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*Photo: Ranks of Russian soldiers march in Red Square
in Moscow to celebrate victory in World War II.*

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Is Vladimir Putin the Prophesied 'Prince of Rosh'?

Russia's president is taking on authoritarian power and restoring the Soviet empire. Biblical prophecy speaks of a tyrant from that area committing some shocking acts. Is President Putin going to fulfill that prophecy? **BY GERALD FLURRY**

RUSSIA USED MILITARY FORCE TO INVADE THE FORMER Soviet nation of Georgia in August 2008. I wrote the following in our October 2008 *Trumpet* issue: "Russia's attack on Georgia in August marks the beginning of a dangerous new era in history. This was the first military strike of a rising Asian superpower—and there will be more! ... Will the Georgia strike actually spark European unification? Will a crisis occur over Ukraine? That area is the breadbasket of Russia, and surely it is willing to wage war over that as well."

The German-led European Union has failed to understand and take a strong stand against Russian President Vladimir Putin. This man has become even more aggressive since the Georgia attack—as we said he would.

Now, a recent move by President Putin has rattled some European leaders to their core.

For several years, Ukraine has been working toward joining Europe's Eastern Partnership program. But in late November, it abruptly decided to pull out of the EU deal. Why? Because of Mr. Putin's threats and offer of some rich financial rewards.

Now, instead of linking with Europe, Ukraine is on course to become a member of Russia's Customs Union. There it will join Moscow's fellow dictatorships, Kazakhstan and Belarus.

When the Ukrainian government made this about-face, the people staged massive protests! They felt betrayed and oppressed. They fear Russia's lengthening authoritarian shadow.

"THIS IS NO TRIVIAL MATTER," columnist Charles Krauthammer wrote. "Ukraine is not just the largest European country, it's the linchpin for VLADIMIR PUTIN'S DREAM OF A RENEWED IMPERIAL RUSSIA, hegemonic in its neighborhood and rolling back the quarter-century advancement of the 'Europe whole and free' bequeathed by America's victory in the Cold War" (Dec. 6, 2013; emphasis mine throughout).

This was an audacious move by Russia! But *America did nothing*. WASHINGTON HAS BECOME SO WEAK THAT IT WOULDN'T EVEN SUPPORT THE UKRAINIAN PROTESTERS WITH WORDS!

Few Americans realize what a massive disaster this is for America and its future. As Russia, China, Iran and a German-led Europe expand their empires and grow in strength, American foreign policy has become an international joke!

America's military might is shrinking fast, and it has a completely broken will.

THE UKRAINE CRISIS EXPOSES U.S. WEAKNESS MOST OF ALL.

THE AMERICAN SUPERPOWER HAS DISAPPEARED FROM THE WORLD SCENE!

That means that one of those fierce, tiger-like empires will soon pounce on the U.S. That is the lesson of history. But far more importantly, your Bible prophesies that it is going to happen.

America is sleeping through the Ukraine crisis. But EUROPE IS DEEPLY ALARMED BY WHAT HAPPENED to this country that is right in its own neighborhood!

The changes this crisis provokes in Germany and Europe will shake the nations!

The Ukraine debacle has taken us a giant step closer to World War III!

Restoring the Russian Empire

Some Europeans recognize that Putin's power maneuver on Ukraine is no isolated incident.

Back in 2005, the Russian president called the demise of the Soviet empire "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century." Given the dozens of millions of Soviet citizens who were imprisoned, persecuted and murdered under that authoritarian system, most of us would say the opposite! Those hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian protesters certainly think the opposite. But not Mr. Putin. He not only mourns the USSR's collapse—he is bent on rebuilding it and restoring the glory of imperial Russia!

Putin made these goals clear in 2008 by invading Georgia. He is doing everything he can to prevent Georgia, Ukraine and all other former Soviet countries from developing closer ties with Europe.

Mr. Putin also recently pushed the U.S. out of his backyard by pressuring Kyrgyzstan to kick America out of Manas air base. This is America's only military base left in Central Asia. It is the main supply base for U.S. operations in Afghanistan. Putin offered Kyrgyzstan a big arms deal if it would not renew America's lease in Manas, which ends in July, and he got his wish. He also convinced the Obama administration to back down over a missile defense shield America had planned to build in Europe.

Russia's deep involvement in the Middle East has allowed the brutal Syrian regime to retain power. It has also been instrumental in allowing Iran to continue pursuing nuclear weapons.

Domestically, Putin has transformed the Russian media into a propaganda machine. He has severely curbed the power of democracy and emasculated Russia's parliament.

Putin and his Kremlin cronies have used their



Another King of the East

IN HIS FIRST YEAR in office, Chinese President Xi Jinping has amassed a level of individual power not seen among Chinese leaders in decades. He emerged from a recent key meeting of China's Communist Party with impressive new powers that enable him to sidestep traditional bureaucracy and force through his policies. The announced establishment of a Central Reform Leading Group, for example, signified a major shift in control over the economy to Mr. Xi.

Perhaps the most striking evidence of this power grab was the establishment of a new state security committee, almost certain to be headed by Xi. This will likely cement the president's control over China's military, domestic security and foreign policy. The *Wall Street Journal* says it would help make him "the country's most individually powerful leader since Deng Xiaoping."

Xi's success in consolidating power stems in part from his own ambition and shrewd maneuvering. But he has also been aided by a sense of crisis among China's senior leaders. "Xi's leadership style reflects... what appears to be agreement among many senior officials that they need a *more agile and forceful*

EMPOWERED China's new president could be amassing the same type of power as his counterpart in Moscow.

political might to seize some of Russia's most lucrative companies, like oil firm Yukos. Back in 2003, Jane's Intelligence firm wrote this about these government seizures: "[I]t is becoming clear that Russia is undergoing a *profound political convulsion*. This amounts to nothing less than **THE BIRTH OF THE SECOND RUSSIAN REPUBLIC**. ... The new republic will continue to be a mixture of market and state-controlled economic forces. But it will be a country in which President Vladimir Putin controls both the political and economic levers of power. The Russian president has *staged his own coup*" (Nov. 5, 2003). This trend has intensified since that was written.

Under Putin's reign, nuclear-armed Russia is also transforming its military machine into a modern, technological, 21st-century force.

By all of these heavy-handed tactics, President Putin has not only brought Russia back into play as a world power, he has also secured his position at the nation's helm.

This world has a lot of authoritarian rulers. But Vladimir Putin is one we need to keep a particularly close eye on. His track record, his nationality and his ideology indicate that he could—and I strongly believe he *will*—*fulfill a lynchpin Bible prophecy* that was recorded millennia ago. The time frame of his rule makes it almost certain.

A Prophesied 'Prince'

Back around A.D. 90, the Apostle John recorded an amazing prophecy: "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them" (Revelation 9:16). That means *an army of 200 million men!* **THAT IS MORE PEOPLE THAN WERE ALIVE IN THE WORLD WHEN THAT PROPHECY WAS RECORDED.** This is an *end-time prophecy* that we are certain to see fulfilled very soon.

The Bible gives some important details about this largest army ever assembled on Earth. It tells us which nations will contribute soldiers to it. It shows it will include the combined forces from several Asian nations. It refers to this Asian confederacy as the "kings of the east" (Revelation 16:12). It also reveals that it will have *one lead country*—and one individual at the head.

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A prophecy in Ezekiel 38 gives us some of these important details. "And the word of the Lord came

unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and *prophecy against him*" (Ezekiel 38:1-2). These verses *begin* in the latter days (verses 8, 16) before the Great Tribulation, the Day of the Lord and Christ's Second Coming.

Scholars generally agree that "Gog" is Russia, and that "the land of Magog" includes China. The descendants of Meshech and Tubal have been found together throughout history. In Assyrian and Greek histories, Meshech appears as *Musku*, *Muski* or *Mushki*—all names related to the Russian spelling of Moscow, as you can read in the *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*. What about Tubal? On the eastern side of the Ural Mountains lies the city of Tobolsk, named after the Tobol River, derived from Tubal. Tobolsk was once the seat of Russian government over Siberia and was basically considered Russia's Asian capital.

One other Russian people is mentioned in Ezekiel 38:2. There is controversy over how the Hebrew word *rosh* should be translated in this verse. The King James Version uses the adjective "chief." But the correct rendering (used by the Moffatt, New King James and others) uses the word not as an adjective, but **AS A PROPER NOUN: *Rosh***. Thus, that verse should read, "the **PRINCE OF ROSH**, Meshech and Tubal."

Rosh was the ancient name of Russia, once called *Rus*. Many encyclopedias and commentaries (such as the *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary*) recognize this. So who is this "prince" of Russia, Moscow and Tobolsk? The use of all three names states that this is an individual ruler of *all* the peoples of Russia, from the west to the east. **EZEKIEL'S COMMAND TO "PROPHECY AGAINST HIM" FURTHER INDICATES A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL.**

When you study these scriptures alongside current events revealing modern Moscow's imperialist direction, you see that Vladimir Putin *could well become the leader* of that gigantic army of the East. I strongly believe Vladimir Putin is going to lead the 200 million-man army. Just look at the power he already has.

Can you think of any other Russian politician who could become so powerful and have the will to lead Russia into the crisis of crises? I see nobody else on the horizon who could do that. And only a tiny few years remain for the *prince of Rosh* to appear!

leader to cope with difficult economic restructuring, foreign-policy pressures, and domestic challenges to one-party rule" (*New York Times*, Nov. 15, 2013).

Mr. Xi is maneuvering to meet these challenges with an authority that some analysts liken to his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin. "In his first year in office, Mr. Xi has revealed himself as a stern authoritarian," wrote the *Wall Street Journal*. Like Putin, "[h]e is haunted by the collapse of the Soviet Union and the 'color revolutions' that toppled the regimes in former Soviet republics..." (Nov. 22, 2013). Xi's power grab reflects his determination to keep the Chinese party-state from suffering the same fate—and his mission to return China to the golden era it enjoyed before its "century of humiliation" by imperialist powers.

China's military power continues to grow, underpinned by an economic might on course to surpass America's by 2020. It has taken an increasingly provocative stance in regional conflicts. And now, at its helm, sits a strongman wielding nearly total political control—an ambitious leader, already showing his authoritarian stripes and fueled by a mission to restore China to glory. Now wielding the power to brush aside the bureaucracy that has traditionally constrained China's leaders, Xi has a free hand to pursue his vision. And because

Such a man doesn't appear overnight. It takes years for even a strong-willed leader to gain such control.

Vladimir Putin already has the power—and the will to use it. I believe there is *not* enough time for a competitor to arise and challenge him.

'God's Army'

Details about this army are revealed in passages such as Revelation 9:13-21, Revelation 16, Daniel 11, Jeremiah 50 and Joel 2. In verse 11 of Joel 2, this 200 million-man Asian force is actually called *God's* army. GOD is the one who will raise up this war machine! Why?

God is going to use this colossal Asian force to confront the military of united German-led Europe, which will also be on the scene at this time. It will obliterate Europe, but not the main European armies. These armies will meet to fight at Armageddon, but Christ will bring them to Jerusalem to fight Him and be defeated. This is God's punishment on the Europeans for their sins—especially for their brutal treatment of His people Israel (e.g. Revelation 18:5-6; Jeremiah 50:29-31).

Current events show this army taking shape already. You can see it in Putin's growing authoritarianism, and also in his outreach to other Asian powers. Russia has supplied China with many military armaments over the last decade or so; it also helped the Chinese go nuclear. For many years the Russians have been allied with China, at least to some degree.

But there will also be other powers involved. Ezekiel's prophecy says the Russia-led army will include "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya ... Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people" (Ezekiel 38:5-6). *Gomer* refers to Japan, which wields some of the world's most advanced weaponry and technology. *Ethiopia* and *Libya* should be translated "Cush" and "Phut." Though some of Cush and Phut migrated to African nations, the rest settled in parts of India. The context of this passage shows that it refers to modern-day Indians (and perhaps Pakistanis) rather than Africans.

This is significant because India has a population of 1.2 billion people—plus an advanced nuclear arsenal! When you put India

he is positioned to remain China's leader for nearly another decade, in all likelihood he will preside over *the most destructive period in China's history*.

Bible prophecy shows that America's weight in global affairs will diminish rapidly in the time ahead. In its place will rise two competing power blocs: one European, operating in the tradition of the Holy Roman Empire; the other Asian, referred to in Bible prophecy as the "kings of the east" and dominated by Russia and China. Conflict between these two blocs will culminate in the deadliest military conflagration in Earth's history.

Xi's success in cementing power provides an important clue about how China could be steered onto its prophesied collision course with Europe—and *how close this conflict could be*.

For any nation destined to play a decisive role in shaping history, an ambitious leader with power is key. China's dominant role in these end-time prophecies indicates that such a man could rise to lead it to rally behind Russia. Thus it is significant that we see power consolidating in the hands of Xi Jinping, an autocrat cast in the ideological mold of Vladimir Putin. In the coming months, watch for Mr. Xi to lead China toward a more confrontational foreign policy that heightens friction with Europe. **DON JACQUES**

and Japan together with Russia and China, it is easy to see how an army of 200 million soldiers could be formed. With other Asian nations joining in, you quickly reach combined populations of 2.5 to 4 billion people! Under extreme circumstances like those described in these end-time prophecies, it is not hard to imagine one in 10 or 20 people going to war.

We need to deeply think about the fact that God calls this Asian force *His army*. It shows who is really orchestrating all of these cataclysmic events, and who is really behind the overall picture. Is it Vladimir Putin? *No, it is the Almighty God!*

The Armageddon Armies

This immense war between European and Asian forces will end in the return of Jesus Christ! But here is something shocking: Even after most of Earth's population has been personally afflicted by nuclear war and complete destruction, the survivors will *still* be unwilling to turn to God! Revelation 11:15-18 show that, as Christ descends to Earth, the nations will be wrathful toward Him. What is left of the European and Asian armies will actually join forces to *fight against Christ* after He returns.

Revelation 17:12-14 and Daniel 8:25 prophesy that Christ will defeat these powers. The conclusion of that battle will mark the beginning of a peaceful and prosperous new age for the entire Earth!

"After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them" (Ezekiel 38:8). "AFTER MANY DAYS" (several years), Gog and his allies make another attack on Jerusalem. This occurs after Israel has been "brought back from the sword" and is ruled by Christ from Jerusalem.

Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 discuss a time before and after the coming of the Messiah.

God's people must warn the world for the Creator because of this terrible, terrible future. He commands, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day

of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand” (Joel 2:1). THIS IS A MESSAGE FOR “EVERY INHABITANT ON EARTH,” the *Anchor Bible* says. The alarm and the warning must go out! There is no time to lose.

Verse 2 shows that this prophecy is about Gog and his allies, and the worst catastrophe in mankind’s history: “A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.”

Verse 3 says a “fire devoureth before them.” What kind of fire? Look at the context: “[A]nd behind them a flame burneth: *the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.*” Not even a blade of grass is going to escape them. This is clearly talking about a NUCLEAR ATTACK!

A Garden of Eden lies before them, but after they’ve passed over it, only a barren wasteland remains. Can you imagine such a thing happening on this Earth? Well, if you look around and see the choices our nations are making, you would *expect* that to happen. Just look at how rapidly we are proliferating nuclear weapons! Russia, China, India and Pakistan all have nuclear bombs. The Pakistanis will probably be allied with Gog, and India almost certainly will.

Verse 6 says that “all faces shall gather blackness.” This is a bleak and sorrowful time. “The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining” (verse 10). This describes a *nuclear winter*. People won’t even see the stars because of the nuclear fallout. Read more about this in my article on page 20.

Envy Spawns an Uprising

If you study Ezekiel 38 and 39, you see that much of this prophecy takes place *after* Christ’s Second Coming. These chapters make plain that the end-time “kings of the east” will also play a key role in a *second* end-time war! The first is just *before* the return of Jesus Christ. The second is a short number of years *after* it.

Ezekiel 38 makes plain that after Jesus Christ defeats the European and Asian armies in the battle at Jerusalem, He will allow the surviving Asian forces to return to their homelands. Ezekiel 38:4 states, “I [God] will turn thee back” in the first Jerusalem battle. (But in the second battle of Jerusalem, He destroys all of their armies, as we will see.) Then Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, will gather His scattered people, the end-time descendants of Israel, around Jerusalem. He will start His global restoration by blessing that area.

As the years go by, the Asian powers start to become envious of all the wealth they see in Jerusalem. They see a prosperous but *unarmed* area—and, in another burst of rebellion, decide they want to take it. So they muster their forces for one final attempt to overthrow Christ’s rule in the Holy City. God allows them to come into the Holy Land. But their plan is doomed!

