed to "keep the Russians out, the Americans in and the Germans down."

"The United States made a simple bargain with Western Europe: *You no longer need to maintain a world-class army; instead, we will protect you*," we wrote in 2014. "This deal helped bring an extraordinary level of stability and tranquility to a part of the world that has repeatedly convulsed with astonishing violence and destruction throughout its history" (*Trumpet*, January 2014).

That time has ended. America has helped to build a European superpower. And now President Trump wants to get the Americans out and *push* the Germans to dominate.

"Do we really want to see a United Europe led by Germany?" Charles Krauthammer asked on May 30. "Last time that happened it didn't really turn out well. ... There is a reason why every president since Truman has wanted to tie Europe to the United States. ... We may rue the day when the Germans are not tied down by transatlantic bonds."

This is exactly what Mr. Armstrong warned about as early as the 1940s!

### A Break in the NATO Alliance

It is breathtaking to consider how much detail the Bible prophesies about these days we are living in! Ezekiel 23 speaks of Germany as America's "lover." My father explained the meaning of this relationship in his 2014 article "The Significance of Germany's Break From America." He wrote, "Since World War II, the U.S. has snuggled up to Germany. It has actually done a lot to help Germany become the number one power in Europe! ... In 2009, America's ambassador to Germany called the Washington-Berlin partnership 'the most important relationship of the past 60 years.' For many years now, America has been encouraging Germany to take on a stronger global leadership role and even to strengthen its military might."

But Ezekiel 23, he wrote, shows "what will become of America and Britain because of this tryst." The adulterous relationship is prophesied to end in a *massive double cross* that brings down our nations!

"Germany was prophesied to break away from America, and it is happening before our eyes," he wrote. "But the animosity we see today is only the smallest beginning!"

That was from the October 2014 *Trumpet*, in the wake of a spying scandal in America's National Security Administration. Already it is clear that animosity was merely a SMALL BEGINNING. "You can know absolutely where the German-American relationship is heading," he wrote. "Events right now are leading toward a terrifying end, and you can recognize it if you pay attention."

America's "loving" ally since the end of World War II is fast becoming its greatest enemy. And America is largely responsible for creating this Frankenstein nightmare, in the same way it has empowered the radically Islamic king of the south.

The Daniel 11:40 clash is fast approaching! The king of the north and king of the south have been identified. Anyone watching and praying can see that these kings are rising **RAPIDLY!** And America, ironically and shamefully, is determined to let nothing stand in the way of rebuilding and rearming them! ■



## German troops to be stationed in Jordan

Germany will move its main air base for the Middle East from Incirlik, Turkey, to Azraq, Jordan, Germany's cabinet agreed, June 7.

The Incirlik base has been essential to the German military's ongoing fight against the Islamic State, but tensions with Turkey provoked German officials to pull out.

Jordan is an obvious choice for an alternative. Despite its proximity to regional crises, the Sunni majority country has managed to avoid the chaos triggered by the Arab Spring. A base in Jordan would be relatively stable and could potentially extend Germany's reach at least another 600 miles into the Middle East.

The move involves some 270 personnel, about half a dozen German Tornado reconnaissance jets and a refueling plane.

The foundation of a relationship has already been laid. Late last year, Germany announced \$88.6 million worth of grants and loans to Jordan, increasing its total pledged assistance to the country to approximately \$529 million. The grants and soft loans are designed to

support Jordan's sanitation and water sectors. The Germans have made numerous similar nonmilitary investments over the years, including cooperation in solar thermal power plants and railways.

Germany is Jordan's second-largest bilateral donor after the United States—a milestone German officials celebrated with a statement last year.

According to the *Jordan Times*, "Supporting Jordan in overcoming the refugee crisis has been a crucial part of Germany's funding of projects in the kingdom, the statement said, indicating that Berlin has supported Amman with more than €1.12 billion since the beginning of the Syrian refugee crisis in 2012" (Nov. 17, 2016).

But of course, as the presence of the German military in the region proves, Germany knows that the problems of the Middle East will not be solved with grants and soft loans.

Wherever Germany's Middle Eastern base ends up, Germany will use the opportunity to forge new military relationships with the nations there and to increase its ability to project power in the region. ■

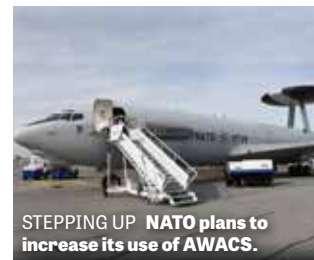
## NATO joins anti-Islamic State coalition

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg confirmed on May 24 that the military alliance will join the international coalition fighting against the Islamic State.

Stoltenberg made the announcement two days after the terrorist attack in Manchester, England, and one day before a key NATO summit. "This will send a strong political message of NATO's commitment to the fight against terrorism," he said.

