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FROM THE EDITOR GERALD FLURRY

Watch Jerusalem!

If you follow just one major news trend, make sure it is what is unfolding in this pivotal city.

WORLD EVENTS FROM TODAY TO THE END OF THIS AGE are going to revolve around Jerusalem. This city is going to be the very EPICENTER of all major events in the future.

We are living in the very end times. The Bible refers to this period hundreds of times. It also reveals that we are nearing the end of this age, which will culminate in the worst times of violence and suffering EVER on Earth.

Everywhere you look, you see violence and war. Governments are toppling every month, it seems. And yet massive violence continues—even in *nature* and the *weather*. Why so much violence?

Jeremiah 33:5 says God has hid His face from Jerusalem. But God also says in Zechariah 1:17 that He “shall yet choose Jerusalem.” When He does, He is going to make this city the capital of the world and ultimately the capital of the entire universe!

To God, Jerusalem is the most important city in the world—by far. If it’s so important to God, shouldn’t it be important to those of us who follow and obey the Bible—whether the Torah or the New Testament?

Today, God has yet to choose Jerusalem. And I want to show you why you NEED to watch Jerusalem right now.

The Hard Lesson From 1967

Outside of its current peril, May 1967 was Israel’s most desperate month. Egypt, Syria and Jordan were preparing to attack

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and telling the world they were going to destroy Israel. Other Arab nations were allying with them. Finally, on June 5, Israel launched a preemptive strike against the Arab nations and destroyed Egypt’s whole air force.

On June 5, 1967, many people thought Jerusalem was about to die. It miraculously survived.

Now, though, Israel faces an even greater problem than that.

Notice what Charles Krauthammer wrote in the *Washington Post*: “Forty-five years later in the middle of the night of May 7 and 8, 2012, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shocked his country by bringing the main opposition party, Kadima, into a national unity government. Shocking because just hours earlier the Knesset was expediting a bill to call early elections in September. Why did the high-flying Netanyahu call off elections he was sure to win? Because for Israelis today, it is May 1967” (May 10).

The Jews know their nation is again in danger of annihilation! Krauthammer went on to say, “The dread is not quite as acute.

The mood is not despair, just foreboding. Time is running out, but not quite as fast. War is not four days away, but it looms.”

That might be too optimistic. But his summary assessment is dead-on: “Israelis today face the greatest threat to their existence ...” TODAY, ISRAEL FACES THE GREATEST THREAT TO ITS EXISTENCE AS A NATION! GREATER THAN JUNE 1967! The Israelis are again in fear of being wiped off the face of the Earth, as their enemies have again explicitly stated that they will do!

Israelis today face the greatest threat to their existence—“nuclear weapons in the hands of apocalyptic mullahs publicly pledged to Israel’s annihilation—since May ’67. The world is again telling Israelis to do nothing as it looks for a way out. But if such a way is not found as in ’67, Israelis know that they will once again have to defend themselves, BY themselves. Such a fateful decision demands a national consensus” (ibid).

This is why Mr. Netanyahu was so urgent to form a unified government. Israel has now drawn together and has most of its political power backing its leader, so if he decides to try to destroy Iran’s nuclear facilities, he will have a united nation behind him—just as when it launched the attack in 1967. You need as much unity as you can get to be able to do something so bold, or you risk having your government toppled from within your own country. Such a strong move can’t be dismissed as “just a right-wing effort,” because there is a unity government.

In the last few years, the Jews have given away Gaza, Jericho, Bethlehem and other West Bank areas like Hebron. Hebron is where David ruled for the first seven years of his reign. Jericho is the land where God performed miracles through Joshua. Bethlehem is where Jesus Christ was born.

Gaza is in the vicinity of where Jonah fled from God’s commission and was swallowed by a great fish. In 2005, Israel evacuated 9,000 people from Gaza and withdrew its military. Almost immediately, terrorists came flooding into Gaza from Egypt, and they pose an increasingly deadly threat to Israel.

Mount Sinai, in the Sinai Peninsula, is where God Himself communed with Moses and ancient Israel. It is a place of unparalleled history. Israel won control of that region in 1967, but relinquished it 15 years later. Now that the Egyptians have deposed Hosni Mubarak, they are menacing Israel once again.

WHEN THE JEWS TALK ABOUT THESE AREAS, THEY TALK ABOUT THEM AS MERELY “TERRITORIES.” THEY DON’T TALK ABOUT MOUNT SINAI AND THESE OTHER PLACES THAT RESONATE WITH THEIR RICH HISTORY WITH GOD. BUT THEIR PROPHETS TALKED ABOUT THOSE PRECIOUS LANDS DIFFERENTLY. THEY TAUGHT ABOUT THEM AS PLACES OF MIGHTY MIRACLES AND DIVINE PROMISES—PLACES THAT CONNECTED THEM TO GOD!

If you think about how the Jews are approaching this crisis today, you will realize that



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Jerusalem—a historical and present-day city of chaos, and a future city of peace—won't be leaving headlines anytime soon.

it is different. In the past, they thought about the Bible and about God, and looked to Him to a certain degree. Today they still talk about God and the Bible some, but the Bible doesn't actually guide their lives as it used to. (The same attitude is in the United States and Britain.)

We can fantasize about being righteous and being a good nation ad nauseam, but **WE ARE NOT OBEYING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.** As a result, the miracles of the past have ceased!

Giving land that God gave you, in exchange for peace with anyone, is a grand delusion. The United States and Britain have helped pressure the Jews to give away that land for “peace.” It has never worked. The results have been more war and more violence. Israel's enemies see that Israel is giving up land because it is *weak*, and they have contempt for that. They continue to threaten terrorism and war if Israel does not give up more land. Since the Jews won't turn to the God who gave them miraculous victories in the past, they seem to have no other option.

What Is About to Happen to Jerusalem

Zechariah 12:3 says, “[A]ll that burden themselves with [Jerusalem] shall be cut in pieces.” God says anyone who takes on the responsibility to control *His* city that *He will yet choose* is going to be “cut in pieces”!

That is what happens to every government that tries to burden itself with Jerusalem: the United Kingdom, the United States, even the United Nations. God has a particular interest in Jerusalem. He is going to rule the Earth and the entire universe from there. And He warns everyone else not to interfere with His prerogative.

Notice another amazing prophecy about Jerusalem that you need to be aware of. It is in the context of the Day of the Lord, when the Messiah is going to return.

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“Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil

shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity” (Zechariah 14:1-2).

That's the same half that the Arabs had until 1967, when the Jews conquered it. It is still inhabited mostly by Arabs. The Bible prophesied not only that the Jews would take East Jerusalem, but also that the Arabs are about to *take it back*.

In that prophecy, God says He will gather **ALL** nations against Jerusalem to battle! Why is this all happening in Jerusalem? **AFTER HALF OF JERUSALEM FALLS TO THE ARABS, IT WILL BE LIKE DOMINOES FALLING ONE AFTER THE OTHER: ONE BIBLICALLY PROPHESED EVENT AFTER ANOTHER.** This is all going to happen very fast and very violently, so *you need to watch Jerusalem*.

What Is About to Happen to the World

Notice what happens after half of Jerusalem falls: “Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south” (Zechariah 14:3-4).

Do you really **BELIEVE** God? These are monumental prophecies in your Bible.

Look at what is happening in Jerusalem! It is the focal point of world events! God prophesied millennia ago that this would happen. And going forward, Jerusalem is going to become even *more* important. It is about to explode—and catch the world on fire! Then maybe more people will **BELIEVE** what God says.

Matthew 24:15-16 also prophesy about Jerusalem's immediate



future: “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place [Jerusalem], (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains.” The Bible defines that “abomination of desolation” as *armies surrounding Jerusalem* (Luke 21:20-22).

These will not be Arab armies. The Bible prophesies that they will be *European* armies. Daniel 11:40 gives more detail about these armies, which will be led by Germany. It refers to this power as the “king of the north” and prophesies that it will clash with the “king of the south,” which is Iran, the real power in the Middle East. The king of the north is going to win this war.

Notice that verse 41 says, “He shall enter also into the glorious land.” This northern power is going to enter Jerusalem. This is a strong indication that this clash is over *control of the Holy City*.

The Hebrew shows that when these armies enter the area, it won't be by force. It appears they will be *invited* into that glorious land that has been so troubled in the past. *The Jews are probably going to invite the Germans and Europe to come into the Holy Land to protect them*. They looked to the U.S. and Britain. They looked to land-for-peace deals. Then they look to Germany. *They never look to God!*

Prophecy reveals the terrifying consequence of their faithlessness: The king of the north is going to commit a tremendous double cross! Once this European power enters that precious Holy Land, it will fill it with a river of blood. That will mark the beginning of World War III.

Verse 45 is a prophecy that this European power will not only fight a war for Jerusalem, but it will *move its headquarters there!*

Why would a European superpower set up a new headquarters in Jerusalem? Because this union is based not only on political power, but also on *religious* power! It is dominated by one of the three religions that have fought over Jerusalem for centuries.

Verse 44 speaks of ominous “tidings out of the east.” Jerusalem has exploded. Iran and its allies have pushed against the European superpower, and that king of the north has smashed Iran. It has entered into Jerusalem and committed a horrific double cross. World War III is raging. But Russia and China will not be sitting on the sidelines the whole time. They are going to enter into this bloodbath. *And they too are going to head for Jerusalem!*

Revelation 9:16 prophesies of an army of *200 million* soldiers! Who could assemble such a huge army? Only the combined strength of Russia and China, along with their allies. This Asiatic superpower is already beginning to form—and the Bible says it will march against Europe and against Jerusalem!

The Bible specifies that the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers will dry up and these nations will march right into the Middle East. These massive armies will gather to battle at Megiddo—Armageddon (Revelation 16:16). But they're not going to fight there!

Joel 3:1-2 show that these armies will come to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, right at the edge of Jerusalem. **ALL THESE END-TIME EVENTS CONTINUE TO REVOLVE AROUND JERUSALEM!**

The battle in the Valley of Jehoshaphat will be so gory that the blood will be as deep as horses' bridles for a distance of about 200 miles! (Revelation 14:19-20). God Himself will fight these armies, and He will have to do it that way because it's the only way He can get their attention! It's the only way He can make these carnal, bloodthirsty men *believe* Him!

Like so many other crucial events, this great and terrible, final war of the ages will happen right there in Jerusalem.

What Lies Beyond the War

But in spite of all the war, in spite of all the death and horrific suffering, Jerusalem is also a symbol of *good news*. *I will yet choose Jerusalem*, God says!

In 1 Kings 11:13, God says He has chosen Jerusalem to be the world capital. He will still make Jerusalem the capital of the world—then the capital of the universe!

God wants you to realize that much of the Bible revolves

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around Jerusalem. He says if you take heed to this, then He will reward you, and you will be able to rule with Jesus Christ on His throne *in Jerusalem*—forever!

God promises to put a stop to all the bloodshed in Jerusalem and around the world. He prophesies of a Millennium in which Jesus Christ and His saints will rule the Earth! Then, throughout all eternity, Jerusalem will rule the whole universe! The “very elect” will reside at that headquarters city with Christ forever (Revelation 3:12).

Abraham looked for a city whose foundations were built by God. He saw **BEYOND** the Millennium to a time when God the Father will bring new Jerusalem down to this Earth and rule the God Family Himself. The Son and His bride will rule under the Father, all right there in *Jerusalem*.

At that point, everyone will have become spirit beings, and what starts on this Earth, at Jerusalem, will go out to rule and bring life to the universe!

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The Great Mart

Putting a warming relationship in prophetic context
BY RON FRASER AND BRAD MACDONALD

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE PREDICTIVE power of Bible prophecy?

Three years ago, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry forecasted the formation of a brief alliance between a German-led European Union and major Asian powers, based primarily on trade and commerce.

This past May, the European Council on Foreign Relations, a well-respected think tank, published a revelatory report titled “China and Germany: Why the Emerging Special Relationship Matters for Europe.” It confirms the emergence of the relationship Mr. Flurry spoke of three years ago.

What makes this trend so fascinating is the fact that this prediction was based on a prophecy in the biblical book of Isaiah. This unfolding scenario—just as the Prophet Isaiah described would happen in the end time—demonstrates yet again the pinpoint accuracy of the Bible’s forecasts, as well as God’s power to bring those prophecies to pass—and the urgency of our times.

Market Futures Intertwined

Current European and global economic conditions are driving Germany and China into each other’s arms. “Against the background of [Europe’s debt] crisis, Chinese officials and analysts see a Germany that is increasingly powerful, a France that is weakened, and a UK that is marginalized,” the report’s authors explain. “They therefore see Germany playing an increasingly decisive role in EU decision-making and therefore feel they have little choice but to approach Europe through Germany.”

As one Chinese official put it, “If you want something done in Brussels, you go to Berlin.”

But the interest is far from one-sided.

Overseers of Germany’s booming export economy have worried that the imposition of austerity measures on European Union economies would reduce the capacity of their major market—EU member nations—to continue buying German-manufactured goods. But with China on the scene, these worries become less relevant.

“Europe’s future relationship with China—one of its most important ‘strategic partners’—will be determined to a large extent by Germany’s rapidly evolving bilateral relationship with China. Germany is China’s number one trade partner in the EU In short, Germany is now by far the biggest European player in China” (ibid).

The relationship between Berlin and Beijing is underpinned primarily by trade and commerce. “The increase in trade between China and Germany during the last decade—and, in particular, in German exports to China—has exceeded all expectations,” the report states.

It is just as Isaiah forecast 2,500 years ago. The essence of the prophecy in Isaiah 23, as Mr. Flurry explained in his booklet *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*, is a brief economic alliance called a “mart of nations.”

The speed at which this relationship has developed is astounding. In 2010, Germany’s trade with China rose by 34 percent, to \$181 billion. In 2011, that figure climbed to \$190 billion. During a recent visit to Germany, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao stated that the two nations want it at \$280 billion by 2015. In 2011, Germany’s gross domestic product grew by 3 percent, *with exports to China alone contributing half a percentage point*. These days, almost half the EU’s exports to China come from Germany. Meanwhile, China is set to overtake America as the biggest destination for German exports outside the EU. “At present, there is an almost perfect symbiosis between the Chinese and German

economies: China needs technology and Germany needs markets” (ibid).

The drama intensified in February when German Chancellor Angela Merkel made a crucial visit to Beijing. Immediately afterward, the Chinese began investing heavily in Central and Eastern Europe.

China forms a gargantuan customer base for German industry. Not only was it stimulated by German investment in the years of reconstruction following its breaking loose from the economic stagnation of the Soviet era, but the revived economies of Central and Eastern Europe have relied heavily on German imports ever since.

However, as austerity measures imposed on EU member nations have started to bite deep into these economies, orders for German goods have diminished. With Germany deeply involved in directing the handling of the ongoing euro crisis, Berlin’s most obvious solution to shrinking export demand was to lobby China to invest in Central and Eastern Europe, thus enabling those economies to again stimulate demand for German products.

The futures of Germany and China, the world’s most dominant trading nations, have become inextricably intertwined.

Bad News for Washington

Naturally, these healthy trade ties have given rise to greater political cooperation. “The burgeoning economic interdependence between China and Germany, based on a technology-for-markets swap, is the basis for an increasingly close political relationship ...” (ibid). This relationship reached new levels in June last year, when Premier Wen visited Berlin with a large entourage and conducted government-to-government consultations. The gathering was, in effect, the report said, “a joint cabinet meeting.”

Such political cooperation bodes poorly for the U.S. because both Berlin and

Beijing often oppose Washington, particularly on global economy-related issues. Unlike America, German and Chinese economies depend heavily on manufacturing and exports; in fact, Germany and China are the world's top two exporters, which makes them natural partners in entertaining solutions to the global financial crisis.

However, this loose alliance against America goes beyond trade. "China has for a long time wanted a multipolar world in which U.S. power is limited by the emergence of other power centers." From Beijing's vantage point, "Europe plays a key role in ... thinking about multipolarity" (ibid). Strategically, China welcomes a strong Europe to counter America. And unlike America, a German-led Europe has no military bases or direct military interest in Asia, so China doesn't consider a militarized, politically strong Europe a threat.

That Europe—particularly Germany—is prepared to ditch America for China was spelled out in another recent report out of Europe. This report also showed the potential a China-Europe pact would have in besieging America economically.

In a June 19 analysis, the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) advocated a closer Europe-China relationship to help in solving Europe's debt crisis. The EUISS is a European Union agency operating under the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and provides analyses and forecasting to the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. As such, its reports carry considerable weight.

The EUISS's June 19 report noted that "overall, China seems to put more trust in Europe's economy—in particular Germany and its surrounding area—than in the U.S." It says that China's shift away from the dollar and into the euro, together with its response to Europe's debt crisis, "indicate that the time may have come for the EU to consider a political and economic grand bargain with China for the next 5 to 10 years."

"While the traditional ally across the Atlantic is not in a position to effectively help the EU, China's financial clout could well contribute to shielding the eurozone from international speculation coming mainly from Wall Street," the EUISS said. Its recommendation is "closer Sino-European ties" and "a political and economic grand bargain."

Earlier in the year, another EU institution also recommended closer Europe-China ties, saying collaboration in science and technology should be "at the heart of bilateral cooperation." The EU-funded

Europe-China Research and Advice Network stated, "China poses no military threat to Europe" and that this fact "promises to benefit the EU in its engagement with China." It suggested that concerns about human rights should be put aside in order for the EU to engage China more.

The direction such influential EU institutions are leading is a powerful indication of the beginnings of the fulfillment of prophecy about the economic and literal besiegement of America in the end time.

What the Mart Portends

Isaiah's prophecy is marching toward fulfillment. It links with parallel prophecies in Ezekiel and Revelation to clearly depict the interdependent relationship building between Germany—and China. And it reveals the startling outcome of these trends.

Chapters 22 and 23 of Isaiah identify these two great markets in a few different ways. In Isaiah 23:1, China is called by its ancient name, Chittim. The same verse calls the German-dominated European Union by the term used to describe a major economic power extant at the time the prophecy was written, ancient Tyre.