This second attack by a Gog-led army might involve a somewhat smaller number of soldiers than the earlier 200 million-man army. However, the populations of these Asian nations are so large that, even after their defeat in the battle at Jerusalem, it may not take very long for them to replenish their numbers and to be back around 200 million.

4 But why will God allow this rebellion to happen? It is for a very clear reason!

The prophecy continues with God telling Ezekiel to “prophesy and say unto Gog . . . thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army” (verses 14-15). Then verse 16 gets to the purpose behind this. It shows why God allows this attack: “[A]nd I will bring thee against my land, THAT THE HEATHEN MAY KNOW ME . . .”

How is God going to use this situation to ensure that the rebellious peoples of the world finally know Him? By speaking the only language they understand: *the language of force*. The nations are going to know because of the total victory God will have over Asia’s burst of rebellion.

The nations of Israel also had to learn the hard way: “And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity . . .” (Ezekiel 39:23; see also verses 27-28). Israel also had to get to know God by being conquered in a nuclear war. (If you don’t know who Israel is, request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

Who Will Be Buried?

During the Cold War era, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev famously said to America, “We will bury you!” But this Ezekiel prophecy shows that it will actually be the great army of Russia, China and other nations that will be buried! *And it will be buried in a place and at a time they would never imagine.*

In Ezekiel 39:11, God says, “And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of GRAVES IN ISRAEL . . .”

This is where *God buries this massive army!* Only one sixth of the huge force will survive to return home this time (verse 2). The rest will be buried just east of the Dead Sea (verse 11). It will give new meaning to the name Dead Sea! And THE NUMBER OF FALLEN IS SO HUGE THAT IT WILL TAKE SEVEN MONTHS TO BURY ALL THE BODIES AND TO CLEAN UP THE AREA! (verse 12). What an UNBELIEVABLE SPECTACLE!

God lets this bloody attack happen because it is the only way He can make some rebellious peoples finally believe that He is God! He allows it because it is the only way He can get the heathen to know Him! You can see in these verses that is what He says: *They get to know me.* That is what it takes to get through to the people He calls “the heathen” in Ezekiel 38. And everybody today, it seems, is acting like the heathen. They certainly are not obeying God.

Do you realize how astounding it is that modern conditions make the fulfillment of these key prophecies possible? God prophesied these things through His Prophet Ezekiel about 2,500 years ago. At that time, no one could even conceive of such widespread and rapid destruction. But now nuclear bombs and chemical weapons are capable of destroying all life on this planet. God knew these technological advancements would come about, and He told Ezekiel about it and gave him that understanding.

This Gog-led uprising against Jerusalem will be the last great rebellion on Earth for nearly a thousand years.

Zechariah 14:16-17 show that after this event, God is going to begin to teach *the whole world*. He will cause all nations to come up to Jerusalem and keep the Feast of Tabernacles each year. That festival will be observed all over the world by these Gentile nations as well as Israel, and what an amazing time that will be! You need

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Is America's Economy Improving?

Judging by the crowds outside Macy's, you'd think so. But let's look deeper. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

THE CEO OF NEW YORK'S FLAGSHIP MACY'S department store was stunned. "It's unbelievable," Terry Lundgren told the Associated Press. "I have never seen anything like it, and I have been at every single one of our openings since my career began."

He was talking about the *15,000 people* who had lined up outside his store to get in on the Black Friday deals this past holiday season.

A record 141 million Americans shopped in stores and online from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 2013. That's *nearly half the American population*. Millions lined up for hours outside stores, in the middle of the night, in freezing cold weather to spend money. The average shopper spent just over \$407.

It's America's biggest shopping spree of the year—and in a consumerist nation like the U.S., that's really saying something.

Looking at these numbers, you would think that America's economy was booming like never before. But the truth is, the economy is in rough shape right now. The truth is that these millions of American consumers accumulated hundreds and thousands of dollars of *additional debt*—spending money they don't have on gizmos and goods they don't need. The truth is that just a few years ago, America's economy came within minutes of total collapse—and it isn't even close to recovering.

Yet people are spending and consuming at a record rate. Does this make any sense?

When we talk about America's distressed economy, it's easy to point to the extravagant, bloated government in Washington as the primary cause. But there is a bigger cause.

The *buy now, pay later* mindset does not begin and end in Washington. It is everywhere.

Saving Ourselves by Spending?

Millions of people are out of work. Official unemployment is stuck at 7 percent—unofficial unemployment is around 13.6 percent. The average credit card debt is

\$4,878 per person. Fifty million Americans are on food stamps. *Half* the people in the country get some kind of financial assistance or benefit from the government. And 27 percent of Americans have no emergency savings.

Never has there been a *wealthier*, more *affluent* society than the United States of America. And yet, never has there been a society worse at managing—much less appreciating—that prosperity!

Do people really believe we can indefinitely continue spending money we don't have, enjoying whatever our heart desires, thinking the bill will magically take care of itself?

In 2010, House Majority Whip Rep. James Clyburn made a telling statement: "We're not going to save our way out of this recession. We've got to spend our way out of this recession, and I think most economists know that."

That perfectly encapsulates America's problem: Most economists really believe that the solution to America's dying economy is to *spend more*. Meanwhile, the typical American is too distracted by sports, pop culture and other trivial things to care.

Debt Is Slavery

In November, former Alaska governor Sarah Palin compared America's incomprehensibly huge debt to slavery. She said younger Americans will be shackled by the country's spending and end up beholden to a foreign master.

What was the media's reaction to that comment? They didn't address the *alarming reality* she was drawing attention to. They criticized Palin for her "insensitivity" in *INVOKING SLAVERY!*

This is the state of America today. That is how *blind* we are to what is coming.

But what does God compare America to? That is what America should be concerned with. Proverbs 22:7 says, "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender." The word *servant* means slave, or "servant of a servant"—the lowest form of servant (*Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon*).



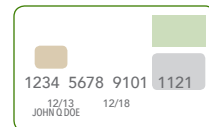
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Average credit card debt



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Percentage of Americans who have no emergency savings



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Percentage of Americans who receive financial assistance or government benefits



\$1 trillion

(\$1,000,000,000,000)

Amount the U.S. had to borrow between Oct. 1 and Nov. 14, 2013, in order to pay off old loans that were coming due

That is God's perspective on debt. And that is where America is headed: *slavery*.

How much longer can the world's BIGGEST DEBTOR NATION project its power and be respected when it owes more than it can possibly repay? What happens when the dollar loses its status as the world's reserve currency because we can't pay our debts?

Time is running out. It won't be much longer before America's many lenders come calling for their money. They have already stopped loaning us the money the way they once did.

Funny Money

Most of America's debt is now financed *by the U.S.* We print trillions of dollars to finance our addiction to spending. This is why inflation will get much worse and why the dollar is becoming worthless.

Global Research reported on November 20 that between Oct. 1 and Nov. 14, 2013, America rolled over \$1 trillion in debt. "Rolled over" is a nice way of saying that America had to borrow more than \$1 trillion of new money to pay off old loans that were coming due.

Borrowing new money from investors to pay back money to old investors is *the definition* of a *Ponzi scheme*. This is exactly what Bernie Madoff did before it inevitably fell apart and he went to jail.

America might be able to keep its economy on life support for a short while longer because interest rates are lower than they have ever been. But eventually it will come to a crashing end—as all Ponzi schemes ultimately do.

America spends about \$220 billion per year on interest. But interest rates are being artificially suppressed by Federal Reserve money printing. Eventually, rates will be forced to rise. Right now the benchmark interest rate in the U.S. is a quarter of 1 percent—nearly zero. What if it returns to 6 percent like it was about a decade ago? All of a sudden America will be paying *\$1 trillion* per year in interest! That is more than a quarter of America's total budget. And all of this would come at a time when Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security costs are skyrocketing.

This is exactly what happened to the big banks in 2008-09. These banks have so much debt that they must constantly borrow money to keep functioning and roll over existing debt as it comes due. In 2008, credit markets froze—and the U.S. economy nearly collapsed! Even corporate giants like McDonald's, American Express and General Electric had to get emergency loans to keep functioning. Had the government not been able to loan those billions, those companies would have collapsed.

What happens when the government can't borrow the money to roll over its debt or cover major American corporations? Who will bail out Uncle Sam?

The Way of Get

In 2010, Oklahoma Sen. Tom Coburn said in a speech at President Obama's debt commission meeting that "[h]istory says we're not going to make it." Democratic republics only last about 200 years before they "rot from within" and then are conquered militarily, Coburn said.

"And we're rotting. We're rotting as we sit here and speak today."

Coburn, however, holds out hope. There is a way to "cheat history," he said. "The way we cheat history is for all of us to give up something... and then say, 'The way forward for America is for everyone to start sacrificing so we create a future that is honoring the tremendous sacrifices that came before us.'"

This is a principle right out of the Bible. Psalm 37:21 says, "The wicked borrows, and cannot pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives" (Revised Standard Version).

People have come up with every possible explanation to excuse debt-laden living. But as far as God is concerned, the underlying cause of this curse—and *it is a curse*—is that we are living the way of *get!*

These days, everybody has to *get* something. Washington gets an unlimited supply of credit so it can *spend, spend, spend*. Americans get generous hand-outs from entitlement programs. Politicians get more votes if they promise that their voters will get more entitlements. Lobbyists get favorable legislation for their companies if politicians get perks and donations to their campaigns.

And all the while, we reverse-mortgage our future by tacking on more than a trillion dollars in debt every year!

This is a SOCIETY-WIDE SIN. And America's national economy has become absolutely dependent on it!

The era of big-spending government in the United States will come to an end. Of that, we can be sure. But it won't be the way many people hope. It is going to take a mighty crash.

'Consider Your Ways'

Thankfully, God is well aware of the situation. He is allowing us to learn our lesson the only way we can: the hard way. But then He will establish a perfect financial system that will bring opportunity, productive work and prosperity to all mankind.

God's economic system actually begins with repentance. Americans and people around the world will have to be brought to the point where we are finally WILLING TO CHANGE OUR WAYS!

"Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways," Haggai 1:5 says. This is what GOD THUNDERS to presidential administrations and politicians; to federal, state and county governments; to big corporations, small businesses and entrepreneurs; to chief economists and financiers; to welfare recipients

and retirees; to families and individuals.

“Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways” (verses 6-7).

Seemingly never satisfied with what we have—with all that God has given us—America continues mortgaging its future in order to feed our lust for things we don’t have the money for.

America is headed for an economic crisis that will dwarf the Great Depression. To prepare for that, as Haggai warned, CONSIDER YOUR WAYS—and turn to God in repentance and faith.

The End of the Empire

America is going to end up just like every other failed empire in history. In a May 1983 *Plain Truth* article, “Prepare to Greatly Reduce Your Standard of Living,” Herbert W. Armstrong wrote: “Today Britain has lost her empire. ... Britain has been on the way down, in national wealth and power, since World War I. And now the United States is starting to follow on the downward path!”

Mr. Armstrong highlighted the real cause of America’s and Britain’s astronomical rise to world power and dominance—as well as the real reason we are falling from power. This reason dates back to many centuries before Christ!

“The United States and the British peoples did inherit the NATIONAL and MATERIAL promises of the birthright promised unconditionally to Abraham. Therefore God has fulfilled His unconditional promise of the birthright to Abraham.

“Once fulfilled, in the British and Americans, retention of it by us became conditional on our performance.

“And what have we done with all this vast wealth, economic prosperity and world power?” he asked.

As Mr. Armstrong went on to say, we have taken all these blessings and corrupted ourselves. We bow before science and technology. We reject God and His knowledge—and instead worship the religion of evolution.

Take a look at America today. Our governments are corrupt. Our business, industrial, economic and commercial systems are shot through with deception, dishonesty, selfishness. And our society is plagued with all sorts of crime and social ills.

“Already the noose is around our necks, and is almost daily tightening! Economic ills are starting GREATLY to reduce our standard of living!” That was in 1983—and much of what Mr. Armstrong was warning about then is now upon us.

To echo Mr. Armstrong: Prepare now to reduce your standard of living. Tough times are coming. ■

Fix Your Finances



With America headed toward biblically prophesied days of reckoning, you urgently need to put your financial house in order. The sooner you act, the easier it will be on you and your family as times get tougher. God will protect His people, but you need to keep His laws and do your part too. Begin by considering these steps.

- 1 Do a budget** Almost seven out of 10 Americans don’t have a budget. This single fact explains so much of America’s financial condition. Bounced checks, overdrafts and credit card debt are signs of crisis living and bad money management. A proper budget will remove uncertainty, money arguments between spouses, and financial worry from your life. Google “zero-based budget” to get started.
- 2 Build an emergency fund** Emergencies happen. It is a fact of life. Yet more than a quarter of Americans have no emergency fund. These people are one paycheck away from disaster. And it is not just poor people: Only half of households with incomes above \$75,000 have enough money to cover six months of expenses. If you have debt (not counting your mortgage), start by saving up \$1,000 until you’re in the black. If you’re debt-free, then aim to save three to six months’ worth of expenses.
- 3 Get a second job** Tossing pizzas and parking cars may not be the most rewarding of jobs, but the payoff comes when you are debt free. Taking extra work on a temporary basis is a great way to pay the bills and get out of debt while you get your budget under control.
- 4 Learn the difference between a need and a want** Needs are food, shelter, transportation and clothing. As long as these four needs are taken care of, you can handle forgoing the rest.
- 5 Understand what an emergency is** The pizza man knocking on your door is *not* an emergency. Your car getting a flat tire because the tires are bald is not an emergency. These are facts of life and should be *planned for*. Build known expenses into your budget, and then don’t stress when the kids “suddenly” outgrow their shoes.
- 6 Get out of debt** Once you have your \$1,000 emergency fund, get out of debt—especially all non-mortgage debt like vehicle loans. Americans owe \$800 billion on their vehicles. Far too many people are driving brand new \$40,000 trucks while making only \$35,000 a year, and they borrow to make this happen. This is a bad idea: New vehicles lose 70 percent of their value after just four years. If you are not too far underwater, consider selling and buying a less expensive vehicle that has already depreciated in value. You could save a bundle on insurance, gas and financing costs.
- 7 Learn God’s laws on finances and success** This is the most important step you can take—and the only one that can provide absolute protection from America’s coming economic collapse. Begin by ordering a free copy of ***Solve Your Money Troubles!*** and ***The Financial Law You Can’t Afford to Ignore.***



Why Does the Environmental Protection Agency Need Its Own SWAT Team?



Federal and local authorities are building a paramilitarized police force. Is this a good idea?

BY ANDREW MILLER

NESTLED IN THE TRANQUIL Connecticut River watershed of southwest New Hampshire, the city of Keene has largely avoided the violent unrest common to many other urban areas. With a population of only 23,409 people, Keene's violent crime index is about half the national average.

Despite the calm, however, local authorities didn't think twice about requesting a BearCat armored counterattack vehicle from the Department of Homeland Security.

"Our application talked about the danger of domestic terrorism, but that's just something you put in the grant application to get the money," said a Keene City Council member. "What red-blooded American cop isn't going to be excited about getting a toy like this?"

While the possession of an armored vehicle by such a peaceful city may seem strange, the militarization of the Keene police force isn't an isolated case. Over the past decade, thousands of local police departments nationwide have been amassing stockpiles of military-grade equipment in the name of homeland security. Local police now have the sort of equipment soldiers use to fight wars.

The United States Department of Defense has given out 165 mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles under its national military surplus program. Police have requested an

additional 731 MRAPs. Authorities in Fargo and its surrounding county have spent about \$8 million to equip local police departments with military-style hardware, according to Andrew Becker and G. W. Schulz of the Center for Investigative Reporting. Every squad car in the city now carries a military-style machine gun. Officers have Kevlar helmets able to withstand battlefield-grade ammunition. In Montgomery County, Texas, the sheriff's department now owns a \$300,000 pilotless surveillance drone, like the ones used to hunt down al Qaeda terrorists in the Middle East. In Des Moines, Iowa, police bought two \$180,000 bomb-disarming robots. In Arizona, at least one sheriff is now the proud owner of a surplus Army tank.

An Associated Press investigation of the Defense Department's military surplus program has found that over \$4 billion worth of equipment has been distributed to local police forces since 1990—everything from bayonets to Humvees.

This military surplus program is two decades old, but the Obama administration has expanded it drastically. In fiscal year 2011, the Pentagon gave away a record \$500 million in military gear, which, according to the program's director, surpassed "the previous mark by several hundred million dollars."

Even more shocking than the \$4 billion in military hardware given to local police by the Pentagon is the \$34 billion in anti-terror grants given to local police by the Department of Homeland Security. This grant money, awarded with little oversight from Congress, has put advanced equipment in the hands of civilian officers and

allowed local police departments to transform into small militarized forces.

