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FROM THE EDITOR GERALD FLURRY

# How the Syrian Crisis Will End

The eyes of the world are fixed on this explosive hot spot. Bashar Assad will be ousted shortly—but then what? You can actually know the outcome!

**S**YRIA IS AT WAR. THAT COUNTRY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING a slowly unfolding civil war for 17 months and counting. More than 10,000 people have already been killed. The Syrian people are intensifying their protests against President Bashar Assad’s government, and the government is fighting back with brutal force. Thousands are dying, and tens of thousands are fleeing the country. Other countries have been pressuring Assad to step down for over a year, and it looks like his regime is reaching the breaking point.

But there is something much more significant happening in Syria than just another civil war.

Many nations want to see Assad gone, but nobody knows what kind of government would emerge to replace him. The “Arab Spring” has destabilized much of the Middle East and resulted in a range of outcomes and a dangerous level of volatility. Most of the countries involved have lurched toward radicalism.

World leaders and news commentators cannot tell you in advance where this crisis will lead. But you can know Syria’s future if you read what we have been writing, based on the Bible, for the past 70 years.

What we are seeing right now in Syria is A MAJOR BIBLICAL PROPHECY in the process of being fulfilled! What happens in Syria will lead to mighty nations changing course and the foundations of this world being shaken!

Did you know that the book of Psalms prophesies the future of Syria? This nation is an important part of the balance of power in the Middle East, and Psalm 83 prophesies that there is about to be a dramatic, violent shift in Syria’s alliances. This will affect many nations, and ultimately lead to an all-out war breaking out all over the Earth!

This prophecy reveals the outcome of the uprising in Syria. It also exposes the key involvement of a major outside nation—something we can already see developing.

## Keep Your Eye on Germany

Right now, Syria is Iran’s most important regional ally. But that is about to change.

On April 16, German-Foreign-Policy.com cited a German government adviser who said that in the event of military intervention in Syria, “German participation should be assured.”

Germany may send forces into Syria. This may seem strange, considering that when the Libyan revolution broke out last year, Germany did not want to get involved. Why is it getting more involved now?

Germany has a global strategy, and what is occurring in Syria fits into that strategy perfectly.

In April, Germany joined the United States, Saudi Arabia and several other Gulf states at a gathering in Turkey to discuss options

for dealing with Syria’s revolution. Commenting on this meeting, Associated Press noted that there was a “SHIFT TOWARD MILITARY OPTIONS that might oust Syrian President Bashar Assad.”

Here is the critical thing to realize: One of Germany’s primary objectives in this region is to develop an axis with Middle Eastern states that oppose Iran. Germany has been stepping up its political involvement and its financial and military investment in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. It has formed solid trade relationships with virtually all these countries, covering many industries from telecommunications to the military.

For Germany, Syria’s revolution isn’t about a humanitarian crisis at all. It’s about geopolitics and how Berlin can aggressively advance its strategic interests in the Middle East!

Most people are blind to what is going on in Syria, but we have been showing you for 70 years that the Bible prophesies the future—not only for Syria, but for the whole region and the whole world.

America has been too weak to tame Iran and neutralize its allies, but Germany is moving in and filling that power vacuum. The whole world ought to be watching what Germany is doing in the Middle East.

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BIBLICAL PROPHECY REVEALS THAT, VERY SOON, SYRIA WILL NO LONGER ALIGN WITH IRAN. IT ALSO SHOWS THAT GERMANY WILL HELP CAUSE THIS SPLIT.

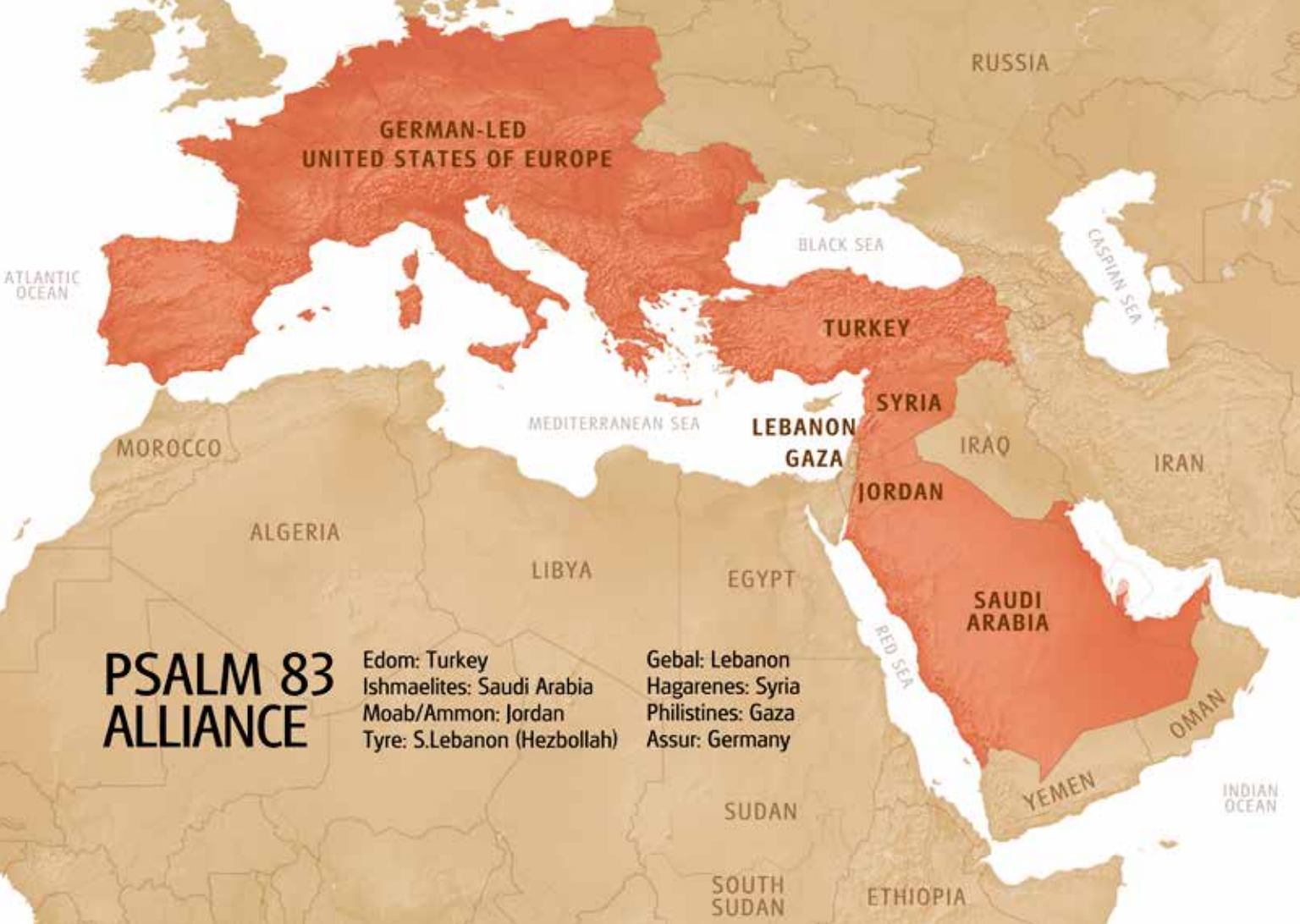
## A Prophesied Alliance

Psalm 83 discusses a multi-nation Middle Eastern confederation that will ally with Germany. *This alliance has never happened in history.* All of the Bible commentaries will tell you that. But it is happening now. It takes time to build a confederation like that, and it is now well underway.

*Immediately before* that prophecy in Psalm 83 comes to complete fulfillment, another prophecy will take place. It is found in Daniel 11:40: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”

This prophecy involves the same geography: The context shows you that it occurs right in the Middle East and involves some of the same countries. The “king of the north” is Germany, and the “king of the south” is

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## PSALM 83 ALLIANCE

Edom: Turkey  
 Ishmaelites: Saudi Arabia  
 Moab/Ammon: Jordan  
 Tyre: S. Lebanon (Hezbollah)

Gebal: Lebanon  
 Hagarenes: Syria  
 Philistines: Gaza  
 Assur: Germany

Iran. Right now, Iran is filling the news with its aggressive support for terrorism and nuclear development, and it appears unstoppable. The *Trumpet* has emphasized how Iran is having its way in many countries and is dominating the region. But Daniel here describes where these current tensions are leading: *Germany will utterly wipe Iran out.*

Daniel 11:40 will unfold *just before* Psalm 83 is totally fulfilled. Germany and Iran will ignite a spectacular military clash. The German superpower will crush the “king of the south.” Then the Arab nations listed in Psalm 83 will ally with Germany.

Daniel 11 shows that the warring does not stop there. Verse 44 talks about “tidings out of the east.” That refers to *Russia and China* entering into the fray, expanding this *world war*.

That’s right: THESE EVENTS ACTUALLY MARK THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR III! That is how important this prophecy is!

Some people disregard this prophecy, saying it is just some obscure passage in the Psalms. But God inspired it! Christ said in Matthew 4:4 that we are to live by *every word* of God.

We need to *prove* these things to ourselves. God will help us if we are willing, but we have to work at it and push ourselves.

### Crafty Counsel

Read the prophecy in Psalm 83: “Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones” (verses 1-3).

This foretells of an alliance that will take crafty counsel *against God’s people*, which is referring to *Israel*. These verses are talking about the *modern descendants* of the 12 tribes of biblical Israel. Do you know who those are? The modern Jewish state of Israel is only *one* of those tribes—Judah.

In biblical prophecy, “Israel” refers especially to the *birthright* nations that descended from Joseph: Ephraim and Manasseh. Those descendants are Britain and the United States. Other prophecies show that the fates of these three major nations of Israel—the U.S., Britain, and the Jewish nation—are all aligned. Where Psalm 83 says this alliance is “against *thy people*,” it means Germany and its Middle Eastern allies are targeting the Americans, the British and the Jews in the Middle East.