In this prophecy, the great northern trading power of today (of which Tyre, consistent with biblical typology, is depicted as a *type*) is shown in relationship to China, the sea (verses 2, 4, 11), oceans ("great waters," verse 3) and ships (verses 1 and 14), mentioned in relation to seaborne merchant traffic (verse 8)—all within the context of a great international market.

Isaiah 23:13 mentions Italy under its ancient name, Chaldea. Italy is here depicted in association with Germany, whose biblical identity is Assyria, or Asshur.

An associated prophecy in Ezekiel 27:1-6 again uses maritime terms in association with merchants enacting trade via the sea between Tyrus (called "king of the north" in Daniel 11) and the Ashurites (Germany) in association with Chittim (China). The theme continues in relation to the main subject, Tyrus, a type of the prophesied king of the north, in verses 8-9, 12 and 22-25.

Nations mentioned in verse 21, in the context of trade with Tyrus, bring to mind the Arab-Germanic alliance described in Psalm 83. Still others, especially Greece (Javan), now a virtual vassal state of the German-led EU, and Russia (Meshek and Tubal), hugely exposed to EU debt and greatly dependent on German exports, are also mentioned in verses 13 and 15. Japan and Southeast Asia (Togarmah) are also

brought into the equation in verse 14. This all bespeaks a massive trading power having open access to sea gates for global trade and a powerful linkage with China at the prophesied "latter days" (Daniel 10:14).

Taken in context, the prophecies of Isaiah 23 and Ezekiel 27 align perfectly with those of Revelation 13:16-17 and Revelation 18. These all point specifically to the current interdependence of the world's two major trading blocs—the German-dominated EU and China.

In his booklet *Isaiah's End-Time Vision* (request your free copy), Gerald Flurry outlines what this alliance portends for the U.S. in particular: "The Bible contains many prophecies of [a] European power attacking America—and many other prophecies of America being *besieged*."

"That is where China and the giants of Asia enter the picture. When the Holy Roman Empire attacks North America, there will be no help or sympathy from Asia. In fact, considering that China has come to possess most of the world's strategic sea gates (which, ironically, at one time were held by Britain and America), we believe there may be a brief alliance between the German-led Holy Roman Empire and certain Asian powers (Russia, China, Japan—the kings of the east). Should Europe, the resurrected Holy Roman Empire, find a way to take advantage—even for a moment—of key resources and strategic holdings of China, Russia and Japan, it would have more than enough power to besiege the Anglo-Saxon nations and enslave them."

That's right! This Euro-Asian partnership is prophesied to lead to the *destruction* of the United States and Britain!

"This is why Isaiah's prophecy of an end-time 'mart of nations' that includes both European and Asian powers is so intriguing," Mr. Flurry concluded. "And why the trend of collusion between these two great economic blocs is worth watching."

It's early, but there is no doubt that a German-Chinese alliance is forming. Perhaps some mock us for letting Bible prophecy inform our analysis of world events. But it's getting harder and harder to deny the facts: Germany is the unchecked leader of Europe; Europe is transforming into a German-designed creation; and relations between Germany, China and Russia are getting healthier and stronger.

And let's not forget the larger, more important fact: that all three of these trends were prophesied, and that world events, yet again, are proving the Bible as the "more sure word" of God! ■

IMAGINE: MINIMUM-WAGE JOB, OR NO job. Tens of thousands in debt. Debt collectors garnishing your wages—and your parents' wages. Yet you seem to get no closer to paying it off. This is the situation that millions of university students find themselves in danger of.

Total student loan debt in America is now \$1 trillion. About two thirds of students graduate with debt. The average student owes more than \$25,000. Parents who took out loans to pay for their children's education owe an average of \$34,000.

For the first time ever, American students owe more in student loans than the country owes in credit card debt.

William Brewer, president of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, calls this situation “a debt bomb that could cripple our society.” He isn't exaggerating. Outside of owing that 25 grand to Big Vinny-with-the-brass-knuckles, student loan debt is the most dangerous kind of debt you can have.

If you take out a student loan, you owe it until you pay it back or until you die. There is virtually no other way out. It is a debtor's prison that sometimes comes with a life sentence. For unsuspecting teenagers and their parents who often co-sign the loans, it has become a painful lesson in indentured servitude.

Besides debts to the Internal Revenue Service, student loans are the only type of debt where lenders can garnish your wages without a court order. And student loans are the only type of debt that cannot be wiped out in bankruptcy.

Yet even this arrangement often produces a lose-lose situation. Lenders can't garnish wages when students graduate and go NINJA—No Income, No Job or Assets. According to the most recent Bureau of Labor Statistics survey, the youth workforce participation rate is the lowest on record. The unemployment rate for white youth is 15.8 percent; for Hispanic youth, 20 percent; among black youth, 31 percent.

Following graduation, a graduate has six months to find a job and start making loan payments. If he doesn't, the penalties and interest start piling up—and they never stop. As in never, ever.

Angry Students

The student debt problem is enormous, says Ike Shulman, a bankruptcy attorney in California. It's “basically setting us up for having a large number of fellow citizens become economically non-functional for the rest of their adult lives,” he says.

Sucked Under by That College Degree



Swamped in debt and jobless, more and more graduates say college is the worst money they ever spent. This is a problem with clear causes—and at least one potential solution.

BY ROBERT MORLEY

If you think that's bad, think about this: What are all these college grads going to do when they can't get a job? Will they sit quietly unemployed while their debts grow bigger and bigger?

Everardo Gonzalez is a 23-year-old criminal justice graduate of San Francisco State University. As a student, he received federal grants and worked at IKEA. But he still graduated owing \$26,490 in federal loans and \$10,000 in credit card debt. His debt levels are pretty typical.

After graduating, he landed a paid internship and is planning to go back to school to get a master's degree in political theory. Then he wants to become a teacher. By the time he is done, he will owe thousands more.

Gonzalez is angry. To protest the debt, he and some other angry students staged an "Occupy Graduation" demonstration. Over their graduation robes, they all wore inflatable balls and chains—they all blazoned with their student debt amounts.

With so much debt, it is easy to understand his frustration. If, instead of attending college, he got a job and saved up that \$36,490 and invested it at a conservative 6 percent (most pension funds assume a long-term average return of 8 percent)—and continued to invest the \$400 per month in interest and principle that he would spend paying down his debt over 10 years—he would have \$132,000 in his bank account. At that point he wouldn't have to contribute another dollar, and he would have \$800,000 in his investment account by the time he retired.

Granted, once students graduate, they often get better-paying, more-fulfilling jobs. But even this is changing in recession-riddled America.

The idea that college should be "free" for everyone seems to be gaining traction. But as they used to teach at colleges, there is no such thing as a free lunch. If it is free for you, it is costing someone else. However, you can also empathize with people in this predicament. Students just don't realize what they're dealing with: an entire system that is built on greed.

Greedy Government

A couple of generations ago, if a high school student wanted to go to college, he first had to plan, work, scrimp and save up the money. Sometimes he had to work for a few years after high school graduation before he could save up enough to attend college. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid was born to a miner and laundress and grew up in poverty. Reid's boyhood home was built out of old railroad ties, it had no indoor toilet, no hot water and no telephone. He had to work

hard to pay his way through college. John Boehner, speaker of the House, was one of 12 children born to a working class family. It took him seven years to work and pay his way through college.

Having to pay for college resulted in students who really valued the college experience, who really wanted to be there for what they could learn, and who were mature enough for it.

Now, the government aggressively encourages *all students* to attend college. But many students shouldn't go: Some simply are not academically suited for college; others do not have the work ethic necessary to succeed; others never use what they studied in college for their careers. Yet instead of promoting other types of career development, the government has fixated on colleges, coercing them to lower their academic standards to allow more students in.

The government has also forced colleges to adopt racial profiling in their admission policies. Colleges now admit racial minorities simply to meet federally mandated racial quotas, regardless of the students' ability to succeed.

The result of the "everybody deserves a degree" policy erodes the value of a college diploma. This forces students to stay even longer in school to get post-graduate degrees in order to make them stand out. These cost additional time and money.

It wasn't always this way. There was a time when a college education actually became cheaper each year. As recently as the early 1970s, the cost of a degree was falling annually by 17 percent. Then something changed, and the price tag for college hasn't stopped rising since.

In 1978, the government started giving out taxpayer-funded student loans to people regardless of their income. From 1978 to 1981, government aid shot up by a whopping 70 percent. As any economics major worth his salt will tell you, the result was inevitable. Tuition started to rise.

The Reagan administration responded by providing even more government aid, including Pell grants and Perkins loans. By the end of the 1980s, tuition had risen a pocket-busting 47 percent. Successive governments continued the policy, and a cycle ensued. More students went to college, costs rose, students complained, the government provided more student loans, grants, subsidies to colleges, and so on.

None of it worked; it just made things worse. Students and the government have played a big part in making this mess, but they are only half the cast in this tragedy.

Greedy Banks

Monica Johnson is a 35-year-old college

graduate who helped organize the "Occupy Graduation" protest at Hunter College in New York. Fifteen years ago, she borrowed \$15,000 to pay for college. In 2007, she decided to go back to school for a fine arts degree and took out an additional \$60,000 in loans, which shot up to \$88,000—after she dropped out of the program.

Johnson is currently working at a non-profit and is struggling under her huge debt burden. "What really [makes me angry] is I should never have been given those loans," Johnson says. "It honestly was the worst money I ever spent."

Although Johnson deserves her share of the blame for borrowing ridiculous sums of money and then dropping out of college, she also brings up a great point. Normally it wouldn't be in a bank's self-interest to lend such serious money to such students. But *thanks to politicians, it is* in their self-interest.

In the past, student loans were much harder to come by. They were given out more like mortgages—or how mortgages *used* to be. If you wanted a loan for a home, you had to have a good job and good credit history, and you had to put down good collateral (the property). Without these things, the bank simply wouldn't give you a loan. It knew you were more likely to default, and it would not get its money back, much less make a profit off you.

Yet all a student has to do today is get accepted to a college, and he can get hundreds of thousands of dollars in low-interest-rate student loans simply handed to him. Why?

To induce banks to give ever greater loans to virtually all students who go to college, Congress has passed a law saying that students simply can never default. A struggling student can even declare bankruptcy and still not have his debt wiped clean. Another law says that when a student does stop making his payments, his wages can be garnished without even appearing before a judge and justifying a court order.

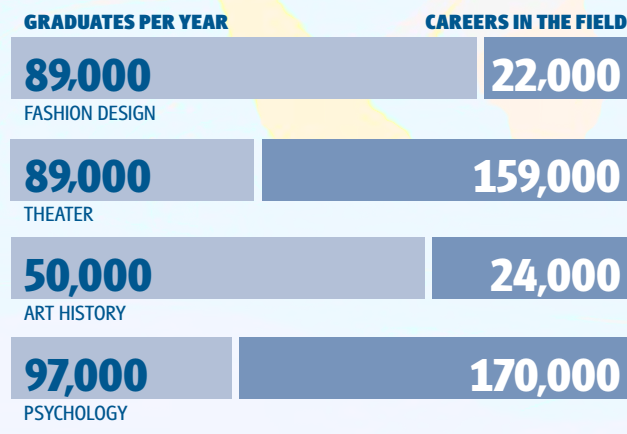
Of course, banks are happy to lend under that sweetheart deal.

Lenders should be free to give loans to any student, but they should not be able to pin people up against a law that makes it illegal for a judge to wipe out that debt.

Doesn't it make more sense for banks to lend based upon real-world factors? Things like: what grades did the student get in high school; did the student work a job in high school; does the student have good references; and what degree program does the student want this money to pay for? If a student wants a loan to take courses in Philosophy of Star Trek (no joke), that should be his or her choice. But it is also the

AT LEAST I'VE GOT MY DEGREE...

Though sinking in debt, U.S. college grads are still clutching their diplomas, hoping they will be tickets to great jobs. Trouble is, the fields they hope to enter have a limited number of people working in them—and new job openings are rare.



bank's prerogative to charge a higher interest rate, or decline to give that student a loan at all, since the odds of him finding a job afterward and paying back his loan are virtually nil.

This would fix several problems, such as weeding out those students who shouldn't—or don't really want to—be there. It would bring accountability and consequences back into the system.

Pandering Schools

Over the past decade, the cost to go to college has soared an inflation-adjusted 164 percent! Why? Because colleges and universities have found a great way to help themselves to the government's money and the student's money—or the bank's money and the student's debt. It's called "tuition adjustment." Instead of keeping tuition and other charges relatively steady so that the student pays less and the government pays the rest, college administrators have simply raised their prices.

If the government stopped taking ever growing billions of taxpayers' dollars and loaning or granting them to students, universities would no longer be able to raise tuition prices indiscriminately. Meanwhile, students would have to take degree programs that are worthwhile. Thus universities would have to find cost savings and cut useless and wasteful programs. If universities wanted to offer programs for occupations that paid less, they would have to reduce tuition costs to attract

students. In short, universities would have to go back to trying to attract students, as opposed to having an endless supply of students to milk each year.

Thousands of students go to college just because government and university propaganda convinces them to, and give little thought to the realities of finding a job after graduation. They take classes based not on what will prepare them for a career, but on what happens to interest them at the time, or what is easiest. Colleges teeming with these students have broadly responded by dumbing down their curricula to appeal to more students, and so more students can pass.

This system has produced a generation of students taking degree programs that are, essentially, worthless. Some students at Harvard spend \$62,000 per year working toward degrees in Folklore and Mythology. Courses include Witchcraft and Charm Magic, Continuing Oral Traditions in Indigenous Communities, Hero and Trickster, and African Women Storytellers. Four-year total cost: \$248,000. Job prospect: zero. Probability of debt slavery: Close to 100 percent.

Thousands of students are borrowing bundles to pay for these types of degrees. In 2010, 89,000 students graduated with Fashion Design degrees. Did they know that only 22,000 people in the country actually work in that field? Each year approximately 89,000 students graduate with theater degrees, even though only 155,000 people in the U.S. actually work as actors, directors or producers. About 50,000 American students per year graduate with

Art History degrees. But how many art museums are there in America? Approximately 92,000 graduate with Visual and Performing Arts degrees; 55,000 graduate with Literature degrees, while 97,000 graduate with a degree in Psychology.

Then there are all the students who graduate with majors that end in "studies": Gay and Lesbian Studies, African American Studies, Women's Studies, Medieval Studies. These degrees should be marketed, "Studies in how to make yourself obnoxious to a potential employer and never get a job."

Students then spend much of the rest of their lives paying for these degrees on salaries not much better than minimum wage.

And sometimes they don't even get the degree. Each year around 2.3 million hopefuls enroll in college. Over half of them drop out before finishing.

In all of these cases, their debt still needs to be paid.

The End Result

Even the many students who take worthwhile subjects are not getting a quality education. The fruits of this education system gone wrong are becoming increasingly evident. To take one shocking example, in 2005, over 100 applicants were caught hacking into a website that stored Harvard's admissions information. When the breach was revealed, the school administration retracted acceptance offers made to students involved in what Harvard labeled a "serious breach of trust." This seems like a reasonable and just course of action—but an astounding 75 percent of Harvard's "corporate accountability" class sided with the hackers. These were students in a class on corporate ethics—at Harvard, one of America's most prestigious universities! They saw nothing wrong with breaking into the school's website.

The problem is that so many students are graduating without a moral compass. Although this is not an entirely new trend, like student debt, the effects of generational compounding are now being felt.

More than half a century ago, a popular magazine asked, "Is honesty the best policy?" The question was put to 103 top business executives. An overwhelming majority doubted whether a strictly honest policy would enable a man to rise to the top in the business world. Only two answered "yes," and one of these said he knew he was being naive. One executive surveyed said: "People who don't get dirty don't make it." Another said, "In 30 years I've known of only three men who've reached executive positions cleanly, and I admit I'm not one of them." A third responded: "The higher the executive is in the management ladder, the

DEBT-FREE EDUCATION

more likely he is to do some dirty work.”

These were the leaders of America’s most prestigious businesses. They were the products of America’s most prestigious colleges. And that was more than 50 years ago.

They are the ones who taught the people teaching our college students today.

An appraisal of modern society reveals selfish motivation, disregard for public good, mean practices, dishonesty, dog-eat-dog competition and unbridled greed! This world is increasingly lacking the true values and the outgoing concern for others that would bring happiness.

If colleges required an exit exam upon graduation, it should ask: Can any society that values money and power over honesty and morals continue to prosper? This is the crux of the problem: moral breakdown.

There has always been greed and selfishness. But it is hard to deny that the bad fruits are multiplying: Enron, Arthur Andersen, Global Crossing, WorldCom, Long-Term Capital Management, Countrywide Financial, Bear Stearns, General Motors, AIG, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Lehman Brothers, Bernie Madoff, Jerome Kerviel, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and the list goes on.

It’s simply a case of cause and effect. The numerous failed and fraudulent financiers, brokers, bankers and politicians of the day are simply the products of their education.

Most of society’s greatest problems—in leadership, government, economics, science, international relations, and education itself—trace back to *the fundamental failure of our education system*.

An Example for the Future

This broad failure is part of the reason Herbert W. Armstrong College was founded.

Herbert W. Armstrong College is partially sponsored by the *Trumpet’s* publisher, the Philadelphia Church of God. It is based on a different model. It is free from the system of greed. This college cares about its students and wants them to be *prepared* for the future when they graduate—not dreading it. This world needs a living example of the college’s motto: “Education with vision.” It needs people who graduate knowing how to live, and how to be a true success—not just having textbook recipes to give them a better shot at making money.

At Herbert W. Armstrong College, students pay about \$6,000 per year. They enroll with \$4,000 up front, which offsets much of the cost for freshman year. Thereafter, all students pay for the rest of their room, board, supplies and tuition through a 20-hour-per-week student work program. About half of their student



Agriculture



Call Center



Landscaping



Editorial Services

Producing a valuable service for the benefit of others is the ultimate goal of a successful career. Herbert W. Armstrong College students develop work skills in the college’s work-study program. Half of a student’s work week is spent in classes, the other half on the job learning useful career skills while paying his or her expenses and earning wages at the same time. In the end, students graduate without any debt from the education they have just received.