Why all this firepower? What sorts of events are your local police preparing for? Many people are concerned about the potential for social breakdown in the event of economic collapse, terrorist attacks and other apocalyptic catastrophes. Will the militarization of local police forces make us safer? Is this arms buildup even legal? Even if a paramilitary police force can protect us from out-of-control criminals, is there another danger to the American people: *out-of-control government*?

The Alleged Need for Militarized Police

Many police chiefs and sheriffs reject the idea that local police forces are becoming overly militaristic. They point to the 1997 Los Angeles bank robbers who pinned down police for hours with assault weapons, or to the pistol-wielding student who perpetrated the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre. They argue that their upgrade in firepower is a necessary measure to combat such criminals. "I don't see us as militarizing police; I see us as keeping abreast with society," said former Los Angeles Police chief William Bratton. "And we are a gun-crazy society."

In the five years since Barack Obama was first elected president, an estimated 72 million background checks for firearm purchases have been completed, representing only a fraction of firearms purchased in the United States. Based on consolidated information from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, there are now about 300 million privately owned firearms in America, roughly



one for every man, woman and child. Widespread gun ownership is a key factor prompting the Department of Homeland Security and local police forces to upgrade their firepower.

Another key factor is the rise of violent drug cartels across America. In 2009, Homeland Security's head of operations, Roger Rufe, outlined a plan for protecting the border that included stronger law enforcement in southwestern states. As a last resort, Rufe even raised the possibility of deploying military personnel and equipment to the region if other agencies became overwhelmed. In Mexico, vigilantes have started to arm themselves against the cartels that have taken over the nation. Could the rise of crime syndicates in the U.S. prompt Americans to do the same? If this happened, would the American government be willing to send in militarized police forces to "diffuse" the situation by disarming both cartels and the civilians opposing them? The Department of Homeland Security seems to think this is a real possibility.

Other factors prompting this upgraded police firepower include the threat of

Islamic terrorism, the prevalence of violent street gangs, and the looming reality of economic collapse and the civil explosion that would follow.

According to a 2010 CNBC report, the U.S. Army launched an operation called Unified Quest 2011 designed to study the implications of a "large-scale economic breakdown" inside the United States. In particular, this operation examined the role the Army would play in keeping "domestic order amid civil unrest."

While some may be surprised that the Army is even considering how to best quell civil unrest, such preparations have been underway for a number of years. One of the most honest accounts of these preparations came from a U.S. Army Strategic Studies Institute paper published in 2008. This report discussed scenarios such as "epidemics" and "widespread civil violence" and how the Department of Defense would be "forced by circumstances to put its broad resources at the disposal of civil authorities to contain and reverse violent threats to domestic tranquility. Under the most extreme circumstances, this might include

use
of
military
force against
hostile groups
inside the United States."

Considering the military hardware already transferred from federal to local forces, it seems the Department of Defense has already "put its broad resources at the disposal of civil authorities." Government officials think this is the best way to protect Americans from a multitude of threats. Civil rights advocacy groups, however, are very concerned about where this trend will lead.

The SWAT Mentality

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has criticized this increasing militarization of police forces. It is concerned that military equipment and a battlefield mentality will encourage law enforcement officers to view themselves as soldiers fighting an enemy rather than peacekeepers protecting citizens' constitutional rights.

The book *Rise of the Warrior Cop* records how law-enforcement agencies across the nation, at every level of government, have been blurring the line between police officer and soldier since the 1960s. Author Radley Balko outlines what martial rhetoric and the availability of military-style equipment have produced. As described by the *Wall Street Journal*, the “warrior cop” is “armed to the teeth, ready to deal harshly with targeted wrongdoers, and a growing threat to familiar American liberties” (Aug. 7, 2013).

One major phenomenon highlighting this trend is the proliferation of SWAT units. According to the *Journal*, the number of raids conducted by SWAT-like police units has grown in step with police militarization efforts—from 3,000 raids nationwide in 1980 to an estimated figure of 80,000 raids in 2011.

“I’m very concerned that, on a national basis, police organizations are looking more and more like combat troops and less and less like community police officers,” said Robert Wadman, Weber State University criminal justice professor emeritus. “This behavior is a great loss to every city in America. It sustains an ‘us versus them’ mentality in the minds of police officers.”

Even more disturbingly, this SWAT culture has not been contained to just the FBI or the U.S. Marshal’s Office. A surprising number of federal offices now have their own SWAT teams: the National Park Service, the Postal Inspection Service, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. These agencies are now starting to use their firepower on some very unlikely criminals.

In January 2012, when financial questions arose regarding the Mountain Pure Water Company, 50 federal agents, led by U.S. Small Business Administration special agent Cynthia Roberts, swooped in with guns drawn. According to Mountain Pure’s comptroller, Jerry Miller, one pistol-packing agent answered his questions by saying: “We’re the federal government.

In April 2010, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration sent a SWAT unit to arrest Dan Allgyer of Rainbow Acres Farm for illegally shipping unpasteurized milk to customers across state lines. “U.S. marshals and other federal officers also have conducted similar actions against purveyors of unauthorized milk, cheese and even elderberry juice” (*National Review*, Feb. 11, 2013).

Can you imagine what George Washington would have thought of machine-gun-toting SWAT agents arresting an Amish farmer for selling unpasteurized milk?

Why the Founders Didn’t Create a Federal Police Force

America’s founders were deeply wary of standing armies in peacetime. They could have given the federal government a well-armed federal police agency to “contain and reverse violent threats to domestic tranquility”—but they deliberately didn’t. Instead, they *limited* the power of the government, the federal government in particular. They wanted to reduce threats to individual liberty.

The founders realized the danger posed to the American people by police forces that think and act like they are at war. Above all else, the Constitution’s framers believed that government power should be decentralized so that no one person or branch of government could emerge as a force of tyranny. As James Madison said at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, “A standing military force, with an overgrown Executive, will not long be safe companions to liberty.”

This is the reason America’s law-enforcement system is composed of around 18,000 separate state and local entities. When law-enforcement responsibilities are divided among 18,000 agencies headed by elected local officials, it becomes extremely difficult for any one personality to set himself up as a tyrant. If one county sheriff abuses his office, he is directly accountable to his own electorate. The state and the nation as a whole remain unaffected.

There are no directly elected officials in the Pentagon or the Department of Homeland Security. Each officer reports up a chain of command that does not include an elected official until it reaches the president of the United States. So if a federal

official abuses his office, he is accountable only to his superiors.

Outside of a few well-defined federal crimes, such as counterfeiting, treason and piracy, constitutional law mandates that law enforcement be a function of state and local government. The Constitution does not grant the government any power to establish a national police force, and the 10th Amendment states that the powers prohibited from or not delegated to the federal government are reserved for the states.

This is why having the federal government hand out money and military hardware to local police sets a dangerous precedent. Using grants and economic incentives, the Pentagon and the Department of Homeland Security are blurring constitutional law-enforcement separations and paying police departments to potentially become subordinate outposts of a federal agency.

The Department of Homeland Security exists mainly to protect Americans from external threats. But the department published its intention to move away from that purpose early last year. In a white paper the DHS presented to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, it urged law enforcement to evolve into a federalized hybrid agency that can monitor *Americans* in any town and prevent threats from fellow *citizens*. To accomplish this aim, the report lays out a detailed plan in which the DHS (and some other federal agencies) takes control of many personnel decisions currently made by local police chiefs and county sheriffs. A key component of this proposal is the establishment of “fusion centers” to promote collaboration between federal and local law enforcement. These fusion centers would also become data-sharing hubs for federal, state and local law-enforcement centers.

In other words, if implemented, this plan would mean that unelected federal officials will strongly influence America’s local police departments, or control them outright.

Blurring the Line

Paving the way for these changes, the Obama administration recently overturned a 206-year-old law that limits military involvement in civilian law enforcement. The Insurrection Act of 1807 explicitly states the military cannot be used in civilian law enforcement except by presidential authorization in the advent of an insurrection or

foreign invasion. The administration now says that military commanders can use force to put down unexpected civil disturbances in cases where prior authorization by the president is deemed impossible.

In another white paper, sponsored by the RAND Corporation, the military is urged to blend military support with civilian law-enforcement structures. Under this model, the military would cooperate with Homeland Security, share assets with the National Guard and prepare rapid reaction units for national emergencies.

As the economy worsens and political tensions flare, many will consider increased cooperation between local police, federal agents and military commanders to be a good thing. It is likely that a centralized national police/military/federal agent conglomerate agency would operate more efficiently than 18,000 local agencies do. But the primary question should be, *what will it be more efficient at doing?*

America's founders, well acquainted with human nature's tendency toward tyranny, established a system to keep power out of the hands of any one individual—or even one branch of government. They created degrees of separation between the federal government and the officers on the street who actually interact with you. But now the constantly expanding federal government has blurred the line between federal and local law enforcement. In the near future, your town's security may no longer lie in the hands of your elected sheriff or a police chief who reports to a city official elected by the townspeople. Instead, it may ultimately be controlled by a clique of federal technocrats.

Stamping Out Political Dissent

At the head of this cadre of technocrats is Jeh Johnson, newly confirmed secretary of Homeland Security. Johnson has been an obscure figure thus far to both the general public and the law enforcement community, but the ACLU is already concerned about his human rights record.

As a heavyweight fundraiser, Johnson raised more than \$200,000 for the Obama campaign and personally contributed over \$100,000 to other Democratic candidates, including senators Chuck Schumer, Dick Durbin and James Clyburn. Though Republicans have voiced concerns over political cronyism and have called Johnson more a fundraiser than a security officer,

the real reason for his appointment may be his unapologetic support of the Obama administration's *drone warfare* policies.

During his stint as a legal adviser for the Pentagon, Johnson provided legal rationale for military involvement in the drone program. To the shock of civil rights advocates, Johnson *advocated targeting U.S. citizens* in such drone strikes. "Belligerents who also happen to be U.S. citizens do not enjoy immunity where non-citizen belligerents are valid military objectives," he said in a speech at Yale Law School. Now Johnson heads Homeland Security. Has he changed his legal rationale, or will he beef up the department's domestic drone fleet?

A local sheriff in North Dakota has already used a \$154 million MQ-9 Predator B drone from nearby Grand Forks Air Force Base in the arrest of a farm family of "anti-government separatists" for "stealing six cows" (*Daily Mail*, Dec. 13, 2011). The drone was summoned after three armed men refused to allow police onto the farm. This was the first military drone-assisted arrest in the United States. Now that this precedent has been established, it seems certain that federally enabled drone-assisted arrests will become more common.

Johnson has also defended the National Security Administration's massive and extremely unpopular program of spying on Americans. During a discussion at the 2013 Aspen Security Forum, Johnson said that when Americans make a phone call, they have "no legitimate expectation of privacy." Their metadata (including phone numbers, call duration and sometimes even GPS location) belongs to the government.

All this represents a massive, unprecedented expansion of government power. With support from the Pentagon, the federal Department of Homeland Security is working with local police departments to spy on American citizens without warrants

DHS Proposal: American law-enforcement FUSION CENTERS

- Data-sharing hubs for federal, state and local law-enforcement centers
- Will allow the Federal Department of Homeland Security to gain some control over law enforcement
- Can monitor Americans in any town
- More than 60 centers across the nation



and to conduct arrests with military hardware. What comes next?

To rationalize this enormous expansion of federal authority, the current administration has to make the case that abolishing constitutional separations between federal and local law enforcement will make America safer and more secure. The consequence, however, whether intended or not, is that abolishing these separations will also put Americans in danger of becoming subject to the whims of a singular, centralized authority—for good or evil.

The Future of Law Enforcement

How will the Department of Homeland Security use its new authority? Whom do its leaders consider to be threats to the nation? Could this federal department be used to target those who disagree with the current administration's policies?

These questions may perhaps be answered by a 2009 Homeland Security report titled, "Right-wing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment." This report, which was withdrawn shortly after its release due to public outcry, stated that "right-wing extremists" could use the state of the economy and the election of the nation's first black president to recruit new members.

It admitted that federal officials

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You Don't Have to Be a Jerk to Get Ahead

Life is war, some businessmen say, and winning requires ruthlessness. But recent research shows that isn't the case at all. **BY DENNIS LEAP**

"EVERYONE HAS A WEAKNESS, A gap in the castle wall. That weakness is usually an insecurity, an uncontrollable emotion or need; it can be a small secret pleasure. Either way, once found, it is a thumbscrew you can turn to your advantage," writes Robert Greene in his provocative book *The 48 Laws of Power*.

In this popular bestseller, Greene provides detailed explanations, with examples from classical history, on how to exercise power in business, work environments and in relationships. Much of what he recommends is shockingly amoral and disgusting.

"The best deceptions are the ones that seem to give the other person a choice: Your victims feel they are in control, but are actually your puppets," Greene explains with Law 31. "Give people options that come out in your favor whichever one they choose. Force them to make choices between the lesser of two evils, both of which serve your purpose. Put them on the horns of a dilemma: They are gored wherever they turn."

While not every law that Greene discusses is so coldly self-serving as Law 31 ("Control the options: Get others to play with the card you deal"), the few that are not still require a large measure of self-interest to implement since the intent is always to deliver the upper hand to the person using the law.

Anyone striving to live by a moral compass would have great difficulty getting through the book. Yet Greene justifies his premise by claiming that our modern world is no different from the scheming world of the old aristocratic court. "Life in the court was a never-ending game that required constant vigilance and tactical thinking," he says. "It was civilized war."

Greene further explains that at that time the court considered itself the pinnacle of refinement, yet in reality, "underneath its glittering surface, a cauldron of dark emotions—greed, envy, lust, hatred—boiled and simmered. Our world today similarly imagines itself the pinnacle of fairness, yet the same ugly emotions still stir within us, as they have forever. The game is the same."

Greene actually is on to something here. In fact, the only redeeming aspect of the book may be its truthful description of the cunningly evil inner world most human beings live in.

Greene's solution to the problem is too shortsighted. "If the world is like a giant scheming court and we are trapped inside it, there is no use in trying to opt out of the game. That will only render you powerless, and powerlessness will make you miserable. Instead of struggling against the inevitable, instead of arguing and whining and feeling guilty, it is far better to excel at power." Wow.



Isn't there a better solution to our dog-eat-dog world than "if you can't beat them, join them"?

There is a proven better way—even for the business world. For all those *not* interested in stepping on someone else's neck or crushing your enemy to get ahead, this article is for you.

Adam Grant, researcher, professor and highest-rated teacher at the Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania Business School), highlights a positive and radically different approach to business, interactions and work—different rules of *the game*. He discusses his distinctive findings in his book *Give and Take: A Revolutionary Approach to Success*. The book is worth reading and implementing. Grant's well-documented research not only provides individuals new rules—he opens a way to completely change the game.

Givers and Takers

Conventional wisdom says it takes hard work and talent to succeed. Adam Grant builds on this by saying that "success depends heavily on how we approach our interactions with other people."

He explains, "Every time we interact with another person at work, we have a choice to make: Do we try to claim as much value as we can, or contribute value without worrying about what we receive in return?" Grant spent 10 years studying these choices in business, organizations and the U.S. Air Force. He discovered that the option people chose had a dramatic effect on their success.

Based on the choices people make in the workplace, Grant discovered there are three types of people: givers, matchers and takers. Each type revealed the worker's preference for reciprocity.

Takers get more than they give. "They tilt reciprocity in their own favor, putting their own interests ahead of others' needs. Takers believe that the world is a competitive, dog-eat-dog place." He also states that takers "self-promote and make sure they get plenty of credit for their efforts." Grant concedes that not all takers are cunningly vicious though. Some are just cautious and self-protective.

Matchers work in the middle ground between takers and givers. "Matchers operate on the principle of fairness: When they help others, they protect themselves by

seeking reciprocity. If you are a matcher, you believe in tit for tat, and your relationships are governed by even exchange of favors," explains Grant.

What about the *givers*? How do they conduct themselves? "In the workplace, givers are a relatively rare breed," says Grant. "They tilt reciprocity in the other direction, preferring to give more than they get." Rather than being self-focused, givers are others-focused.

It doesn't take a lot of thought to figure out our individual work style. What about you? Are you a taker, a matcher, or a giver?

Bottom and Top of the Pile

It is hardly shocking that the vast majority of workers fall within the takers and matchers groups. In our working lives, most of us have come into contact with some givers—they do exist in nearly every workplace—but we would likely all agree that these people are in the minority.

However, where do givers end up on the mountain of success? Grant's research findings are both surprising and not surprising.