But notice: There is also a plot against God’s “hidden ones,” which other translations render as *treasured* or *sheltered* ones. This refers to God’s faithful people, *spiritual Israel*, His true Church. They are embedded right in the midst of all these prophecies to ensure God has *somebody* He can use to reveal to the world His message about what is happening!

YOU ARE READING THAT MESSAGE RIGHT NOW!

God uses His people to show the world what is going to happen before it happens. He uses them to proclaim a message of how these catastrophes could be avoided.



Sadly, the world pays them little attention, and it will continue to ignore God's message until circumstances get a lot more horrific.

The evil purpose of this alliance is revealed in verse 4: "They have said, *Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.*"

The president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has publicly stated that Iran wants to wipe Israel off the map. What is revealed in Psalm 83 is an even more diabolical plot by a different alliance: They want to *obliterate even the NAME of Israel—forever!*

"For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee," the prophecy continues. Then it lists *which peoples* comprise the alliance: "The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah."

You must know who the modern descendants of these peoples are in order to understand just how timely and relevant this prophecy is: "Edom" is Turkey; "the Ishmaelites" are Saudi Arabia; "Moab" and "Ammon" both refer to Jordan; "Gebal" is Lebanon. *The Hagarenes anciently dwelt in the land known today as Syria.*

The only one listed here that lies outside the region is "Assur," which is Germany. Germany is the **POWER** behind this alliance! In principle, this is how Germany started World War I and World War II. (Request our booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* for more information.) It is using the same old modus operandi.

Right now, Bashar Assad's Syria is closely allied with Iran—but this prophecy shows that these two nations are about to split. This will have a domino effect on other nations. These events will really *shake* this world and dramatically alter the course of history!

### Dramatic Changes Ahead

This prophecy in Psalm 83 reveals a tremendous amount about what we can expect to see in the time ahead—including some dramatic changes!

**GEBAL, MODERN-DAY LEBANON, IS HOME TODAY TO THE IRANIAN TERRORIST PUPPET HEZBOLLAH. WE CAN EXPECT IT TO ALSO SWITCH ALLEGIANCE!**

Even now Germany has naval ships just off the coast of Lebanon. Why should it be so concerned about what's happening in that part of the world? It is all part of Germany's global strategy.

This prophecy also reveals that the Philistines are **WITH** the inhabitants of Tyre. Get a map and you will see that Tyre is in southern Lebanon, the stronghold of the Hezbollah terrorists. Their alliance with Iran is about to be broken, and Germany will be the main cause.

The Philistines—or the Palestinians of Gaza and even those in the West Bank—are going to shift their alliance to Germany as well.

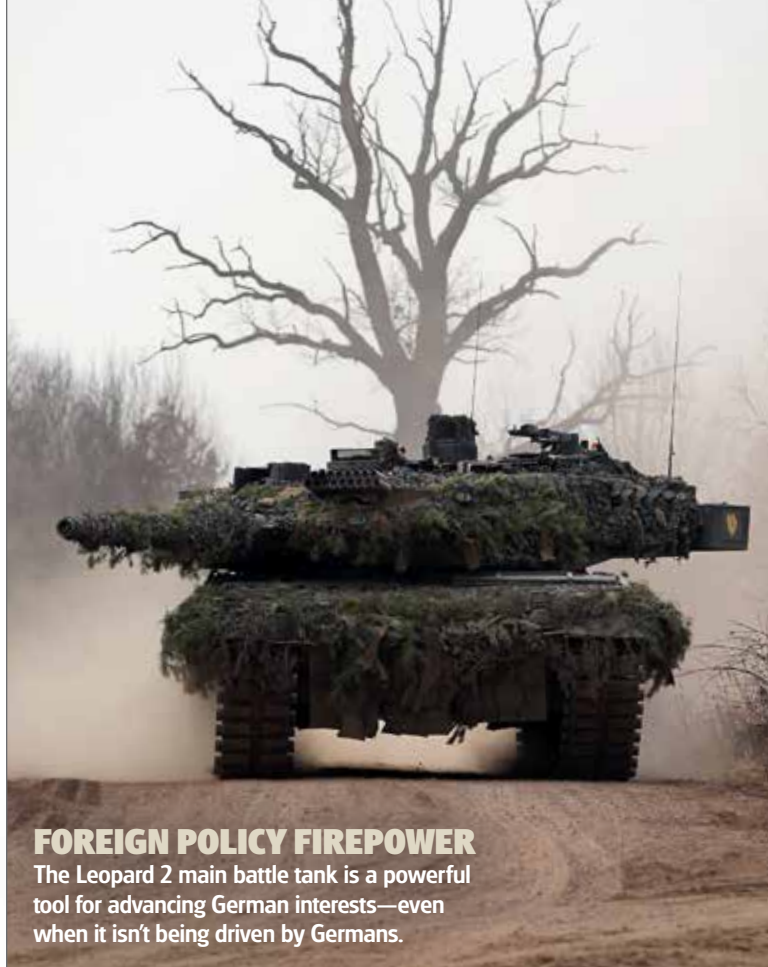
Iran has recently led Hezbollah and the Palestinians in their terrorist activities. They all share some common enemies—especially America and Israel. But they have some different views in religion and politics, which could cause Hezbollah and the Palestinians to ally themselves with Germany.

Also, there may soon be some significant power shifts in Lebanon and Gaza.

Edom, or Esau, is Turkey. Turkey has also been allied with Iran, but it too is going to side with Germany in the future! Why? Because it disagrees with what Iran is doing in Syria! While Iran supports the Assad regime, Turkey supports the rebels.

Look at the changes that are coming! This is not something we can take lightly. **THIS IS WORLD NEWS TOLD TO YOU AHEAD OF TIME!** Just watch—keep track of this. See if these exact events *don't* happen. Watch Germany, and watch the Middle East, and see if this prophecy doesn't come to pass exactly as the Bible says it will.

This is an **END-TIME PROPHECY!** Nothing has ever happened



### FOREIGN POLICY FIREPOWER

The Leopard 2 main battle tank is a powerful tool for advancing German interests—even when it isn't being driven by Germans.

## Why is Germany selling tanks to Qatar?

**A** DECADE ago, no one was zoning in on Germany's relationship with the Middle East—because there was nothing to report. Even today, the topic is still at the edge of the collective radar. But the scattered blips of evidence are becoming more and more frequent, and, if you are aware of what to expect in the Middle East, they are beginning to form a pattern.

The most important trend in this relationship traces back to the "Merkel Doctrine." German Chancellor Angela Merkel's unofficial policy works by leveraging Germany's weapons exports to Middle Eastern countries. The goal of these arms deals is more than just profits; it's also to influence foreign policy and, ultimately, to build an alliance that will stand up against Iran.

On July 29, it emerged that Qatar intends to purchase up to 200 Leopard tanks from a German firm. The deal is potentially worth \$2.5 billion, and comes on the heels of a possible contract with Saudi Arabia for 600 to 800 Leopards. The Qatar deal is yet to be approved by Germany's Federal Security Council, but with the Merkel administration's backing, the chances of it passing are good.

*Spiegel* reported, "Merkel has been making quiet changes to Berlin's arms exports policy. Instead of intervening in conflicts, she wants to help arm certain countries to provide stability in crisis regions." Merkel has never had to give account to the German public for this significant change; nonetheless, *Spiegel* said that the Merkel Doctrine "has altered central premises of Germany's foreign and security policies."

Of course, many other Western countries also export weapons, but none figures into Bible prophecy in the Middle East the way that Germany does.



**CHAINED NO MORE**  
The leader of Hamas in Gaza, Ismail Haniyeh, faced the quandary of trying to appear like a dove to the oppressed while working with the oppressors.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah is also finding itself under pressure. Faced with the same dilemma as Hamas—torn between public opinion and Iranian backers—Hezbollah, so far, has stuck with Iran. The group was set up by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, so its ties with Iran are stronger. It is a Shiite movement, unlike the Sunni Hamas.

As Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah told thousands of Shiite supporters in south Beirut in July: “Our missiles are Syrian.” Syria supported Hezbollah when it was still in the cradle. And Nasrallah vows to return the favor, even as the Assad regime crumbles.

But Hezbollah’s stance is hurting the group. As the Assad regime falls, Hezbollah, and perhaps the entire Shiite population of Lebanon, is likely to take a major hit. “Hezbollah’s vast arsenal is already in the crosshairs of an increasingly emboldened Sunni opposition,” Daniel Nisman wrote in the *Times of Israel*, referring to a growing anti-Hezbollah movement in Lebanon, especially within the past year.

In another piece, also in the *Times of Israel*, published July 26, Mitch Ginsburg spelled out a probable scenario for a post-Alawite-led Syria. He predicted it would lead to a rise in power for the Sunni Muslims in Lebanon and that it could push the country toward another civil war.

Lebanon will eventually join the Arab camp that opposes Iran. That’s not what we see on the map today, but it is coming! The civil war in Syria is making this happen. It has pushed Hamas away from Iran. That same pressure will eventually pry Hezbollah and Lebanon away from Iran too, or it will break Hezbollah entirely.

**RICHARD PALMER**

## A dramatic break from Iran

**H**AMAS was once firmly in the Iranian/Syrian camp. Not anymore.

As Syrian President Bashar Assad began his brutal crackdown on his own people last year, Hamas suddenly found itself on the same side as bad guys. It had always painted itself as the friend of the weak, against the strong oppressor. Now, it was quickly losing credibility across the Middle East.

At first Hamas kept quiet, not wanting to offend its patron, Iran, on the one hand, and fearing the loss of popular support on the other. It resisted pressure from Iran to organize demonstrators to support Assad, and Iran began withdrawing its support.

But the dramatic break came in February. Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh publicly rejected both Assad and Iran while on a visit to Egypt. “I salute all the nations of the Arab Spring and I salute the heroic people of Syria who are striving

for freedom, democracy and reform,” he told thousands of supporters in the al-Azhar Mosque.

“We are marching towards Syria, with millions of martyrs,” chanted the crowd. “No Hezbollah and no Iran.”