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE MAN



More than 60 years ago, Herbert W. Armstrong founded a post-secondary liberal arts school that not only taught the arts, the humanities and the physical, formal and life sciences, but also emphasized character, wisdom and happiness. Starting in the smallest possible way, Ambassador College blossomed into a successful institution with thousands of happy students attending at three campuses, one of which won awards for being the most beautiful in the United States. For decades, until Mr. Armstrong died, Ambassador College was a place where young people could come to “recapture true values.” That is the heritage and vision of Herbert W. Armstrong College, where students today pursue an education that extends beyond the walls of the classroom. Armstrong students learn what the Bible says and how its points apply right now to make their lives more giving, dynamic and happy. Through classroom lectures, social events, extracurricular activities, service opportunities and practical experience, each student learns how to prove for himself a way of living that works, that brings success in marriage, in family, in work, in health and in character.



salary is withheld to pay for ongoing college expenses—enabling all of them to graduate from college *debt-free*.

Besides helping to pay off college fees, the student work program offers valuable on-the-job training that prepares students for their careers and teaches work ethic, integrity, dependability, responsibility, creativity, resourcefulness, ingenuity, and other valuable life skills.

But Armstrong College offers much more than job training for our students. Here, students learn about the real purpose for human life; they learn true values.

Armstrong College takes its name from Herbert W. Armstrong, who raised up three liberal arts colleges. The philosophy of this college is based, as Mr. Armstrong wrote, on the recognition that “true education is not of the intellect alone, but of the whole personality—not alone of technologies, sciences and arts, but an understanding of the purpose of life, a knowledge of the spiritual laws which govern our lives, our God-relationship and human relationships; not a memorizing of knowledge alone but a thorough training in self-discipline, self-expression, cultural and

character development; not book learning only, but broadening travel and experience; not only hearing and learning, but doing.”

At Armstrong College, the emphasis is on building character, developing a sound mind, becoming emotionally mature and socially balanced, cultivating a well-rounded and service-oriented personality, and learning to appreciate the finer things in life. Here students learn how to apply the more specific, job-oriented, specialized skills that they will obtain throughout a lifetime of ongoing education. ■





IN DRONES WE TRUST

Waging war from 50,000 feet by remote control is cleaner—but does it make us safer? **BY TIMOTHY OOSTENDARP**

ONE OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY'S biggest weapons is its drone program. And one of the biggest threats to its drone program is America itself.

At the Pentagon on January 5, United States President Barack Obama announced major changes to America's military strategy. *Wired* magazine summed up the new direction: "Humans Lose, Robots Win in New Defense Budget."

The president's new plan calls for trimming about 100,000 soldiers from the ranks of the Army and the Marines. The president and his advisers are advocating a kind of sterile war-making directed out of air-conditioned cubicles of joystick warriors, who fight a war halfway around the world brought to them on computer screens. This new breed of soldier kills bad guys and then heads home for dinner.

This robotic trend has been overtaking the military for the last decade. Unmanned aerial vehicles, otherwise known as drones, have become indispensable war fighters because they are relatively cheap, and, ironically, they are *dispensable*. Including peripheral systems, an MQ-9 Reaper drone costs a little more than \$30 million, while the manned Joint Strike Fighter will cost about \$140 million.

Drones are changing how America engages in war. For politicians and military staff, the advantages are especially alluring. It is war with less nuisance: less blood, less money. When a robot is blasted into shards of metal and oozing fluid, there is no sad funeral, no letter to bereaved parents and no national angst at the untimely death of yet another young man in the prime of life. Drones offer freedom from some of the human constraints and risks that come

with conventional and counterinsurgency warfare. So far, drones have not become a hot-button issue among the mainstream media, so the military enjoys a certain amount of impunity. This makes it more likely to take risks it would not otherwise take, and more likely to use deadly force.

It is hard to argue with the success these drones have had. In conventional war, counterterrorism and covert CIA operations, they have proven highly effective. They have given America advantages that the enemy just doesn't have.

More Drones, Please

Of the U.S. military's 7,494 are now drones, according to congressional research published in January. That's about 31 percent—up from 5 percent just seven years ago. While manned planes continue to receive the lion's share of procurement dollars (92 percent), the United States has still spent nearly \$26 billion on drones since 2001. And costs for robots are way below those of manned aircraft. For \$1 billion, you can buy about seven F-35 Joint Strike Fighters, or you can get about 33 Reaper drones. For a government and military complex facing budget pressures, the bang for the drone buck is quite compelling.

Of the 7,494 drones in use today, about 5,300 are Raven drones. Built for conventional and counterinsurgency warfare, the \$35,000 hand-launched remote-controlled UAV has a ceiling of 500 feet and a range of about six miles, and it can return to its launch point with the press of a button. During the Second Gulf War, the Raven was used for advanced reconnaissance and surveillance.

But it's the Predator drone and Reaper drone that garner the most media

attention. Used for conventional, counterinsurgency and counterterrorism work by the military and the Central Intelligence Agency, the drones can be outfitted with Hellfire missiles, take high-quality photos and listen to cell phone conversations—and all from 5 to 10 miles above the ground. Deployed in groups of four, they can be kept in almost continuous night-and-day operation, what the Air Force calls "deadly persistence." As of January 2012, the U.S. has 161 Predators and Reapers. Pilots—including some who have never flown a real plane—sit in cubicles halfway around the world and scour video feeds for targets. Iterations of these two drones have been operational in the Balkans, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, Somalia and along the U.S.-Mexican border.

The highlight of the drones' tour of duty so far has been the alleged dismantling of al Qaeda. In 2009, counterterrorism officials credited drones with having killed over a dozen senior al Qaeda leaders and their allies in the previous year—comprising more than half of the CIA's 20 most wanted "high value" targets. As recently as this past June, U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta reported that a U.S. drone strike had killed al Qaeda's number two, Abu Yahya al-Libi, in Pakistan's lawless North Waziristan tribal area.

In addition to these two models, other unmanned combat aerial vehicles are in the works. Nearly a *trillion* dollars has been invested in the Northrop Grumman X-47B, which is designed to take off from an aircraft carrier, bomb its target, and return to the mother ship all while being flown entirely by computer. Boeing is developing the Phantom Ray UCAV for surveillance

REMOTE-CONTROL WEAPONS

They are some of the most impressive and technologically advanced tools in modern warfare, doing their work while their pilots remain safely on terra firma. Meet the drones.



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and ground attack. A dizzying number of other drones are being researched, developed, tested and delivered—including drones that can carry nuclear warheads. *This is the future of American warfare.*

Hackmageddon

But the advantages and early success of unmanned aerial vehicles comes at a cost, including a bad case of *overconfidence*. The U.S. military is overestimating the strength of this new technology while simultaneously underestimating threats to it. This has led military planners and politicians to *overreach*, turning their present tactical monopoly into a full-blown military strategy for the future.

This overconfidence is leading to mistakes that America's enemies have exploited and will continue to exploit. America may wield a vast technology edge over the Taliban and other tribal terrorists, but more technically advanced enemies are lurking in the shadows, working to take advantage of weaknesses in America's new robotic army.

Primitive terrorists with machine guns and grenade launchers may be vulnerable to American drones. But American drones are vulnerable to cyberwarfare. Drone failures and captures have already been made public, underlining the risks Washington is taking by gambling the nation's future on robots.

Emerging systems simply have errors. Both the technology itself and the systems designed to prevent problems will always contain flaws—flaws that can be exploited. There are flaws designers are aware of, flaws they are not aware of, and flaws *cyberattackers can build into the system*—potential backdoors for sabotage, data mining or worse.



RQ-4 GLOBAL HAWK

SUPPLIER: Northrop Grumman
DEPLOYED: 2002
ROLE: Surveillance
EQUIPMENT: Cloud-penetrating radar, electro-optical digital camera, infrared sensor
SPEED: 357 mph
RANGE: 15,525 miles
ENDURANCE: 28 hours
CEILING: 60,000 feet
WINGSPAN: 130.9 feet
HISTORY: Deployed in the war in Afghanistan and the Iraq War; first drone to cross the Pacific Ocean; longest flight by a drone. Procured by U.S. Air Force and Navy, NASA, NATO and German Luftwaffe.



RQ-11 RAVEN

SUPPLIER: AeroVironment
DEPLOYED: 2004
ROLE: Reconnaissance/surveillance
EQUIPMENT: Light, backpackable equipment consisting of dual forward and sidelook electro-optical and infrared camera
SPEED: 19.9-50.3 mph
RANGE: 6 miles
ENDURANCE: 60-90 minutes
CEILING: 100-500 feet
WINGSPAN: 4.5 feet
HISTORY: Used in combat in supporting U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and other areas of conflict. The Raven is now used by the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Special Operations Command. Several countries have acquired Raven drones for reconnaissance. It has been used in anti-terror efforts in north and east Africa, and for African Union peacekeeping missions in Somalia.

And it's happening already.

An egregious example of American complacency occurred in 2009. An Iraqi insurgent was detained, and his computer confiscated. On its hard drive, authorities found hours of supposedly proprietary and secret drone video feeds. How in the world did a low-level Iraqi insurgent get his hands on American drone video feeds? Someone

bought a satellite video capturing program for \$26 off the Internet and loaded it on the computer. With these video feeds, he might have been able to inform other insurgents of impending drone attacks, perhaps allowing them to live and kill another day. This mind-boggling breach must have caught U.S. commanders off guard, right? Not so. *Wired* online reported, "[H]ere's

MQ-9 REAPER

SUPPLIER: General Atomics
Aeronautical Systems

DEPLOYED: 2007

ROLE: Reconnaissance, surveillance,
precision air strikes

EQUIPMENT: Electro-optic, infrared video
cameras, multi-mode radar,
multi-mode maritime
surveillance radar, laser
designators for missiles, or
precision artillery munitions

SPEED: 230 mph

RANGE: 1,150 miles

ENDURANCE: 14 hours

CEILING: 50,000 feet

WINGSPAN: 66 feet

HISTORY: Used by the U.S. Air Force and
Navy, the CIA, U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
tion, the Royal Air Force and the Italian Air Force.
It has been deployed in combat missions in
Afghanistan and Iraq, and for anti-piracy patrols
in the Indian Ocean.

uploaded it from a thumb drive. The virus has resisted all attempts to wipe it from infected drones. It also allegedly monitored keystrokes and could have mined sensitive data from classified systems. But most alarming of all is that the military personnel responsible for removing the virus and protecting the wider military network found out about the problem by reading *Wired's* breaking news report.

Lower-level technicians did not follow the chain of command and report the infection in a timely manner. In fact, more than two weeks passed before appropriate military personnel were mobilized to take any serious action. One military security source said, "Nothing was reported anywhere. They just didn't think it was important enough. The incentive to share weaknesses is just not there" (*Wired*, Oct. 11, 2011). In subsequent reports, the military reported that the problem was benign after all, and no serious damage occurred. But what else is it going to say?

Then there is the curious case of Iran capturing a *fully intact version* of the stealthy Sentinel spy drone last December. Iranian officials claimed they had hacked into its navigation controls, spoofing GPS signals and tricking the drone's onboard computer to land in Iran. While the U.S. military denies the drone was hijacked, some Western analysts say that, though remote, navigational spoofing *is possible* and has been possible for the last 20 to 30 years. No other reasonable explanation has been given as to how Iran got its hands on one of America's most advanced spy drones in pristine condition. Iran has been reportedly offering up the drone's secrets to the highest bidders, including China and Russia, who will try to reverse-engineer the drone.

Finally, two Cambridge experts have found that some made-in-America-but-assembled-in-China computer chips aboard some military drones have a backdoor built into them.

"In a paper that has been published in draft form online and seen by the *Guardian*, researchers Sergei Skorobogatov of Cambridge University and Chris Woods of Quo Vadis Labs say that they have discovered a method that a hacker can use to connect to the internals of a chip made by Actel, a U.S. manufacturer. 'An attacker can disable all the security on the chip, re-program cryptographic and access keys ... or permanently damage the device,' they noted" (*Guardian*, May 29). *These chips are in American drones RIGHT NOW.*

None Goes to Battle

Unmanned aerial vehicles have offered the United States tactical advantages and

have achieved several successes. And they are just part of the most advanced military the world has ever seen.

However, these tools are necessarily and unfathomably complex, requiring a network of complicated systems to not only function together properly, but also remain free of interference and attack. They have unique limitations and vulnerabilities that are already being exploited.

Will the benefits outweigh the risks? For clues as to the answer, we can turn to biblical prophecy.

Many Bible prophecies make the surprising prediction that America—which is descended from ancient Israel—is about to be *defeated militarily*. If you compare its technology and its arsenal to any other nation or group of nations, this seems almost impossible. But if you respect the prophecy more than the conventional wisdom, your perspective on America's increasingly drone-reliant military strategy changes—and possibilities emerge of just how such a defeat might happen.

Ezekiel 7:14, written over 2,500 years ago, makes a startlingly relevant prediction: "They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but *none goeth to the battle....*" An attack will happen, and America will need a military response. The call will go out to defend, *yet none will answer the call*. It is entirely feasible that scenario is attributable to a communication breakdown caused by technology failure—a hacking or other form of sabotage.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has repeatedly targeted America's heavy reliance on technology as its fatal weakness. Its powerful-yet-vulnerable drone program is a prime example.

America's trust in technology will lead to a breach of its defenses and its eventual defeat at the hands of a powerful and sophisticated enemy.

Why will America meet this terrible fate? "[N]one goeth to the battle; for *my wrath* is upon all the multitude thereof," Ezekiel continued. America will face a horrific—and avoidable—demise. God will punish this nation for its rampant sins and faithlessness, and the highest technology imaginable cannot stop that.

But God has also promised that He will raise it up from the ashes of horrific defeat once this nation *repents* of its sins. In the process, it will learn a hard but beautiful and eternal lesson. As Jeremiah wrote when his nation faced its own national security disaster: "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man"—or his robots. ■



RQ-170 SENTINEL

SUPPLIER: Lockheed Martin

DEPLOYED: 2007

ROLE: Reconnaissance/surveillance

EQUIPMENT: Assumed to have full-color,
full-motion, real-time cameras
and nuclear material "sniffing"
sensors. Stealth technology.

CEILING: 50,000 feet

WINGSPAN: 80 feet

HISTORY: Reported to have been operating out of Kandahar Air Base in Afghanistan since 2007 (in Operation Endure Freedom), hence the nickname "Beast of Kandahar." It is believed to have been used in May 2011 to feed live footage of the U.S. Navy Seal raid on Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan. Reported to be the drone captured by Iran in December 2011, perhaps while it was gathering intelligence on Iran's nuclear sites. It has been tested in South Korean airspace and undoubtedly deployed there to keep track of the North Korean nuclear weapons program.

the real scandal: Military officials have known about this potential vulnerability since the *Bosnia campaign*. THAT WAS OVER 10 YEARS AGO" (Dec. 17, 2009).

Wired online also reported on Oct. 7, 2011, that a major virus was plaguing the onboard computers of the Predator and Reaper drones. The virus was traced back to a staff member who inadvertently



In Praise of the Slow Read

In an age of tweets, texts and shortened attention spans, here's how to bring focus and depth back into your reading.

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

A FRIEND RECENTLY LENT ME A BOOK, AND three pages in, I realized that the author tackled momentous topics with concrete analysis and brilliant language. So I closed the book and returned it.

I didn't abandon the book because I didn't want to read it, but because I wanted to *slow read* it. I wanted to pore over it for months, scribbling questions and mini-essays into its margins, dog-earing its pages, and letting tears crinkle the paper under its most insightful paragraphs.

I knew my friend wouldn't want his book returned to him sometime next winter looking like the Dead Sea Scrolls, so I returned his copy and bought my own.

Recent studies show that the desire and ability to undertake a slow, thorough reading are rapidly going the way of the dodo. Rather than reading books at length and thinking deeply, we erratically sample our knowledge morsels from a vast array of fast-food factoid buffets. For the sake of connectivity, we sacrifice our capacities to reflect and synthesize these facts into a coherent bigger picture.

But, even in the throes of this information revolution, you can learn the necessary and rewarding craft of slow reading.

Slow Reading = Writing

"Reading is a complex activity," consisting of "a large number of separate acts, all of which must be performed in a good reading," Mortimer Adler says in the critically acclaimed *How to Read a Book*.

Adler says slow reading (which he calls analytical or synoptical reading) is "a more active kind of reading than you have done before, entailing not only more varied activity but also much more skill in the performance of the various acts required. ... It is a major exertion."

Great focus and effort is required to ingest a book in such a way that will allow your gray matter to absorb its subject matter. This exertion takes more than reading. It takes writing.

A person cannot truly own a book—intellectually or spiritually—until he has marked it up. This means underlining impressive sentences, writing important page numbers inside of front covers, and jotting notes into margins. The practice of marking up books ensures that the reader is not just passively reading, but instead swimming around in the text, collaborating with it and interacting with its author.

Seasoned slow readers will develop personalized systems of circles, asterisks, lines and so on to mark

intra- and extratextual references. Some of the margins of their favorite books may be filled with full-blown essays—sideways, diagonal and upside-down. Several of my books are essentially destroyed by the sheer logorrheic power of my enthusiasm for (or disagreement with) their content.

But where the pages are battered, the memories are sturdy.

New York Times magazine critic Sam Anderson is an avid practitioner of "marginalia," marking up a text. "Today I rarely read anything—book, magazine, newspaper—without a writing instrument in hand," he said. "Books have become my journals, my critical notebooks, my creative outlets. ... [M]arginalia is—no exaggeration—possibly the most pleasurable thing I do on a daily basis."

This slow, focused reading is pleasurable because it is effective.

The Nuts and Bolts of a Slow Read

Slow reading is not just feverishly spraying graffiti on a book's pages. The process varies, but there are some tried and true methods that every serious reader should use.

Adler says the first of these is discovering and stating the unity, theme or main point of the whole book in a single sentence—or a few sentences, if necessary. A reader cannot settle for a mere *feeling* of this unity. He must nail it down, definitively and concisely. There is only one sure way to know if you've succeeded in this: Write it down.