When studying the research done in three particular arenas—the world of engineering; medical students in Belgium; and salespeople in North Carolina—Grant discovered that givers achieved the worst results. "Across occupations, it appears that givers are just too caring, too trusting, and too willing to sacrifice their own interests for the benefit of others. There is even evidence that compared with takers, on average, givers earn 14 percent less money, have twice the risk of becoming victims of crimes, and are judged as 22 percent less powerful and dominant," writes Grant. Proponents of the "laws of power" would be correct in assuming that many givers end up at the bottom of the pile.

So who is likeliest to be at the top of the success ladder? Laws-of-power believers may be equally shocked to learn what Grant discovered when looking at the research data in depth: that the ones who tend to reach the top aren't the matchers and takers. They're the givers.

While the engineers with the lowest productivity were discovered to be givers, the engineers with the highest productivity were also found to be givers. "Even in sales, I found that the least productive people had 25 percent higher giver scores than

average performers—but so did the most productive salespeople," explains Grant. In fact, the *top performers* were givers; Grant discovered they averaged 50 percent more annual revenue than the takers and the matchers. Surprisingly, givers dominate the bottom and the top of the success ladder.

Biographies of Givers

Grant's book is chock full of biographies of some of the most ruthless takers and the very successful givers. For example, to show the downside of being a taker, he uses the example of how Enron was destroyed by the extreme self-interest of its own leadership. It is a fascinating study.

Grant also provides inspiring details about those who have discovered the incredible benefit and power of giving without expecting anything in return. He tells the compelling story of Adam Forrest Rifkin, a software programmer who successfully built a robust LinkedIn network with more connections to *Fortune's* list of powerful people than anyone else has on Earth—including the founders of Facebook, Netscape, Napster, Twitter, Flickr and Half.com. Grant shows that Rifkin built his online network by operating as a bona fide giver. Rifkin has willingly shared his know-how and expertise with thousands at no cost to them.

Grant uses Rifkin's generosity to show that givers create an atmosphere of giving, which produces more givers. "When people feel grateful for Rifkin's help, like Stephanie, they're more likely to pay it forward. 'I have always been a very genuine and kindhearted person,' Stephanie says, 'but I had to hide it and be more competitive so that I could get ahead. The important lesson I learned from Adam [Rifkin] is that you can be a genuinely kindhearted person and still get ahead in the world.'"

Grant has discovered that giving is contagious. Rifkin's work life proves this out. "Every time Rifkin generously shares his experience or connections, he's investing in encouraging the people in his network to act like givers," Grant writes. "When Rifkin does ask people for help, he's usually asking for assistance in helping someone else." A business leader who creates an environment of giving increases the odds that others in his network will follow his example and

add value to the work life of others—not simply match or take value.

Rifkin is only one example Grant uses. *Give and Take* records the case histories of givers who are medical professionals, venture capitalists, professional sports coaches, teachers and writers. These real-life examples show that givers make an impact across multiple disciplines.

Matchers and Takers

What does Grant have to say about the work life of matchers and takers? For starters, matchers and takers consider continual giving risky business. Sharing knowledge and experience to help others is considered a threat to their personal productivity—a real hindrance to their ultimate success. Matchers and takers would seriously question whether Adam Rifkin could maintain productivity without a guarantee of return from those he helped.

“When takers build networks, they try to claim as much value as possible for themselves from a fixed pie,” Grant writes. “When givers like Rifkin build networks, they expand the pie so that everyone can get a larger slice.” Essentially, Rifkin has helped so many people in his professional career that he does not have to fear not receiving help if he needs it.

Takers hoard help from others, creating a serious downside for themselves. Takers are distrusted individuals. Coworkers feel used by takers and are not likely to reciprocate when takers seek help. Even matchers will severely punish a taker.

Grant devotes some space in his book to a study done in a California engineering firm. The study shows that takers held the lowest status among peers. “They burned bridges by constantly asking for favors but rarely reciprocating. Their colleagues saw them as selfish and punished them with a lack of respect. The givers had the highest status, outdoing the matchers and takers. The more generous they were, the more respect and prestige they earned from their colleagues.”

Matchers are generally very productive workers who call in favors to receive help. They see success in terms of balancing individual accomplishments with fairness to others. Matchers live by a refined sense of justice—they work hard to play fair—they will give, but expect giving in return. Matchers

often hold giving as a value, but are too timid or fearful to become an Adam Forrest Rifkin.

Two Ways of Life

Adam Grant’s book would undoubtedly be a unique addition to anyone’s bookshelf, not just the businessman or businesswoman. While it may never be as popular as *The 48 Laws of Power*, the concepts in the book are vital for everyone to know.

One reality of life every human being must accept is that our individual success, no matter what we undertake, depends on help from others. Someone must be willing to give us the help we need. The big question Adam Grant lays at our doorstep is, will we remain takers, or grow to become relentless givers?

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive,’” taught Paul, one of the hardest-working of Christ’s apostles (Acts 20:35; English Standard Version). This is phenomenal teaching that this world has real difficulty seeing, yet desperately needs.

We must take off our rose-colored glasses and see clearly that we live in a wretched world. Paul called this age of man “this present evil world” (Galatians 1:4). We are in a world that embraces the *take* way of life. Paul describes our world perfectly in 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

Herbert W. Armstrong, the greatest theologian of our time, taught that there

are two basic ways of life. He described these two ways very simply: There is the give way and the get way. God the Father and Jesus Christ live by the give way. As a family of love, they give every good thing to mankind (1 John 4:8, 16). Jesus Christ came to this Earth and demonstrated how to live the give way of life (e.g. Acts 10:38). God intends that all men live as

He does. He wants us to become great givers just like He is.

“But human nature simply doesn’t see it that way,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “That’s the way the Creator designed it—but humans differ with Him who said, ‘It is more blessed to give than receive.’ Unfortunately that has been regarded as impractical idealism. Yet EVERY EVIL IN TODAY’S SICK, SICK WORLD HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE ‘GET’ MOTIVE—self-advantage at the cost of others, vanity, coveting, lust and greed—envy and jealousy, hostile competition, strife, violence, war, destruction. And above all, resentment of authority” (*Plain Truth*, February/March 1985).

All human beings must come to see that *only* the give way of life works. What about you? Are you willing to step up and start giving to help others? You don’t have to be a jerk to get ahead.

Stop for a moment and think about how different this world would be if every man, woman and child *lived to give* rather than to *get*. Think about the difference living the give way of life would make at the city, state, national and international level. We would have utopia!

Utopia is not an idealistic pipe dream—it is coming in our time!

Request a free copy of Herbert Armstrong’s most important written work, *Mystery of the Ages*. This book shows you in detail how our world has come to be the way it is and how it will be changed into a magnificently productive, success-filled world—all based on living by giving, not getting. ■



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COMING SOON: Freedom for Slaves!



Slavery isn't just a scourge of the past. It is in your country, your city, even your neighborhood. But a solution is coming soon that will break the shackles that bind them all. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

FOR MOST OF US, THE WORD *SLAVERY* conjures up images of biblical Egypt, ancient Greece or the early American South. Large-scale slavery ended in 1863 with the Emancipation Proclamation, right?

Wrong. The fact is, more people are in slavery today than *at any time in history*.

The pandemic has spread to all corners of the globe. It's a bigger, darker and uglier problem than most realize. And here is the painful truth: Modern slavery is so widespread that if you personally aren't contributing to it, then one or more of your neighbors down the street probably is.

The Global Slavery Index estimates that *30 million people* around the world are now slaves. That's more than the population of Australia. It's more than twice the *total number* of Africans who were shipped to North and South America throughout the *entire 360-year history* of the New World slave trade.

In 1850, the average cost of a slave in the U.S. was the equivalent of \$40,000 in today's currency.

A slave today costs an average of \$90.

Numerous historical accounts depict how savagely many of those slaves in early America were treated. How are people being treated right now who were bought at *not even 1 percent of the price*?

You don't have to wonder. Do an Internet search, and you'll find detailed descriptions.

Eighty percent of victims are female. Fifty percent are children. The average starting age of slave children is 12, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. But many are much, much younger. And while most are forced into hard labor in sweatshops or fields, an estimated *1.75 million* worldwide are *sexual objects* that are purchased, sold, used and discarded—all for the traffickers' profit.

Land of the Free?

The majority of today's slaves reside in Asia and Africa, but the practice is far from limited to Third World nations. In July of 2013, U.S. law enforcement officials rescued 105 child victims of sex trafficking and exploitation in cities across the country. It was the largest child sex-trafficking crackdown in America's history, but wasn't even a drop in the massive cesspool of the nation's sex-slave problem. The Justice Department estimates there are between *100,000 and 150,000 sex slaves in the country*. Many are foreigners. The rest are citizens—trafficked and enslaved within their own borders.

The first category includes an estimated 50,000 people, almost all women and children, who are brought into America every year. Traffickers find these people in poor countries and promise them legitimate jobs in the States doing things like domestic

work or waitressing. Some victims are simply abducted. Many poverty-stricken parents sell their children to men who promise them better lives.

When Third World nations are struck by natural disasters or war, sex traffickers rub their hands together and see dollar signs. At those times, they can find families ripped apart. They can find women and children alone and trembling, separated from husbands and fathers. Amid the smoke and rubble, traffickers have an easier time finding people desperate enough to believe their satanic lies.

Then there are America's homegrown slaves. Many in this category began as adult women fleeing abusive circumstances at home or working as prostitutes. The rest come mostly from the 2.8 million American children who run away from home each year. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children says that within 48 hours of hitting the streets, one third of these are picked up by traffickers and pimps who promise shelter, food and respect. "Recruiters" include young men or

period of time to destroy the victim's will to resist. With imported slaves, traffickers often threaten their victims, saying that if they attempt escape, their families back home will be punished or killed.

How can it be that millions of people are enslaved all around us? How is it that their oppression is worse than most slaves of any bygone era? Is it because of the handful of demented traffickers? No. Traffickers and pimps would have no incentive to enslave victims if there were no *demand*.

Are You to Blame?

It wasn't long ago that people had to exert some effort in order to view pornography. Now a person has to exert effort to *not view it*. Pornography websites receive more visitors each week than Netflix, Amazon and Twitter combined. In fact, over 30 percent of all data transferred across the Web is porn.

Many of the countless terabytes of porn are made by licensed companies and feature professional, consenting adults. But a staggering amount is "amateur pornography." Some adults and all children depicted

identify and locate children depicted in pornographic videos and photos, assessed 173 million images in 2011. That was four times more than the 2007 figure, and the number is climbing every year.

Another cause for the explosion of sex trafficking/slavery is the multiplying number of *legal* commercial sex businesses. Areas full of strip clubs, pornography stores, escort services and brothels become meccas for sociopaths who use children or other enslaved people for sex. It is impossible to bring an end to sex trafficking without eliminating legal sex-oriented businesses that are multiplying in the cities of the world. Yet access to these businesses is championed in the West as a *RIGHT* that *free* people are entitled to. The thinking is, *people should be free to live how they want, free to watch whatever videos they want and free to buy whatever products and services they want*. Such thinking makes them *free* to perpetuate a system that literally *enslaves* people.

Freedom is among the most chased-after ideals in mankind's history. The quest for it has driven people into intense protests, revolutions, civil uprisings and even world wars. In America today, many continue to battle for what they perceive as ever greater freedoms, such as the right to saturate the country with pornography and sex shops. But so much of what people call freedom is actually slavery.

"My addiction to pornography and my sexual problem has really taken a toll on my mind." That was the explanation given by a Cleveland man arrested in May 2013 for kidnapping three girls and enslaving them for a decade. Shortly after his conviction for 937 counts of kidnapping, rape, murder and other crimes, he hung himself in his jail cell. This man's "freedom" to consume pornographic material warped his mind and made a slave of him and his three victims.

That example points to the fact that there are far more slaves in the sex-trafficking industry than even the most concerned activists calculate. Besides the hundreds of thousands of literal enslaved victims, there are also the traffickers and pimps, who are slaves to crippling greed. And there are even more users—users of slaves and users of pornography featuring enslaved people—who are slaves to lust.

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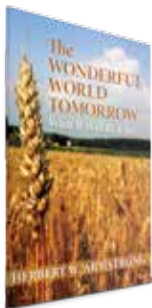
women who seek out vulnerable-looking girls at theaters, parties, shelters or shopping centers. By pretending to become a girl's friend or boyfriend, recruiters can quickly win the victim's trust and then turn her over to pimps or traffickers.

Both the American citizens and the overseas victims are targeted *because of vulnerability and weakness*. Some have made personal decisions that have contributed to their enslavement. Others were just in the wrong place at the wrong time. In either case, they are people in dire need of help. Traffickers search them out, then use their vulnerability against them.

To transform the captured victims into willing slaves, traffickers use a variety of methods. Sometimes they keep them pumped full of narcotics or tranquilizers. Other times, they use physical force over a long enough

in this amateur genre are in some level of enslavement or exploitation. And since more and more pornography is user-generated and user-uploaded, it is increasingly difficult (often impossible) to determine the origins and legality of the material. The sobering truth is that anyone who uses pornography could be *contributing to the demand* for sex slaves.

As users grow numb to "normal" pornography, they begin to seek out darker, more deviant material. Often that darker material involves children of all ages. From 2002 to 2012, pornography in the U.S. experienced an unprecedented boom. An FBI report said that during that time frame, the nation saw a *2,500 percent increase* in arrests for child pornography. Forty percent of those arrested had also raped a child. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which works to



“I have seen violence done to the helpless and I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I will rise up to rescue them, as they have longed for me to do” —Psalm 12:5, New Living Translation

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This paradox—and the whole of the booming slave trade—teaches a profound lesson, if we are willing to acknowledge it: the truth that mankind is simply *incapable* of solving its own problems. As Proverbs 14:12 says, “There is a way which *seemeth right* unto a man, but the end thereof are THE WAYS OF DEATH.”

The Bible explains that people are generally unable to recognize their own evil motivations—in fact, they often even view them as *virtue* (e.g. Jeremiah 17:9). Throughout this world, people pressing for ever greater personal license are brazenly rejecting God and His law. A lot of this rejection has been labeled as battling for increased freedoms, but the label is a deception. The results have been horrendous.

Of the modern nations of Israel, chiefly America and Britain, the Prophet Isaiah said this: “Ah sinful nation, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, offspring of evildoers, sons who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. ... *The whole head is sick*, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and bleeding wounds” (Isaiah 1:4-6; Revised Standard Version).

This world’s estrangement from God has left it spiritually and morally diseased. Atrocities like modern slavery are symptoms of the disease.

‘I Will Rise Up to Rescue Them’

How concerned are you about the crimes and injustices being suffered by some 30 million slaves—one out of every 230 people on our planet today? Wouldn’t you agree that this nightmare *demands resolution*—that those people *need deliverance*?

What is the solution to the ineffably evil modern sex-slave trade? If you are honest,

it must start with you. On an individual level, *we can and must avoid the industries that fuel the sex slave trade*. If you are disturbed by what these industries are doing to your fellow man, be sure that your personal behavior is doing nothing to contribute to them!

On the national and international levels, however, this evil won’t be cured by anything short of a *global revolution*.

Mercifully, exactly such a revolution is JUST ON THE HORIZON!

During Jesus Christ’s earthly ministry, He witnessed some extremes of human suffering. He relieved that suffering among those He healed and preached to personally, but He also made clear that He wasn’t on Earth at that time to use His power to overthrow the existing world order (e.g. Matthew 26:51-54; John 18:36).

However, He did promise to RETURN IN POWER AND GLORY, and that at that time He would obliterate injustice!

Psalm 12:5 records God saying, “I have seen violence done to the helpless and I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I WILL RISE UP TO RESCUE THEM, as they have longed for me to do” (New Living Translation).

No more will a 20-year-old hitchhiking woman be picked up and enslaved for seven years, chained up inside a ventilated coffin beneath her captor’s bed anytime he isn’t using her for sex.

No more will a handicapped boy have to spend ages 5 through 12 stored like luggage in a van, taken from house to house to be raped by anyone willing to cover the driver’s fuel and food costs.

No more will a slave child’s tongue be taken out with a soldering iron because she complained about her captor’s sexual demands.

No more will a 16-year-old immigrant, lured by the promise of a housecleaning job, be handcuffed to a bed, pumped full of heroine and raped by scores of sociopaths for months on end until she dies.

No more will a 10-year-old Colombian girl be ensnared by a drug gang who

auctions off her virginity to the highest-bidding foreign tourist.

One master enslaver lurks behind all of this world’s lechery, exploitation and enslavement. Satan the devil has taken the people of the world captive (2 Timothy 2:26; Revelation 12:9). He is immensely powerful and has tormented mankind with all kinds of darkness and suffering. And people have been duped to actually *choose* to follow him!