At the same time, Hamas moved its central politburo in exile from Syria to Qatar. Since then, Hamas has been courting alternative donors. At the end of June, Hamas leader Khaled Meshal met with both Egyptian President Mohammed Mursi and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Erdoğan.

Hamas has also been rebuilding its relationship with Jordan. Meshal returned to Jordan in January this year for the first time since being kicked out in 1999. He met Jordanian King Abdullah II both in the January visit and in June.

Hamas seems to be steadily moving away from Iran and into a relationship with the Gulf states, Turkey and Jordan—exactly as the Bible prophesied.

like this in history before. “History transmits no record of the national crisis when the nations enumerated in this Psalm formed a league to wipe out Israel,” writes the *Anchor Bible Commentary*. Lange’s *Commentary* also points out, “The 10 nations, who are here enumerated as being combined against Israel, are never mentioned elsewhere as enemies allied at the same time and for the purpose of annihilating Israel.”

To most people in this world, this means very little. But God prophesied ALL OF IT! He spelled it out so that if we just study our Bible, we can understand it all. We *must* understand it! God has His sheltered ones there, protecting them, and they understand it.

### Watch for a Massive Shift

These verses foretell a MASSIVE SHIFT in alliances among the nations of the Middle East! Events are about to STAGGER the imagination of many authorities in this world! And God prophesied it all thousands of years ago.

Should we believe in the Old Testament? We should if we want to understand end-time Bible prophecy. The Psalms is the only book in the Bible that contains this prophecy. Without Psalm 83, there would be no way to understand these particular events until well after they had snapped into place.

This is a most exciting and wonderful prophecy—yet the world understands almost nothing about it. People *should* understand, because this message has been publicized for them to see for about 70 years by the *Trumpet* and by Herbert W. Armstrong!

Where does this Psalm 83 union lead? It leads to mankind being plunged into the Great Tribulation for 2½ years, and then into the Day of the Lord for a year. But at the conclusion of the Day of the Lord, Jesus Christ is going to return to this Earth and put down all the rebellion against Him. Finally, He will conquer the nations and bring us peace and joy and happiness forever!

That is where today’s events in Syria are ultimately heading. So make sure you watch Syria, and make sure you watch Bible prophecy!

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# THE GLOBAL CONSEQUENCES OF

# DROUGHT

Major drought was largely responsible for the downfall of ancient Rome. Is drought about to bring down another once-impressive civilization? **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

**A** HISTORIC, UNRELENTING drought is slowly, painfully, tightening its grip on the United States. Many people are feeling the effects—but too few realize how desperate the situation really is. But have you contemplated what this epic event means, not just for America, but for the world?

To people in wealthier nations, drought simply means hot weather, parched lawns and plants, and perhaps a higher-than-normal electric bill. A lack of rain is an annoyance. It's like an itch, uncomfortable and irritating, but easily mitigated. Few consider drought to be catastrophic, even fatal.

But severe, prolonged drought, the kind that seems to be confronting America, is catastrophic—as catastrophic as financial and political meltdown, or mass social unrest and violence, or even large-scale war that kills tens of thousands. In

fact, under the right conditions, a lack of rain can actually cause all these things.

### Why the Ignorance?

The Roman Empire dominated human affairs from the first through the fifth centuries. At the time, there was no greater, more politically, militarily or technically advanced civilization on Earth. Rome's territory included all land adjacent to the Mediterranean Sea, including North Africa, a large cut of the Middle East, all of Europe, and half of the British Isles.

But this all changed in the fourth and fifth centuries. Why? In part, because a severe, prolonged drought wreaked havoc on the city of Rome, thrusting the economy and politics of the capital into instability and chaos, and eventually causing the mighty empire to crumble!

The Romans weren't nearly as ignorant as we are today about the impact of drought. There was a time when people understood that drought meant extreme

hardship, suffering and, if it persisted, death. People understood that without rain, crops, fruit trees and pastures died, lakes and watering holes dried up, livestock starved. In the past, when a drought set in, farmers and their families, and even entire towns and cities, recognized early that they had two options: relocate or starve.

Although we're in the 21st century, *this reality has not changed*. Except that unlike yesteryear, people today are ignorant to the fact that **EXTREME DROUGHT KILLS**.

Our ignorance stems largely from the fact that very few of us actually grow our own food. These days, cultivating food means strolling through the local, air-conditioned Walmart munching on free food samples while filling an oversize cart with all sorts of bright, colorful, plastic containers. Our food, in its journey from garden to gut, passes through an extensive network of tractors, conveyer belts, factories, blenders, chemical additives, trucks and stores. It's prepared, processed and packaged, tied, dyed and fried, and in some cases, even buffed and waxed.

For many, this detachment has severed the connection between food production and nature.





# F AMERICA'S GHT

**RESEVOIR NO MORE** Lake Ray Hubbard in Rowlett, Texas, shows the parched condition of Dallas's water supply—and a sign of things to come for places beyond.

But alas! Even in 2012, our food, at least the kind worth eating, still comes from the ground—and it **STILL NEEDS RAIN**.

It's true that the effects of drought have been mitigated by the use of wells and sophisticated irrigation systems, by globalizing the responsibility of food production, and by the creation of genetically modified, drought-tolerant seeds. But if the drought is extreme, or persists, such measures fall short. It's like shooting a bear with too small of a gun: We can slow it down, create time and perhaps temporarily alleviate our fears. But in the end, the inevitable effects of drought will devour us.

And devouring us it is.

## **Epic Proportions**

The present drought is America's worst in more than half a century. Some are comparing conditions to the Dust Bowl conditions of the 1930s. It's been described as a full-scale catastrophe, a "NATURAL DISASTER OF EPIC PROPORTIONS." By the end of June, MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE U.S. was experiencing moderate to extreme drought. The beginning of July brought no relief, and the plight has only intensified. According to the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration, this summer, *80 percent of the U.S. has been abnormally dry*.

By mid-July, with summer only half over, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) had *already* declared MORE THAN 1,000 COUNTIES in 26 states natural-disaster areas due to drought conditions.

The impact is dramatic and far-reaching. Across America, farmers are slaughtering livestock because there's not enough pasture, and feed is far too expensive. This may mean lower beef prices in the short term. In the long term, it means most of us will be eating more artificially fed, hormone-filled chicken. On July 20, the USDA reported that America's *cattle inventory was the smallest since the agency began a July count in 1973*. In other words, America has as many cows today as it did nearly 40 years ago. Meanwhile, its population has shot up by nearly 100 million people.

The same goes for the price of food and the many household items that contain corn, soybeans and wheat. It's shocking how many items today—from soda to baby food, peanut butter to powdered sugar, talcum to toothpaste—contain corn in some form. It's the same with wheat and

soybeans. In July, according to the United States Drought Monitor, **ALMOST 90 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S CORN AND SOYBEAN CROPS HAD BEEN DAMAGED OR DESTROYED AS A RESULT OF THE DROUGHT**. The result? The price of corn jumped 50 percent in a month, while soybeans hit record prices too. The price of wheat, another critical staple, increased 50 percent in five weeks.

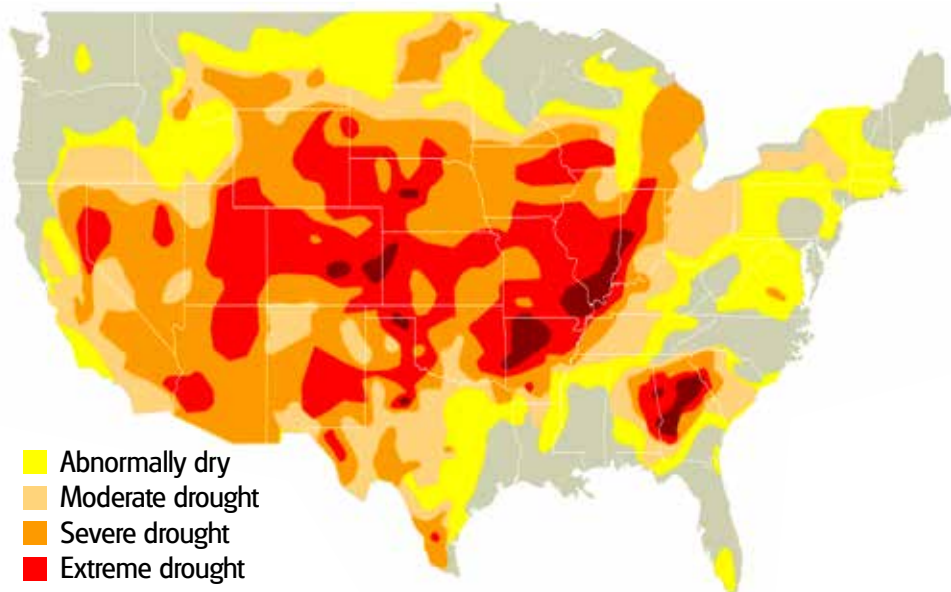
It's not hard to see how this will drive up food prices, which would most likely further undermine the economy. In fact, one economist believes the drought will knock 0.5 percent off the U.S. gross domestic product this year.

But think beyond the rising cost of food. What happens if the drought continues to worsen, or even continues into next year, or even the year after?

**ANXIETIES ABOUT INCREASING FOOD PRICES WILL BE REPLACED BY ANXIETIES ABOUT ACTUAL SHORTAGES OF CORN, SOYBEANS AND WHEAT!**

Consider too that America is responsible for growing *half of the world's corn*, and is the *world's largest exporter of soybeans and wheat*. Reuters reported in July that "the soaring prices in the United States—the world's largest

# A land in need of rain ...



- Abnormally dry
- Moderate drought
- Severe drought
- Extreme drought
- Exceptional drought

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exporter of corn, soybeans and wheat—has rattled food markets worldwide on fears that food inflation will be imported, food aid or supplies for hungry nations from China to Egypt will not be available, and food riots could occur as in the past.”

The price of corn, wheat and soybeans has *already* surpassed levels reached during the drought of 2007/08, when rocketing food prices *sparked riots in more than 30 countries*.