In some cases, the author may have already completed this first step in the book's title. For example, a fairly complete self-description lies in the title of F. Kaid Benfield's *Once There Were Greenfields: How Urban Sprawl Is Undermining America's Environment, Economy, and Social Fabric*. In non-fiction books, the theme may also be spelled out in a preface or introduction. A wise reader is neither too proud to consider the author's help if he offers it, nor so naive as to blindly accept every book as being exactly what the author claims it is.

In most cases—especially with fiction—the reader will have to construct the unity sentence from scratch by reading the text itself. After my second reading of John Steinbeck's *East of Eden*, I wrote this in my copy: "The story of three generations of the Trask and Hamilton families, exploring the theme of good versus evil, and relying heavily on the biblical story of Cain and Abel. Steinbeck ascribes great significance to his translation of the Hebrew word *timshel* ('thou mayest') in the Cain/Abel account, arguing that it proves that human beings have free will, and can choose to do good or evil."

For most books, this unity sentence will be quite difficult to create, and may be possible only after wading deep into the text, or even finishing it completely (unless outside sources are consulted). The inside of a book's front cover is a suitable place to write it, but realize you may need room to expand or otherwise modify it as you become better acquainted with the book.

The Skeleton Beneath the Skin and Muscle

The next rule of slow reading is to draw up an outline of the text. Creating an outline is tedious business,

A person cannot truly own a book—intellectually or spiritually—until he has marked it up.

but it provides the slow reader with a quick reference and helps to ensure that he has followed the author's thread from beginning to end.

I find the inside of a book's back cover to be a suitable place to sketch the outline. Some readers prefer to use a separate notebook or sheet of paper.

An effective reader, according to Adler, will take the time to define and write out the problem(s) the author is addressing. After completing the book, the reader must determine which of these he solved and which he didn't. Then the reader should note which of the unsolved problems the author knew he failed to solve.

Adler spends several chapters encouraging readers to avoid contentiousness, and to be informed and fair in criticism of books. "You must be able to say, with reasonable certainty 'I understand,' before you can say any one of the following things: 'I agree,' 'I disagree,' or 'I suspend judgment,'" he says. "You can be just as wrong in agreeing as in disagreeing. To agree without understanding is inane. To disagree without understanding is impudent."

Slow reading means devoting yourself earnestly to books, stopping to look up any word or reference you don't understand. It means consulting helps and commentaries, and writing down your questions, thoughts and reactions.

A slow reader's goal is not to finish a text as quickly as possible, but to understand it as fully as possible. A book or article that a reader tackles following these slow-reading guidelines has the potential to influence that reader deeply.

Life Is Too Short to Read Good Books

But we are finite beings with serious constraints on our schedules, and the slow-read process requires time and effort. So you must cautiously determine *which texts* are worth your precious slow-reading time.

In this information age, a staggering amount of reading material is available. In fact, even before Twitter, the Internet or even the printing press came along, King Solomon wrote, "Of making many books, there is no end, and much study is a weariness to the flesh."

In *The Art of Thinking*, Ernest Dimnet offers this sage advice: "Don't read good books—life is too short for that—**ONLY READ THE BEST.** ... If you want to be vitalized into the power of thinking real thoughts resolutely leave out whatever is not of the best Those 20 or 30 volumes will be your library, that is to say, your fountain of thought, your delight."

Dimnet understood that human beings possess limited learning capacities. He knew that to read through a meaty book only once, especially quickly, does little for our long-term education. So he said we should slow read only *the very best books*, and that we should not be afraid to read these gems over and over again.

That's not to say that other materials should be avoided, but only that we must differentiate between texts we read for our *information*, and those we read for our *formation*. As English statesman Francis Bacon said, "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."

Try it. Shut out the distractions, settle in, pick up a great book—and do some chewing and digesting. Savor the slow read. ■

Great focus and effort is required to ingest a book in such a way that will allow your gray matter to absorb its subject matter.

→ Ecclesiastes 12:12

The Best Slow Read There Is

No text on the planet merits and demands slow reading more than the Holy Bible.

The Apostle Paul praised the first-century Christians of Berea because they "searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:10). The word *search* here means to scrutinize, investigate, interrogate, ask, question, discern, examine and judge. These Bereans were not only listening to what God's ministers preached, but were also investigating the scriptures with great focus—to compare what they were hearing with what had been written in the Old Testament. This was not just a quick skimming of the scriptures. The Bereans were called "more noble" than other early Christians because they were *scrutinizing* and *interrogating* the scriptures of the Bible.

The Bible's liberating truths do not fear inquiry and investigation. In fact, believers are commanded to "prove all things," rather than accept doctrines blindly (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Light reading does not enable a reader to prove any teaching.

When Paul was teaching Timothy how to become an effective spiritual leader, he said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). *Gill's Bible Exposition* says Paul was encouraging a method of study founded on "great industry, diligence and application, and much reading, meditation and prayer."

The Word of God is the most difficult writing men can read, but by far the most rewarding and important. The time and effort we invest into understanding it will dramatically improve our spiritual success, and all other areas of our lives. Simply reading the Bible is not enough. In order to discover the depth of its riches, a reader must chew and digest, search and divide, and very slowly read the Bible. ■

If you want help in your Bible study, consider becoming a student of the Herbert W. Armstrong Bible Correspondence Course. It's free! See "Increase Your Bible IQ" on page 32 for details!



1 | GERMANY

To buy up eurozone gold?

An intriguing compromise designed to break the eurozone's deadlock is gaining traction. The International Monetary Fund, Société Générale and Germany's main opposition party endorsed the plan in late May as a possible way forward. And it is just the type of deal the *Trumpet* has forecast for years: Germany bails out Europe in exchange for power and gold.

The scheme sidesteps the objections of Germany's Constitutional Court and could gain the approval of the German public.

Called the "European Redemption Pact" and drafted by the German Council of Economic Experts, the plan would see nations pool all debt that they owe over 60 percent of their gross domestic product. This gives struggling nations a lower interest rate, but Jefferies Fixed Income estimates it will cost Germany an extra 0.6 percent

of GDP a year—around \$2 billion. In return, national governments

would surrender control of parts of their taxation and spending policies to Germany. But the condition gaining the most attention is the demand for nations to put up collateral for their debt. This collateral "could be taken from the country's currency and gold reserves," the Council said.

The plan still has a long way to go before being adopted. But the essence of this bargain—Germany bails out countries and receives power in return—is inevitable. It is simply a question of how bad things will get before eurozone countries capitulate to Germany's conditions.

"In our opinion, Germany will only accept more risk-sharing if it comes with conditionality."

SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE ANALYSTS



German Chancellor Helmut Kohl speaks in eastern France in 1986 under a European Union banner and a portrait of one of the EU's founding fathers.

They set up the euro to fail

FORMER GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL WAS warned that the euro was doomed to fail. "Documents from the Kohl administration, kept confidential until now, indicate that the euro's founding fathers were well aware of its deficits," *Spiegel* revealed on May 8.

Consider the implications. European leaders knew exactly what they were doing when they created the euro: The current crisis is *not a mistake*. These leaders knew, as *Spiegel* wrote, that "a common currency cannot survive on the long term if it is not backed by a political union." Yet they pushed ahead because they knew that a common currency—including its accompanying crises—would force the unwilling European people to submit to political union.

In spite of high debt levels, Italy was allowed to join the euro after "creative" accounting allowed it to fulfill the entrance criteria. "However, the Kohl administration cannot plead ignorance," *Spiegel* said. "In fact, the documents show that it was extremely well informed about the state of Italy's finances."

Not only did Kohl ignore warnings that Italy's debt was far too high, but *Spiegel's* source documents indicate the Kohl administration "misled both the public and Germany's Federal Constitutional Court" (ibid).

In May, JP Morgan Asset Management calculated that the disparate economies of the eurozone form one of the worst common currency zones within the realm of possibility. Analysts said a zone made up of countries whose names start with the letter M would make a better currency union than the euro.

Bernard Connolly, a former EU civil servant and author of *The Rotten Heart of Europe*, warned in 2007: "And, whereas the mission of the Fed is to avoid a financial crisis, the mission of the ECB [European Central Bank] is to provoke one. The purpose of the crisis will be, as Prodi, then Commission president, said in 2002, to allow the EU to take more power for itself."

Now, as *Spiegel* observed, all possible solutions to the crisis "boil down to individual countries relinquishing more authority and the central government in Brussels acquiring more in return."

This is exactly what the euro's founders wanted.

1 | GERMANY

Merkel names her price for bailouts

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on June 7 that Europe needs to forge a political union and give up more power to the EU. "We do not just need a currency union but also a so-called fiscal union—more common budget policy," she said on German television.

"That means in the future we will also have to hand over competencies to Europe step by step and give Europe opportunities to control," she said. She warned that a smaller group of nations could go it alone, but "we should not stay still because one or other does not yet want to join in."

Reuters reported that Merkel is readying plans for a central euro area finance ministry, as well as a coordinated European labor policy, social security system and taxation system. She also wants to radically strengthen the European Commission, European Parliament and European Court of Justice. With Spain being the latest nation to request a bailout, the EU is set to become even more dependent on German cash.



MERKEL

EU shows firepower on pirates

European Union anti-piracy forces launched their first attack against pirates on mainland Somalia on May 15. Helicopter gunships destroyed five small attack boats, a weapons cache and several drums of diesel. The EU authorized its forces to attack pirates on land in March. “The time is now right to step up the attacks on the infrastructure to put the pirates considerably on the back foot,” the *Telegraph* quoted a Navy source as saying. The source implied that these EU attacks will increase. The EU is showing it has the will to begin to go after the cause of the piracy problem and destroy it on land, rather than just chasing ships at sea. Historically, the EU has been relatively hesitant to use military power. Expect that to change. Watch for the EU to grow more teeth in fighting piracy in the area—before moving on to fight other enemies, like radical Islam.

EU NAVFOR forces are becoming more combative against pirates.



1 | GERMANY The West's first offensive cyberwarfare unit

Germany became the first Western nation to announce that it has a cyberwarfare unit that not only defends the country from hackers, but also attacks other nations. A six-page report disclosed the unit's existence to



Germany's parliamentary committee on defense on June 5. “Legislators from both the government and opposition voiced surprise at the disclosure,” wrote Deutsche Presse-Agentur. “Several questioned whether military commanders had the legal authority to mount attacks on foreign computer networks without parliamentary clearance” (June 5). *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has long pointed to America's vulnerability to cyberwarfare. Continue to watch German developments in this new battlefield.

2 | SPAIN 3 | ITALY

Another economy ripe for picking

European Union finance ministers agreed on June 9 to loan Spain €100 billion in order to bail out its banks. But they have not yet determined where the money will come from or what conditions will be imposed. In the meantime, Spain is still vulnerable. The €100 billion doesn't come close to fixing Spain's problems. And 22 percent of the cash is meant to come from Italy. “You could hardly design a surer way to pull Italy into the fire,” the *Telegraph* wrote. Citigroup issued a similar warning: “We expect that Italy will have to request help.” This would cause a huge problem for the eurozone. Each month, Italy needs to borrow €35 billion.

The nation to focus on is Germany. Berlin is intent on leading a new European superpower, and it will not allow the euro crisis to be solved until other nations agree to surrender their power.



4 | BRITAIN

Historian: No choice left but a federal Europe

THE EURO CRISIS COULD QUICKLY TRANSFORM THE EUROPEAN Union into a federal Europe, which is exactly what its designers planned. That's the prediction of British historian Niall Ferguson, in an interview titled “One Nation (Under Germany),” published in the *Sunday Times* on May 20.

“I am not a federalist,” Ferguson said. “But the costs of the single currency disintegrating are really so high and would impact so many people, that the only responsible thing for me to do is to argue urgently for the next step to a federal Europe. I see no alternative at the moment that isn't a great deal worse.”

For the Eurocrats behind the project, this is exactly according to plan. “I think it's worth considering that the architects of the monetary union knew all along that it would lead to a crisis and the crisis would lead to a federal solution,” Ferguson said. “I'm not quite sure how far that was articulated, but I think it was implicit. In fact, you could say it was actually designed to create a crisis.”

Ferguson characterized Europhile thinking in the 1990s: “[M]onetary union will force us to ever closer fiscal union, which is hard to sell politically, but we'll make it happen—we'll back into it through a monetary union.”

“Also, although the German political elite appears slow-moving and plodding, it wasn't slow-moving and plodding in 1989-90 when the opportunity presented itself to reunite Germany,” he said. “I think you might be surprised by how quickly they move when the chips are down.”

Ferguson said he sees new measures such as tax harmonization on the horizon, despite opposition.

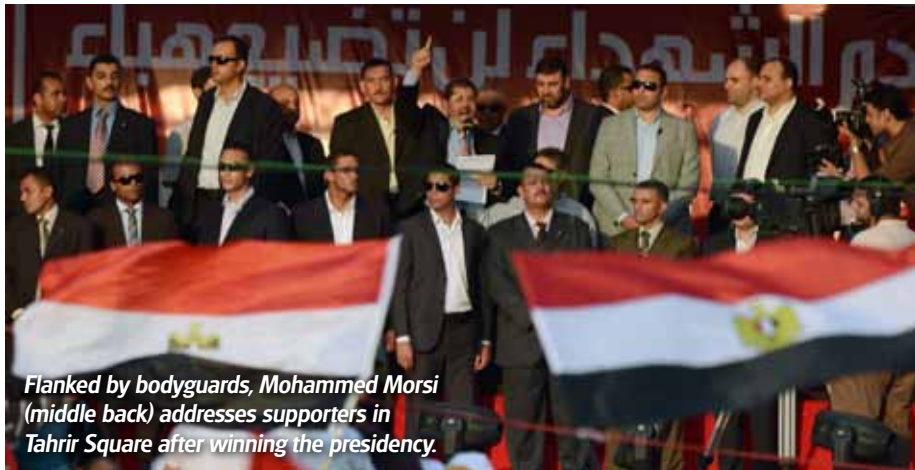
Another catalyst for this oncoming federal union is widespread dissatisfaction with national politicians, Ferguson said. “The national politics of continental Europe is collapsing, and that's paving the way toward a federal solution in ways that aren't fully understood in Britain,” he said.

“The complete descent into disrepute of national political elites helps make the case for federalism,” he said. “The Italians despise their politicians; they have had to bring in [Prime Minister Mario] Monti as a non-politician. The Greeks basically voted against the established parties. All over Europe, national politics has been discredited. Look at the Netherlands, at Belgium.”

Ferguson is realizing a trend the *Plain Truth* forecast since 1940s and the *Trumpet* has detailed since the early '90s: The euro was designed to force this crisis, and it is about to produce a federal Europe—under Germany.

“The world is not coming to an end; rather, it feels as if we are on the doorstep to another major European integration move.”

ERIK NEILSEN
CHIEF ECONOMIST AT
UNICREDIT



Flanked by bodyguards, Mohammed Morsi (middle back) addresses supporters in Tahrir Square after winning the presidency.



1 | EGYPT Fact: Egypt is turning Islamist

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATE MOHAMMED MORSI was declared the winner of Egypt's first free presidential election in its modern history on June 24, following a tight race with Hosni Mubarak's last prime minister, Ahmed Shafiq. Morsi is the first Islamist to be elected as head of state in the Arab world. The *Trumpet* has warned for almost two decades that radical Islamists would gain control of Egypt.

The Brotherhood faces a daunting struggle for power with the country's still-dominant military rulers. The military council has dissolved the MB-dominated parliament, undercut the authority of the president and granted military police broad powers to detain civilians. However, the military now faces intense pressure—both domestic and international—to yield power to Egypt's elected officials.

A Pew Research Center poll in Egypt conducted in March and April showed clear support for an Islamist direction in the country. Pew found that 61 percent of Egyptians see Saudi Arabia as a better model than Turkey for the role of religion in the state and that 83 percent believe religious leaders have a very good or somewhat good influence on the country. Just 19 percent of Egyptians have a favorable opinion of the United States, and 61 percent want to end the Camp David accords with Israel—an increase of 7 percentage points since last year.



"I think we are on the verge of a new era. We trusted God, we trusted in the people, we trusted in our party."

ESSAM EL-ERIAN
PROMINENT MUSLIM
BROTHERHOOD FIGURE

4 | SYRIA Germany speaks out

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle strongly denounced two suicide attacks in Syria on May 10 that killed at least 55 people and wounded over 170. The two explosions tore through the capital city of Damascus, marking the deadliest bombing attack in the capital city since Syria's uprising began more than a year ago. Westerwelle's outspoken condemnation indicates that Germany's interest in the Syrian crisis is increasing.

In April, Germany met with the United States, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states in Turkey to discuss options for dealing with Syria's revolution. Germany pledged to provide funding and communications equipment to Syrian opposition activists. Days later, a German government adviser said that in the event of military intervention in Syria, "German participation should be assured."

While Germany was reluctant to participate in the Libyan intervention last year, it is showing itself increasingly eager to be involved with Syria. The difference in Berlin's approach to the two nations' uprisings is due to Germany's global strategy—and could prove key to what biblical prophecy shows will be a violent confrontation with Iran.

2 | ISRAEL U.S. drill with Arabs—Jews not invited

The United States completed the largest military drills the Middle East has seen in a decade, but Israel was not invited.



Eager Lion 2012

The 19-nation joint military exercise in southern Jordan ran from May 7-30. More than 12,000 soldiers learned how to coordinate ground, artillery and air attacks. Participants included Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, Great Britain, France and the U.S. Although Israel has extensive security pacts with both Jordan and the U.S., its military was

not invited to participate in the war exercises. In part, this was because several Arab countries that participated in the drills are technically still at war with the Jewish nation. The snub is also attributable to Washington tilting its foreign policy toward the Arabs and away from the Jews.



Iranian troops are setting up bases in Iraq.