Stoltenberg said that the alliance will now increase its AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) flight time, information sharing and air-to-air refueling. Germany currently provides a third of the manpower for AWACS reconnaissance flights and will in the future contribute even more heavily. Stoltenberg said NATO will also provide "a better platform for coordinating the activities of NATO, NATO allies and other partners in the coalition in the fight against terrorism."

Previously, France and Germany opposed such intervention as they feared that



STEPPING UP NATO plans to increase its use of AWACS.

increased NATO involvement in Syria and Iraq might escalate the conflicts or, if nothing else, harm ongoing peace talks.

While NATO will abstain from any direct combat missions, Spiegel warned that NATO's involvement in the Mideast will eventually lead to just that.

"In reality, NATO is entering a dangerous slide with this decision," Spiegel Online wrote on May 24. "It already has been approved, for example, that the flight hours of the AWACS reconnaissance aircrafts will be extended to better coordinate the machines of the alliance in the Syrian airspace. The control of concrete combat operations is then no longer far away."

With NATO increasingly becoming more European than American, this development will likely help bring Europe, especially Germany, much closer to the Middle East. ■

## Germany to support Lebanon

In April, Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri visited Europe to request up to \$12 billion in investments for his impoverished, refugee-flooded nation and his beleaguered government.

"In Germany, Hariri seems to have found a receptive ear," wrote Lebanese affairs commentator Tony Badran (*Tablet*, May 9).

Lebanon today is little more than an Iranian outpost. Iran's proxy, the Hezbollah terrorist and political group, has a

stranglehold on the nation's government. But Bible prophecy indicates that end-time Lebanon will be aligned not with Iran but with Germany.

Last year, Germany gifted \$411 million to Lebanon, making it the nation's second-largest benefactor after America. While humanitarian concerns factor into Germany's support, it is also possible Germany sees strategic benefit in a relationship with Lebanon that could draw it out of Iran's sphere of influence. ■

## Iran 'forcefully' develops missile capabilities

The head of the aerospace division of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps announced May 25 that construction is complete on Iran's third underground ballistic missile factory.

Fars News Agency quoted Gen. Amir-Ali Hadjizadeh as saying, "Step by step we are developing our defensive capability. ... We will continue to further develop our missile

foreign trip.

Just four days earlier, while visiting Saudi Arabia on May 21, President Trump said Iran "is a regime that is responsible for so much instability in the region" and isolated Tehran as "the government that gives terrorists ... safe harbor, financial backing and the social standing needed for recruitment ....

"[A]ll nations of conscience must work together to isolate



capabilities forcefully. It's normal that our enemies, that is to say the United States and Israel, are angry when we show off our underground missile bases because they want the Iranian people to be in a position of weakness" (May 25).

Iran's announcement came during the week of United States President Donald Trump's first

Iran, deny it funding for terrorism, and pray for the day when the Iranian people have the just and righteous government they deserve."

Whereas the Obama administration tried to appease Iran with multiple concessions that culminated in the nuclear deal implemented in January 2016, the Trump administration has

## North Korea-Iran weapons link exposed

On May 2, Iran attempted to launch a Jask-2 cruise missile from a "midget" submarine in the Strait of Hormuz. The only other country that operates "midget" submarines, which can travel and hide in shallow water, is North Korea. The submarine appears to be based on a North Korean design, a further indication that the two rogue nations are collaborating on their missile and nuclear programs.

Despite the launch's failure, the fact that it occurred in the

strategic Strait of Hormuz caused additional worry for American analysts.

Intelligence reports claim Iran's submarine "was based on a Pyongyang design, the same type that sank a South Korean warship in 2010," according to Fox News (May 5).

The *Trumpet* has monitored cooperation between these two rogue nations for years. In a recent update to his booklet *The King of the South*, editor in chief Gerald Flurry asks, "Why were

condemned the nuclear deal and chastised Iran with strong words and even strong actions, such as air strikes in Syria.

Nothing, however, appears compelling enough to change Iran's status as the world's foremost terrorist-sponsoring nation. Two months after the nuclear deal was implemented, Iran conducted what state television called a "missile revolution," illegally test-firing several ballistic missiles marked with the words "Israel must be wiped out" in Hebrew. Four days after President Trump's threats, Iran responded with more belligerent rhetoric and military advancements.

Iran's reelection of "moderate" President Hassan Rouhani will likely not change Iran's destabilizing behavior either. The supposedly pragmatic Rouhani said defiantly on May 22: "Iran does not need the permission of the United States to conduct missile tests."