Can you begin to grasp the magnitude of this crisis? In this globalized, interconnected world, persistent, widespread drought in a critical region—*such as America’s breadbasket*—doesn’t just mean agricultural disaster. It can mean financial and economic malaise, political and social chaos, even large-scale violence and wars.

Can other countries pick up the slack? Perhaps some. But it hasn’t stopped raining in much of Russia’s wheat-growing region in recent weeks. The same goes for Brazil. Australia produces an enormous volume of wheat, but it too is experiencing abnormal weather.

Meanwhile, the global appetite for food grows.

Major floods and droughts, reduced yields and increased demand all converging at the same moment—it would be the perfect storm!

## What’s the Solution?

History shows *many* examples of drought and its side effects wiping out economies, sparking unrest, upending governments,

setting off wars—and killing untold numbers of people.

This may sound fanciful. But to think such history cannot be repeated is shortsighted. While science has revolutionized agricultural production, it hasn’t come close to enabling mankind to produce food without water. And until it does, we’ll all be at the mercy of extreme, sustained drought!

So, what is the solution? How can you escape the drought?

Should we follow the example of Tom Vilsack, the U.S. secretary of agriculture, who told President Obama in July that he gets down on his knees every day and prays for rain? That would be an admirable start. Of course, it would be pointless if you didn’t sincerely believe in God. Therefore, the process begins with a person acquiring the humility and intellectual objectivity to prove the existence of God and that the Bible is the truth of God. Then, with your belief in God firm and your faith in the Bible secure, one would only have to study God’s Word to see how to avoid drought and other natural disasters.

Where would you begin such a study? A good place to start might be Leviticus 26, a chapter that explicitly instructs us how to receive the blessing of regular rain, followed by abundant crops and overflowing pantries.

Notice God’s instruction here: “If ye *walk in my statutes*, and **KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS**, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the

sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full ...” (verses 3-5).

God lays it out so simply: *Obey me, and I’ll make sure you NEVER suffer drought, or any other natural disaster!*

Now notice what He says will happen as a result of disobedience to His law. Same chapter: “And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant ... I will break the pride of your power; and I WILL MAKE YOUR HEAVEN AS IRON, AND YOUR EARTH AS BRASS: And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits” (verses 15-20).

Again, God is explicit: *Break my laws, and I will send drought so bad it will seem like the sky is one giant sheet of iron!*

Leviticus 26, in addition to a host of other scriptures, reveals the ultimate solution to drought and other natural disasters: **REPENT, AND OBEY GOD’S LAW!**

Of course, that’s not about to happen—at least, not before these curses grow far more severe. Today’s society is so far removed from God that many will find that statement—let alone the thought of personal obedience to law—laughable. But this instruction applies on an individual level too. God promises those who submit to Him, who actively seek to obey His laws, *in letter and spirit*, that He will give them peace and security—including physical protection and sustenance.

It’s easy to tell you to repent, to love God’s law and start obeying it. But in order for you to do that, you must first be educated in *God’s view of repentance*. You see, repentance is the most difficult task a human being can pursue. Most people do not understand that it is infinitely more than simply being sorry, or experiencing shame or regret. Godly repentance is a *spiritual and moral transformation*, a psychological overhaul. It requires humility, selflessness, and an open, objective mind.

Most importantly, it requires a power that is beyond our capacity to produce.

*Only God* can empower you to achieve the repentance, and the level of obedience, that He seeks (Romans 2:4). The question is, are you prepared to ask God to give you this power, to meet the criteria He requires in order for Him to give it to you, and to then wholeheartedly commit yourself to this challenging, yet most exhilarating and exciting, life-altering experience?

If you are, then request now our free booklet *Repentance Toward God*.





# Lies a Girl Shouldn't Learn

The world is aggressively sexualizing your daughter. Fight back. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**W**HY IS VICTORIA'S SECRET marketing thong panties and bras to 7-to-12-year-olds?

Why is nearly a third of major retailers' clothing *sexy*—for example, drawing attention to a sexualized body part—for little girls' sizes 6 to 14?

Why are companies manufacturing *onesies for infants* emblazoned with sexually obscene messages?

Because people are buying them. These grotesque products make money, and these companies don't care one bit about what happens to our girls after the sale.

Some parents—a lot of parents—think sexy children's clothes are fun, or even liberating for their daughters. What about you?

## Is This Women's Liberation?

Mainstream Western culture has been so blatantly sexualized for so long that adults, young adults and teens are saturated with it. For “new markets,” perverted minds and perverted companies have nowhere to go but down, aggressively targeting younger and younger children.

The beat of the pop song echoing in your daughter's earbuds; the trendy music video, marketed right for her demographic; the entire magazine rack she passes

every week at the store; the billboards on the way home; almost everything she sees on television; just about every last female actress, singer or celebrity; and now the very garments that are supposed to adorn her—all hit her over the head with the same abominable lie: *A female's worth is her sex appeal.*

And tragically, this is what a growing majority of girls are coming to believe: that the only worthy woman is a sexy woman. That a woman is “powerful” when she is aggressively sexual.

Our malls, our streets and our secondary schools are becoming a parade of tight-fitting T-shirts with messages like, “Who needs brains when you have these?” and “Future porn star.”

This is supposed to be *liberation* for women? It is precisely the opposite.

The blatant sexualization of children is increasingly conventional. Walmart sells dozens of cosmetic products for girls as

young as 6. *Vogue* magazine covers feature small girls made up and posed like grown women; inside you'll see pictures of 6-year-olds wearing thongs and padded push-up bras. On television, the most popular shows aimed at 12-to-17-year-olds sexualize underage girls more often than adult women. And in the highest-grossing movies, teen girls are more likely than older women to wear provocative clothing, and they are just as likely to appear partially nude.

The more that girls consume these messages, the more they absorb their warped sexual stereotypes. At younger and younger ages, they “place appearance and physical attractiveness *at the center of women's value,*” says the American Psychological Association's study on “Sexualization of Girls” (emphasis added).

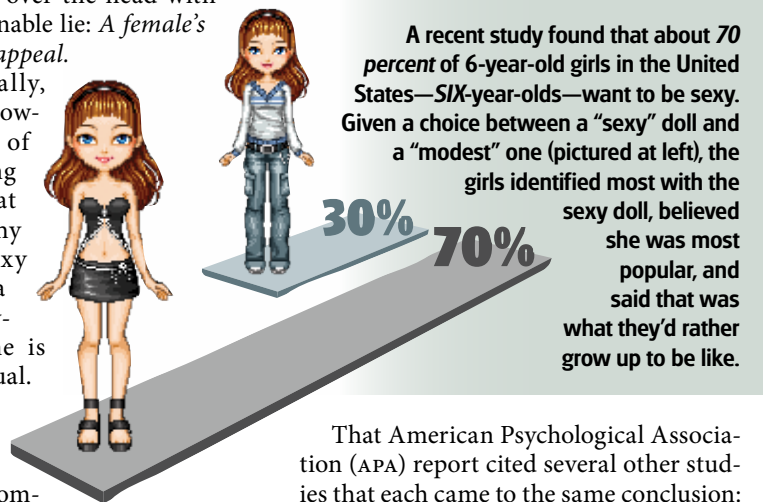
Is that what you want your daughter thinking?

## Is This Happening to Your Daughter?

Who's to protect these girls from predatory merchants aiming to profit from turning them into sex objects? *Where are the parents?*

Well, we are now three generations deep into Western society's sexual revolution. We're way beyond the problem of teenagers sneaking out of bedroom windows and getting into trouble. Today, those kids are parents—or even grandparents—and they are actually pushing their *children* to be more sexual!

Far too often, they are the ones actually *buying* those tight T-shirts, those short shorts and those skimpy tops.



That American Psychological Association (APA) report cited several other studies that each came to the same conclusion: Parents are now conveying to their daughters that their most important goal should be to look physically attractive.

Have you ever seen the show *Toddlers & Tiaras*? It shines a spotlight on the world of child beauty pageants. And who is at the center of it, besides a bunch of bossy,

bratty, spoiled divas just out of diapers? Parents. More specifically, moms. Moms who have bought the sexualized stereotypes wholesale, and are now dressing up their little daughters in adult-style clothes, hair, make-up, fake tans, fake teeth, fake nails—and having them strut around with sassy walks, do suggestive hip-hop dance moves, strike flirtatious poses and make pouty kissy faces.

Why? To give their daughters higher self-esteem and more confidence, they say. Far likelier is that these girls will end up perpetually dissatisfied with their own bodies—and have insufferable egos to boot.

### Our Daughters Are Suffering

The notion that looks are everything and that promiscuity is the path to happiness is *poison*. And that injection is most potent when your daughter is young, while her self-image is based so heavily on her perceptions of how others view her.

Making matters worse, the beauty standard our daughters are measuring themselves by is itself a *demonstrable lie*. The “normal” woman portrayed in the media is the wafer-thin, ultra-tall supermodel with big breasts. Not only do very few women fit that description, but those who do don’t actually look like what your

daughter sees on screen. She is seeing a representation of a woman after make-up artists have caked on the cosmetics, photographers have applied filtered lenses and complex lights to even out skin tones, and graphic designers have used photo-editing software to remove wrinkles and stretch-marks, smooth dimply thighs, erase hints of flab, and create an image that has never actually existed in reality. This measure of “perfection” that our girls absorb in movies and magazine covers is fictitious and unattainable.

So, guess what? Real-life girls lack confidence in and comfort with their own bodies. Studies show they are feeling anxiety and even self-disgust on a broad scale. The number of girls *18 and younger* who have gone under the knife for breast enlargements has risen nearly 500 percent over the past decade. Teenage girls are subjecting their still-growing bodies to medical procedures to get fuller lips, better noses, larger breasts, flatter stomachs, smaller thighs and so on—and their parents are encouraging this, even *paying for it*.