3 | IRAN Taking over parts of Iraq—literally

During the Iraq War, many thought the U.S. might press its advantage against Iran and set up a permanent military presence in Iraq. Just the opposite

has happened. Iran has not only influenced and infiltrated Iraq, but it has now literally set up military bases inside its neighboring country's northern Kurdish area. A May 16 report by Iraqi media cited eyewitnesses and field reporters who had seen Iranian soldiers establish heavily armed bases in the Qandil Mountains. Stratfor said the bases represent "a significant advancement for Iranian military operations in this region" (May 16). This audacious invasion of Iraqi territory comes as no surprise to longtime readers of the *Trumpet*, which has predicted for over 20 years that Iraq would fall under Iranian influence.

5 | RUSSIA 6 | CHINA Joint naval drills: a sign of things to come

On May 17, Second Line of Defense released a report on the Chinese-Russian naval drills held in April. The exercises were the first official bilateral naval drills ever conducted between China and Russia, and their primary goal was to underscore the high level of defense cooperation between the two countries. The report said Beijing and Moscow also designed the drills to show the West that “China and Russia are willing and able to cooperate to advance their joint security interests in the Asia-Pacific region.”

6 | CHINA 9 | TAIWAN Cozying up

Chinese authorities said on May 30 that Beijing wants to establish more political trust with Taiwan. China’s push for unification with Taiwan has intensified since 2008, when Ma Ying-jeou became Taiwan’s president. Closer ties between China and Taiwan are bad news for the U.S. and other nations concerned about China’s ascendancy. Taiwan has long served as a key listening post, thanks to the island’s proximity to China and its democratic values. Shared language and ethnicity also allow Taiwanese intelligence agents to blend into Chinese society. But reports have emerged that Ma has curtailed intelligence operations in China, and is planning to stop sharing intelligence with Western nations. Expect China’s “soft power” policy toward Taiwan to continue. If Taipei refuses China’s advances, Beijing is in a position to use the threat of force, but Ma’s Beijing-friendly rule makes such a refusal less and less likely. Either way, expect Taiwan to be absorbed into Red China, and for Beijing to wield even more power as a result.



MA YING-JEOU

7 | SOUTH KOREA Orienting toward China

South Korea announced on May 21 that it is forging a military pact with China. Analysts say that Seoul may, in part, be trying to soften Chinese backlash over a similar accord it is creating with Japan. Watch for Europe’s strides toward unification to prompt Asian nations to set aside long-standing disputes and create a unified Asian bloc.



Russian police detain liberal party leader Sergei Mitrokhin for an unauthorized protest.

5 | RUSSIA

Putin says, ‘Protest this’

RUSSIA’S PARLIAMENT PASSED A MEASURE ON JUNE 6 THAT will slap heavy fines on protests that don’t comply with Moscow’s rigid rules. The bill levies fines of up to \$20,000 on organizers of demonstrations that attract larger crowds than allowed, have been banned, occur at an unapproved time or location, or turn violent. Individual protesters at such rallies will be punished with as much as \$10,000 in fines and up to 200 hours of community service. The new legislation reflects Russian President Vladimir Putin’s concern about protests that have continued since December’s disputed parliamentary elections, and Putin’s own election in March. The former-KGB strongman has returned to the Kremlin with more power than any Russian since the collapse of communism, and the stage is set for him to take on a new, more dictatorial role. He is not interested in democratic reforms, a “Russian Spring” or anything else that slows Russia’s rise to power. These strict new measures in the Russian capital will stifle domestic unrest and allow him to intensify his expansionist aims.

“This law is taking us to an outright dictatorship as it tramples underfoot the Russian Constitution.”

SERGEI MITROKHIN

A LEADER OF RUSSIA’S OPPOSITION YABLOKO PARTY

6 | CHINA 8 | JAPAN Yuan, yen: yes! Dollar: no!

China and Japan started trading their currencies directly on June 1. Previously, China allowed its currency to be traded only against the U.S. dollar, but the People’s Bank of China authorized direct trade with Japan in order to develop China’s capital markets and promote cooperation with Japan. Japan’s finance minister said bypassing the dollar will revitalize Tokyo markets by reducing transaction costs. This decision strengthens the relationship between the world’s second- and third-largest economies. Since China and Japan are America’s two largest creditors, any move they take away from the dollar has the potential to destabilize the U.S. currency. The *Trumpet* has long predicted an Asian alliance that will ultimately grow to challenge Western powers, particularly Europe. This currency deal represents a step toward the creation of that Oriental bloc.

5 | RUSSIA Taking aim at anti-missile shield

Moscow tested a new long-range missile on May 23 that demonstrates its ability to penetrate missile defense systems. The missile was launched from a base in northwestern Russia, and its dummy warhead struck a target on the Pacific coast. Russia’s Defense Ministry said the new missile improves Russia’s offensive arsenal, “including by increasing the capability to overcome missile defense systems that are being created.” Russian President Vladimir Putin has long been working to rebuild Russia’s influence in its former Soviet periphery. The Red Army continues to increase both its belligerence and its actual military capabilities. Russia knows that the Eastern European nations that were once part of the Soviet Union are watching its response to the planned U.S. shield. Moscow may be using the situation as a chance to display its might in an effort to win these nations back into its sphere of control.



1 | ARGENTINA
Fighting for the Falklands

Argentine President Cristina de Fernández made a very rare appearance at a United Nations decolonization committee on June 14 where she debated that the Falkland Islands are Argentina's territory and should not be under British rule. Fernández's resolution to address a committee that is typically the territory of mid-ranking officials is the latest move in her intensifying diplomatic offensive to assert Argentina's claims to the islands, which are part of the UK's self-governing overseas territories. Britain needs to "act more intelligently" regarding the islands, Fernández said in an emotion-driven appeal. She also described Britain as "a bully" for wielding its power as a member of the UN Security Council, and she accused the UK of lying about the history of the islands. British Prime Minister David Cameron insisted that he would not discuss sovereignty as long as the Falklands' 3,000 residents wish to remain under the British flag. The Argentine government has complained for years that Britain is ignoring UN calls for it to negotiate the islands' sovereignty. Fernández's administration has taken an increasingly combative stance on the issue in recent months. Prior to World War II, Britain and the United States controlled the world's most important ports and straits. These "gates," as they are called in the Bible, proved crucial to Allied success throughout World War II. Since then, these two countries have given up as gatekeepers—without a fight. The U.S. and Britain have surrendered Suez, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Panama Canal. Expect Gibraltar and the Falklands to soon follow. Fernández is intensifying her diplomatic pressure on Britain, and the weakening former empire is losing the resolve to hold on to this important sea gate.

Vatican online outreach

The Pontifical Commission for Latin America officially launched a new website in May. Among other things, this website includes information on the latest news about the 20 episcopal conferences in Latin America. The Vatican hopes it will strengthen the connection between Rome and the church's congregations throughout Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and South America. The site also promotes a photo gallery from the pope's most recent visits to Mexico and Cuba. Most of Latin America was originally colonized by the Holy Roman Empire during the peak of the Habsburg dynasty. Expect Pope Benedict XVI and his Vatican hierarchy to use technology, political influence and other means of leverage to pull this vast region back more tightly into the Roman fold.



2 | SOUTH AFRICA Bracing for more rage

A large number of violent riots erupted in May in South Africa as masses of people threw tear gas and stones, and burned tires in protest of the lack of basic government services. According to the South African government, May 2012 had more protests than any other month since 2004. Most of the protesters live in shanty towns without electricity and other modern conveniences. Even though South African politicians promised to help remedy this situation back in 2009 when similar protests occurred, conditions have not changed for the better. Now analysts are saying that this year will eclipse 2009 in terms of violent rioting. The *Trumpet* has long predicted that social stability would deteriorate in South Africa and all of Britain's former colonies as God withdraws His blessings from modern-day Israel. Watch for the rioting to get much worse.

3 | SOUTH SUDAN In search of water

Tens of thousands of refugees fleeing conflict in Sudan are struggling to find sufficient water for drinking and cooking, leading to an unknown number of deaths, officials



reported June 18. In the last month, over 35,000 people have fled ground fighting and bombing in Sudan for South Sudan. Most refugees are women, children and the elderly, as the men generally stay behind to fight. Most walked two to three weeks to reach the border with South Sudan, and around 40,000 more are believed to be en route. Thousands of the new arrivals have had to walk 13 miles to find water. An emergency coordinator with Doctors Without Borders said water is among the highest priorities in the crisis. "It's very sad that with this number of refugees that simply having something to drink is our biggest challenge."

20 **NUMBERS** **70** Percentage of Argentines who say it is important for Buenos Aires to control the Falkland Islands.

55 Thousands dead from Mexican drug violence.

35 Thousands of Sudanese refugees struggling to find water.

First-ever presidential support for homosexual 'marriage'

After years of defending homosexual civil unions, U.S. President Barack Obama announced on May 9 that he now fully supports homosexual "marriage." The president had previously said that his views on the controversy were "evolving," and he drew sharp criticism for trying to politically time his announcement for after the election.



OBAMA

The president made the announcement following an alleged slip-up by Vice President Joe Biden, and it came the day after North Carolina voters overwhelmingly approved a ban on both homosexual "marriage" and civil unions in their state. The Obama administration's support of such unions is undermining the structure of the family. Without strong families, no nation can survive for long.



Study: Real marriage means better-adjusted children

A group of around 150 prominent Australian doctors issued a joint statement in May saying children raised in heterosexual relationships "do better in all parameters" than those raised by homosexual couples. Doctors for the Family convener Lachlan Dunjey told ABC News Radio that his group is concerned about the health consequences for children raised by homosexuals. "It's well proven that children who grow up with a mother and a father in a biological mother-and-father family do better than children who don't have the opportunity to grow up in that kind of family," he said. Unfortunately, common-sense studies like this one are becoming increasingly rare in today's upside-down world. Statistics continue to show that children raised in traditional families with well-defined gender roles are far more likely to grow into well-adjusted, law-abiding citizens.

ANGLO-AMERICA

Reproductive clinic opens—inside high school

The Planned Parenthood organization is collaborating with the Los Angeles Unified School District to reduce the number of unplanned teen pregnancies by opening a clinic at Roosevelt High School. Rather than advising sexual abstinence until marriage, the clinic will provide teens with free birth control, pregnancy tests and screenings for sexually transmitted diseases. About half of all student visits to the Roosevelt High nurse's office in the past year were for reproductive reasons, so the school decided to lighten its load by opening its doors to an organization that also commits the most abortions in the country. Planned Parenthood, in order to get new customers to pay for its services, actively recruits them. It has no moral, legal or financial reason not to encourage people to indulge in illicit sexual activity as early as possible in life.



New Yorkers demonstrate against the NYPD's stop-and-frisk policy, which opponents say is racist.

Has a race war already begun?

SHOCKING EPISODES OF UNPROVOKED VIOLENCE BY YOUNG black gangs against white people are happening, yet are not being reported by the news media. In mid-April, two white reporters for the *Virginian-Pilot* were beaten by at least 30 blacks. Their wounds kept them off work for a week. However, the newspaper they worked for did not report the story until early May. Police officers called to the scene downplayed the beatings as "a simple assault." Other attacks on whites—some more severe—have occurred in Denver, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York and Washington. Many authorities and reporters have either ignored the race of the people involved, claimed no racial motivation was involved—even in cases where the attackers spewed anti-white statements—or simply failed to report the incidents altogether.

Some thinkers believe that a race war is being censored to avoid white backlash. Economist Thomas Sowell stated, "What the authorities and the media seem determined to suppress is that the hoodlum elements in many ghettos launch coordinated attacks on whites in public places. If there is anything worse than a one-sided race war, it is a two-sided race war, especially when one of the races outnumbers the other several times over" (Investors.com, May 14). Soon, these simmering tensions will boil over into a full-scale race war.

'Band of Brothers ... and sisters?'

Before 2001, America's military women seldom saw ground combat. Now, female soldiers are not only involved in fighting, but are also moving into new roles in previously all-male units. The policy change announced earlier this year is being tested in nine brigades, including the 4th Brigade at Fort Campbell. The 4th Brigade's roots go back to the 506 Parachute Infantry Regiment, known for its World War II heroics popularized by books and a TV miniseries called *Band of Brothers*. The new policy eases the restrictions that kept women off the battlefield, opening up thousands of jobs to female soldiers. Studies show that the majority of Americans believe that, while women serving in support functions is fine, they should not be placed in combat situations. That popular idea runs directly contrary to the doctrine of an aggressive minority of lobbyists and politicians, who have been trying to push women into combat for over 30 years. Whether or not the American public realizes it, that minority has essentially won its war.





LOOKING GOOD Amid a series of celebrations in London, including those taking place at Olympic Stadium, it's easy to get a shallow view of this world-class city.

Look Beyond the Olympic Lights

THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE FIXED ON LONDON. In a normal year, London attracts 13 million overseas visitors, more than Paris or New York. An additional 260,000 are expected for the Olympics. It has the sixth-largest city economy in the world. Judging by appearances, it seems that London, as its mayor recently boasted, is “the greatest city on Earth!”

Of course, London is as comfortable in the spotlight as an Englishman operating a teapot. For centuries, this city was the heart of Western civilization, the magnificent centerpiece of the British Commonwealth, from which the British peoples shared with the world the best of English civilization: its language, literature, banking, trade and commerce, industry, justice, Common Law, representative government and Protestantism.

Joseph Conrad called the mighty Thames the “waterway leading to the uttermost ends of the Earth,” upon which floated the “dreams of men, the seed of commonwealths, the germs of empires.” Samuel Johnson said, “By seeing London, I have seen as much of life as the world can show.”

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To Johnson and many others, the capital of the British Empire was life. It was the center of the world, the essence of civilization, the core of intellectual and political life, the nucleus of global trade and commerce, and the acme of Western class, sophistication and culture. Though it certainly had its shadows—what city does not?—London *was* once, by virtually all measures, the world’s greatest city—a symbol of the greatest empire in human history.

Watching the opening ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics, it will seem as if nothing has changed. On television and within the athletes’ village and tourist spots, London will appear a vivacious city bursting with life and excitement. Symbols of its majestic history—Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace—stand tall, graceful and immovable against a 21st-century backdrop of dazzling wealth and modernity.

But the truth is, the aura of sophistication and class is a veneer. Look a little ways beyond the Olympic lights—take a 10-minute tube ride to one of London’s less-touristy, more “ethnic” boroughs, stroll the city streets late on a Friday night, visit virtually any of its schools—and it’s obvious the city isn’t what it seems.

London is indeed a symbol—a symbol of a dying empire.

The Enemy Within

LONDON HAS ALWAYS BEEN A COSMOPOLITAN city. During the height of British rule, thousands of boats from Africa, Asia, South America, the Caribbean, the South Pacific and almost everywhere else docked on the banks of the Thames. Off stepped passengers of every race, color, culture and creed. Yet, despite the diversity, London remained culturally and ideologically homogenous, a *distinctly English city*.

Today, virtually the only testaments to London's English heritage are its architecture, structures, statues and museums. In almost every other way—culturally, demographically, racially and politically—London feels increasingly foreign to the English. And of all the people filling its streets, including Eastern Europeans, Africans, Asians and others, one group has a particularly ubiquitous and forceful presence: Muslims.

Some London suburbs look, feel and smell more like Islamabad than an English city. Arabic signage. Women wearing burqas and headscarves. Mosques with towering minarets. Muslim leaders, not English police or city officials, are the ultimate authority. English law is suspended in favor of sharia law.

What is most alarming about London's (and England's) Muslim community, though, is that an *enormous number are openly hostile to their host nation*.

In her 2006 bestseller *Londonistan*,

Melanie Phillips wrote that London had become "THE EPICENTER OF ISLAMIC MILITANCY IN EUROPE. . . Its large and fluid Muslim and Arab population fostered the growth of myriad radical Islamist publications spitting hatred of the West, and its banks were used for fundraising accounts funneling money into extremist terrorist organizations. Terrorists wanted in other countries were given safe haven in the United Kingdom and left free to foment hatred against the West" (emphasis added throughout).

Outside of Muslim-dominated regions like Pakistan, few places offer better sanctuary to Islamic extremism than Britain, and especially the streets of London. Britain's government works around the clock, spending millions and millions, seeking to thwart attacks being plotted by radical Muslims dwelling within their own borders, and in many instances, living on government money.

Law enforcement has not always been successful. In July 2005, Muslim terrorists attacked London's transit system. These terrorists weren't raised in Pakistan or Iran. They learned to hate on London's streets. "[T]hese British boys, who loved cricket and helped disabled children, had somehow been so radicalized within the British society that had nurtured them that they were prepared to murder their fellow citizens in huge numbers and to turn themselves into human bombs to do so," wrote Phillips.

The government's main solution to

Britain's radical Islam problem is to pour money into "moderate" groups. But many of these defend or even actively support Islamic terrorism. While it's true that only a small minority of Britain's Muslims are terrorists, a much larger number have values and beliefs that are decidedly anti-British.