Ultimately, however, THE DEVIL IS NO MATCH FOR GOD’S INFINITE MIGHT (Matthew 4). Jesus Christ promises a time when no person is ever again subjected to satanic enslavement and abuse. He will “save the children of the needy, and shall *break in pieces the oppressor*” (Psalm 72:4).

How many “children of the needy” exist today? How many oppressors need to be corrected right now? Many millions in each category. And the mighty God is not passive about the oppression of the weak. Such brutality fills Him with VISCERAL WRATH, and He promises that He will not allow it to go on. He can and He will bring *true freedom* to all men, women and children!

Based on Bible prophecies, educator Herbert W. Armstrong painted an inspiring picture of the godly kingdom that Jesus Christ will soon usher in: “All crime and organized rebellion will be put down by force—divine supernatural force. ... See, now, a glimpse into a world of no illiteracy, no poverty, no famine and starvation, into a world where crime decreases rapidly, people learn honesty, chastity, human kindness, and happiness—a world of peace, prosperity, abundant well-being.” He wrote these hope-filled words in his inspiring booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*, which we offer to you at no charge.

Men, women and children all over the Earth need this new world as never before! Reports like the one about those 105 American children make the need inescapably clear. The good news is that NOTHING can stop the global revolution that will free them! ■

Pornography's Ripple Effect

How private viewing of pornography can feed the global sex-slave trade

DEMAND
VIEW

30% of all data transferred across the Web is pornography.

SUPPLY
PORNOGRAPHY

10.5 million images of child pornography
National Center for Missing and

SUPPLY
SLAVES

1,000 feet from sex-oriented businesses, instances of violent crimes are about 10 times above a city's average.

DEMAND
CLIENTS

3,829 Number of strip clubs in the U.S. Over 500,000 people are employed in the strip-club industry.

SUPPLY
SEX-ORIENTED

STRIP CLUBS, ADULT STORES, ESCORTS, BROTHELS, EXPOS, EVENTS

SUPPLY
SLAVES

The correlation

Data also shows that sex trafficking flourishes most in places rife with legal commercial sex businesses. Areas full of strip clubs, pornography stores, escort services and brothels become meccas for sociopaths who use children or other enslaved people for sex.

"LEGAL"

SEX INDUSTRY

Addiction

"My addiction to pornography and my sexual problem has really taken a toll on my mind."

—Ariel Castro, Ohio kidnapper

AND
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PLY GRAPHY

ren were assessed by the
Exploited Children in 2009.

2,500%
increase from
2002 to 2012
in arrests
for child
pornography

42% of
recruiters
are women.

PLY VERY

AND
TELE

20% of all
Internet pornography involves
trafficked children.

\$32 billion is generated
from human trafficking per year,
making it the fastest-growing criminal
enterprise in the world.

50% of slaves
in the U.S. are
engaged in the
commercial sex
industry.

12–14 Average
age of entry into
prostitution
in the U.S.

100,000 – 300,000 U.S.
children are enslaved in
sex trafficking every year

PLY D BUSINESSES

**PIMPS, CAPTORS,
TRAFFICKERS**

Forcing Narcotics,
tranquilizers, physical
force, threats toward
family—all are used to
destroy the victim's
will to resist.

2.8 million U.S. children run
away from home each year.
Within 48 hours, one third of
them are picked up by
traffickers and pimps.

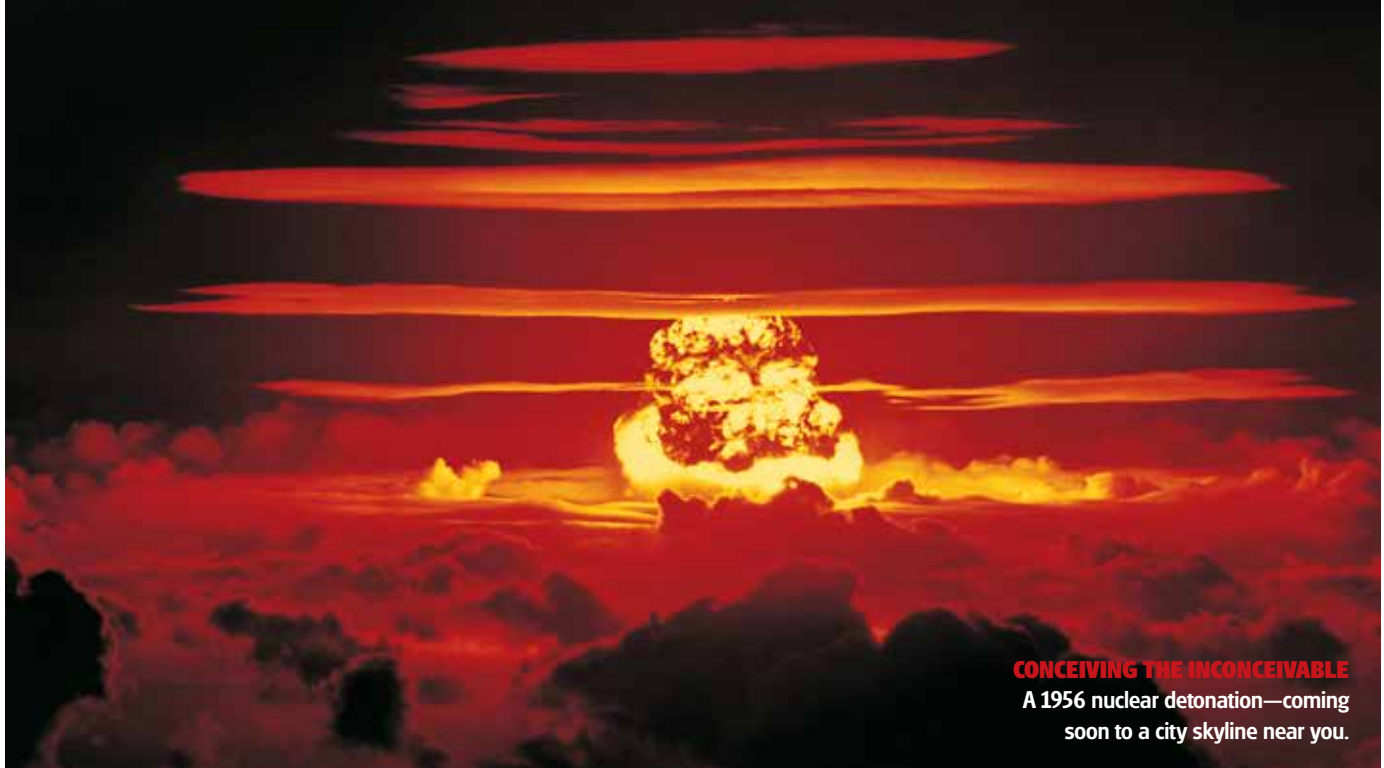
PLY VERY

1.75 million of the planet's 30
million slaves are sexual objects
that are purchased, sold, used and
discarded—all for the traffickers' profit.

\$90 The average cost of a slave
today. In 1850, the average cost
in the U.S. was the equivalent of
\$40,000 in today's currency.

Bottom line

Anyone who uses pornography
could be contributing to the
demand for sex slaves.



CONCEIVING THE INCONCEIVABLE
A 1956 nuclear detonation—coming soon to a city skyline near you.

The Unthinkable Will Happen!

People want to put it out of their minds, but nuclear war is going to begin, and soon! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

THE WORLD IS IN A DEEP SLUMBER about the dangers of nuclear war. This was made frighteningly obvious by negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland, in November.

There, America and other nations agreed to a deal that will allow Iran to get nuclear weapons (article, page 26). People throughout the Western world act like this agreement will produce peace. They cannot conceive of the horror it will ultimately lead to!

It has been over 68 years since an atomic bomb was detonated on a civilian population. Over 90 percent of people on Earth have lived their entire lives in a world where nuclear weapons are nothing more than an abstract threat. *We don't understand how real the risks of nuclear warfare are!*

Nuclear war is unthinkable to most people. But now even our leaders, who are supposed to be vigilant to such risks, are showing the same childish thinking.

America's president has said his goal is "a world without nuclear weapons." The

Obama administration is pursuing that goal and eliminating America's nuclear weapons.

In 2010, President Obama agreed to cut America's nuclear arsenal by one third. This past summer, he said he would slash it by another third. Apparently he thinks other nations will follow America's example, even though all the evidence shows that this is a foolish fantasy.

The president is pursuing a nuclear-free world by cutting America's nuclear program—but he also has said, "No single nation should pick and choose which nations hold nuclear weapons." So he is also increasing the likelihood that Iran will finish building its own nuclear bombs! Meanwhile, as I wrote in last month's edition, the Obama administration is being very careless with *hundreds* of nuclear bombs that America has stored in Europe and in Turkey—bombs that could easily be used against us ("Europe's Nuclear Secret," theTrumpet.com/go/11136).

People ignore this grievous danger at their own peril.

Leading to Nuclear War

Iran is the world's number one state sponsor of terrorism by far. The Iranians support terrorist groups throughout the Middle East and beyond—even in North

America. They helped cause and are prolonging several wars that are happening right now. Achieving nuclear capability will increase their power tremendously. Their foreign policy will get a lot *pushier* than it already is! The Iranians have ambitions far greater than what they have shown to this point.

Iran is already the strongest Muslim nation. It is the *king* among Islamic states. It has repeatedly, boldly proclaimed its hatred of the U.S. and its intention to destroy Israel. Immediately after the Geneva deal was struck, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, called Israel the "rabid dog" of the Middle East and said the Jews were doomed to destruction! This man leads the nation that the Western world wants to trust with nuclear power!

Naftali Bennett, Israel's economy minister, said, "If a nuclear suitcase blows up in New York or Madrid five years from now, it will be because of the deal that was signed this morning."

Khamenei is acting just like Hitler did leading up to World War II. Hitler described his maniacal intentions in detail in *Mein Kampf*, yet nobody believed him. It was *unthinkable* that he would try to

conquer Europe and exterminate the Jews. But that is exactly what he did! He succeeded in killing 6 million of them before he could be stopped. That is rather recent history. Yet once again, a hostile nation led by extremists is threatening the Jews and the West, and once again, almost nobody really believes it will do what it says.

Biblical prophecy tells us that Iran, the “king of the south,” is going to make a big “push” that will trigger World War III. Read it for yourself in Daniel 11:40. Looking at current events, I believe this will happen after Iran gets the nuclear bomb. And that prophecy tells us that Iran is going to provoke a mighty European empire—a nuclear-armed power—into a war. From there, the destruction will only escalate.

IRAN’S ACTIONS TODAY ARE LEADING TO A NUCLEAR WORLD WAR III!

How will World War III compare to World War II? The Second World War ended with the development and use of the nuclear bomb. A world war where many nations—some of which sponsor terrorism—start out with nuclear weapons is an unparalleled nightmare! We can’t even imagine how bad it will be!

When America dropped two atomic bombs on Japan in World War II, over 100,000 people died from the blasts. Many thousands more suffered injuries and even death from the ghastly aftereffects.

Some of today’s nuclear weapons are hundreds of times more destructive! The initial blasts will be far deadlier, and the aftermath will be much worse. Experts tell us that nuclear war will produce a nuclear winter. That means that nuclear explosions will blast dust into the atmosphere, producing toxic clouds that block sunlight for a prolonged period of time and even chill our very climate. Beneath, human beings, animals and plants will suffer from deadly radiation.

These problems are almost too horrifying to even contemplate. That is why most people ignore the potential for nuclear war. But we won’t be able to ignore it for much longer. Biblical prophecy makes that plain.

A Deeply Troubling Vision

Anciently, God forced His prophets to consider the grotesque consequences that would come about because of our modern weapons of mass destruction. God’s prophets understood that man would have to

face the horrendous effects of his own sins.

The Prophet Habakkuk discussed a “bitter and hasty nation” attacking Israel (Habakkuk 1:6). This is a prophecy of a fearsome military machine (verses 7-8). It will be extraordinarily violent, inspired by Satan, the evil god of this world (verses 9-11). It will treat people like fish in a net, showing no mercy (verses 14-17). However, that is not the worst part of this prophetic vision.

“When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in

World War II ended with a nuclear bomb. A world war where nations start out with nuclear weapons would be an unparalleled nightmare.

myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops” (Habakkuk 3:16). This prophet wrote about “the day of trouble” for Israel—the Great Tribulation. His main vision was not fulfilled during his life. But it is about to be fulfilled here in the end time.

Habakkuk had never before envisioned anything so terrifying! His “belly trembled” and his “lips quivered”—he was having a difficult time fulfilling his prophetic office! An indescribable terror like rottenness kept his bones from holding his body together! The bones are the body’s strongest parts, its stable framework. Habakkuk almost became like a shapeless blob! This was the effect of the shattering alarm and acute pain he suffered because of what he saw.

God revealed to Habakkuk the most terrifying vision ever to afflict this Earth. This man saw NUCLEAR WAR AND ITS CONSEQUENCES. He wrote about nuclear winter.

“Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls” (verse 17). Why won’t the fig trees blossom? Even widespread conventional warfare, like in World War II, would not prevent the fig trees from blossoming. Why are there no grapes on the vines? Even vineyards that are untended would still produce some grapes. Why no olives on the

olive trees? Invading armies, even mechanized infantry, even air-dropped bombs could never have so totally devastated an area—until the advent of the nuclear bomb. This is discussing a massive nuclear attack. Bombs are dropped on the cities, yet we see that the farms are also affected. This is a new, unparalleled kind of terror. There are no sheep in the pens nor cattle in the stalls. The total failure of fields to yield crops indicates nuclear fallout!

Only nuclear fallout and nuclear winter could inflict such grotesque damage. That is the only explanation. Habakkuk is cry-

ing out to us that the modern Chaldeans are about to attack modern Israel with modern nuclear weapons. Even a nuclear-armed Iran is nothing compared to what this prophecy reveals will happen.

Astronomical Death Counts

How widespread will these horrific nuclear attacks be? The answer in Bible prophecy is deeply sobering.

“Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel. The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up. For thus saith the Lord God; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that [the same city of 1,000] which went forth by an hundred SHALL LEAVE TEN, to the house of Israel” (Amos 5:1-3).

The city is the target here. Notice those casualties! A 10 percent loss in a military campaign is disastrous. Here, 90 percent of the people in a city die immediately! Then, only 10 percent of the survivors remain alive. Only 10 out of a thousand are left—10,000 out of a million. This is speaking of NUCLEAR BOMBS BEING DROPPED ON OUR MAJOR CITIES—DESTROYING 99 PERCENT OF THE CITIES’ POPULATIONS! This is clearly a prophecy of nuclear holocaust.

“And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. And a man’s uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of

the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the Lord” (Amos 6:9-10). There is no indication of an army invading here, yet death still fills the cities. An uncle comes into a house, burns the bodies and takes some bones outside. Everybody was dead in the house, undoubtedly because of nuclear radiation.

“For, behold, the Lord commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts” (verse 11). The word *breaches* is rare. The *Anchor Bible* says there is “no other occurrence of any word with the same root.” *Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* defines this word as “drops of dew.” If you carefully read the context, there seems to be no doubt that this is referring to NUCLEAR FALLOUT!

The word *clefts* means fissures. That is “a break or lesion in the tissue, usually at the junction of skin and mucous membrane,” according to *Webster’s Dictionary*. The root word means “to tear in pieces.” “Drops of dew,” or nuclear fallout, certainly will “tear in pieces” human flesh.

NUCLEAR WARFARE IS COMING! And we can’t hide from it by ignoring it or by dreaming of a world free of nuclear weapons.

Imagine how terrible this holocaust will be! It will be the WORST TIME EVER KNOWN TO MAN! Many Bible scriptures tell us that.

The Prophet Daniel said it would be “a time of trouble, such as NEVER WAS since there was a nation” (Daniel 12:1). Jeremiah wrote, “Alas! for that day is great, so that NONE IS LIKE IT” (Jeremiah 30:7). Jesus Christ Himself prophesied of it being “great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 24:21).

Jesus’s prophecy continued, “And except those days should be shortened, there should NO FLESH BE SAVED...”—or as the Moffatt translation reads, “*saved alive*” (verse 22). He was talking about a time when the *annihilation of all human life* would be possible! Yet, how many theologians discuss these verses? Will we listen to Christ?

As the Geneva negotiations proved, the world is *asleep* to this grave threat to human survival! Yet nothing can prevent these prophecies from being fulfilled. Our nations have

passed the point where even wholesale repentance would change the course of events. (Request a free copy of my booklet *Lamentations: The Point of No Return*.)