Unhealthy sexualized thinking causes eating disorders, low self-esteem, and depression (along with negative moods and depressive symptoms)—which happen to be three of the most common mental

health problems found in girls and women. Social scientists have been tracking these effects for some time in women who are college age and older. But they’re finding that the same problems are starting to emerge in teenage girls *and younger*. Even girls as young as 12 and 13 are *ashamed* of their bodies. The *British Journal of Developmental Psychology* revealed that **HALF** of British girls between ages 3 **AND** 6 say they worry about being fat!

Your daughter deserves *far, far better*.

### Parents Stand Up!

In the words of the APA, our girls are learning to “think of and treat their own bodies as objects of others’ desires ... and to treat themselves as objects to be looked at and evaluated for their appearance.” This is a tragedy that your daughter should never have to fall victim to.

If you don’t want your daughter to believe those lies and fall prey to those predatory influences, then *shield her*, and educate her—and love her for who she is.

Here are four steps you can take to fight against this trend.

#### 1. Know your daughter.

Take pains to get involved in her life. Know what she’s thinking. Understand how she’s feeling. She is worth it.

#### 2. Be her teacher.

Teach her that society’s portrayal of “sexy” is wrong and damaging. Teach your daughter that she was not created to be an *object* for others to look at and evaluate. Teach her the truth about appearance: Yes, she should take care of her body, practice good hygiene, keep fit and capable of working hard—but she needs to avoid the trap of obsessing over her looks. She should know that the most attractive enhancements to her appearance are a sincere, genuine, ready smile, a warm demeanor and an outgoing personality.

#### 3. Be her wardrobe manager.

Be actively involved in her wardrobe choices. She should dress nicely and modestly, showing respect for others and for herself. Tell her what is acceptable and what is not. Keep the standard high. It can be difficult to find appropriate clothing, but it must be done. Retain veto powers over her choices. Fight if you have to—do not back down.

#### 4. Love her

Most importantly, give her the unconditional love that helps her to be positive, outgoing, confident and happy—a truly beautiful person inside and out.

## It’s Hurting Our Sons, Too



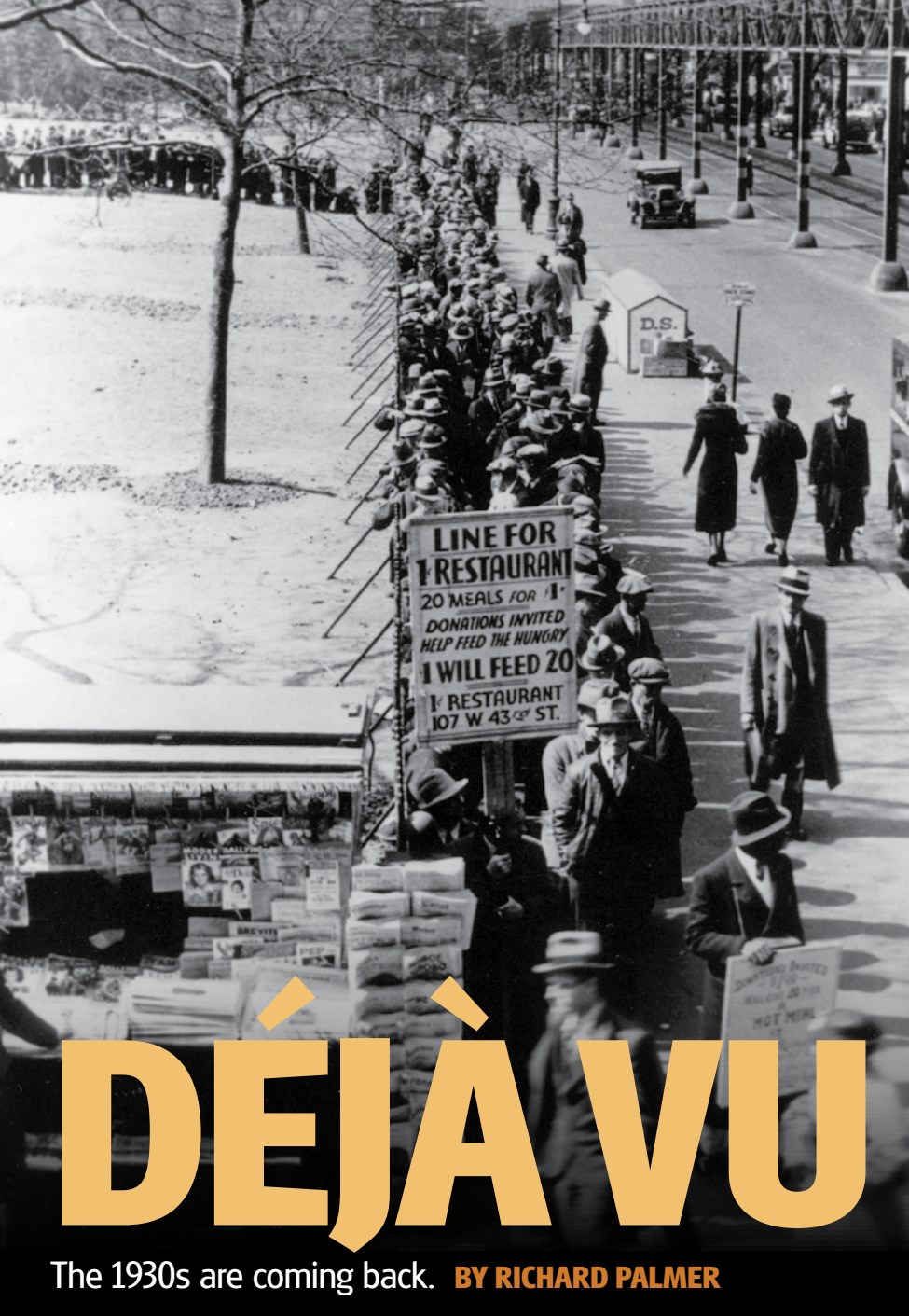
**T**HE pervasive push for girls to become sexy is demonstrably hurting our daughters in several ways. One of them comes from the damage done to our sons.

Society’s fraudulent measure of beauty has found lodgment in the minds of males everywhere. Even in grade schools, boys are increasingly judging girls by standards they see in movies, magazines, television and—more and more—pornography.

Thanks to the Internet and mobile devices, sexually explicit material is now readily accessible to our youth. And as distorted as the image of glamour and fashion is, it’s far more horrific in pornography.

In July, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston revealed one chilling effect of pornography going mainstream. A survey of 1,000 public high school students across seven Texan schools found that *nearly six in ten* of the students had been asked to send a nude picture of themselves through e-mail or text. *Nearly 30 percent* of students had sent one. Other studies suggest the practice is not as prevalent in teens as that survey suggests—yet—but is more common among young adults.

Several studies show that consumption of pornography alters sexual behavior. Researcher Dr. Linda Papadopoulos says that multiplying depictions of sexualized girls and “infantilized women” is fueling a market for child pornography and could even make child abuse and sexual exploitation more common. A recent European Union report on pornography issued a similar warning for the future: “For some men, the teen [pornography websites] were just a stepping stone to the real thing, as they moved seamlessly from adult women to children.”



# DÉJÀ VU

The 1930s are coming back. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

**W**HAT HAPPENS AFTER a globe-shaking financial crisis? We are stumbling through one right now, and we all want to know what we are in for next. Fortunately—and unfortunately—this situation isprecedented.

Early last century, the globe's First World War extinguished lives, torched economies and left Europe smoldering with grievances. Afterward, the world was rocked by the most violent financial earthquake in modern times—the Great Depression.

The nations were churning: brutal dictators were rising, anti-Semitism was

becoming mainstream, civil war erupted in Spain, Japan invaded Manchuria, Italy invaded Ethiopia. But instead of facing the challenges, Britain and America turned increasingly inward, focusing on their own wounded economies, slashing their militaries and pointedly ignoring the world outside.

Decades after World War III, will historians be writing something similar? *The nations were churning. Radical dictators were rising, anti-Semitism was becoming mainstream, Germany conquered the Balkans, Russia invaded Georgia, civil wars erupted in the Middle East, China built a military powerhouse, a new strongman arose in Russia, a crafty emperor arose in*

## FORESHADOWS

The tumult the world is facing in 2012 is far from unprecedented. We find ourselves treading the same steps our predecessors took in the 1930s, steps that led into massive bread lines—and much, much worse.

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The tremors of the Great Depression brought down governments around the world. Other factors amplified the shaking, the absence of Britain and America being one. But the Depression was perhaps the single greatest factor that pushed the world into smoldering ruins—and the chaos that followed. The most infamous would-be empire of modern times rose out of its ruins: Nazi Germany.

The lesson: Financial quakes can cause political fires, and even worldwide conflagrations.

“Current Crisis Shows Uncanny Parallels to Great Depression,” *Spiegel* proclaimed in 2009. The statistics are undeniable. Since the crash of 2008, unemployment rates have reached levels no one has seen since the 1930s.

“One can only guess at the long-term political impact of today’s crisis,” *Spiegel* wrote. “The reason the comparison with the Great Depression is so horrifying is that the world economic crisis led not only to the impoverishment of large segments of the population in Germany and elsewhere, but also to a political catastrophe.”

Three years later, we have not broken away from those ominous parallels. “When mainstream leaders are incapable of offering solutions to apparently intractable economic problems, extremists will step in,” Stephen Glover wrote in April in the *Daily Mail*. “That is what happened in Europe in the ’20s and ’30s. Looking ahead to years of sclerosis which none of our leaders shows the slightest sign of knowing how to prevent, it would be a brave man who said the same thing could not happen again.”

The world is still following the pattern it did in the 1930s. The question is, what’s to prevent us from smashing into the same horrendous result?