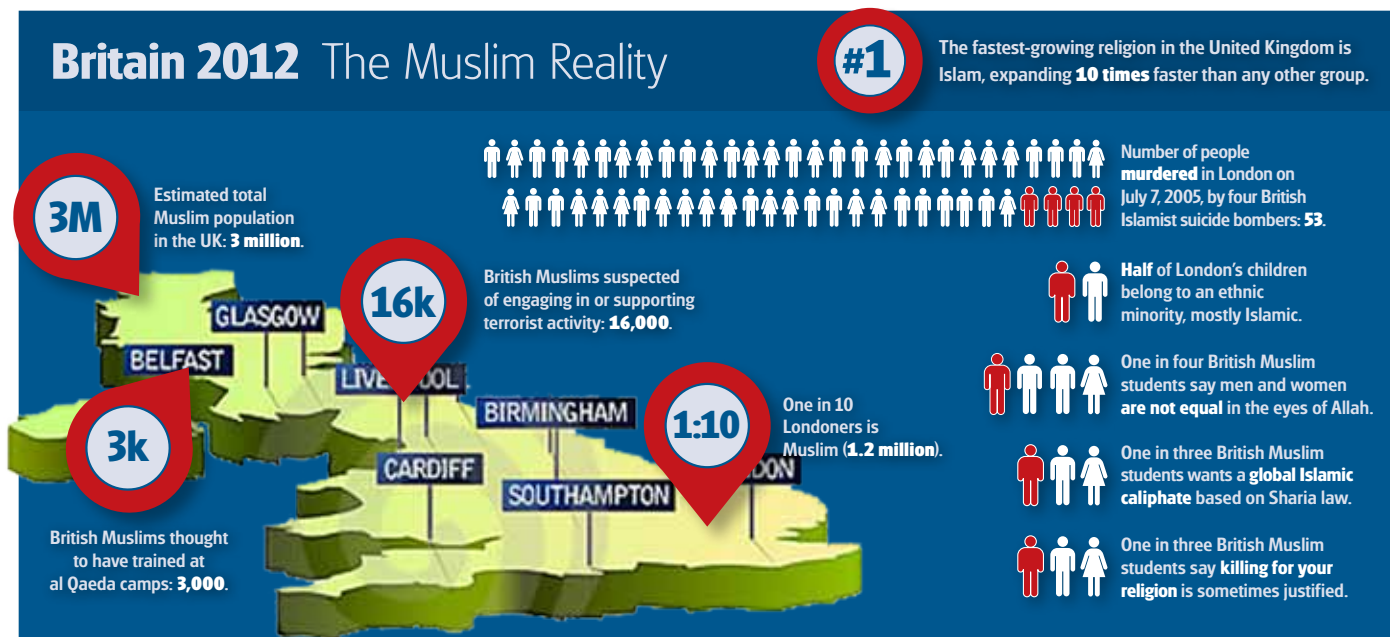
In the London borough of Tower Hamlets, radical Islam has all but taken over the local government. Mayor Lutfur Rahman won with the support of the Islamic Forum of Europe, an extremist group actively working to transform Britain into a Muslim state subject to sharia law.

London's universities are famous worldwide for their problems with radical Islam. "For many years it has been clear that BRITISH UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES ARE BREEDING GROUNDS OF ISLAMIC EXTREMISM," the Center for Social Cohesion, an independent think tank, wrote. Though the group has tried to warn UK leaders of campus radicalization, and though "public and press concern over this issue is growing, our warnings have been repeatedly ignored by political leaders, university heads and national student bodies," it wrote. Its report lists 14 college or university colleges that have invited radical speakers to their campuses. All but two are in London.

It's a terrifying reality: Beneath London's veneer lies a ferocious, hate-filled enemy actively seeking to destroy its host.

England's majestic capital isn't what it seems.

BY BRAD MACDONALD AND RICHARD PALMER



Youth in Revolt

LAST SUMMER, THOUSANDS OF ENGLISH teenagers and young people ransacked London, smashing shop windows, looting stores, firebombing cars and fighting law enforcement.

This was a destructive manifestation of a moral and spiritual crisis besieging Britain's young people. This moral rot remains, and is certain to explode in more chaos and violence. The chairman of the Riots Communities and Victims Panel said similar riots could "quite possibly" happen again. Last winter, the government trained hundreds of paratroopers to contain rioters, in case riots break out this summer.

The panel concluded that a root cause of the riots was *hopelessness*. "Most disturbing to us was a widespread feeling that some rioters had no hope and nothing to lose," they said. Apparently the "greatest city on Earth" doesn't offer a future to youth growing up in it.

This same hopelessness and despair is on display every weekend, when thousands of Londoners hit the clubs and pubs solely intent on getting blind drunk. Drunkenness and its many costly side effects have reached epidemic levels in London and throughout Britain. The country has a global reputation for drunken thuggery.

It's so bad, London has "booze buses" to ferry drunk partygoers to the hospital.

Before Christmas last year, the ambulance service put a temporary field hospital at a station in London. That's right, a field hospital: the same thing soldiers set up near battlefields.

Drunkenness is now part of the London lifestyle, a cultural practice that people of every age and class engage in. The London Ambulance service receives the highest concentration of calls from Westminster and Camden, two of London's more affluent suburbs. Last Christmas, a journalist accompanied one "booze bus." He wrote, "Distressingly, during our seven-hour shift, we saw horrifying scenes, including women rendered incoherent by booze lying in dark streets, being sick, with their underwear on show, and men collapsed among bags of rubbish with head injuries." The reporter detailed the humiliating, even life-threatening, situations the ambulance staff rescued drunks from.

Like many nations, England has deeply serious economic crises—*yet it spends billions dealing with drunks!*

What a commentary on the moral and spiritual health of this once-great nation.

Many drunken patients are violent or abusive. "I've been spat on, punched, kicked, bitten, slapped... you name it," one "booze bus" worker told the *Guardian*. "It was frightening at first, but it happens at least once every shift, and I'm used to it now. ... The other night I gave a tissue to a

girl who was crying and she bit my hand."

"After midnight, it just goes ballistic," said a paramedic. "From 1 a.m., Accident and Emergency will be choked up with people intoxicated with alcohol. There is no typical background. No class divide. It takes all sorts, from the 12-year-old drunk in the supermarket car park to the 55-year-old CEO of a West End company."

And it's not just alcohol. Drug abuse is mainstream throughout London. A psychiatrist in the accident and emergency department of one London hospital told the *Telegraph*: "What the older generation doesn't understand is that combining drugs and alcohol is normal for young clubbers."

It's true that every city and every race has these problems. But in London, and in many other places throughout Britain, the lawlessness, the chaos and violence, the revelry and barbarism is epidemic. "The physical ugliness perpetuated almost everywhere has been fully matched by an ugliness of soul and society that is so obvious to visitors to our shores," Theodore Dalrymple lamented (*Real Clear World*, June 7).

London, indeed England, used to be the epitome of class and culture. Today, more and more parts of this once-great metropolis—and the empire it represented—have transformed into dens of amoral behavior flooded with cesspools afloat with beer bottles and pills.

Fracturing Family

DID YOU KNOW THAT LONDON IS THE family breakdown capital of Britain?

This is a national trend too. An astonishing 9 in every 10 British couples live together before they marry. This adversely affects the stability of those couples—and the lives of the children they produce.

During last year's riots, Dalrymple wrote, "British youth leads the Western world in almost all aspects of social pathology, from teenage pregnancy to drug taking, from drunkenness to violent criminality. ... British children are much likelier to have a television in their bedroom than a father living at home. One third of them never eat a meal at a table with another member of their household—family is not the word for the social arrangements of the

people in the areas from which the rioters mainly come" (*Australian*, Aug. 11, 2011).

The London Child Poverty Commission notes the link between London's single parents and high child poverty. Two-parent families are eight times likelier to have an employed family member than single-parent families are. The problem is especially bad in London, where 55 percent of single parents are out of work, compared to 42 percent outside the city.

Millions of British children and youth are being raised by only one parent. In one London local authority, the figure is nearly 60 percent. Before the 1960s, births outside marriage were around 5 percent. They have since increased nine-fold. And for many children, it's not just that they don't have a stable family—it's *that they don't even know* what a traditional family entails. Without family, their social skills, their sense of place in society, their ability to interact with other humans, becomes

warped. "They are therefore radically unsocialized and deeply egotistical. ... By the time they grow up, they are destined not only for unemployment but unemployability," observed Dalrymple (*ibid*).

"Family breakdown increases the chances of a young person living in poverty and reduces the chances of a young person escaping poverty as an adult," notes the Center for Social Justice, a conservative think tank. The statistics prove it.

For many young people, education is non-existent. There was a time when London was considered one of the capitals of education and learning. English schools were once the global standard of education, and people from around the world would pay enormous sums of money to have their children live in London and go to school. Many of the great poets, writers and intellectuals were educated in London.

Looking at this history only intensifies the tragedy that is English education today.

Cities of the Kingdom Out of Control

13k

From August 6 to 10, 2011, **13,000 to 15,000** Britons rioted in London and cities across the country.

They committed **5,000 crimes**, mostly arson and criminal damage, but also 366 incidents of violence against others.

5k

£1b

The estimated total cost of the chaos was roughly **half a billion pounds**, plus an additional half a billion in lost tourism.

16k

Approximately **16,000 police** were needed to restore order after four days of chaos.

188

London first responders are answering an average of **188 alcohol-related incidents every day** (68,972 per year).

£2.7b

Excessive drinking costs the National Health Service an estimated **£2.7 billion** per year.

The government estimates the total cost to society is between **£17 and £22 billion** per year.

£17b

There are nearly **1.2 million** hospital admissions per year that are alcohol-related.

1.2m

The British Family Not a Family

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Half of the families in London with dependent children are led by a **single parent**. In one locality, the figure is nearly 60 percent.

1:12

In Lambeth, one in twelve girls **age 15 to 17** has become pregnant. The national average is 4 percent.

90%

Nine in ten British couples live together before they marry. Prior to 1945, the cohabitation rate was 5 percent.

41%

More than **four in ten** London children live below the poverty line, worse than any other region in the United Kingdom

42%

Less than half of Greenwich students earn the **minimum academic qualification** for low-skill jobs or continuing their education (5A*-C grade GCSEs).

55%

In London, 55 percent of single parents are **out of work**. Outside the city, the figure is 42 percent.

London's Future

When you look beneath the surface, the vision one gets of contemporary London—and the Britain it represents—is grim, seemingly hopeless. What is the solution to the radical Islamist enemy growing in its midst? How can the government ever inject enough hope and optimism into Britain's youth to prevent them from getting drunk and ransacking city streets? How can traditional family virtues and morals ever be restored, now that it has come to this?

Is there really any hope for London, and for the once-great nation of England?

The answer to that question can be found in what seems like a most unlikely place: in London, and to be specific, in Buckingham Palace. Here's what *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his booklet *The Key of David*: "The solutions to Britain's problems can be found within the knowledge of the true ancestry of the British throne."

That's a dramatic and powerful claim, but it's rooted in the Bible!

Nearly 3,000 years ago, God made a promise to King David of Israel. You can read that promise in 2 Samuel 7:12. God told the king, "When thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom." God is talking about David's son Solomon. In verse 13, God says of Solomon, "He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever."

Have you ever marveled at the durability of Britain's monarchy? These verses explain it. In verses 14-16, God explains His promise to David even more explicitly: "I will be his [Solomon's] father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him ... And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."

God reiterates this promise in 2 Chronicles 13:5, which says that "the Lord God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt." Some translations read: "... by a perpetual covenant." You see, beginning with his son Solomon, David would always have a descendant ruling as a monarch over Israel! That means *forever*, including 2012, and including the future!

Britain is ashamed of its imperial past. It shouldn't be. The right kind of empire has a noble and powerful impact on this world! **BY GERALD FLURRY**



The Glory of Em

IMAGINE IF WINSTON CHURCHILL visited London today—perhaps to watch the Olympics, or to speak before Parliament. What would he think?

Churchill was the greatest figure of the 20th century, and perhaps the most towering personality to come out of Britain in the last few centuries. Though Churchill had and still has some critics and detractors, few ever questioned his love for his country.

Churchill is still widely considered a great man. He was a fearless warrior and masterful military tactician and leader. He was a brilliant statesman and a quick-witted politician. He was also an exceptional historian, an eloquent orator, a gifted painter, and one of history's most underrated philosophers. Excelling in any one of these fields is enough to qualify a man as great, yet Churchill excelled in each of these areas.

But what *motivated* Winston Churchill? What motivated him to devote virtually every minute of his life to fighting for his nation? What motivated him to master military tactics and strategy? What motivated him to work so hard



pire

expanded until it had become the largest empire in history. Though Great Britain was a small island nation, by the end of the 19th century it was said that the sun never set on its territory. With its colonies, protectorates and territories, the empire included over 14 million square miles of land and 450 million people—more than a quarter of the global population. With supremacy at sea, Britain took on the role of global policeman, and came to dominate world politics.

The vast tracts of lands it possessed to harvest natural resources brought great wealth into the empire. Owning such a large amount of the planet gave Britain unparalleled power in world trade, and granted it significant influence over the economies of countries like China, Siam (Thailand) and Argentina. In Britain's ports, ships arrived from all over the globe carrying goods and raw materials that fueled the local economy. The wealth supported an age of scientific, industrial, cultural and military advancement within the United Kingdom.

It was within this environment of imperial greatness that Winston Churchill grew up. In his book *Churchill and His Generals*, Raymond Callahan explains the impact the British Empire had on Churchill's mental, intellectual and moral maturation: "Churchill's hostility toward Bolshevism abroad and socialism at home had its parallel in his reaction to nationalism in the empire. He had grown up with the late Victorian surge of empire building. He was 8 when Britain occupied Egypt, 11 when Gordon fell at Khartoum, and present when Gordon was avenged at Omdurman in 1898. The empire he had known as a young man ALWAYS WOULD SEEM TO HIM PART OF THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS..." (emphasis mine throughout).

Churchill passionately loved the British Empire, more than anything else in his life. He wanted the empire to be part of the natural order of things. Callahan continues: It was "beneficent and an indispensable prop of British power and greatness. YET HIS ENTIRE POLITICAL CAREER WOULD BE PLAYED OUT IN AN ERA OF CHALLENGE AND DISSOLUTION FOR IMPERIAL RULE." Every minute of Churchill's life, every decision and tactic, every new bill, every column and book, *stemmed from his devotion to the British Empire!*

It is easy to oversimplify Winston Churchill's love of the empire. He didn't love it simply because it was English, or powerful and wealthy, or because it ruled

over tens of millions of people. Churchill's writings show that his love for empire went much, much deeper. There was a selfless, altruistic, *noble* dimension to his devotion.

Winston Churchill wanted to share the British Empire with the rest of mankind.

Empire With a Purpose

Churchill believed the British Empire had a larger purpose. During World War II, he once stated, "Whatever may happen on the Continent, we cannot doubt our duty, and we shall certainly use all our power to defend the island, the empire and our CAUSE." Perhaps most of his countrymen were fighting only for England, or for the British Commonwealth. But Winston Churchill was fighting *for humanity!*

Historians have noted how Churchill would speak of England's special destiny. Merriam-Webster defines *destiny* as "something to which a person or thing is destined; a *predetermined course of events* often held to be an irresistible power or agency." Churchill was never an overly religious man. But he did, especially as he got older, believe in the presence of a Higher Power, and that there was a grand strategy being worked out on Earth.

On one occasion Churchill announced, "I have not become the king's first minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire." Here's what Lord Moran, Churchill's doctor and close confidante from 1940 till 1965, said about that statement: "It was not just bravado. HE WAS AFFIRMING A FAITH FOR WHICH HE WAS PREPARED TO GIVE HIS LIFE, and he proved it throughout his life."

Dr. Moran then stated, "If Winston has believed in anything at all in the course of his long life, IT HAS BEEN IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND ALL THAT IT STANDS FOR."

Churchill's ambitions were larger and nobler because he filled his mind with empire thinking. This expanded his ability to give selflessly and tirelessly, to sacrifice and do whatever was necessary to grow and preserve that empire.

Author and historian Kirk Emmert explored Churchill's devotion in his excellent book *Winston S. Churchill on Empire*. He wrote, "The word 'empire' in the title is to be taken on many levels. The glory of the British Empire was its service to A CAUSE THAT TRANSCENDED BRITAIN, THAT TRANSCENDED HISTORY, THAT TRANSCENDED TIME ITSELF."

to become a great public speaker? What motivated him to endure the hard slog of politics? What motivated him, even in the twilight years of his life, to churn out articles, columns and books?

What was it that *motivated* Winston Churchill to become a great man?

Child of the Empire

Winston Churchill was born in November 1874. Queen Victoria was on England's royal throne at the time, and the British Empire was near the apex of its global might and majesty.

During the reign of Victoria, the British Empire's holdings around the globe

Of course, the British Empire wasn't even close to being perfect; there were plenty of mistakes and injustices. But it emphatically WAS NOT the cruel, evil and inhumane force that many today think it was.

Emmert wrote that in Churchill's view, the British Empire acted to "lift human life away from barbarism and savagery towards civilization and human excellence." In many instances, that is exactly what it did. It was, as Churchill believed, a powerful civilizing force that benefited all of humanity!

Empire the World Needs

Historian and Harvard professor Niall Ferguson explains in detail the good work of the British Empire in his book *Empire*. Despite the wide criticism leveled at the

British Empire today, he writes, "the fact remains that NO ORGANIZATION IN HISTORY HAS DONE MORE TO PROMOTE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS, CAPITAL AND LABOR THAN THE BRITISH EMPIRE in the 19th and early 20th centuries. And NO ORGANIZATION HAS DONE MORE TO IMPOSE WESTERN NORMS OF LAW, ORDER AND GOVERNANCE AROUND THE WORLD."

Ferguson does a very good job making the case that "the world we know today is in large measure the product of Britain's age of empire." He documents Britain's towering contributions to the lands it colonized, and to humanity in general—contributions that included the English language and literature; English forms of land ownership; Scottish and English banking; Common Law; team sports;

representative assemblies; and modern notions of freedom and liberty.

All these things were rooted in Judeo-Christian values, which the British shared with mankind during their global rule.

Isn't an empire that leads the world away from savagery toward human excellence a good thing? THIS WORLD NEEDS THAT KIND OF EMPIRE!

Even America's forefathers, despite their hostility to many facets of British rule, recognized Britain's enormous contributions to the moral view of man. In June 1783, George Washington wrote, "The foundation of OUR EMPIRE was not laid in the gloomy age of ignorance and superstition, but at an [epoch] when the rights of mankind were better understood and more clearly defined, than at any former period..."

Queen of the World

The spiritual reality behind Elizabeth II and her Diamond Jubilee. **BY BRAD MACDONALD**



THE QUEEN

Although many countries have or have had monarchs, one comes to mind as "the Queen": Elizabeth II.

ONE OF THE QUALITIES I LOVE THE MOST ABOUT Britain's royal family is its ability to inspire majestic hope.

If you have the time, go online and watch some YouTube clips of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebration. The four-day celebration of the Queen's 60-year reign contained some deeply inspiring moments: the magnificent armada of boats on the Thames; the sea of Britons in red and blue, the fluttering Union Jacks filling the city streets; the fireworks; the guards (and others) dressed in elaborate, quintessentially English attire; the trumpets sounding through London's cobbled lanes; the throngs of patriotic English shouting in unison, over and over: "God save the Queen." It was all stirring.

But the real inspiration was in the way all the pomp and pageantry hinted at some deeper, larger, *intangible* reality.