The only question is, will YOU, INDIVIDUALLY, be protected—or *will you be in the middle of that nuclear nightmare?*

The Cause

At the end of World War II, Herbert W. Armstrong said on his radio program, *The World Tomorrow*, that human survival itself was now threatened. “Before the end of the war in Europe we heard a lot of talk about this being the last war. ... We might as well face the stark, ugly, horrifying truth, my friends—the world leaders know within themselves that there is NO HOPE, so far as human effort and international agreement or organization is concerned, of preventing another war—and all know now that even this greatest of all wars will have been but child’s play by comparison. We have engines of destruction now which can annihilate humanity from this Earth—stamp out ALL HUMAN LIFE! Too horrible to contemplate? Well, we MUST contemplate it! We MUST face it, for WE ARE THE GENERATION DESTINED TO LIVE INTO AND THROUGH IT!”

“You can’t cure any sickness without finding the CAUSE and removing that,” Mr. Armstrong continued. “Let’s dare to boldly look, then, to the REAL CAUSE. It has to do with the SYSTEM that grips this world, holding it, in the modern complex structure of this machine age, bound so tightly we are unable to FREE ourselves” (Nov. 4, 1945).

What system grips us? The Bible makes it clear that Satan is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4) and that the world is in the grip of his deception (Revelation 12:9). We think we are working toward peace, but the clock is ticking rapidly toward nuclear annihilation because something is dreadfully wrong with human nature.

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell

in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, HAVING GREAT WRATH, BECAUSE HE KNOWETH THAT HE HATH BUT A SHORT TIME” (Revelation 12:12). This is the reason we are seeing destructive weapons proliferating and people ignoring the most imminent mortal threat ever. It is also the motivation for the intense hatred between peoples that will motivate men to detonate these weapons! Humans are RULED by the devil. We need to understand that, and think afresh. We need, as Gen. Douglas MacArthur stated, a “spiritual recrudescence.”

But there is hope at the end of the nuclear winter. Satan is full of wrath right now. Why? Because he knows he has only a short time. A short time until what? Until Jesus Christ comes to Earth to rule it! Christ will end Satan’s rule! That is maddening to the devil. He knows that not much time is left on the clock! And, since he has nothing to lose, he will do all the damage possible before Christ gets here. That is why we are about to experience a nuclear holocaust.

Yet that imminent nuclear annihilation itself actually means we are very close to the greatest possible news you could ever hear! It is a SIGN that Jesus Christ is about to return to Earth, to STOP mankind from destroying itself, to rule all nations, and to show the world how to have peace, happiness and joy!

Whether we listen to God’s prophecies or not, they *will* be fulfilled. In the meantime, God promises those who heed His Word protection from this nuclear holocaust (Daniel 12:1; Revelation 12:14). Will that include you? ■

History says it will happen too!

Those who fail to learn from history are destined to repeat it. In this concise, hard-hitting booklet about Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his experiences during World War II, lessons abound. But have we learned from those lessons? Request our free booklet *‘We Have Had Our Last Chance!’*



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had no information about any planned attack from right-wing extremists, but it still spotlighted the following citizens as potential threats: anti-government conspiracy theorists, disgruntled war veterans, those opposed to abortion, those opposed to immigration, and those who believe “end times” prophecies.

Does the Department of Homeland Security leadership already consider *you* a threat?

Another report even goes so far as to label those who believe that modern-day Americans are descended from ancient Israel as potential racist extremists (*Homeland Security Affairs Journal*, July 2006 edition). This report labeled Herbert Armstrong as a fundamentalist Protestant who injected “blatant racism” into right-wing movements. This claim was made despite the fact that Herbert Armstrong served for decades as an unofficial ambassador for world peace, meeting with world leaders of every race as a messenger of goodwill.

It is hard to fathom how federal security officials could make such baseless claims. And the current administration already has been using the Internal Revenue Service and the Justice Department to target those who criticize its policies. Could the DHS soon be used against libertarians, or Tea Party members, or those opposed to abortion, or those who believe “end times” prophecies?

In the summer of 2013, a police chief in Concord, New Hampshire, asked Homeland Security for more than \$250,000 to purchase an armored vehicle that he could use to protect the city from the Occupy New Hampshire movement and the Free State Project, a civil libertarian group. “The State of New Hampshire’s experience with terrorism slants primarily toward the domestic type,” he said in his filing. “We are fortunate that our state has not been victimized from a mass casualty event from an international terrorism strike; however, on the domestic front, the threat is real and here.

Groups such as the Sovereign Citizens, Free Staters and Occupy New Hampshire are active and present daily challenges.”

This police chief made his request even though the

New Hampshire Free Staters have never been indicted for a violent crime and in fact subscribe to a non-aggression principle, believing no one, including the state, should aggress against peaceful people.

After a public outcry against his remarks, this police chief apologized, but his request for an armored vehicle was not retracted. How many other police chiefs and Homeland Security officials might be willing to use military equipment to put down those who oppose their agenda?

Racing Toward a National Catastrophe

Discarding the laws of the land has become a theme of the current administration. If constitutional separations between federal and local law no longer apply, then the only law that does apply is the law of the jungle. If a federalized police force has more firepower than local police or private citizens, then *might makes right*.

If federal agents want to swoop in and confiscate a company’s financial statements, then the executive branch of government “can do what they want, when they want, and there’s nothing you can do about it.” If a city mayor wants an MRAP to stop protests by civil libertarians, then you better hope he wakes up in a benevolent mood, because that’s the only remaining guarantee of public safety.

Here is what Judge Andrew Napolitano wrote in the *Washington Times*: “Mr. Obama has argued that he can kill Americans whose deaths he believes will keep us all safer, without any due process whatsoever. No law authorizes that. His attorney general has argued that the president’s careful consideration of each target and the narrow use of deadly force are an adequate and constitutional substitute for due process. No court has ever approved that” (Feb. 7, 2013).

As *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry highlighted in his recent booklet *America Under Attack*, such lawlessness has a *cause*. Satan has been cast down to Earth and is fervently working to stir division and lawlessness in America as a means of creating national catastrophe on a never-before-seen scale. “This trend toward lawlessness is deadly,” he writes.

“And I guarantee, based on biblical prophecy, that it is going to get far worse.”

The current administration is increasingly showing its tendency to force its will on the public. Could the current administration’s efforts to militarize and centralize American police power be a part of something sinister? In the words of Mr. Flurry, “Government tyranny is *routine* in human history.... Let’s not be naive and think something like that could never happen here. Our forefathers weren’t stupid. They wanted to guarantee Americans’ freedom.”

You can argue that rising crime and the threat of a new Greater Depression justify an empowered executive branch of government. Without the lawful restraints of the U.S. Constitution, however, there is no guarantee that the government won’t escalate the situation into dangerous territory. Could a second civil war besiege America?

We cannot know exactly how things are going to unfold, but the sure word of Bible prophecy reveals that the cities of end-time Israel (modern-day America and Britain) will burn with fire, pestilence and widespread violence as a consequence of the people’s rebellion against God’s law. The Prophet Ezekiel’s account of end-time events adds even more detail, explaining that one third of the population will be killed in violent looting, rioting and civil unrest BEFORE the country is invaded by a foreign enemy. Could government lawlessness and a paramilitarized police force play a role in this time of violence? The economic downfall of America certainly would make an ideal excuse for a declaration of martial law, or for a draconian crackdown on political dissent.

We are not living in the nation of our Founding Fathers, or even of our own fathers. To understand the earthshaking changes that are currently taking place, you need to request your own copy of *America Under Attack*. The sad truth is that humanity is going to have to go through a time of intense suffering due to its own hard-headedness. But the wonderful truth is that this time of suffering immediately precedes Christ’s return to Earth to usher in an era of unfathomable peace, prosperity and happiness! ■



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Inside the New *TRUMPET DAILY*

You read the *Trumpet*, but have you watched it lately? **BY PHILIP NICE**



HOT MICS (From left) Harley Breth checks a tablet with the script for the introduction. Presenter Stephen Flurry gets ready to record a new program on the stage of Armstrong Auditorium. Andrew Locher checks wireless microphone settings on the main stage camera.





TRUMPET EXECUTIVE EDITOR STEPHEN FLURRY HAS revitalized the *Trumpet Daily*, a webcast that appears on theTrumpet.com four days per week. The program features not only a new set but also a refreshed format and a more rapid production that enables Mr. Flurry to discuss events with the viewer the same day they happen.

In early November, Mr. Flurry greeted viewers from the new *Trumpet Daily* set on the stage of Armstrong Auditorium, a performing arts center on the campus where the offices for the *Trumpet*, Herbert W. Armstrong College and the Philadelphia Church of God are located. The set sits between the same cherry wood walls that have framed a parade of musicians, from Branford Marsalis, André Watts, the Canadian Brass, the Russian National Ballet and the Vienna Choir Boys to young Imperial Academy grade school students.

The new set in part also enabled the program's format to be recharged. Many programs now feature Mr. Flurry delivering an introduction focusing on a critical current event, his analysis of the topic in relation to Bible prophecy and biblical laws, segments on other important news, and then features promoting free literature. A setting with chairs has allowed Mr. Flurry to interview other members of the PCG staff about activities on campus ranging from music department head Ryan Malone to *Trumpet* editors.

"We got the idea to use the auditorium stage for a set back in 2011 when we started producing TDs," Mr. Flurry said. "But with so much going on in Jerusalem over the past year-and-a-half, the timing just never seemed to work out." He and the television department started working on the idea "in earnest" in mid-October. "We wanted something that would be a little more intimate" than the previous setting, where he would tape his messages before an audience. "I think it will give us much more flexibility to try new things."

Television department head Andrew Locher said the change was a "refresh." "We like the versatility of the stage, the lighting and some of the other features.... We have more people involved, which also makes it nice to have more physical space for maneuvering." The new space also enables "different camera angles and more elements on the stage. We have better depth-of-field for the shots as well."

On taping days, power cables snake across the floor and high-definition cameras shoot toward the desk and chair.

Camera operators test and calibrate their equipment. House crew members check arrays of spotlights 30 feet overhead. Information Technology staffers prepare background graphics and check a set of wireless microphones. In the control booth, director Dwight Falk radios instructions to a crew of eight camera operators and other assistants and checks monitors for four more robotic cameras sitting in camera bays, powered on and focusing in. Mr. Locher looks at his clipboard; Mr. Flurry walks onstage and hands him a sheaf of program notes. As final preparations wrap up, Mr. Flurry begins to warm up his voice. Then it's time.

"Hello, and welcome back to the *Trumpet Daily*...."

If you've watched the program, you know the rest of the scene. You have probably also noticed that the new format has brought with it a quicker turnaround. Mr. Flurry often analyzes an event or article that surfaced just a day—or even hours—earlier. After the program wraps, Falk's production team goes into high gear to complete the program. Viewers can watch it when it is posted online later the same day.

But even when the cameras power down and the program is released to the public, the work is just beginning—for the next program.

The new format for the program has brought closer teamwork between Mr. Flurry, the television crew and the *Trumpet* staff, which works to feed the semi-daily cycle of the webcast, which in turns feeds and promotes the *Trumpet*. This symbiosis—along with the *Trumpet Weekly* newsletter and the *Key of David* television program—has amplified the effect of each part of the *Trumpet* message.

Even if you are already a regular watcher of the *Trumpet Daily*, stay tuned. The set and program continue to incorporate new elements and proclaim the timely, relevant, urgent message of Bible prophecy and the refreshing hope of real Christian living—and the connection between the two. Visit theTrumpet.com/trumpet_daily for today's webcast of warning, and of hope! ■

The *Trumpet Daily* appears four days a week on theTrumpet.com, YouTube and iTunes. Here's a look at some of the latest programs:

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The World Is Shaking

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Germany's Comeback Kid

theTrumpet.com/go/TD1337

The First Sip of a Bitter Cup for America

theTrumpet.com/go/TD1341

Was Jesus Just Like Moses?

theTrumpet.com/go/TD1329



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry

Obama administration ends Monroe Doctrine

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION has scrapped a 200-year-old pillar of America's foreign policy. U.S. Secretary of State **John Kerry** declared on November 18 that the administration has abandoned the Monroe Doctrine.

President **James Monroe** established the doctrine in 1823. It states that any attempt by European powers to expand their control in the American hemisphere would be treated as an act of war by the United States. **Caspar Weinberger**, secretary of defense for the Reagan administration, said that the doctrine essentially means "there should be no interference, no sponsorship of any kind of military activity in this hemisphere by countries in other hemispheres."

Since Monroe, the fifth president, nearly 40 presidents have upheld the Monroe Doctrine. Yet Secretary Kerry said that ending it is "not a bad thing," but "worth applauding."

The 26th president, **Theodore Roosevelt**, upheld this doctrine perhaps more than any other

president. His administration oversaw America's transformation from a regional power to a world power.

In the winter of 1902, America almost went to war with a powerful **Germany** in order to uphold the Monroe Doctrine. Germany, **Britain** and **Italy** began a blockade in an effort to force Venezuela to pay back the debts it owed them. Roosevelt sympathized. He knew that Britain respected the Monroe Doctrine, and during the 19th century, probably did more than America to uphold it. But he knew Germany resented it. German naval chief Adm. **Alfred von Tirpitz**, for example, wanted naval bases in the **Caribbean** and **Brazil**.

Roosevelt discovered that the Germans wanted to occupy **Venezuela's** harbors. He authorized America's first large-scale naval exercises, which were conducted under the command of America's most distinguished—and anti-German—military leader, Adm. **George Dewey**. Although the German Navy almost certainly could have beaten America's Atlantic

fleet, it was dispersed and unprepared for war.

In 2002, historians discovered that as the Venezuelan crisis unfolded, German strategists had been drawing up plans to take **Puerto Rico** and launch a surprise attack on the American Atlantic coast. Roosevelt's naval buildup soon made the German plan unfeasible. Germany backed down and allowed America to mediate the disagreement with Venezuela. No one was killed;

America was preserved. Adherence to the Monroe Doctrine meant that none of these threats materialized.

In 1917, British intelligence officers discovered that Germany was secretly trying to persuade **Mexico** to attack America. This revelation helped bring the United States into World War I, which changed the war's outcome. Germany knew (and **Iran**, **Hezbollah**, **Russia** and the **European Union** know today) that a toe-hold in Latin America could give it the power to put Washington on the back foot—and then to really start pushing. Almost 40 administrations have seen that danger and have upheld the doctrine of a founding father in order to neutralize it. No longer.

Deuteronomy 28:52 warns that foreign nations "shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee." This siege is about to shock America, the nation that is applauding itself for ignoring threats that gather on its southern flank. ■

The Geneva deal is worse than you know

MANY HAVE COMPARED what happened in Geneva Nov. 24, 2013, with Neville Chamberlain's infamous capitulation to Hitler in Munich in 1938. In fact, what happened in Geneva is worse—much worse.

The most obvious reason is that Hitler didn't have a nuclear weapons program. He led a ruthless regime bent on extinguishing tens of millions, but he had to do it the hard way: with troops, tanks and gas chambers. Iran's mullahs have similar genocidal ambitions, but are on the cusp of owning a means of instant mass extermination.

Alarming, while Munich was a failure of method, Geneva is a failure of intent. Chamberlain failed because he underestimated Hitler's evil and overestimated the power of diplomacy. But evidence suggests America's president may support a radical Islamist regime on the verge of going nuclear.

For proof, consider the Obama administration's policy of regime preservation in Tehran. Remember the Arab Spring and America's schizophrenic response? America's support of protesters was instrumental in toppling regimes in Egypt and Libya. But what happened when tens of thousands of angry Iranians took to the streets protesting the phony 2009 reelection of radical Islamist Mahmoud Ahmadinejad? *The White House was silent*. President Obama's decision to do nothing helped preserve, even

endorse, the Ahmadinejad regime.

Consider also the White House's persistent policy of stymieing Israel's efforts to confront Iran. From the outset of his presidency, Mr. Obama's allegiance has been with the Muslim world and Muslim states. Indeed, since Geneva, we learned that in the months before, Mr. Obama devoted more quality time to Iran than to Israel.

Much has been said about how the Geneva deal endorses Iran's right to enrich uranium and pursue nuclear weapons. But what about the way this deal rescued the radical regime in Tehran? Most agree that the sanctions the West had labored so hard to implement were working. There was a good chance the sanctions would have crippled the regime. America simply had to do *nothing* and the regime would likely have soon fallen into serious trouble.