AP IMAGES

1929



**U.S.:** Black Thursday; Stock exchange plunges 11 percent. Great Depression begins to spread.

1930

**Germany:** Legislature suspended, Chancellor Heinrich Brüning rules by emergency decree

**Peru:** Luis Miguel Sánchez Cerro overthrows previous dictator in coup.

**Argentina:** Government deposed in coup. Military gains support as economy rapidly deteriorates.

**Germany:** Nazis win 18 percent of vote. Brüning continues to rule by emergency decree.

1931

**Brazil:** Military junta seizes power in a coup

**Germany:** Nazi Brownshirts attack Jews on eve of Jewish new year, one of many anti-Semitic acts in Germany.

**Japan:** Kwantung Army ignores orders, invades and occupies Manchuria.



1932

**Germany:** Hitler places second in presidential election with 30 percent of the vote.

**France:** President Paul Doumer assassinated.

## DEMOCRATIC GRIDLOCK

### 1930s

After the Wall Street crash in 1929, political systems around the world almost completely broke down. Parties refused to work with each other, and blamed everyone else for the mess. Coalitions, if they formed at all, were short-lived. Germany held parliamentary elections in 1928 and 1930 and then three elections in 12 months during 1932/1933. France had five governments between May 1932 and January 1934. Nations became paralyzed and couldn't respond to the crisis. In Spain, the division went so deep that the country was torn asunder and civil war broke out in 1936.

### NOW

Since the financial crisis began in 2008, the governments of Italy, Greece, the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Finland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia and Iceland have all fallen before their time. Incumbents in France and Ireland lost their scheduled elections, with Ireland's ruling party suffering its worst defeat in history. The nation that is furthest down the road to financial ruin is also experiencing the worst political fracturing: Last year, Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou was forced to step down. A grand coalition ruled for six months until Greece held elections in May. No party could form a government, so Greece held elections again in June.



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Meanwhile, European leaders have faced similar gridlock in dealing with the financial crisis at the European Union level. They hold conferences every few weeks, emerging every time with disappointing results, then window-dressing them to look like great solutions.

One reason the Nazis were so successful is that the post-World War I government, the Weimar Republic, never gained popular support. The problem wasn't just a weak government—the population disliked the whole political system. When a new political power stepped in, they weren't sorry to see the old one destroyed.

Today, the European Union has proven useless in the face of the financial crisis, and Europeans love their ineffectual supragovernment less with each failed summit. People aren't just becoming fed up with their political parties, but with the whole system: the vague machinations of the European Parliament, the unelected Eurocrats, and the group photos of national leaders attending the latest failed conference. They're starting to want something new. Like the 1930s Germans.

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## NEW PARTIES RISE

In the 1928 elections, the Nazi Party won 2.6 percent of the vote. It was Germany's ninth-place party. The Communists did four times better, with 10.6 percent. Just two years later, as financial crisis started to set in, the National Socialists won 18.3 percent and became Germany's second most popular party. The Communists were third, with 13.1 percent. In 1932, the Nazis won nearly 40 percent of the vote. The Nazis had been a weird fringe party—until the financial crash.

The sudden rise of these fringe parties in the 1930s wasn't just a German phenomenon. In Austria, the Heimwehr—a far-right group similar to the Nazis, but opposed to unification with Germany—rose in a similar pattern. In Czechoslovakia, the Nazi Sudeten German Party came from nowhere to win a higher proportion of the vote than any other. In Romania, the Iron Guard rose to become the third most popular party, winning 15 percent of the vote in the 1937 elections, after having been banned in the 1935 elections. Other extreme parties, like the National-Christian Defense League in France, rose steadily after the Wall Street crash. France's far-right Croix-de-Feu league grew from 500 members in 1928 to 400,000 in 1935. After it was banned in 1936, its leader started the French Social Party, which grew to become one of France's largest right-wing parties. Votes for extreme parties in many other countries also jumped.

Today, Europe is traveling a similar road. In Greece, the two major parties have gone from sharing 70 to 80 percent of the total vote to around 30 to 40 percent. Syriza, the Coalition for the Radical Left, went from receiving 4.6 percent of the vote in 2009 to 26.9 percent in 2012. Even the Greek Nazi party won seats in parliament this year.

In April, National Front's Marine Le Pen won a record 18 percent of the vote in France. The same month, after steadily gaining popularity in the Netherlands, Geert Wilders's Party for Freedom toppled the government. Far-right parties have also attracted a significant following in Hungary. In Austria, two neo-Nazi parties control a third of the seats in parliament.

The German Pirate Party has risen in a similar fashion. Polls indicate it could be the third most popular party in the country. It's not a Nazi or far-right party in any way, but its rapid rise reflects a 1930s-like dissatisfaction with traditional politics—perhaps even with the entire democratic system.

No fringe parties have risen to prominence quite as drastically as Greece's. Other countries have not vaulted these parties to the same heights because their economies have not taken quite the same plunge. But as their economies slump, the fringers will become the mainstreamers.

**Germany:** Far-right politician Franz von Papen, who has never held a public office, replaces Brüning as chancellor. He too rules by decree and later takes over government of Prussia.

**Hungary:** After being pressured to recant his anti-Semitism, far-right leader Gyula Gömbös becomes prime minister of Hungary.

1933

**Spain:** Government declares martial law.



**Germany:** Hitler becomes chancellor.

**Austria:** Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss suspends lower house of parliament and rules as dictator.

1934

**Germany:** Dachau concentration camp opens. Legislature and president grant Hitler absolute power.

**France:** Major riots. Government resigns.

**Bulgaria:** Government seized by military-backed coup. In less than a year, the tsar would remove the plotters and take over rule.

**Germany:** "Night of the Long Knives." Hitler unleashes dozens of murders and executions against political competitors and old enemies within Germany.

## MAINSTREAM SHIFTS RIGHT

As radical parties rose during the 1930s, mainstream parties began adopting radical positions themselves. After Adolf Hitler began to grow in popularity, for example, the influential German businessman and politician Alfred Hugenberg and his National People's Party began shifting to the right. That's where the votes were. In 1931, Hugenberg's manifesto called for the end of the Treaty of Versailles, conscription, the reconquest of Germany's colonies, a reduction of the number of Jews in public life, and stronger links with German communities outside of Germany. Politically speaking, the difference between Hugenberg and Hitler was simply a matter of degree.

In France, far-right leagues succeeded in organizing violent protests. The more prominent right-wing parties responded by shifting toward their direction. These were among those that would make up the Vichy regime that cooperated with Hitler after he conquered their nation. In Romania, the king attempted to create a royal dictatorship to prevent Nazi-like parties from taking power in his country. In Hungary, the regent was forced to accept a far-right, anti-Semitic government.

If it doesn't seem like the same trends are alive today in Europe, look closely. A few years ago, it was only the fringe groups that would speak out against Islam and criticize the dogma of multiculturalism. Now everybody is doing it. Volker Kauder, who leads German Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union in parliament, said on April 19, "Islam is not part of our tradition and identity in Germany and so does not belong in Germany." Then he diplomatically—and awkwardly—added, "But Muslims do belong in Germany."

But burkas do not belong in Belgium and France, where they have been legally banned. In Switzerland, the construction of minarets is illegal.

The trends in Italy, one of the original Axis powers in World War II, are also disturbingly familiar. In 2009, the mainstream center-right party, the People of Freedom bloc, merged with the pro-fascist National Alliance party, whose leaders have openly praised Benito Mussolini. Even Italy's former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has defended Italy's World War II fascist dictator, saying, "Mussolini never killed anyone," and "Mussolini sent people on holiday to confine them."

The worse the financial crisis grows and the more popular the extreme groups become, the more you will see the mainstream politicians adopt a harder line in order to get votes. Just like the 1930s.

## RIOTS AND COUPS

Almost every nation experienced riots. In February 1934, riots in Paris killed 15 and injured 1,500. They also brought down the French government. In many nations, street fighting between elements of the far-right and far-left began before the Great Depression, but these battles intensified as the economy got worse. This unrest sparked nothing less than government takeovers. Economic strain led to unemployment, unemployment led to riots, and riots led to coups. Dictatorships arose in Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cuba, Germany, Greece and Spain.

Bold protests are once again commonplace in Europe. In Greece, crowds 100,000 strong have gathered outside parliament. Some governments are beginning to take draconian steps to clamp down on them. In Spain, the government wants to outlaw street protests that "seriously disturb the public peace." Anyone found guilty of provoking or taking part in violent acts of protest could be



**PRECEDENTED** The reason many Europeans are so worried about the tumult in Greece is because they remember what happened the last time a world economic downturn caused civil unrest.

jailed for a minimum of two years. Opponents of these proposed laws compare them to General Franco's dictatorship.

Italy has had to protect the targets of popular protests with armed guards, calling in the military to safeguard tax collectors and another private company targeted by anarchists.

The protests aren't nearly as big or as violent as the ones that toppled governments in the '30s. But there is discontent, and it is growing.

1934

**Austria:** Chancellor Dollfuss assassinated by Nazis attempting to take over the government; the coup fails.

**Yugoslavia:** King Alexander is assassinated.

1935

**Hungary:** Far-right wins 50 percent of the vote; Prime Minister Gombos shifts further right.

**Czechoslovakia:** Sudeten German Party wins highest percentage of votes.

**Germany:** Hitler re-introduces conscription, German re-armament comes into the open. Hitler's Nuremberg laws strip citizenship from Jews.

**Romania:** Anti-Jewish protests begin in Bucharest.



**Ethiopia:** Italy invades and goes on to annex Ethiopia.

1936

**Germany:** Army enters Rhineland, violating the Treaty of Versailles.

**Spain:** Civil war erupts.

**Greece:** Government taken over by Gen. Ionnis Metaxas.

**Austria:** Government states that it is a "German state" and legalizes Nazism. Conscription reintroduced.

**Germany:** Anti-Comintern Pact signed with Japan.

## FINDING SCAPEGOATS

### 1930s

Hitler is famous for pinning the blame for the financial crisis on the Jews. But as economies fell apart, he was far from alone. The Jews were singled out for condemnation all around the world. During the 1930s, European nations shut their doors to Jews who were fleeing from Hitler because "virtually all European governments had an anti-Semitic problem and were terrified of aggravating it," according to Johnson.