There were moments when even Queen Elizabeth II, an extraordinary, selfless lady worthy of respect and admiration, seemed more like a spectator—transfixed along with the masses on a larger reality—than the heroine at the center of it all.

I sensed it in the moment Queen Elizabeth II graced the stage following the Diamond Jubilee concert. It wasn't her words (she didn't speak), nor was it the salutary words by Prince Charles. Rather, it was the sight of hundreds of thousands of British, with millions more watching from home, setting aside their disagreements, trials and tribulations, and joyfully, tearfully fixating for a fleeting moment on their queen. It was the picture of virtually an entire nation stopping what it was doing and singing, in splendid unity, with gusto and a spirit of patriotism many thought was dead, "God save the Queen! God save the Queen!"

When was the last time Britain experienced unity like that? No other person or institution in Britain could garner that kind of reaction.

To fully appreciate what I'm talking about, take a few moments to read 1 Kings 1. Here, King David, the famous king of Israel, is about to die. He orchestrates the coronation of his young son, Solomon, as his successor. The ceremony takes place beside the Gihon Spring, Jerusalem's only water source and a symbol of God's presence in Israel. Following young Solomon's coronation,

On July 10, 1833, Lord Macaulay stated in a speech before British Parliament, “There is an empire exempt from all natural causes of decay. THAT EMPIRE IS THE IMPERISHABLE EMPIRE OF OUR ARTS AND OUR MORALS AND OUR LITERATURE AND OUR LAWS.” When Churchill entered the scene a few decades later, his view was essentially the same. These men believed Britain had a unique and special system of law, values and morals, and wanted to share those with the rest of mankind.

Contrast that ideal with what you see today, when Britain’s greatest export is lawless, amoral, drunken thuggery! Just laws and upright morals *should* be exported around the world. But Britain instead spreads *deep corruption* and a *plague* of evil, as does America. That is a terrible shame.

Emmert explained that Churchill believed that the “fostering of civilization [is] the highest purpose of empire.” It was Churchill’s hope and belief that the British Empire, grounded on a strong system of law and morality, would improve the character of both Britain’s leaders and its subjects. It never did this perfectly, but it did so more than any other people or empire!

“*True imperialism ... develops manhood,*” Churchill said. That is politically incorrect today—but it is still very accurate! True imperialism—the expansion of an empire rooted in law and morality—does create quality men—and women. Churchill was a masculine man, a courageous, selfless individual. It was largely the British Empire that made him a real leader, one of the greatest in our time.

‘Little Englanders’

Churchill always had his detractors. He often called them “little Englanders.” These people wanted to do away with the empire—to renounce it and live an inward life. Churchill believed that such a retreat from the world would have terrible consequences.

“In his opposition to both little Englanders and to unbridled imperialists, he defended what he viewed as a modern, essentially political understanding of empire,” wrote Emmert. “Contrary to current critics of imperialism, CHURCHILL ARGUED THAT A PROPERLY CONSTITUTED, IMPERIAL RULE WAS CIVILIZING IN THAT IT IMPROVED

the people of Israel react with a magnificent display of loyalty and patriotism: “And they *blew the trumpet*; and all the peoples said, *God save king Solomon*” (verse 39).

Three thousand years after Solomon’s coronation, we still have a people shouting “God save the king” and “God save the queen.”

For me, the most stirring moment of the Jubilee concert occurred as the Queen placed a large, symbolic diamond in a cradle to light the last of 4,250 beacons that had been lit around the world to honor her reign. At first, there was an awkward silence as the crowd noise dwindled. Then emerged the distinct, gripping introduction of the greatest coronation anthem ever composed. It started off quiet, but soon got louder, and louder, and louder. Finally, perfectly timed fireworks began to explode over Buckingham Palace just as the orchestra and the choir thundered the famous refrain, “ZADOK THE PRIEST, AND NATHAN THE PROPHET ANOINTED SOLOMON KING.”

I watched it a dozen times, and it brought a tear to my eye every time.

It wasn’t the music, the rapturous crowd, the fireworks. It was the words and vision. Composed by George Frideric Handel, this anthem has been sung at royal affairs ever since the coronation of King George II in 1727. And where did Handel find those lyrics? 1 Kings 1. The Bible records King David relaying specific instructions about who God wanted to crown Solomon: “Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel” (verses 33-34). Shortly thereafter, “Zadok the priest [had] anointed Solomon” (verse 39).

It was as if the scene on that beautiful June night was plucked right from ancient Jerusalem!

During the Diamond Jubilee, the archbishop of Canterbury recalled Elizabeth’s coronation in June 1953. He remembered how the 27-year-old princess was “anointed by consecrated oil *just as Old Testament kings had been ...*” That might seem odd. But return yet again to the coronation of Solomon beside the Gihon Spring. “And *Zadok the priest* took an *horn of oil* out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And *they blew the trumpet*; and all the people said, *God save king Solomon.*”

It’s pretty phenomenal, when you think about it. Britain unknowingly yet enthusiastically celebrated a scene that mirrored the

coronation of King Solomon in ancient Jerusalem *3,000 years ago!*

Is this coincidence? *Or is Britain’s royal family descended from King David?*

Consider the promise God made to King David in 2 Samuel 7: “[W]hen thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, *I will set up thy seed after thee*, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom” (verse 12). God is talking about Solomon. “He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever” (verse 13).

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God promised that, beginning with Solomon, David’s descendants would *always* rule as monarchs over Israel! *Forever.*

There is a reason why Queen Elizabeth’s coronation and her jubilee are filled with such rich and intriguing tradition and biblical symbolism. They are insights into the stunning royal heritage of Britain’s monarchy.

Ultimately, *this is why* grand, majestic events like the Diamond Jubilee and the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton are so inspiring and hope-filled. They put the spotlight on the throne of David. They recall the history-altering promise God made to David—and the spectacular vision of the future that the British royal family has the privilege of being a part of!

Perhaps you were moved by the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, or the royal wedding. Perhaps the royal pomp and pageantry and the jubilation of the British people made you wonder if there isn’t something more to this.

Don’t just wonder. *Prove* for yourself whether or not there is a higher dimension, a divine purpose that is much greater than—yet intrinsically embedded in—Britain’s royal family.



Churchill, Prophesied?

I'm going to show you something about Winston Churchill that helps explain why he was so great.

Ezekiel 33 contains an amazing prophecy. God sends His prophet with a message about a time when a sword would come against the land, and "the people of the land take a

man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman." God explains what will happen if this man warns the people of the approaching danger.

Ezekiel's prophecies are intended most of all for the end time (request our free booklet *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet* for proof)—so this is prophecy primarily for this modern day.

I believe this prophecy was fulfilled by Winston Churchill. There has been no other watchman in this end time of similar stature.

Churchill became an outcast for doing so, but he bravely stood up and warned the world of the approaching danger. If Churchill did that,

God must have prepared him in some ways to do that job. He was chosen by the people, but God used him in the political system to save his country and much of the Western world!

"For [Churchill] to have supreme control of a major war was the fulfillment of a lifetime's training and preparation, an opportunity to use to the full his peculiar powers and talents," Kirk Emmert wrote (*Churchill and the Empire*). Was that just coincidence? No.

If you continue in that prophecy, you see that later God sends a watchman to warn the people. This time, there is no political watchman on the scene like Churchill, and the world tends to ignore the messengers that God Himself sends. Though the Western world was saved by Churchill's leadership, this time there is no escape.

You can read more about this in our free booklet *Winston S. Churchill: The Watchman*.



BOTH RULERS AND RULED, PREPARING THE RULED FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT."

Churchill warned "little Englanders" that their desire to retreat and live in seclusion was a dream—and that such thinking would inevitably bring conflict!

Read these words from Churchill during the battle of Dunkirk: "We shall fight in France, and we shall fight on the seas and the oceans. ... Then our empire beyond the oceans, armed and guarded by the British fleet, will carry on the struggle until, in God's good time, THE NEW WORLD WITH ALL ITS POWER AND MIGHT SETS FORTH TO THE RESCUE AND LIBERATION OF THE OLD."

Churchill didn't view the British Empire as a conquering force. He viewed it as a force for freedom, justice and civilization—and it was!

That strong belief in empire did great things for mankind!

Where do you find that spirit today in Great Britain? If Churchill visited Britain today, I think he would be horrified, and deeply saddened and ashamed, at the state of the nation he dedicated his life to serving.

In fact, he would barely recognize it!

God's View of Empire

Human history has certainly produced some very evil empires. Rather than civilizing the world, some empires have made it more barbaric and violent. According to biblical prophecy, the most savage empire of all is going to rise just before Jesus Christ's Second Coming—and we can see it emerging before our eyes in Europe today! At present, it is disguised with sophistication, but soon it will revert to its historical brutality.

That ugly history has contributed to the evil view that many people today have of empire in general, especially among intellectuals and scholars in the West. However, the existence of these barbarizing empires doesn't change the good that a civilizing empire can do. And the scholars' cynical portrayal of the British Empire is very deceptive and dishonest.

At its core, is it immoral to have an empire? No. There isn't anything wrong with an empire if it brings good. Truly, the right kind of imperialism can accomplish great things!

In fact, if you understand the gospel that Jesus Christ brought to this Earth—advance news from God the Father of the soon-coming Kingdom of God—it was at its heart an imperialistic message!

The Kingdom of God could very accurately be called the God Family Empire!

God has a plan to lift human life away from barbarism and savagery toward civilization and excellence. He has a strategy to spread just laws and right morals. He intends to fulfill the noble purpose of fostering the right kind of civilization for the benefit of the whole world!

God is laying the foundation of that future empire today. He is preparing a people—His Church—that will be ready when the time comes that Jesus Christ is crowned King of kings and Lord of lords.

Are you one whom God could use for that noble purpose? Would you devote your life to this greatest of all causes?

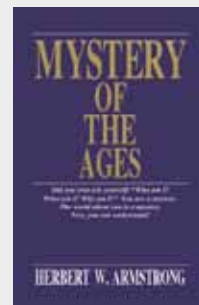
Think on this statement from James Anthony Froude, which he wrote in his book *Oceana*: "A man ... who is more than himself, who is part

of an institution, who has devoted himself to a cause—or is a citizen of an imperial power—EXPANDS TO THE SCOPE AND FULLNESS OF THE LARGER ORGANISM; and the grander the organization, the larger and more important the unit that knows that he belongs to it. HIS THOUGHTS ARE WIDER, HIS INTERESTS LESS SELFISH, HIS AMBITIONS AMPLER AND NOBLER. ... A GREAT NATION MAKES GREAT MEN, A SMALL NATION MAKES LITTLE MEN."

Froude was talking about the British Empire. Churchill and many others were living proof of that statement. That great empire ennobled them and set their imaginations on fire.

But Froude's observation is infinitely truer of the empire that God Himself is establishing! This empire improves both rulers and ruled. The more we understand it and commit our passions to it, the less selfish our interests, the wider our thoughts, the ampler and nobler our ambitions become!

After all, this is GOD'S EMPIRE! It is the greatest, most wonderful and inspiring endeavor that will ever be. No nation or kingdom on Earth will ever produce greater men and women than God's Kingdom—and you can join forces with it even today!



To learn more about God's coming Kingdom and how He is preparing to establish it, request a free copy of *Mystery of the Ages*. Chapter Six, "Mystery of the Church," and Chapter Seven, "Mystery of the Kingdom of God," supply thorough understanding with proof straight from the Bible.



PRINCIPLES OF LIVING STEPHEN FLURRY

So You Want to Understand the Bible?

Here's what you can do!

WHY IS IT THAT A GROUP OF BIOLOGY TEACHERS COULD pretty much agree on the meaning of a biology textbook, but if you assembled a room full of theologians, they would probably all have different interpretations of the Holy Bible?

Why so much disagreement and misunderstanding when it comes to God's inspired Word?

It's simply because most people are not willing to submit to or obey the precepts revealed in the Bible. The Apostle Paul said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

To understand the Bible, we must study it for doctrine *and* correction. In Psalm 119:67, for example, the author declares, "Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word." The psalmist had gone astray. He needed to be straightened out. So he *looked to God's Word* to get back on track!

How many people do you know who are willing to be reproofed and corrected by the Bible? It's no wonder there is so much confusion when it comes to understanding the Bible!

Herbert W. Armstrong often compared the Bible to a jigsaw puzzle (see Isaiah 28:10-11). But instead of putting the various pieces together properly and sensibly, as Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*, theologians and preachers "read an already-believed false teaching into each particular scripture, taken out

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of context." They interpret the scriptures to say what they have assumed to be true.

But the Bible doesn't need any personal or private interpretation, as it says in 2 Peter 1:20. God's Word interprets itself! If we are willing to humble ourselves and to accept the authority of God's divine precepts, we can understand the plain truth revealed in the Bible. Here then are several important steps you can take on the path to understanding the Bible.

First of all, before you begin your study, pray for a humble attitude and for God to open your mind to understand the Bible. Jesus Christ set an outstanding example in this regard. He spent many hours with God in prayer every week. If *Jesus Christ* derived all of His power from *God*, think about how much more *we* need to go to God for help! To understand the Bible, we really need God's power!

Isaiah 1:18 says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Reasoning together with God is what it means to be truly educated according to *God's* curriculum.

After asking God for understanding and humility, make Bible study a daily priority. Be like the Bereans. In Acts 17, it says they "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (verse 11). They studied with a right attitude, "with all readiness of mind"—and they did it every day.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). We study to show ourselves approved *to God*. This is not something to be casual about. God commands it!

By studying the Bible every day, we will begin to think more like God. We can actually come to know what God's will is for every circumstance (Ephesians 5:17).

Another important key is to be *urgent* in studying God's Word! "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Time is running out on the age of man ruling over man! God's government will soon be established on Earth, headquartered in Jerusalem. Every one of us must use the minutes, hours, days and years of our temporary existence to prepare us for the world to come.

God is trumpeting the plain truth of Jesus Christ's gospel message! Make the most of this brief time period and be zealous in your study of God's Word. Dig into the Bible. Use your time wisely. Don't allow the cares of this world to crowd out the time we are commanded to spend in prayerful study of God's truth (Matthew 13:22).

Finally, be sure to *act* on what you learn. King David wrote, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good *understanding* have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever" (Psalm 111:10). Understanding *follows* the *doing!*

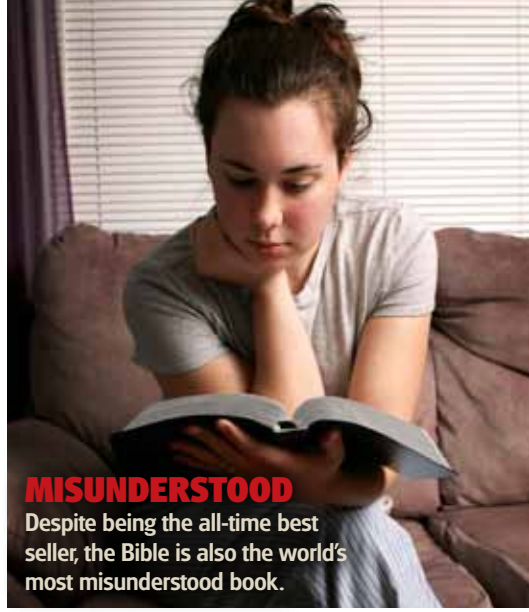
In fact, obedience is a *prerequisite* for understanding (Psalm 119:100). If we sincerely and wholeheartedly try to obey all that God reveals—if we humbly repent of sins that are exposed by the bright light of God's Word—God will open our minds to the riches and depths of His glorious truth. That is an absolute promise from God.

Our *obedience* to God's law is the greatest determining factor in how well we grasp and understand spiritual knowledge!

So remember these important points when studying your Bible. Ask God for understanding. Then dig into God's Word—do it every day. And knowing the times we are living in, be urgent in your study—give it the highest priority. Then, make sure you apply what you learn. Doing this will not only open your mind to understand the simplicity of God's Word, it will make your daily study sessions the most inspiring, invigorating and spiritually enriching activity of the day!

MISUNDERSTOOD

Despite being the all-time best seller, the Bible is also the world's most misunderstood book.





INCREASE YOUR BIBLE IQ

What It Means to Be 'Born Again'

The Philadelphia Trumpet, in conjunction with the Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course, presents this brief excursion into the fascinating study of the Bible. Simply turn to and read in your Bible each verse given in answer to the questions. You will be amazed at the new understanding gained from this short study!

MOST PROFESSING CHRISTIANS THINK THEY were born again when they said they accepted Christ. But does the Bible say that's what it really means to be "born again"?

This second birth is FAR MORE than most traditional Christians assume. When Jesus spoke of being "born again," He did *not* mean what most people think. It is vital that we understand this subject.

Who and What Is 'God'?

To understand what it really means to be born again, we must first understand who and what God is, and the very PURPOSE for our existence.

The first words of the Bible are: "In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The original Hebrew word for *God*, throughout this account, is *Elohim*. That is the plural form of the Hebrew *Eloah* ("Mighty One"). So *Elohim* means "Mighty Ones"—*more than one* divine Personage. Also notice the plural pronouns "us" and "our" in referring to "God" in Genesis 1:26.

Elohim is a plural noun. That word stands for a *single class* composed of *more than one* individual, just like the words *church*, *family* or *kingdom*. Just as there is the animal kingdom and the human family, or kingdom, *Elohim* in Genesis 1 shows that there is also a GOD KINGDOM, or FAMILY.

Who is in the God Family? Let's notice what the Bible reveals.

1. Who was with "God" when God created the universe? John 1:1. Is the "Word" also God? Verses 1-2. Was it the Word who actually created all things? Verse 3.

The Greek word translated into English as "Word" in John 1:1 is *Logos*. It means "spokesman," or "one who speaks."

2. By whom was *all* the material universe created—including this Earth and mankind? Hebrews 1:2; Colossians 1:16-17. Who, then, is the "Word" of John 1:1? John 1:14; Ephesians 3:9 (last part). And who is the other divine member of the God Family? 1 Corinthians 8:6.