It seems nothing can intimidate Iran or its radical leaders. But something soon will. Our editor in chief Gerald Flurry discussed that power in his article "The Whirlwind Prophecy" ([theTrumpet.com/10678](http://theTrumpet.com/10678)) and his free booklet *The King of the South*. ■

Iranian officials present for North Korea's illegal nuclear weapons tests? Are the Iranians outsourcing their nuclear program, or at least parts of their nuclear bombs? It certainly appears that way. The Iranians are watching these tests for a reason."

Mr. Flurry has called the nuclear deal with Iran "the worst foreign-policy blunder in American history." This assessment would be further confirmed if it turns out Iran simply made its nuclear program partly a joint venture with North Korea. ■



## Iran and Hamas: back together

Iran has reportedly agreed to resume funding the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas, following a six-year divorce and weeks of negotiations between Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

The London daily *Asharq al-Awsat* reported on May 30 that Iranian support for Hamas was conditional upon Ismail Haniyeh (a pro-Iranian figure) becoming the new political leader of the movement. Haniyeh was installed into that office a week before the reconciliation.

Relations between Iran and Hamas fractured at the start of Syria's civil war in 2011 when the Palestinian terrorist organization condemned Syrian President Bashar Assad, whom Iran supports.

After Haniyeh became Hamas's new leader, IRGC Quds Force Gen. Qassem Suleimani wrote him a letter saying, "We await to strengthen our bond with Hamas, the ally of the resistance axis .... We emphasize that we continue to insist on the victory of the resistance ... until the ground, the sky, the sea for the Zionists turns into hell."

"Quds" is the Arabic name for Jerusalem, and Suleimani, arguably one of the most powerful and influential men in Iran, seems to have a green light from the Iranian regime to intensify his focus on the namesake of the armed force he leads. ■



## NK missile launch a worrying milestone

A successful missile test on May 14 marked a milestone in North Korea's missile program, and possibly for its nuclear program as well.

The weapon, a mid-to-long-range Hwasong-12 missile, was launched from the western part of the nation. State-run media said it reached an altitude of 1,312 miles and flew 490 miles before falling into the Sea of Japan near Russia. Experts say that if the missile had been fired with the typical, more lateral trajectory rather than with such a lofty arch, it could have traveled some 2,800 miles.

That places the United States Andersen Air Force Base in Guam within the missile's range.

After the launch, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un said the Hwasong-12 can carry "a large-size, heavy nuclear warhead."

"North Korea's latest successful missile test represents a level of performance never before seen from a North Korean missile," wrote aerospace engineer John Schilling on the 38 North blog, published by the U.S.-Korea

Institute. "It appears to have not only demonstrated an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) that might enable them to reliably strike the U.S. base at Guam but, more importantly, may represent a substantial advance to developing an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM)" (May 14).

Since taking over North Korea in 2011, Kim Jong-un has often threatened to develop a nuclear-capable ICBM that can strike the U.S. mainland 4,800 miles away.

Writing for *National Interest* on May 16, Bruce Klingner, senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation, said the launch "means Pyongyang's quest to develop an ICBM is progressing more quickly than previously thought." Many Korean watchers have been skeptical about Kim's claim that his military was in the "late stages" of developing such a weapon. "There are far fewer skeptics today," Klingner said.

Mira Rapp-Hooper, an Asia and nuclear expert at the Center for a New American Security, said May's launch means "an ICBM may be only a year or so away." ■

## State, local gov'ts hiding trillions in debt

Puerto Rico filed for bankruptcy on May 3, defaulting on \$123 billion—the biggest bankruptcy in the history of the American public bond market. Puerto Rico's public pension plans will run out of money this year. This debt crisis is similar to what is happening on the mainland.

A May 15 Hoover Institution report showed that "unfunded liabilities of U.S. state and local pension systems are at least \$3.8 trillion, or 2.8 times more than the value reflected in government disclosures."

Accounting standards were adjusted in 2014 and 2015 to better reflect the financial health of local and state governments, but a serious flaw remained. These governments were allowed to plan for a 7.6 percent return on their pension fund investments. But safe investments yield only around 2 percent per year over 10 years. A 7.6 percent return is possible only through risky investing. These standards allow states not to

disclose their full pension debts for what they are: actual debt.

The report used a mortgage to illustrate what is happening. Imagine you want to take out a mortgage on a house and need to disclose all your assets and liabilities, such as debt. You have a \$100,000 debt due in 10 years. But you only have \$50,000. Because you are investing that \$50,000 in the stock market, you plan to get a rate of return more than triple what most people receive. If you succeed, you'll double your money in 10 years and be able to pay your debt in full. So on your mortgage application, you don't tell the bank you're \$50,000 in debt. If you did this, it would be financial fraud. But the government gets away with it.