"The martyrdom of Jews in the 1940s would strip anti-Semitism of its respectability," wrote William Manchester in his book *The Last Lion*, "but in the 1930s, it was quite an ordinary thing to see restaurants, hotels, clubs, beaches and residential neighborhoods barred to people with what were delicately called 'dietary requirements.' ... Contempt for [Jews] was not considered bad form. They were widely regarded as unlovable, alien, loud-mouthed, 'flashy' people who enriched themselves at the expense of Gentiles." Manchester wrote that this was true not only in Germany, but also in Britain and elsewhere in Europe.

### NOW

Anti-Semitism is rising again in Europe. There are no concentration camps—yet. Still, 2012 is on track to become the worst year on record for anti-Semitic incidents in France, as catalogued by the Council of Jewish Institutions in France. A poll this year by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) found that since 2009, anti-Semitic attitudes have risen in most European states. While they have risen by less than 10 percent in most countries, in the UK they have come closer to *doubling*, going from 10 to 17 percent, and Hungary has gone from 47 percent to 63 percent. Fifty-three percent of Spaniards have anti-Semitic attitudes; so do 48 percent of Poles.

"Anti-Semitism is back in style," wrote *Jerusalem Post* columnist Caroline Glick in January. "Its new justification is not race or religion. It is nationalism. Today's anti-Semitism is predicated on preferring Palestinian and pan-Arab nationalism to Jewish nationalism."

Jews weren't the only scapegoats in the 1930s. Another, more rational one was the Communists. Fear of the rising Communist menace that had already taken over Russia pushed respectable businessmen to support the alternative: the Nazis. This time around, the pushback may well be instigated by Islam. As people like Mark Steyn and Geert Wilders point out, Islam poses a real and serious threat, just as communism did. But Europe is slowly waking up to the threat of Islam. When it does, it will rush to the opposite extreme, just as it did with communism.

## BEATING WAR DRUMS

Another scapegoat for the 1930s crisis was foreigners. As they struggled through compounding crises, nations blamed each other. More importantly, some leaders saw war as a way out—an ignominious way to both increase employment and procure more resources. This was a major factor in Italy's war with Ethiopia. For other leaders, war's appeal was in distracting people from troubles at home. This was part of the reason for Japan's war against China. In both cases, war increased economic activity and national unity.

The idea of using war to distract a divided and impoverished nation did not begin during the Depression. When Napoleon took over France, the first thing he did was attack Italy. Otto von Bismarck used war to unify Germany. The technique is so common it has its own name: "diversionary foreign policy."

At the same time, when a nation is languishing in economic crisis, grievances that people overlook in peacetime come back into focus. It is no coincidence that German dissatisfaction with the Treaty of Versailles built to a crescendo at the same time as the financial crash. Germans were quite dissatisfied beforehand, but when the jobs disappeared and the currency faltered, Germans blamed a lot of their woes on the treaty.

Argentina demonstrates a modern example of this. Faced with huge debts and a struggling economy, Buenos Aires is beating war drums over the Falkland Islands to distract Argentines from their troubled economy. This is where Europe's crisis is leading.



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Europe has not yet reached this stage. Politicians will have to get a lot more desperate before they resort to war rhetoric. But with jobs disappearing, the currency faltering, politicians failing, democracy becoming optional, anti-Semitism back on the radar, Islamism on the hot seat and the Anglo-American financial system in question, beating the war drums *will*, at some point, become an irresistible temptation for some of Europe's leaders.



1937



**Japan:** Reignites war, killing and raping its way across China. Rape of Nanking.

1938

**Austria:** Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg makes major concessions to Germany; Austrian Nazis take over government. German troops invited in. Austria is annexed into the Third Reich.



**Britain:** "Peace in our time." Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain gives Germany part of Czechoslovakia.



**Germany:** *Kristallnacht*—Jewish homes, synagogues attacked. Jews sent to concentration camps.

1939

**Germany:** Forces Czechoslovakia, Romania, Lithuania to surrender territory and resources.

**Italy:** Invades Albania

**Italy:** Signs "Pact of Steel" with Germany.

**Germany:** Signs Molotov-Ribbentrop non-aggression pact, dividing Europe with Russia. Both countries invade Poland.

**Britain:** Declares war on Germany, along with France. World War II begins.

## SUSPENDING DEMOCRACY

Faced with the inaction of normal politics and the dangers of civil unrest, normal democratic procedures failed. But this didn't always result from the sudden rise of an evil dictator. Sometimes, democracy was suspended in a way that felt almost legitimate. Germany's first ruler to wield dictator-like powers during this period wasn't Hitler—it was Chancellor Heinrich Brüning, who ruled without regard to parliament for months. Paragraph 48 of Germany's constitution stated that "in cases where public security and order are seriously disturbed or threatened in the German Reich, the president of the Reich is empowered to take the measures necessary for restoring public security and order." Brüning argued that Germany's dire economic situation meant that parliamentary rule could be suspended. Brüning's successor, Franz von Papen, took the next step away from democracy. He took over Prussia's state government and police force, using a riot there as a pretext. "He thought by this act to strengthen the hand of central government," wrote historian Paul Johnson, "but in fact it marked the end of the Weimar Republic and directly prepared the way for a government of illegality."

Austria's experience was a little more clear-cut. Engelbert Dollfuss quickly set himself up as a bona fide dictator. But even there he did not simply stand up and proclaim himself über-ruler: He simply took advantage of irregularities in the Austrian Parliament's bylaws.

The same thing has happened in Greece and Italy today. Parliaments and politicians have taken too long to find solutions and make changes, so an undemocratic solution has risen. In Greece, Prime Minister Georgios Papandreou said the terms of the EU's bailout package should be put to a referendum. EU elites couldn't allow such a slow, messy democratic process to hinder their plans, so they forced out the prime minister and set up a new government by dictat. It was also EU elites who pressured former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi to resign, and a technocratic government of economists and academics, not politicians, replaced him.

This isn't the end of democracy in Europe. Greece still went on to hold elections. But Germany held elections after Brüning too. Democracy, however, *has been compromised*. Now that Europe has allowed a precedent of setting expediency above democracy, the trend is set. Worse violations will follow. The EU has simply "prepared the way for a government of illegality."

### Not Yet—Why?

Despite all these parallels, conditions in Europe aren't as bad as the 1930s. Democracy is still the soup du jour. Dictatorships are still seen as barbaric. But don't let that lull you to sleep.

The way the 1930s started out was different. Europe's democracies were less stable to begin with. Unlike today, there was no consensus that democracy was the best way forward. Dictators ruled Portugal, Italy and Poland. Communism had conquered Russia. Today, though democracy is beginning to crumble, it may take longer to do so.

But the major reason Europe hasn't fully descended into 1930s conditions is the welfare state. Eighty years ago, if a man lost his job, he often lost his savings and even his home. Today, thanks to unemployment checks, it's far easier to get by. In the 1930s, unemployment meant poverty, or even starvation. People were genuinely desperate. Spouses fell sick, children couldn't be fed. People acted more drastically—and the outcomes were far more intense and terrible than they have been thus far.

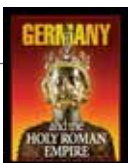
Does that mean we would have faced a 1930s-like future, but to our great relief, the welfare state has saved us? Hardly. While the unemployed masses are not starving, they are on the dole. And that has consequences of its own. Governments are already creaking under loads of unsustainable debt all over the world. The welfare state, one of modern democracy's core concepts, is actually breaking down in Greece. As the crisis continues, this problem will spread. Despite Europe's austere reactions, nations are still hemorrhaging money and accumulating debt—in addition to provoking their populations. Soon welfare states will collapse.

Then we really will be in trouble. The '30s will come early this century.

Past that tipping point, the descent becomes rapid. People who have never been at risk of hunger in their lives will suddenly have nothing. Panic will break out almost overnight. We will be swimming in the same dangerous cocktail of seething hatreds and war-mongering governments. Once again, strong and extreme leaders will rise to the top. That combination cannot do anything but explode.

But there is good news in this rapid descent. As the *Trumpet* has been publishing for years, the Bible *prophesied* this descent into chaos—as well as what will come next. Just as it did in the 1930s, this world-rocking financial quake will spark a world-rending world war that will be far worse than World War II; it will threaten the lives of everyone on Earth. But this time, the catastrophe will be interrupted by the return of Jesus Christ. The fact that the world is facing all of this bad news—retracing its steps into world war—also means that the good news is not far away.

To learn more about the future of Germany and Europe, request a free copy of ***Germany and the Holy Roman Empire***.





After underwriting a series of bailouts for the Greeks, Germans are tired of seeing scenes like this one in Athens, where police and protesters clash over governmental austerity measures.

# 1 | GERMANY Euro crisis makes for jittery Germans

GERMANY HAS BEEN HIT WITH A SERIES of bad economic news in recent months. On July 23, Moody's warned that Germany could lose its pristine AAA credit rating. Two days later, it warned that several state- and government-owned banks could be downgraded. On July 26, several major German companies published their quarterly reports, which were quite gloomy. The chemical manufacturing giant BASF announced that its profits had fallen 16 percent. Daimler's profits dropped 11 percent compared to the same period last year. Orders from Siemens dropped 23 percent. ThyssenKrupp said it would have to reduce hours for 2,000 of its staff due to lack of demand.

Estimates by the German Institute for Economic Research show that the German economy grew in the second quarter by only 0.3 percent. "Germany cannot uncouple itself from the weak development of the eurozone," explained Ferdinand Fichter, an economist from the institute.

"If our neighbors are gradually drowning, at some point Germany will be in deep water too," warned Germany's *Bild*

tabloid. "But we can't count on being rescued. We're the only ones who can help ourselves. ... For many, it's an uncomfortable and bitter truth. But those who thought that Germany would be spared had their eyes closed to reality" (July 27).

This economic headache coincides with German politicians growing increasingly uneasy about Germany's bailouts to the eurozone.