Another reason to think President Obama might actually support Iran is the fact that he's an ideological ally of the radical Islamist regime. His views on the United States and Israel, in particular, align with those of Iran's mullahs. Many have explored the roots of Mr. Obama's views on America and the Jewish state, tracing them back to his anti-colonialist upbringing, socialistic education and infamous circle of friends. *Washington Times* columnist Jeffrey Kuhner, for example, said President Obama is "convinced the United States is not a singular force for good in the world, but an imperial, jingoistic nation that must be chastened—and humbled—on the world stage." Columnist Caroline Glick said, "He does not like Israel. He is appointing anti-Israel advisers and cabinet members not despite their anti-Israel positions, but because of them." These views match those of the regime in Tehran.



Iranians denounce America in Tehran after Friday prayers.

What happened in Geneva reveals something deeply wrong with America. President Obama has no intention of stopping Iran, and is actually working against American and Israeli interests.

Something the *Trumpet* has written on before is becoming ever clearer: An invisible, sinister force is at work in the U.S. capital. This is yet another

reason why what happened in Geneva is worse than Munich 1938—and infinitely more alarming than most people know. In his new booklet *America Under Attack*, the *Trumpet's* editor in chief, Gerald Flurry, uses Bible prophecy to explain the sobering truth about this deadly force. If you haven't read it already, order your free copy today. ■

IS THE UNITED NATIONS WORTHLESS—OR WORSE?

Russia and China were among the 14 nations to win seats on the United Nations Human Rights Council on Nov. 12, 2013. Their admission to the UN's main human rights body sparked severe criticism by some analysts because of Moscow's and Beijing's atrocious human rights records at home. One critic of Russia's election said it was "like electing a pyromaniac as chief of the fire department."

Human Rights Watch's Peggy Hick pointed out that over the years, Moscow and Beijing have refused to respond to 13 requests for visits by human rights inspectors to investigate alleged abuses in their countries. "They're not allowing the very council they sit on to do its job effectively," she said. "China and Russia are powerful states that exercise their power in a way to influence others at the council, as well as make it very hard to engage on issues that they don't want reviewed. ... That Russia is able to run unopposed is a real travesty."

As ridiculous as it is to place some of the world's most notorious and unapologetic violators of human rights in charge of human rights, it is far from the first time the UN has made such an absurd decision. The corruption-racked organization has routinely given key positions to the most ludicrous candidates available.

But the more significant failure by the UN is that it has not accomplished its stated purpose: keeping the peace. From the organization's inception in 1945 until early 2010, there have been 267 wars and over

3,000 other military conflicts. Almost as many people have been killed in all these altercations as died in World War II itself.

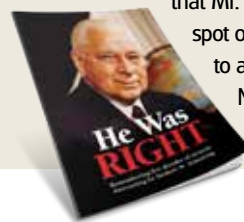
"And the way of peace have they not known."

Romans 3:17

One analyst recognized from the beginning that the UN would be, not just a failure at peacekeeping, but a catalyst to conflict. "Already I see the clouds of World War III gathering at this conference," theologian Herbert W. Armstrong said during the organization's inaugural meeting in 1945. "I do not see peace being germinated here, but the seeds of the next war!"

Mr. Armstrong knew that the United Nations would not—could not—bring world peace. How? By looking into the Holy Bible, which reveals human nature. Mr. Armstrong learned, through Scripture, that peace would never come on the Earth by mankind; it could only be possible by Jesus Christ, upon His return with His world-ruling government to usher it in (Revelation 20:4-6; Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:6-7; 11:1-9).

The decision to place Russia and China on the Human Rights Council shows that the UN has descended from a failure to a farce. It shows that mankind is further than ever from being able to solve its own problems. It shows that Mr. Armstrong's analysis all those years ago was spot on. To understand how Mr. Armstrong was able to accurately identify the true nature of the United Nations even from its inception, request a free copy of our booklet *He Was Right*.



Sparking a nuclear arms race in the world's powder keg

WHILE THE WORLD WAS abuzz with speculation over what the Geneva nuclear negotiations would produce, one nation, fearing the inevitability of **Iran** obtaining nuclear weapons, took drastic measures to safeguard its national security. According to a Nov. 6, 2013, BBC report, **Saudi Arabia** has purchased nuclear weapons from **Pakistan**.

The Saudis are the main counterbalance to Iran in the region. The largest and wealthiest Sunni Arab nation, Saudi Arabia constantly struggles against Iran. Though the Saudis and Iranians may not be in direct conflict, the two sides are fighting several proxy wars to see which Islamic faction will ultimately control the region, Iranian Shiites or Saudi Sunnis.

The region is approaching a crisis as Iran races to build its first nuclear bomb. Saudi Arabia has long relied on foreign powers to keep Iran in check. But that changed when **Hassan Rouhani** became president of Iran and the Obama administration began to try to reconcile with Tehran. The Geneva talks made it even clearer that Washington is capitulating to the Iranians and leaving the Saudis vulnerable. It appears this convinced the Saudis to buy the bomb.

Although Riyadh and Tehran are rivals, both are incubators of terrorism and hostile toward Israel. America's withdrawal from the Middle East is quickly turning the region into a nuclear powder keg where everyone is holding a match.



Pakistani army trucks carry surface-to-surface ballistic missiles.

Bible prophecy sheds light on what these nations are about to do. Daniel 11:40 speaks of Iran rising to power in the Middle East and the nations that will bow before it. (Request our free booklet *The King of the South*.) Psalm 83 tells us that the Saudis (Ishmaelites) will outlive the king of the south and will plot with a German-led

Europe to destroy Israel.

When you understand the prophecies destined to be fulfilled in the near future, you can perceive why nations are doing what they are doing. But just as the Bible accurately prophesied the dark days we are in and the cataclysm ahead, it also prophesies that peace will come—soon! ■

BEWARE OF AL SHABAAB TERROR, ETHIOPIANS WARNED

Al Shabaab is not about to back down from terrorist activity, warned security officials in **Ethiopia** on Nov. 5, 2013. Three weeks earlier, the al Qaeda-linked, **Iran**-sponsored terrorists botched a suicide bomb plot in Ethiopia. The bomb exploded prematurely killing the two bombers. Their intent was to detonate the bombs at a high-profile televised World Cup soccer qualifier match in the capital Addis Ababa.

Following the failed attack Ethiopia's National Intelligence and Security Service and Federal Police Joint Counter-Terrorism Taskforce warned that al Shabaab and other terror groups supported by the government of Eritrea would likely carry out "successful" attacks

The officials asked for the vigilance and

cooperation of Ethiopian security officials and the public at large.

As if on cue, just hours after that warning, a bomb exploded in a minibus in western Ethiopia. Four people were killed.

"More activities of this nature are expected to happen in Ethiopia, and therefore the need for raising security levels is very, very important," security officials said after the attack.

Terrorist threats are disrupting Ethiopian society and politics. Expect tension to increase between Ethiopia and nations that are accused of sponsoring terrorist activities there: namely **Eritrea** and **Iran**.

A prophecy in Daniel 11:40-44 indicates that Islamists are going to take over Ethiopia and some of the nations in its periphery. Daniel specifically mentions **Libya**, **Egypt** and Ethiopia.

In his April 2011 article, "Libya and Ethiopia Reveal Iran's Military Strategy," Gerald Flurry urged *Trumpet* readers to watch Libya, Egypt, Ethiopia and Eritrea. He warned, "They are about to fall under the heavy influence or control of Iran, the king of the south."



Air defense zone exposes U.S. weakness

IN A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO the Obama administration's "pivot to Asia," China brashly announced in November that it is significantly expanding its airspace to include territory claimed by Japan and South Korea—both key U.S. allies.

After the announcement, U.S. media trumpeted the fact that America disregarded China's Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) by flying two B-52 bombers through it. But what they downplayed was that America was careful to ensure that its bombers were unarmed. China says it carefully monitored the aircraft while they were in the ADIZ and knew they were unarmed. The U.S. pilots also skirted around the contentious part of the zone, flying only over the edge. Furthermore, whereas the Japanese government told Japanese commercial airlines not to comply with Beijing's illegitimate new rules, the U.S. government told America's commercial airlines that they should heed China's warning and submit all of their flight plans through the ADIZ to Chinese authorities for approval.

Washington said this was only a cautionary measure and was not intended to legitimize the ADIZ. Many in Japan, South Korea and elsewhere, however, viewed it as a gesture of obedience to China.

In December, Vice President Joe Biden visited China, and instead of joining Japan's demands for Beijing to scrap its ADIZ, the administration asked China *not to enforce the zone too harshly*. "Here is the U.S. again going over the heads of allies to accommodate a common adversary," columnist Charles Krauthammer said of the approach. "We should be

declaring the Chinese claim null and void, ordering our commercial airlines to join Japan in acting accordingly, and supplying them with joint military escorts if necessary."

The Chinese have recently witnessed America abandoning its longtime allies Israel and Saudi Arabia over the nuclear threat from Iran. This sent a reverberating message throughout the world, marking the end of U.S. influence in the Middle East. It put America's alliances the world over in doubt, including those in Asia, leaving Japan, South Korea and other nations scrambling for alternative arrangements to guarantee their own security.

Beijing can see that to most American leaders and people, the idea of being drawn into a conflict with China is simply unbearable. It views the outcome of any potential confrontation a question of will more

than of military might. On this front, the war-weary Americans are at an overwhelming disadvantage against the rising Chinese.

The deterioration of America's will to use its power was forecast decades ago by Herbert W. Armstrong, who pinned the blame not on the nation's military, or even the president, but on the American people. Mr. Armstrong based this forecast on a biblical prophecy explaining what God would do with America's will to use its power if the American people rejected God's law: "I will break the pride of your power" (Leviticus 26:19).

In the decades since Mr. Armstrong wrote those words, the American people have increasingly rejected God's law,

and Washington has thrown varying degrees of its weight behind dozens of military conflicts. Each of the halfhearted efforts has sapped a little more of the nation's pride in its power.

The Chinese seem to recognize the U.S.'s shattered will to use its power. And they appear increasingly intent on displaying those tatters before the whole world.



DESPERATELY SEEKING AN ALLY

Germany's capital city hosted hundreds of young Jewish technological, arts and business professionals at the Leadel Berlin Conference October 23-25. The innovation-themed conference was a combined initiative between Israel and Berlin.

The Israeli organizers of the conference chose the German capital because, they wrote, "Over the past decade, Berlin has become a creative hub—home to thousands of writers, artists and musicians. Its inspiring environment and rapidly growing start-up scene has transformed it into a destination for both locals and expatriates alike."

Israel's government has encouraged this and other occasions of Jewish-German and European collaboration. Germany is one of Israel's largest trading partners and has sought to expand that trade relationship, increasing air transport between the countries and signing cooperative agreements in the fields of entertainment, medicine, science, technology, biotech, agriculture, transportation, manufacturing and defense.

In 2012, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu went to Europe asking for the bloc's aid to deal with the ongoing nuclear threat from Iran and incessant rocket attacks from Iran's terrorist allies just across Israel's border. He said he was encouraged by German Chancellor Angela Merkel's past and present statements regarding Germany's moral duty to protect Israel.

Israel is about to turn to Germany as its last best hope for a reliable ally.

"Why does Judah go to Germany?" asks editor in chief Gerald Flurry in his booklet *Hosea: Reaping the Whirlwind*. He explains: "Already the European Union has been mentioned publicly as a protector to Israel as the U.S. grows weaker. Germany has grown more and more active in the region. ... Relations between German and Israeli politicians are the best they have been in decades."

In recent years, radical Islam, led by Iran, has expanded across the Mideast and North Africa. While the Jews think they will be secure from their regional enemies under German/EU protection, they will be shocked to find out what the Bible predicted: that allying with Germany will be a fatal mistake.

The superpower that can't make bullets

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT: America's ability to refine and process lead ore, or that the 3,600 residents in Herculaneum, Missouri, have cleaner air and soil? Bureaucrats in Washington have already decided the question.

On December 31, the last remaining lead-refining plant in America shut down after more than 100 years of operation. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) forced the plant's closure with a new round of strict environmental laws. The Doe Run smelter was unable to retrofit the plant with new emission-filtering technology or to build a new

plant using different technology. The cost to meet the EPA's new guidelines, which were 10 times more stringent, was too high.

The closure of one lead refinery may not seem like that big of a deal, but its impact will go far beyond the 3,600 people living in Herculaneum. The closure of the Doe Run plant is not just an environmental issue—it is an economic issue and a national security issue.

The Doe Run Smelter was America's *last primary lead smelter*. America is now unable to produce refined lead from ore. The nation uses approximately 1.5 million tons of lead per year.



U.S. soldiers load .50 caliber ammunition before a mission in Afghanistan.

Doe Run supplied 8 percent of this demand. Now, all refined lead (beyond scrap) will have to

be imported from other nations.

Lead is an economically critical mineral used in car batteries. It is a crucial product for the military; components such as bullet projectiles, projectile cores and primers all require lead. Without the Doe Run smelter, domestic manufacture of conventional ammunition is impossible. America may become dependent on foreign nations for small arms ammunition.

America may have one of the biggest armies in the world, but is it really a superpower if it can't even manufacture its own bullets?

During its war of independence, the United States learned the hard way what it meant to be reliant on foreign powers to supply strategic materials and equipment. That is why America's founders set up a national policy of military and industrial self-sufficiency. They saw it as essential for the security of the nation.

But politicians in Washington now think they know better. Time will tell who was right: the founders or the current administration's EPA. ■

WHAT'S THIS YOU'RE HEARING ABOUT 'BITCOIN'?

Bitcoin is the "next big thing." Some call it the currency of the future, others call it the next big bubble. It is a virtual currency that exists beyond the control of central banks—or any banks. Transactions are instant. Fees are minimal. Borders are nonexistent. People are even using bitcoin for purchases in the real world: Tesla Motors will sell you a car with bitcoin; **Cyprus's** University of Nicosia will sell you an education. The world's first bitcoin ATMs are already doing business. In six months, a list of businesses accepting bitcoin nearly quintupled to about a thousand.

Yet, because the bitcoin itself has no intrinsic value, its worth has swung from \$13.56 to \$21.30 to nearly \$240 to \$83 to \$880—all in the past 12 months.

Some are interested in bitcoin because of stories of people who bought a handful of bitcoin when it came out in 2009 and are now millionaires. But some are interested for a different reason.



Whereas the dollar is also a fiat currency, it has the backing of the U.S. government. Bitcoin is not backed by anything. Yet some say that's its biggest attraction. People don't trust the dollar, the U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve or the federal government. They fear that someday the American government will impose limits on what people can do with their

dollars—how much they can take out of the country at one time, for example. The dollar is backed by people's trust in America. For some, that's a riskier investment than a four-year-old relatively unknown currency created by an unknown person with an unknown value.

Bitcoin won't replace the dollar as the world's next reserve currency. But something else probably will soon. Investors are looking for something solid and reliable, a currency that a government won't inflate away with money printing or quantitative easing. Watch for the emergence of this new currency. When it arrives, the dollar is dead.



The Real Problem With Higher Education

It isn't the ridiculous rise in tuition costs. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

A WHITE HOUSE REPORT SAYS THE AVERAGE TUITION COST at a four-year college has increased 500 percent over the past 30 years—QUADRUPLE the rate of inflation. Attending a university in America is more expensive than in any other nation in the world!

But the real problem with higher education is not escalating tuitions: It's WHAT IS BEING TAUGHT!

As Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in June 1971, "Modern education ... is almost wholly materialistic. It develops the machine, the theorem, the hypothesis that becomes the faith or the belief of modern science. But it fails to develop the man, or to lead him to a knowledge of the true values" (*Plain Truth*).

Modern education purports to teach students how to make a living—though in today's society, it is questionable as to whether it does even that. But it wholly neglects teaching *how to truly LIVE!*

Derek Bok, author of *Our Underachieving Colleges: A Candid Look at How Much Students Learn and Why They Should Be Learning More*, writes that many graduate from college today "without being able to write well enough to satisfy their employers ... reason clearly or perform competently in analyzing complex, non-technical problems." Studies show that 45 percent of college students demonstrate little or no increase in critical-thinking skills after two years; 35 percent show few gains after *four* years. A 2006 study by the American Institutes for Research found that half of students at four-year colleges and three fourths of those at two-year colleges "do not score at the proficient level of *literacy*." In other words, you could pay tens of thousands of dollars for an education and have *nothing* to show for it intellectually.

Keep in mind, we're just talking about *making a living*—not how to live. In fact, if you want to learn how to lead a successful and fulfilling life, college is the *last* place you should go!

Allan Bloom's classic text on education, *The Closing of the American Mind*, reads, "These great universities—which can split the atom, find cures for the most terrible diseases, conduct surveys of whole populations and produce massive dictionaries of lost languages—cannot generate a modest program of general education for undergraduate students. This is a parable for our times." The higher education institutions may have built up the sciences and arts, but they have done little to build up the *man*. Bloom wrote in 1987 about what Mr. Armstrong foresaw in the 1960s: Focusing on the machine rather than the man would ultimately destroy families and communities.