John 1:3 and Genesis 1:1 are two accounts of the same event—the original creation of the universe. Along with John 1:1-2, these scriptures reveal that the two supreme Beings of the God Family created all things. Together they planned the creation, and the Word did the actual creating. Everything was created and made by the divine Being who later became the human Jesus Christ to die for the sins of mankind!

Man Created in God's Image

Man is not just another "animal," as evolutionists claim. God's purpose for creating man surpasses anything

ever imagined by the human mind. Let's continue reading the first chapter of Genesis and begin to understand the most astounding revelation of your Bible!

1. After what "kind" were the animals created? Genesis 1:20-25.

These verses specify that God created fish to reproduce after their own particular kind, birds after their particular kind, and cattle after their particular kind. Each *kind* has varieties within it, but all creatures reproduce only after *their own "kind."* Dogs reproduce dogs, monkeys reproduce monkeys, sheep reproduce sheep, etc.

2. After what "kind" was man created? The man kind? Genesis 1:26.

Have you ever noticed that before? Man was not created after the "man kind." He was created after the *God* kind! This is *huge!*

3. Even though man is made in the *likeness* of God, are both composed of the same type of "material"? John 4:24; Genesis 2:7.

There is a vast difference between spirit and dust. Although man was created in the very shape and likeness of God, he was not created out of spirit. He was made of matter, the dust of the earth, subject to death and decay. But God's purpose is to eventually create him out of *eternal spirit!*

Our Awesome Destiny!

Astonishing as it may sound, God is now in the process of creating His greatest creation of all—His supreme masterpiece!

Only a very few have really understood God's awesome purpose for human beings. The Bible reveals that awesome purpose: *God is REPRODUCING HIMSELF—through mankind!* Our destiny is to become the literal *children* of God, MEMBERS of His own divine *Family!* Let's understand this amazing truth.

1. God is forming and molding man; what does Isaiah liken God to? Isaiah 64:8.

God's creation of Adam and Eve was complete only in the *physical* sense. They were created perfect physically—but *not* perfect SPIRITUALLY. They were created of the dust—not of divine SPIRIT. They were created corruptible and subject to death—not incorruptible and immortal, like God.

But the Master Potter did not intend that mankind should remain that way!

2. Are true Christians being fashioned by God for a *specific* purpose? Isaiah 43:7; Ephesians 2:10.

"We" in the New Testament usually refers to Spirit-begotten *Christians*, as Paul intended in Ephesians 2:10. We, then—if we are true Christians—are God's



DOES THE BIBLE SAY THAT?

Many believe they were born again when they said that they accepted Jesus Christ.

“workmanship.” We are in the process of being “created”—WHY?—“unto *good works*.” God, with the Holy Spirit He has put within us, is forming in us His perfect spiritual *character!* With our consent and cooperation, God is creating us after His own *character!* We are to become the supreme masterpiece of all His works of creation—individuals who will be capable of righteously exercising the awesome powers of God! Individuals who are literally children of God—who act just like their Father!

The material creation of man is only the *first phase*. Now the clay model has to be fashioned and molded, with our cooperation and the aid of God’s Holy Spirit, into the finished *spiritual* masterpiece.

What It Means to Be ‘Born Again’

Incredible as it may sound, Jesus taught that humans can be “born” into the FAMILY, or KINGDOM, of God!

1. How many individuals does God want to have in His Family? 2 Corinthians 6:18; Hebrews 2:9-11; Revelation 21:7. What relationship does Jesus Christ have to the OTHER sons of God? Romans 8:29.

God plainly shows that His purpose is to increase His divine Family by bringing *many* sons into it! Not just one firstborn Elder Brother, Jesus Christ. To be “conformed to the image” of Christ means to become *like* Him—to be glorified as He is now glorified—to be a member of the divine FAMILY OF GOD even as Christ now is.

2. What must happen to flesh-and-blood Christians *before* they can enter God’s Family? 1 Corinthians 15:49-52; John 3:3-8.

Jesus said we must be “born again”—*CHANGED INTO SPIRIT!* Yes, born *again*—this time born of the Spirit of God as divine sons in the Family of God!

Begotten Sons Now—Not Yet Born Again

1. If we are true Christians, are we already—in this life—the *children* of God? 1 John 3:1-2. Are we already inheritors of the Kingdom of God? Romans 8:14-17.

Notice that although we are now the “sons” and “children of God,” we are only *heirs*—ones who shall, in the *future*, inherit what God has promised. Why? Because we are now only *begotten*. It is only when we are *born* of God that we become inheritors of God’s Kingdom—divine members of the Family of God.

Before the second phase of man’s creation—our *spiritual creation*—can begin, God the Father must *first beget* each of us by placing His Holy Spirit *within* our minds to join with the spirit in man. We are then *impregnated*, so to speak, by the “seed,” or germ, of *eternal* life. It is the *begettal* of the spiritual life of God within

our minds. Much as a newly begotten physical embryo begins to grow in his or her mother’s womb, we are to *grow* in SPIRITUAL CHARACTER after we are begotten by God’s Spirit. This growth results from Bible study, prayer, and walking with God every day of our lives.

2. Do we actually receive of the divine nature of God when we are begotten by His Holy Spirit? 2 Peter 1:3-4. What are some of the divine characteristics, or “fruits,” of God’s nature that obedient Christians manifest in their lives after they are begotten by God’s Spirit? Galatians 5:22-23.

Born Again at the Resurrection

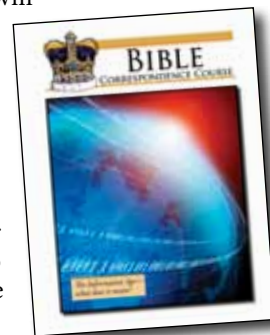
1. Can we humans inherit God’s Kingdom? 1 Corinthians 15:50. What must happen to us to be born as divine sons in God’s Family? Verses 51-53.

“That which is born of the Spirit is spirit,” said Jesus (John 3:6). But we have not yet been born of the Spirit. We are *STILL FLESH AND BLOOD*—capable of pain and bleeding. But when *born* into the God Family, we will be free of human pain and suffering (Revelation 21:4). And with our new spirit bodies, we will be unfettered by the physical limitations of time and space. When Christ was resurrected—“born again”—He was able to pass through solid walls (John 20:19, 26). Any human beings who claim to already be born again are completely mistaken; after all, they are still flesh and blood.

Jesus said we must be born “of the Spirit”—we must become *composed* of spirit—to ever see or enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5). And so the second birth is something yet to occur at the *resurrection to immortality!*

2. Speaking of the resurrection—when the second birth will occur—what did Paul say regarding the new body Christians will receive? 1 Corinthians 15:42-44. Will they resemble what Jesus Christ already is like? Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2; Matthew 17:1-2; Revelation 1:13-16; Matthew 13:43; Daniel 12:3.

Because God is spirit, when one is born of his heavenly Father, he will also *BE SPIRIT*—he will be composed of the same substance of which God is composed. He will be given a spirit body like Christ’s and will be *GLORIFIED* and given tremendous *SPIRITUAL POWER*. The power and glory that Spirit-begotten Christians shall receive at the resurrection will be so great that it will make their faces *shine as the sun!* And all who are thus *born again* of God will be able to *see* God because they will be *in* the Kingdom—the divine Family—of God! ■



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Superpower hijacked

I want to thank the whole crew starting from Mr. Gerald Flurry to the last person that works at the *Philadelphia Trumpet* for delivering the real word of God (“A Deadly Secret Plot Has Been Uncovered,” July). And I’m amazed about how everything in this world is taking place exactly as God says in our Bibles. The article of the secret plot to create a super-president is a “YOU MUST READ TO BELIEVE.” Just to think that somewhere out there, there is already a vile person that is going to lead the world into the greatest “sea of blood,” that’s really shocking. But that’s where this world is headed. We need to reconcile with God and repent from the bottom of our heart before it is too late. Thanks again guys and keep doing and expanding the Word of God. *Jose Santos—CALIFORNIA*

Wow! What an amazing piece. Indeed Christ must come! Thank you very much. *Paul Yao Dogbe—ACCRA, GHANA*

Check your sources!

With this article there were a few things that bothered me (“Too Many People?” July). Maybe I’m reading something into it that’s not there, or missing a point. This quote, “Right now, America has less than 5 percent of the world’s people and consumes 20 percent of its resources,” sounds like a quote pulled from the Obama administration. President Obama made a statement similar to that back in March about our oil usage. Liberals who hate this country love to go on about how we are an unjust nation, that takes resources from other nations. Some liberal sources say we use 40 percent of the world’s resources. These figures cannot truly be measured. Especially with China and India gobbling up resources. I’m sorry, but using Ehrlich, Rees, and Wackernagel as though they are legitimate scientists/sources—these guys are far leftist radicals. Ehrlich is a confirmed Marxist, and the other two are part of the environmentalist-wacko movement. The “facts” they love to spout are to further the case that governments need to control people (through abortion, or any other way to reduce the population). God created this planet to support billions and billions of people, and I know you



know that. I believe you hit the nail on head right here: “Many analysts say there is still plenty of food and water to go around. It just isn’t getting to where it is needed. Why? Economic trouble, poverty, rising unemployment, dropping incomes, rising food prices, bad leadership, corruption, violence, war. This truth lies at the crux of our fundamental question! The problem isn’t that the Earth lacks good resources, it’s that people lack good resource management. It isn’t too many humans—it’s too much human nature.” The sooner Christ returns, the sooner all mankind can live on God’s earth the way He intended. *J.G.—TENNESSEE*

Valid points. We understand your concern about some sources and acknowledge that political bias can sway their conclusions. However, the point that mankind is on an unsustainable course of resource consumption is indisputable, as is the fact that resource crunch is certain to lead to violent conflict. We need a complete revolution in the way we use the planet God provided to sustain us.

Treating effect, not cause

So true (“Antibiotics: No Quick Fix,” July). Many people prefer and enjoy “the-bad-lifestyle-and-rely-on-pills-after” rather than having a simple and healthy lifestyle. As a consequence, there is drug abuse and even dependence. They will be sorry when it’s too late and hard to change. If many would read articles like this, they would be aware so they would not be included in the list. I strongly suggest many people out there read the *Trumpet*. It gives you a good outlook in life. *Mabel Aplod*

Pursuit of excellence

Thank you for a great article (“In Pursuit of Excellence,” July). I attended a local Sports Awards event last week, for talented young athletes. Whilst listening to the stories of each young athlete, I couldn’t help but think about the race we are in spiritually. The athletes who went up for their awards were asked how much training they do, and most said they do 30 to 40 hours per week, on top of their schoolwork. When asked what their goal is, they replied, confidently, “To win.” They were totally focused on that end goal and were prepared to put in incredible effort and sacrifice to achieve it. I came away feeling so inspired, to know

that if they can do it physically, we can do it spiritually! *G. O’Dell—UK*

What an extremely encouraging article this is! It makes me want to get in there and train for Christ and put in the hours of training. Not just one or two hours a day, but as the athletes set an example, put in all the hours I can each day. How wonderful it would be to be able to train as spiritual warriors and spiritual athletes 40 hours a week for God’s Kingdom soon to be set up. To bring everything into subjection to God by deeply and closely applying ourselves to sharpen our grasp of God’s Word and the literature He has provided for us and to continue our training by increasing in physical stamina for what is soon about to come on the nations of Israel by getting as close to God in prayer as possible, praying always and fervently in the Spirit, increasing in faith and reliance on our merciful God who loves us. I feel inspired now to run the race with much more dedication and zeal than ever before! *Bridget Johnson—TENNESSEE*

I won’t be able to watch the Olympics without thinking of this MOST EXCELLENT article! Very inspiring. Thank you. *J.G.—UNITED STATES*

Mastering your emotions

I read the *Trumpet* article about how we should control our emotions (“Is There a Dictator in Your Mind?,” April). The article really touched me personally as I can at times become so hot-tempered and it really helped me to control my anger. Also I did not know that it is biblical for one to control his anger. The verse of Proverb 16:32 is also very encouraging. I once again thank the author of this article, and may God continually bless you with your work. *Edward Korake—PAPUA NEW GUINEA*

No more a mystery

I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful reminder of this incredible book, a book that changed my life nearly 10 years ago (“Remove the Mystery From Your Bible,” May/June). I thank God every day for taking the veil from my eyes through *Mystery of the Ages* to have the most incredible relationship I will ever know, a relationship with my Creator, my Father, my Husband to be, my Provider and Protector. To be a part of His work with you to reach those He is calling at this time and to warn this world is a privilege and an honor *N. Davis—NEW ZEALAND*

Bath Salts Do Not Turn People Into Flesh-Eating Zombies

Do you recognize demon possession when you see it?



WHAT POSSESSES A HUMAN BEING TO DO SOMETHING SO ghoulish, so barbaric—so *inhuman*? The recent spate of bizarre cannibalistic crimes sounds like a script from a shock B-grade horror film—but it’s actually happening.

A homosexual pornographic actor in Canada apparently taped himself hacking his partner to death and *eating* him, then mailed his victim’s dismembered feet and hands to the nation’s main political parties. A naked Miami man *ate* almost the entire face off a homeless person. A Louisiana man was working in his yard when a stranger came and bit off a chunk of his face. A college student in Maryland carved up his roommate with a knife and devoured his heart and part of his brain.

The mind reels. And all this happened within a couple weeks at the end of spring.

Much media coverage centered on a potent drug known as “bath salts” that a couple of these attackers might have taken. Its ingredients are now banned. Okay, but are we really going to pretend that this combination of chemicals is the real *cause* of these horror stories? No drug turns people into crazed, violent beasts.

These are clearly crimes influenced—or perhaps even committed—by *demons*.

That’s right. Most people laugh or scoff or ignore it. But there is a *spiritual dimension* to these macabre events. Demons are very real, and they are very active in the world today.

Be honest: A drug does not make a man—whose girlfriend says was happy and with whom she “felt safe”—get out of his car in broad daylight, strip off his clothes, find a napping homeless man, savagely attack him and *gnaw away at his face* in full view of passing motorists and cyclists for nearly 20 minutes, then respond to multiple threats by police to shoot him by *snarling at them incoherently*.

However, a drug could weaken a mind enough to open the door to a demon. Subsequent inquiry found that this man hadn’t even used “bath salts.” The only drug in his system was “harmless” marijuana.

This kind of behavior is unmistakable evidence of the power of the spirit world, which has a very evil side.

The Canadian cannibal knew all about it. “There is such things as Monsters, Demons and Ghosts,” he wrote on his Facebook page. “*They live inside of us, and sometimes they win.*”

In this man—who, it was later discovered, appears to have committed other unspeakably grotesque murders in the past—they clearly *did* win. The macabre and violent nature of these acts is a measure of the demons’ extreme hatred for human beings—a hatred that has a remarkable explanation.

How much do you understand about evil spirits? Being ignorant means being vulnerable to these powerful beings.

Matthew 12:43-45 and many other passages reveal that demons *crave* to possess someone or some living thing. However, not all demonic activity is so obvious. Our world suffers from *far more* satanic influence than most people realize.

Read Revelation 12. It describes a stunning spiritual reality. It names the supreme evil spirit being as “the great dragon ... that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, *which deceiveth the whole world.*” The *whole world* is cloaked in *deception* about this being. He often obscures his identity—even, at times, disguising himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).

Do you recognize evil spirit influence in the world around you? Popular culture today is saturated in it. Fascinated by and addicted to increasingly overt forms of evil and perversion, millions are soaking their minds in books, television, movies, music, video games and websites that are explicitly demonic. Demons are influencing and even possessing many of those who produce that entertainment. Yet we naively believe we can handle it.

Add to these influences mind-altering drugs; mental imbalances; loss of emotional control; accepted perversions; and open blasphemy and hostility to God. Our society is opening door after door to sinister spiritual influences, creating a playground for evil spirits to have their way.

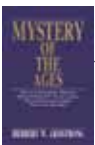
You need to protect yourself from demons, which the Apostle Paul called “the rulers of the darkness of this world” (Ephesians 6:12). He instructed believers to “have no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11). Compromising with that world of darkness is far more dangerous than people realize.

That passage in Revelation 12 reveals the lightning-bolt truth: The violent ruler of the evil spirits, who at one time actually *inhabited heaven*, has been *cast down*: “he was cast out into the earth, and *his angels* [the demons] *were cast out with him.*” The devil and his countless demons are now *roving the Earth*, spreading their evil. “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea!” the scripture warns: “*for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*”

This scripture prophesies of a period when bizarre, violent demonic activity will *intensify* because the devil’s resentment is growing worse. Resentment over what? *That’s the inspiring hope in all of this.* Demons are in a frenzy because time is so short before the *Second Coming of Jesus Christ!* At that time, He will *lock up* those evil spirits (see Revelation 19:11 through 20:10).

You are living in this intense time *right now*. Watch. Expect more of these horrifying headlines in the time ahead! ■

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If you have an objective mind and are prepared to do a little study, you can very easily prove that Britain's royal family descended from King David!

Queen Elizabeth II is a living fulfilment of God's promise to King David.

Now, if you can believe that, then the next question is, *why* would God make this promise to King David? God has given us Britain's royal monarchy as tangible evidence of a magnificent, hopeful vision. It's a vision of peace and prosperity, a vision of a time when there will be law and order, when all nations will live in harmony, a vision of religious and ideological unity. It's a vision of a time when London, and Britain—and every city and nation and people—will experience the heights of joy and peace and happiness.

God terms this glorious vision the key of David. It is a time when the ultimate ruler will sit on David's throne—the same throne of Queen Elizabeth II—and solve these terrible crises facing London today! God wants to share that vision with London, with Britain, with all of mankind. ■

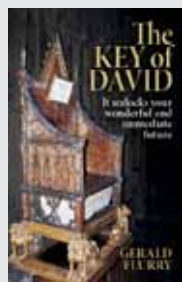


The only question left is, will you take God up on His offer? If you desire to, then you need a Bible, and two thor-



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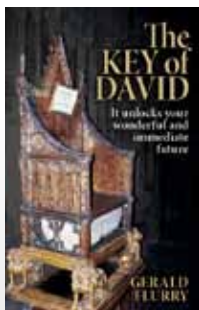
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