The \$3.8 trillion debt is going nowhere unless governments take painful measures—the kind that make angry voters vote politicians out of office. When this debt bubble bursts, Puerto Rico's \$123 billion won't even be remembered. ■

## Will Moon bring back 'Sunshine'?

South Korean liberal reformer Moon Jae-in was sworn in for a five-year presidential term on May 10, following a landslide victory in a historic snap election. Moon replaces the impeached former president and brings an end to almost 10 years of conservative leadership in Seoul.

The son of North Korean refugees, Moon served as chief of staff to President Roh Moo-hyun from 2003 to 2008, a government that pursued a "Sunshine Policy" toward the North. This approach expanded South Korea's dialogue and engagement with North Korea.

But today, North Korea's missile and nuclear capabilities

have significantly advanced, and a range of United Nations sanctions have been levied on the North, obstructing economic cooperation. Yet Moon has criticized his predecessors' tough stance against North Korea and is expected to soften it.

By contrast, the Trump administration has said America's "era of strategic patience" with the North is over and pledged to apply maximum pressure on the Kim regime. The opposing views on how to deal with Kim Jong-un's regime could strain the alliance between South Korea and the United States. ■





**GRIEF** Flowers commemorate four teenagers killed by gang members.

## MS-13 killings jolt Long Island

**P**olice arrested three MS-13 gang members on May 3 in connection with an attempted murder on Long Island. The victim was slashed in the stomach with a machete on April 30 after allegedly laughing at his assailants. All three suspected perpetrators were born in El Salvador and were in the country illegally.

MS-13 is an international gang that started in Los Angeles and then spread throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America. It currently has 10,000 to 20,000 members in the U.S., making it one of the largest criminal enterprises in the country.

Retired Suffolk detective John Oliva reported that MS-13

is responsible for 17 murders in Long Island, New York, in the past 18 months. Suffolk County Sheriff Vincent DeMarco blames the gang's deadly rise on the immigration policies of former U.S. President Barack Obama.

"A large portion of the MS-13 gang members are here illegally," DeMarco told radio host John Catsimatidis on May 7. "And they arrive in the country through the unaccompanied minors program, which was really loosened up and formed under President Obama."

President Donald Trump has said that stopping MS-13 is a top priority of his administration. However, MS-13 has partnered with Mexico's Sinaloa drug cartel, and these violent criminals have access to a steady supply of arms and money that ultimately comes from the 25 million Americans who use illegal drugs. This makes U.S. street gangs a formidable threat to national security. ■

## Americans: Pornography is morally acceptable

**T**he percentage of Americans who view pornography as "morally acceptable" has increased to a record high, according to a Gallup poll released on May 11. The survey found that 36 percent of Americans not only believe pornography is normal, they believe it is moral. The same poll found that 69 percent of Americans found sex between an unmarried man and an unmarried woman to be morally acceptable. The percentages of U.S. adults who believe divorce, sex between unmarried people, homosexual relations, having a baby outside of marriage, doctor-assisted suicide, pornography and polygamy are morally acceptable practices have all reached record highs this year. ■

## America's murder capital

**S**ince the death of Freddie Gray in 2015 and subsequent riots, Baltimore has become the deadliest city in the United States. Baltimore's homicide rate is now the highest in the country.

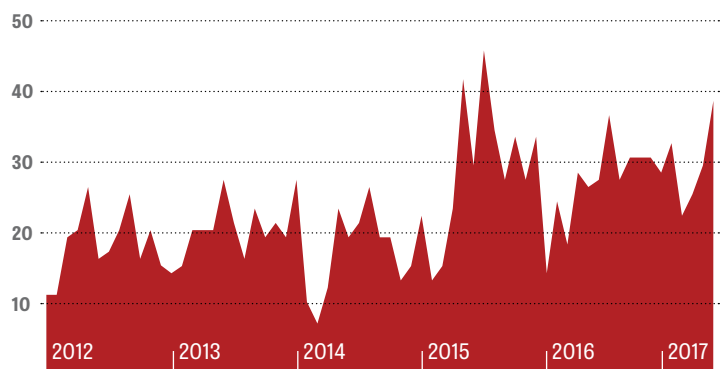
"In portions of Baltimore, the strobe of police cars is as much a part of the landscape as boarded-up homes," the *Washington Post* reported on May 14. "But the pace of the killings this year has been stunning as the city struggles to recover from rioting in 2015 .... It is more than triple Washington's rate and higher than the homicide rates in New Orleans and Chicago, two places that have become national symbols of gun violence."

As of May 12, this year 124 people had been murdered in

Baltimore. Since the city has a population of 614,000, this means the city's homicide is currently 20.2 per 100,000 residents. Unless the situation swiftly improves, this figure will rise to 55 per 100,000 residents by the end of the year.