Man has acquired enormous amounts of knowledge, but he has rejected the knowledge that is most important: *the revelation of who and what is God, and what is His purpose for man*.

Modern education's failure to properly educate stems from the fact that the knowledge about God and His laws, which it rejects, is absolutely essential to proper educational training. Apart from God,



the highest wisdom of man is mere foolishness (1 Corinthians 3:19).

Romans 1:28 states, "And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a base mind [a mind without understanding, or void of judgment] and to improper conduct" (RSV). The end result of this accumulation of materialistic knowledge and rejection of godly knowledge is a world *filled* with unrighteousness (verses 29-31). This is what modern education has produced. If it's not directly responsible for *all* the world's problems, it certainly has done nothing to prevent them!

During the student revolt of the 1960s, one national leader warned, "We live in an age of anarchy both abroad and at home. ... Here in the United States, great universities are being systematically destroyed." Almost overnight, our educational institutions became grossly immoral, radically materialistic and blatantly hostile to all forms of authority. Today, many of those rebellious students are now the "progressive" instructors teaching our young people.

Instead of disseminating knowledge capable of solving the world's mounting problems, education itself is ruined! As much as any problem facing us, the problems of *education*—from kindergarten up—are undermining the stability of the nation.

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True education, after all, is about learning how to truly live your life successfully—in accordance with God's revealed purpose.



Destruction from within

It is almost a childlike mentality in the culture of Washington politics (“The World’s Next Superpower,” January). To let the most powerful country the world has ever seen before, self-destruct shows the total selfishness of a few politicians. Winston Churchill stated, “Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance and the gospel of envy.” Germany will rise to the occasion. American politicians will continue to ruin every part of our lives, for as the founders of the Constitution said, moral and biblically astute men are necessary for America to survive.

Rusty Schalin—Ohio

It seems our whole society is falling apart. Dozens of “knockout” punches to innocent people just walking along, home invasions, horrific traffic crashes caused by drunken drivers, rubbish on TV and in the movies, a 50 percent divorce rate, daily financial manipulations by the U.S. government and now a new government medical system that can’t even get out of the hangar. What has happened to the U.S. is unreal. We are going down and going down quickly. One big wind hits and our pile of worthless paper money is blown away.

Mark Harding—United States

This is the clearest and simplest article I’ve ever read to put history, current and developing events in sequence. It’s very understandable and makes sense, while history and news is backing a biblical perspective. I’m going to use it for regular reference. Thank you!

C. Dawson

The end of Western dominance is now inevitable. All that is to be decided is how disastrous that end will be and for whom. There are a lot of these whistling-in-the-dark stories now in the U.S. press.

Anonymous

Nice, concise, to the point article. There is so much information on this subject from history to world news to Bible prophecy. I think you accomplished your purpose, including directing the reader to other source materials where one can retrieve additional insight on “The World’s Next Superpower.” Of course, numero uno is God’s Word. Great job! Thanks!

Gary Miner—North Carolina

America’s vanishing influence in Asia

Thank you for a really sobering yet enlightening article, which documents the background of these kings of the East, and draws our attention to the makeup of that future army of frightening proportions (“Czars and Emperors,” January). While one’s blood chills at the mental picture of the horrors to come, it is so encouraging to remember that this leads to the best possible news ever—the return of Christ to restore the very government of God! Thank you so much for this very fact. Every article draws the reader to this ultimate conclusion—the restoration of God’s government!

Michelle Van der Leeuw—South Africa

You are right! The United States is not war-mongering. However, she must immediately review

her policies, within and without, so that it may not vanish from the world. If America does not adopt the righteous and honest policies, the future historian will be justified in saying that America was itself responsible for her destruction and creation of a power vacuum which was consequently filled by real warmongers.

Jaswal

For all the blunders and mistakes that America has committed and will continue to do so, let’s not forget what she had done for the peace of the world. We can’t expect the presidents of today and of recent years to be strong and righteous like Abraham Lincoln or JFK. God would not have positioned America to police the world for no reason. Unfortunately, she has stumbled disastrously in her ways with her Maker. This world can never feel safer with other nations filling America’s void. We must lament that and live with an ever growing world of violence and unspeakable terror.

David Nai

Reaching for the stars

It just takes your breath away when you start to realize that God is going to give us a new life that

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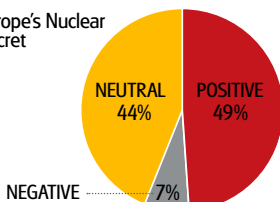
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Was this a good idea?

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is eternal, a new body that can never die or grow old, creative powers that will be forever and other godly things that we cannot understand now ("Will Mankind Ever Reach the Stars?" January). God is going to give us everything that we never even dreamt of. To accommodate billions of sons of God who just received eternal life, you need billions of stars and planets in an ongoing universe that has no end. How many of us really understand the love that God has for us? God must first build His character into our minds before we can receive this awesome power and responsibility.

Francois

America's downfall

Honest! Eye-opening! Stunning! ("What Happens After a Superpower Dies?" January). This is "real" journalism in a world of soft, sugar-coated candy news reporting. We need more news reports like this that don't leave the reader stranded in a journalistic wilderness thirsting for sensibility and starving for truth. Thank you, Mr. Hilliker, for shining God's light on this dark world.

Theodore Trecker—Florida

It is over 40 years since I first read *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. To watch the events unfold as portrayed way back then is totally fascinating. What a great article. Whether or not people are prepared to sit up and take notice is another matter. Maybe things are still too good.

Colin Jurd—Australia

All that "pax" is about to get the axe. If you asked the Vietnamese, Koreans, Iraqis, Afghans, Serbs, etc., I think they'll think you guys were actually pretty brutal. Perhaps the world will become a more peaceful place with the pax getting the axe finally.

Anonymous

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A Texas farmer inspects his dried-up cotton crop.



Bad agriculture is killing our soil

USE OF FERTILIZER HAS RADICALLY changed our soil, according to a study of the American prairie conducted by scientists at the University of Colorado. Soil fertility could disappear because fertilizers are damaging a range of microbes that play a little-studied but vital role, according to a study published in *Science* magazine (Nov. 1, 2013).

The study showed that uncultivated soils contain bacteria that restore nutrients to the soil. These bacteria are not present where fertilizers have been used, which means that fertilized soils have no way of replacing lost nutrients except

with more fertilizer. The trouble is, “[W]e can’t just keep adding fertilizers,” said prof. Noah Fierer, who headed up the study.

“In the past, great civilizations have fallen because they failed to prevent the degradation of the soils on which they were founded,” says Mary Scholes, of the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, and Robert Scholes of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, also in South Africa, who wrote the *Science* article. “The modern world could suffer the same fate at a global scale.”

Citing Fierer’s study, the two authors warn, “We have forgotten the lesson of the Dust Bowl:

Even in advanced economies, human well-being depends on looking after the soil.” Scholes and Scholes conclude that “feeding the world and keeping it habitable” will require major changes in farming practices.

Robert Scholes warns, “We are using up our nutrient capital and face a looming food crisis over the next 30 to 40 years. ... Famine is a very real possibility.”

One of the laws in the Old Testament is the “land sabbath.” God commanded that every seven years, farmers must allow their land to rest—do no pruning or planting, and no harvesting except for personal consumption (Leviticus 25:2-7, 18-22). This law seems obsolete, and modern agriculture has kept production levels high with fertilizers—so far. Yet scientists are learning about the damage modern practices have caused. Most still will not admit that Leviticus 25 is better science than anything that modern soil scientists, the USDA or Monsanto’s laboratories have concocted. ■

America terrorized by ‘knockout game’

A STRING OF UNPROVOKED attacks has left several people on the pavement—battered, bruised, unconscious, even dead. While some believe the assaults—which perpetrators call the “knockout game”—are being sensationalized by the media, the threat of being jumped by a hoodlum with no motive or provocation is inciting fear in U.S. cities.

In the “game,” a person—usually a young black individual—suddenly punches a stranger with the goal of knocking him or her out cold with one punch. The attackers generally do not rob the victims afterward. They simply punch “for the fun of it,” as one teen said, and dash off.

The media began reporting on these crimes in October when there appeared to be a sudden uptick in attacks. In New York, seven “knockout” attacks were reported this past fall, many of them targeting Jews. Attacks have also been reported in San Diego, St. Louis and Chicago. Fox News reported in late November that these assaults have killed seven people.

Nearly 2,500 years ago, God prophesied that, in these latter times, children would oppress society (Isaiah 3:12). Bible prophecy also foretold another aspect of society that is evident today: a deterioration in race relations. Why this violence, fear and racial tension? The Bible makes the cause clear: our sins. America is being cursed because we have forgotten God, and these curses will get worse before they get better. ■

WHY ARE TEENAGE GIRLS EATING COTTON BALLS?

A new generation of girls and young women are swallowing cotton balls to lose weight. The “cotton ball diet” isn’t new, but its popularity dried up in the 1980s. Now, YouTube and other clips are popping up of 9-to-16-year-old girls demonstrating the method, which normally involves dipping up to five cotton balls into juice or a smoothie, then swallowing them whole—or even downing the cotton balls dry. The cotton takes up space in the stomach, causing adherents to feel full without ingesting calories.

The practice is obviously dangerous. Most cotton balls are made not of cotton but bleached polyester fiber full of chemicals. The practice can lead to malnutrition and possibly choking or blockages in the intestinal tract.

Dangerous weight-loss fads often come into vogue; others in recent years include the

“air diet,” the “cigarette diet,” ear stapling, and even the “tapeworm diet.” These trends reveal a society obsessed with superficial beauty. Women and even girls face intense societal pressure to be thin, even at high cost to their health.

The National Eating Disorder Association says that up to 60 percent of American girls ages 6 to 12 harbor anxiety over their body shape or size. Around 20 million women will suffer

from some kind of “clinically significant” eating disorder at some point in their life.

The Holy Bible provides a different perspective that millions of women and girls desperately need: “Beauty is vain” (Proverbs 31:30). The loving Creator does not want us to chase after vain beauty, but instead have abundant, healthy lives (John 10:10; 3 John 2). God’s laws and guidelines show how to obtain this higher quality of life.

“Swallowing a synthetic cotton ball is like dipping your T-shirt in orange juice and eating it.”

BRANDI KOSKIE

MANAGING EDITOR, DIETS IN REVIEW

The Truth About Nelson Mandela

Amid all the praise for the 'Rainbow Nation's' former president, much has been left unsaid. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

IN DECEMBER, THE WORLD HONORED NELSON MANDELA AS one of the greatest heroes of our time. More than 90 heads of state honored Mandela at his memorial service, one of the largest in history. U.S. President Barack Obama called him “the last great liberator of the 20th century.”

Yet amid all of this praise for a man who helped bring down the white government in South Africa, almost **NOBODY** mentioned the nightmare that is South Africa today: crippling poverty, a collapsed educational system, brutal attacks on white farmers, escalating sexual assaults on little girls, an AIDS epidemic, and on it goes.

Then there is Mandela himself. He was known for being a “political prisoner” for 27 years. But *why* was he in prison?

Before becoming South Africa's post-apartheid president in 1994, Nelson Mandela headed up a terrorist organization that was responsible for thousands of deaths—*most of it black-on-black crime*. Mandela also had strong ties to communism, an ideology responsible for more death and destruction over the last century than any other political movement.

And yet, Mandela once said, “If there is a country that has committed unspeakable atrocities in the world, it is the United States of America. They don't care for human beings.” This view did not stop many American leaders from comparing Mandela to Washington, Lincoln and Gandhi.

A more accurate comparison would be with Yasser Arafat, the former-terrorist-turned-statesman whom the West enthusiastically embraced. Mandela's take on Arafat? “[O]ne of the outstanding freedom fighters of this generation, one who gave his entire life to the cause of the Palestinian people.”

Mandela once said, “Under a Communist Party government, South Africa will become a land of milk and honey. Political, economic and social rights will cease to be enjoyed by whites only. They will be shared equally by whites and non-whites. There will be enough land and houses for all. There will be no unemployment, starvation and disease. Workers will earn decent wages; transport will be cheap and education free.” This empty promise highlights another buried angle of the true Mandela: his **FAILURE** as a president.

Truly, Mandela's election in 1994 ushered in a new era that could have been much more violent at the start. He has been profusely praised for not seeking revenge on his jailers. Most have also praised him for the fact that he voluntarily chose to step down in 1999, which is very unusual in African nations.

But besides these noteworthy achievements, “people exhibit an extraordinary amnesia,” writes R. W. Johnson. “His presidential term started with the Shell House shootings, when [African National Congress] militants on the roof of the ANC's headquarters used AK-47s to gun down Inkatha marchers in the streets of Johannesburg. Mandela simply refused to hand over either the murderers

or their weapons, and attempted to justify this wholesale murder. Then, early in his term, the government laid off all the country's most experienced teachers, a blow from which the school system has never recovered” (*National Interest*, Dec. 10, 2013).

Before he stepped down, Mandela gave a radical speech implying there were vast conspiracies in place seeking to overthrow the government. This landmark speech paved the way for his successors to implement brutally repressive measures.

Today, South Africa is in shambles. It is far more violent than it was under apartheid. It hasn't gotten better over the past two decades—**IT'S GOTTEN MUCH WORSE**.

In 1980, there were 128,000 commercial farmers in South Africa. Today, there are 40,000. About 200 white farmers have been murdered every year since the end of apartheid in 1994. According to Genocide Watch, 3,000 white farmers have been killed by blacks. Many of these killings have been unbelievably gruesome: victims disemboweled or dragged to death behind vehicles, mothers raped in front of their children, babies boiled to death in hot water.

Twenty whites per day are murdered in South Africa—70,000 since 1994. That murder rate is more than 100 times worse than in London.

This is the true “legacy” that began with Nelson Mandela in 1994. “If you're shocked that you haven't heard anything about this, don't be,” Selwyn Duke wrote at *American Thinker* on December 16. “It's even less politically correct to talk about the extermination of whites than that of Christians, who are currently persecuted in many Muslim lands. The SA police often aren't interested in investigating crimes against whites (especially since they perpetrate some of them), and the Western media were only concerned about reporting on SA whites when they could be demonized.”

For more than two centuries, it was the English-speaking peoples—descendants of ancient Israel—who dominated much of the world *because of the promises of prosperity and power that God made to Abraham*. But beginning in the mid-20th century, after having fulfilled His promises, God started *removing* those blessings, and the world has turned upside down. This is *why* conditions in South Africa—and *all over the world*—have taken a dramatic turn for the worse. To read more about what the future holds for this disintegrating nation, read our booklet *South Africa in Prophecy* (theTrumpet.com/go/sap).



LEGACY Mandela's reputation differs from his history.

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God's Message

Joel 2:12 explains what all of this is about: "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning." That's God's message to the people of the world. He wants us to turn to Him. *All of this is about getting the men and women of the Earth to turn to God.* God is a God of love.

"[H]e is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil" (verse 13). This merciful, kind, gracious God wants us to turn to Him because of all the emptiness and suffering we are bringing on ourselves! Right now, He lets us go our own way because that's what we chose. *All right, God says, You go ahead, and I'll let you see that you cannot rule yourself.*

"Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?" (verse 14). How do you know what God will do for you? If you turn to Him, He will pour out all kinds of blessings on you! That's what He says.


"Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly" (verse 15). This says to make some noise and tell the people what God prophesies to us! How often do you hear a message such as this from any religious body? I don't hear it.

God says in Ezekiel 38 to prophesy against HIM in the latter days because this is going to be cataclysmic! The Asian power that is already rapidly solidifying will be like *nothing this Earth has ever experienced.*

We need to watch Vladimir Putin closely. I believe he is *almost certain* to be the "prince of Rosh" that God inspired Ezekiel to write about 2,500 years ago! We need to watch what is happening in Russia and how Europe responds to it. Daniel 11:44 talks about "tidings out of the east" troubling Europe. Mr. Putin's tactics in Ukraine, Georgia, the Middle East and elsewhere are already deeply troubling to Europe. If you study Moscow's foreign policy under Putin's leadership, it is plain that the ultimate goal is to eventually conquer the whole world. Europe is certainly aware of this goal and is closely watching its neighbor to the east. Russia's resurgence—which we see happening in headlines every day—shows that end-time Bible prophecies are rapidly being fulfilled!

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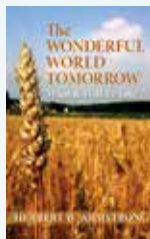
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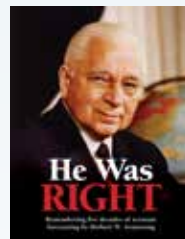
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