Two years ago, fierce rioting and looting in Baltimore commenced after Freddie Gray, a young black man with a criminal record, was arrested and died in police custody. Before the facts of Gray's arrest or the cause of his death became known, protesters began marching and rioters began destroying parts of the city. Baltimore's mayor at the time, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, famously responded to the lawlessness by stating in a press conference that she had

## Number of murders in Baltimore by month



instructed Baltimore police "to do everything that they could to make sure that the protesters were able to exercise their right to free speech. ... [W]e also gave those who wished to destroy space to do that as well."

Rioters in the city destroyed or damaged an estimated 350

businesses and \$9 million in property. Two years later, Baltimore is the nation's murder capital. This is what happens in the absence of law. This is what happens when law enforcement gives criminals space to destroy, rob, loot and murder. ■

politicians in Germany. ... [Before she opened our borders to] the refugees, she should have talked to me first [*laughter*]. I could have [told] her, “You will not be successful. Think of the silent majority. The silent majority will press you as long as you turned around completely.” And this happened. ...

Reports emerged about the right wing and even the Nazi element within the Bundeswehr, Germany’s military. When you read that story, what did you think? I was prepared to read this kind of story. ... I know there’s something burning inside the soul of the Germans, and it just now suddenly popped up in our Bundeswehr. Only a part of it, for sure. But it’s stronger than we imagined, and now find more and more soldiers who were involved.

This I don’t understand—but I understand it on the other hand. I don’t understand: [German soldiers receive] welfare; they get a good salary; they could nurse a family; they have quite a career. They can go to Afghanistan or Mali, or they have their foreign countries—they get big money in foreign countries. Everything could be OK if they would be real democrats. But ... if you have a weapon, and if you can shoot with it, and you have the brilliant German tanks ... running, then you are thinking of the old good Germany. And this is why they are not satisfied, together with the problems of the refugees ....

So is this crisis in the Germany military evidence the Nazi spirit is still alive and functioning in Germany?

For sure, that’s a part of it. It’s a part of it.

As we end the interview, do you have a final message?

Acknowledge that the German people didn’t [start] any war the last 70 years—that’s a good thing. But the next 70 years will follow, so be careful. Never trust the German. [Winston] Churchill [made a] brilliant sentence [about the Germans]: “You have the Germans either at your knees or at your throat.” And that’s exactly, that’s a very good characterization of the German people. I love this guy. ■

now 100 percent behind Corbyn. But what was once extreme is now a viable election strategy!

At the same time, the next election may not be far off. With her tiny majority—and even then only with the support of another party—it will be very hard for Theresa May to govern effectively. “The normal pattern is for the minority government to limp along for a short period and then collapse, forcing the country back to the polls,” wrote the *Economist*.

The DUP and the Conservatives are much more closely aligned ideologically than other groups of parties that have tried to work together in the past, and David Cameron held his coalition together despite widespread skepticism, so collapse is not a given. But elections are still a real possibility even in the near future. Could this be only the start of the march of the radical left in Britain?

### How to Make Britain ‘Great Again’

Britain has a Communist Party. But this year it decided not to stand for election and instead directed its supporters to vote for Corbyn’s Labour Party. This is the first time in the Communist Party’s nearly 100-year history that it has ever done something like this.

That makes clear what just happened: Britain came close to a Communist takeover. But that takeover may have merely been postponed. Right now, 40 percent of Britons are in favor of it.

Earlier this year, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry published an updated version of his booklet *Great Again*. It exposes the alarming truth behind the stunning rise of the radical left in the United States.

This latest election proves that many of those trends are just as prevalent in the United Kingdom.

“What do you know about communism?” he asks in his booklet. “A growing number of Americans support the government taking over health care and other major segments of the national economy. They fail to understand the dangers that accompany a Communist system.” Nothing could be truer of the UK, when nearly half the country just voted for a Communist government.

“Modern proponents of communism downplay its subversive goals,” he writes.

“But subversion is its very foundation!” In private, men like John McDonnell are clear about their “subversive goals.”

“The crisis facing this nation is *not* because of a bad president!” Mr. Flurry writes. “The cause is far deeper.”

This election proves that there are similarly deep problems in Britain.

The hard truth is, these deep problems aren’t just with politicians, they are with voters—with *us*. Mr. Flurry writes that America’s political leadership “speaks volumes about our people. *We get the leaders we deserve*. Especially in a democratic republic, we the people must accept the blame for the problems!”

When out-and-out Communists win 40 percent of the vote, we British have to take a good, hard look at ourselves. When a nation mired in debt almost votes for “the kind of spending that you would only expect during an existential crisis like a war,” that indicates there is something appallingly wrong with the entire educational system (sidebar: “Revenge of the Youth,” page 10).

Something is wrong with the thinking of ordinary British voters! Something is wrong with *us*!

In *Great Again*, Mr. Flurry explains where the real blame for America’s predicament lies: “God blames the people for their sins, not the leaders!”

To blame Britain’s problems on SIN might sound old-fashioned. But it is only as Britain has gotten further and further away from even a basic understanding of the Bible and biblical morality that these kinds of extreme politicians have flourished.

But there is another dimension behind this shift to the radical left in Britain. Mr. Flurry writes, “THERE IS A SPIRITUAL DIMENSION TO AMERICA’S DECLINE THAT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT SEE.” That is true of Britain’s decline as well. To learn more about that spiritual dimension, read *Great Again*. The rise of the radical left it describes is dangerous, and Britain’s election results prove this is not just an American phenomenon.

Understanding this spiritual dimension exposes the true solution. “America, the British peoples (including Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa) and the Jewish nation are facing horrendous problems,” writes Mr. Flurry. “Only God can save these nations.” ■

# A Healthy Approach to Stress

Turn a harmful burden into a beneficial asset.

**Y**OU HAVE A BIG PROJECT OVERDUE AT WORK, THE WATER damage under the bathroom sink is getting worse, then your child gets sick. Problems and worries are part of life. Only the dead have no stress!

The question is, how well do you *handle* your stress?

“There is a lot of stress in war,” Gerald Flurry wrote in his book *How to Be an Overcomer*. “People have broken down from that stress. But did you know that *real fighters almost never get stressed out?*”



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Proverbs 24:10 says, “If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.” Are you a real fighter? Or is your strength small?

If you are watching, you know that times are getting more stressful and more dangerous. We must learn to handle stress skillfully.

Realize: Stress is not bad, of itself. We need it in order to perform our best. Stress is just your body responding to a challenge or threat by increasing your capacity for strength, stamina and alertness. Your heart rate increases, and adrenalin and other hormones are released into your bloodstream to enable you to meet the challenge with enhanced performance.

To do this, though, your body must move resources from elsewhere. It represses your immune system, your digestion and other functions. Thus, if you are exposed to ongoing high and frequent stress, these functions eventually weaken, and you become vulnerable to viruses, bacteria and other environmental toxins. This causes you to break down and age prematurely.

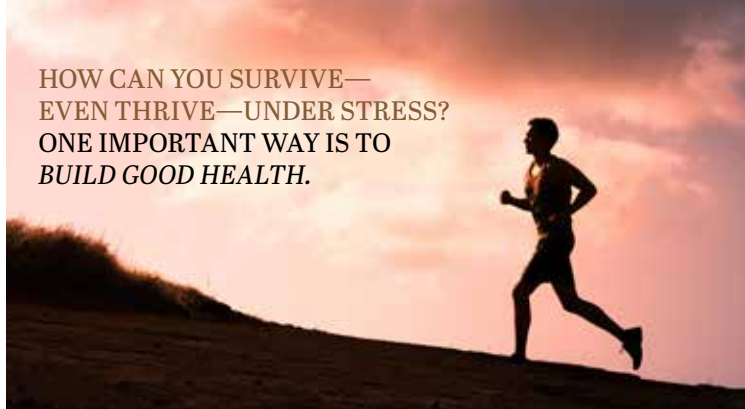
How can you survive—even thrive—under stress? One important way is to *build good health*.

Start managing stress by improving your *physical* health. A healthy body promotes a healthy mind. A clean diet prepares your immune system for stressful times. Regular exercise is a constructive way to release tension, and it boosts your body’s resilience. Enough *sleep* is also crucial for handling stress well. Sleep deprivation can quickly destroy your toughness.

Next, consider your *mental and emotional* health. Stress is not just what happens to you—it’s how you *react* to it. And how you react is controlled by your mind and emotions. So handling stress requires *mastering your emotions*.

Don’t take yourself or situations too seriously. See the humor in life. Don’t *imagine* things to be worse than they are, blowing them out of proportion. Realize that bad things happen: This will help you handle disappointments gracefully. When a stressful situation arises, see it as an opportunity to

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learn and to test your strength. Also, know your limits: Don’t try to control what you have no control over.

You can also improve your mental health by reducing stressful stimulation. Avoid hopeless music, high-intensity movies and derogatory humor. Replace those with peaceful, soothing music, or silence; read a thought-provoking book; meditate.

Finally, examine your *spiritual* health.

Realize that *sin causes stress*—and righteousness eliminates it. A lot of the wrong kinds of stress come from preoccupation with *self*. Much stress springs from vanity—self-love, self-concern. *Self-pity is sin!* When you are stressed, you need to put that out and get your mind on Christ and on other people. Take care of your relationships with family.

Maintain a right spiritual perspective. Know God is in charge. Remember His miracles, and how He delivers the righteous from trial. In Matthew 11, Christ said, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ... [M]y yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Soldiers say that you don’t rise to the occasion in combat—you sink to the level of your training. Stay in constant *spiritual* training! Always keep God first, *especially* in tough times.

The Apostle Paul set a great example here. At the end of his life, he was confined to prison—a very stressful circumstance. But in those bleak conditions, he wrote 2 Timothy, probably his most inspiring epistle!

He wrote that all the people in the Church had left him—but, he said, “the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me.”

In the same letter, Paul told Timothy, “You therefore *endure hardness*, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” Paul was a mighty spiritual warrior.

Mr. Flurry wrote, “Winston Churchill told his troops to learn to have smiles on their faces as bullets flew over their heads. ... Churchill knew you need calming leadership, or you will make a lot of mistakes in warfare” (ibid).

Then he said, “Paul’s actions here demonstrate what you can do if you stay with God. **THERE ISN’T ANY REASON FOR US TO BE OVERLY STRESSED.**”

Remember, in good times, **BUILD YOUR HEALTH**—physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. Then, when you are plunged into times of high stress, don’t neglect these things! Take care of your body. That problem you are facing won’t get easier if you lose your health! Keep your thoughts and emotions healthy. Don’t turn a challenge into a calamity. And keep your spiritual life strong! The crisis won’t go away if you withdraw from God!

With strong physical, mental and emotional, and spiritual health, in times of stress, you’ll be better able to thrive. ■

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# The World's Invisible Superpower

There is just one thing missing. **BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU**

**C**ONVENTIONAL WISDOM IS THAT AMERICA IS THE WORLD'S only superpower. Many analysts see China becoming its only rival, and Russia lurking in the background. It is easy to write off Europe as a divided, economically depressed continent that is being overrun by migrants. To do that is to miss a vital point: The European Union is already a superpower.

"Europe today is a genuine superpower and will likely remain one for decades to come," wrote *Foreign Policy's* Andrew Moravcsik. "By most objective measures, it either rivals or surpasses the United States and China in its ability to project a full spectrum of global military, economic and soft power. Europe consistently deploys military troops within and beyond its immediate neighborhood. It manipulates economic power with a skill and success unmatched by any other country or region. And its ability to employ 'soft power' to persuade other countries to change their behavior is unique.

"If a superpower is a political entity that can consistently project military, economic and soft power transcontinentally with a reasonable chance of success, Europe surely qualifies. Its power, moreover, is likely to remain entrenched for at least another generation, regardless of the outcome of current European crises. In sum, Europe is the 'invisible superpower' in contemporary world politics" (April 13).

Most European nations are too small to have a massive global reach. United politically, militarily and economically, however, they would exceed the power of America, Russia and China.

That is exactly what Herbert W. Armstrong predicted for more than half a century, beginning in 1934!

Economically, America and China are the world's two juggernauts, and China is hailed as America's rival. However, in truth the world's second-largest economy is the EU. And if Europe could achieve further economic unity, it could rival the two powers. It is already the center of world trade—the world's top trader of goods and services. It is the leader in foreign investment, with money flowing in from developing countries. Europe also dominates international economic regulation, forcing other nations to adopt its standards of trade.

Europe is still plagued by economic instability, but the center of gravity holding the entire eurozone together is Germany. Without German capital, the entire Union would collapse.

While most European countries are battling debt and inflation, Germany continues to run surpluses on its annual budgets.

Mr. Armstrong also prophesied of Germany's central role in the coming European superpower. He wrote in the June 1952 *Plain Truth*: "The United States is determined, now, to let nothing stand in the way of building up a re-armed, independent Germany. This will be the heart and core of the united Europe that will revive the Roman Empire."

Now, European militaries act independently; each nation decides military spending separately. However, Europe is a top arms exporter, and it has vast amounts of military production at hand. The leader in all these statistics—military spending and production—is Germany. As a consolidated military bloc, Europe is the world's second-largest military spender, accounting for around 15 percent of the total. (China spends 13 percent; Russia, 4 percent.) United, Europe is second only to the U.S. in military might.

Moravcsik summed up Europe's advantages over the other powers: "The underlying determinants of global influence—military capabilities, nominal and per capita income, trade and investment competitiveness, the intrinsic attractiveness of symbolic ideas and institutions—are changing far more slowly than headlines suggest. Europe today is the world's

invisible superpower—rivaling and, in many cases, surpassing the United States and China. It has the resources to retain this status for decades and generations to come."

Why then is Europe an *invisible* superpower? It simply lacks a confidence-inspiring leader.

The great key to European unity, and the greatest requirement to propel forward a fully federalized Europe, is a strong leader who can bridge the valleys of differences in Europe. Bible prophecies point toward a European superpower—and a strong leader at the helm. No current European leader fulfills that role.

In the broad sweep of European history, in each instance of European unity, an oppressive empire springs forth. Otto the Great, the Habsburg dynasty, Louis XIV, Napoleon Bonaparte, Kaiser Wilhelm II and Adolf Hitler

are the strongmen who have marched across the pages of European history. Some of them are among the worst tyrants in history, but each united the European peoples through leadership, common faith or by the sword.

These men are remembered in the shadow of the first European king: *Charlemagne*. Europeans still revere his memory.

Today, the invisible superpower is waiting for a new Charlemagne. The circumstances are ripe for a 21st-century empire. Once again, it will center upon Germany as the core. Europe is already an unrealized superpower—all it needs is a leader to emerge and forge European unity with an iron hand. This new Charlemagne will lead Europe down the familiar road of all European empires: war and conquest. The superpower is ready; it is just waiting to be led. ■

**To learn more about this coming Charlemagne, read our free booklet *A Strong German Leader Is Imminent*.**



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war that did not end until the British Empire conquered the Zulu Kingdom in 1879.

The only people in the history of South Africa guilty of attempted genocide are the Zulu. Yet today, President Zuma conveniently accuses the Dutch and British of taking land from people that his own Zulu ancestors slaughtered. He covers up this grisly history in a bid to convince the black tribes of South Africa to band together against those of European descent. This strategy threatens to unleash violence in South Africa on a scale not witnessed since the end of the Anglo-Zulu War.

**Mfecane**

Historians refer to Shaka Zulu's reign as the *Mfecane*—a Zulu expression that means time of “crushing.” This period ended when the British people rose to prominence in South Africa. The Bible states that there will be another *Mfecane* when the British people fall from prominence. This time of “crushing” will afflict all the descendants of ancient Israel, including British and Dutch South Africans as well as Americans, Australians, British, Canadians, New Zealanders and others. (For proof of these national identities, request a free copy of our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

The Prophet Ezekiel describes this time in grisly detail. “Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses ...” (Ezekiel 7:23-24). The Bible prophesies that so many bloody crimes will occur that they will be like links in a chain—one following right after another. This passage even talks about people's homes being taken away and about conflict between ethnic groups.

Ezekiel 7 also explains why this time of violence is coming. It is because of the “abominations” of the people: their sins. This does not mean that the victims killed in farm attacks were more sinful than anyone else. Jesus Christ Himself was asked why 18 people were killed, seemingly at random, when a tower collapsed in Siloam. He answered, “[T]hink ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:4-5). Likewise, the 1,600 killed in farm attacks were not worse sinners than other South Africans. Yet God did not intervene to protect them. The Bible says God is allowing this chain of violence so that the people of end-time Israel can be forewarned of what is coming unless they cry out in repentance.

It is God's great desire to teach all races and nationalities the way to peace and prosperity. If mankind would only listen to God's commandments, they wouldn't have to experience such horrific crimes. But the human heart is hard and too proud to admit that it does not know the way to peace, happiness and stability. Tragically, God must allow mankind to learn from their own choices until the time when they cry out to Him for instruction. Then He will be able to resurrect Sue Howarth, and all those who have died, to show them the path to real peace! ■

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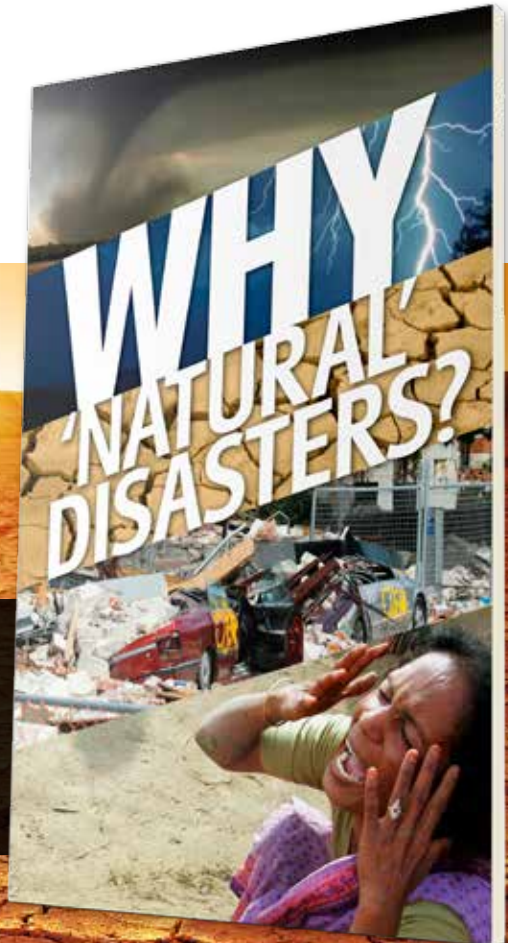
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