Moody's blamed its downgrade warning on the fact that Berlin had spent too much money on eurozone bailouts. Germany's rating was endangered by "the rising uncertainty over the outcome of the euro area debt crisis" and other risks "stemming from the increased likelihood of Greece's exit from the euro area," the agency said. It also cited risks that these countries will be called on to bail out Spain and Italy.

Some politicians are arguing that the recent news shows Germany must do even more to help the eurozone in order to help itself. Others say it proves Germany must grant fewer of the bailouts that are beginning to threaten its own economy.

To measure the effect of the negative economic outlook, consider the discussion within Germany about Greece's future. Some senior German politicians have been unprecedentedly strong about

Greece leaving the euro. The German vice chancellor and leader of the Social Democratic Party, Philipp Rösler, said that unless Greece obeys the conditions of its bailout, it will get no more money, adding, "An exit by Greece from the eurozone lost its horror a long time ago."

Even politicians from Chancellor Angela Merkel's sister party, the Christian Social Union, insist Greece must go. (The CSU is virtually the same organization as Merkel's Christian Democratic Union; it fields candidates only in Bavaria.) The CSU's finance minister, Markus Söder, has called for Greece to leave the eurozone. Party secretary Alexander Dobrindt has said, "With Greece we have reached the end of the road," and that the country "must get a chance outside the euro." Dobrindt even said the eurozone crisis would be the central theme of Germany's elections next year.

Merkel's coalition partners, the Free Democratic Party, adamantly oppose such a step. *Süddeutsche Zeitung* claims Merkel agrees with her FDP colleagues that Greece must stay. German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said, "That's a Rubicon we can't cross."

Such thinking has isolated the chancellor. CSU chairman and Bavarian premier Horst Seehofer has gone so far as to threaten to turn against Merkel over the bailouts. Germany's level of contributions to eurozone bailouts is "borderline," he said. "The time will come when the Bavarian government and the CSU can no longer say yes," he said on July 3. "And I wouldn't then be able to support that personally either." He added, "And the coalition has no majority without CSU's seats."

The public seems to support these hard-line positions. A poll published in July by *Bild am Sonntag* showed that 71 percent of Germans agree that Greece should leave the eurozone if it doesn't abide by its bailout conditions. Fifty-one percent said Germany would be better off if it left the eurozone and returned to the deutsche mark.

Germans are talking tough and considering drastic actions, all because of a comparatively slight downturn in their economy. With an election coming up, no party wants to be blamed for recklessly spending the nation's cash on other countries.

What we saw in Germany this summer was just the beginning of the euro crisis's impact on German politics. As the economy worsens, watch for it to destabilize German politics in the same way it has for other countries in the eurozone. Then watch for the Germans' reaction.



### 1 | GERMANY Crackdown! Islamists 'have no place'

German police launched searches against extreme Islamist groups on June 14, raiding homes and mosques across the country. The raids prompted investigations into two Islamist organizations and a ban on a third. Authorities say the groups threaten national security by strict adherence to sharia law and promotion of violence. "Such an understanding of Islam has no place in Germany," German Interior Minister Hans-Peter Friedrich said. The landmark crackdown was a response to a spate of violent outbreaks in May when German Islamists attacked police and members of the anti-immigrant Pro NRW political group.

### 2 | FRANCE Anti-Semitism: très chic

Anti-Semitism in France is intensifying, according to figures published by the Israeli legislature on June 27. The Protection Service of the Jewish Community, which gathered the data, said in its annual report that 2011 was a bad year, but 2012 will be worse.

Since Mohamed Merah brutally murdered three children and a rabbi in the courtyard of a school in Toulouse on March 19, the number of violent attacks against Jews has grown. The Gatestone Institute reported that on June 2, three young Jews in Lyon were viciously assaulted by a group of 10 men armed with hammers and iron bars. The research found at least 150 other acts of a similar nature during less than three months.

Evidence indicates that most victims of anti-Semitic violence do not report the attacks to the police because they know from experience their complaints are likely to be dismissed. Police appear to be downplaying attacks on Jews out of fear of race riots, since prevailing racial attitudes in many areas of France are tense.

### 1 | GERMANY Getting under the skin of Jews, Muslims

A regional court in Cologne ruled on June 26 that religious circumcision is a form of bodily harm and subject to criminal penalties. The case involved a Muslim doctor accused of carrying out a circumcision on a 4-year-old that led to medical complications. The legal decision has the much broader effect of criminalizing circumcisions performed by Jews and Muslims. The Conference of European Rabbis called the ban the "worst attack on Jewish life since the Holocaust." The Merkel government responded

**"If the ruling is allowed to stand, then I don't see a future for Jews in Germany."**

**PINCHAS GOLDSCHMIDT**  
CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN RABBIS



by saying that Jews and Muslims will be allowed to continue the religious rite, but the details remain unclear.

### 3 | ITALY

## Vatican gets new 'rottweiler'



MÜLLER

ON JULY 2, POPE BENEDICT APPOINTED Gerhard Müller as the new prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, historically known as the Vatican Office of the Holy Inquisition. Benedict himself held the post for 20 years before his elevation to pope.

Müller was formerly the bishop of Regensburg, seat of the university where a young Joseph Ratzinger taught theology 40 years ago. He has authored more than 400 theological treatises and is a high-profile German theologian and academic in his own right. He is reportedly as doctrinaire as Benedict.

Müller sits on several Vatican committees and has been a Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith member since 2007. "He is also president of Ecclesia Dei Commission, appointed by Pope John Paul II, which is taking care of the ultra-conservative SSPX and the Holocaust denier Richard Williamson," *Bild* reported (July 27).

Perhaps Müller's main strength in Pope Benedict's eyes is his hardline response to criticism. "I'm not addicted to conflict—but not too addicted to harmony. I'm just dedicated to the path that one must follow," Müller has declared.

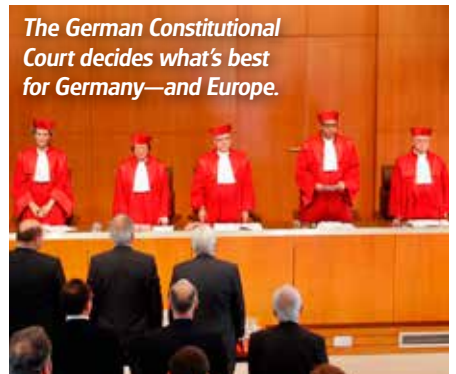
Müller's appointment comes at a time when Benedict needs a loyalist to watch his back in the wake of the Vatileaks and pedophilia scandals. The pope's choice sends the signal that he is ready to fight back against the media campaign portraying him as unable to execute his job of vicar of Rome.

Müller will likely prove to be as tenacious an enforcer as Cardinal Ratzinger. Ratzinger's liberalism-purging stint as prefect under Pope John Paul II earned him the nickname "God's Rottweiler." With Ratzinger as supreme leader and Müller as enforcer, two Bavarian Teutonic minds will be imposing the same hardline vision on the Vatican, the clergy, and the Catholic Church.

### 1 | GERMANY Veto power on EU integration?

Germany's Constitutional Court ruled on June 19 that its legislature needs to be involved in earlier stages of EU negotiations. The ruling requires Berlin to insist on more control over European Union decisions and makes it harder for Chancellor Angela Merkel to concede to the rest of Europe. The ruling specifies that Merkel must involve the Bundestag early on in any discussion of European integration, even when negotiations don't directly involve EU institutions. In 2009, the court ruled that parliament must approve all German military deployments, even if they are on behalf of the EU. The ruling effectively gave Germany's legislature veto power over EU military deployment.

This new ruling may have a similar effect, giving it, in essence, a veto over EU integration.



*The German Constitutional Court decides what's best for Germany—and Europe.*

1 | **IRAN**

**Missile test puts EU, U.S. targets in range**

Iran's Revolutionary Guards test-fired several ballistic missiles on July 3, a move intended as a warning against the United States and Israel. A senior officer said the missiles traveled up to 807 miles and successfully hit their targets. With an 800-mile range, Iran can target Israel, southern Europe and American bases in the region. The acting commander of the Revolutionary Guards said the tests were Iran's response to Israel's and America's consideration of using military force to halt Iran's nuclear program. Gen. Hossein Salami said the main goal of the war games was to demonstrate the Islamic Republic's political will to the world. Iran also announced it would stop any oil tankers passing through the Strait of Hormuz that were bound for countries participating in the new EU embargo.



Iran's Fateh missile



Hillary Clinton had positive words for Egypt's new president.

2 | **EGYPT** U.S. backs Brotherhood

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON MET WITH new Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi in Cairo on July 14. Her meeting indicated a drastic political about-face: a newfound friendship with Cairo's Muslim Brotherhood-dominated government. Clinton expressed the Obama administration's support for Morsi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, and indicated that she would help pressure Egypt's Supreme Council of the Armed Forces into yielding power to his government. Secretary Clinton called for "the full transition to civilian rule, with all that it entails." She also said she was working to deliver the billion-dollar aid package the Obama administration had previously promised, despite Congress predicating such aid upon proof of Egypt's commitment to democracy.



Turkish military equipment moves to the Syrian border.

3 | **TURKEY** Seeking a new ally?

Turkey deployed troops and weaponry to its border with Syria on June 28. The move came almost a week after Syrian forces downed a Turkish military jet, exacerbating tension between the two countries. On June 26, Turkish

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said Turkey had changed its rules of military engagement toward Syria. He warned Syrian President Bashar Assad that "every military element" approaching the border that might be a threat would be "treated as a military target." Turkey has repeatedly called on the Syrian president to step down, and it now appears that its patience with Assad is thin. A post-Assad Syrian government, beholden to Syria's Sunni majority, would likely ally with Turkey, which is also predominantly Sunni. Turkey already hosts 33,000 Syrian refugees, civilian opposition groups, and members of the Free Syrian Army, which is fighting Assad's regime. When Assad falls, watch for an alliance between Syria and Turkey.



4 | **LIBYA** Parliamentarians without parties

Libya's first free parliamentary election in 42 years was held on July 7, eight months after strongman Muammar Qadhafi was overthrown. The National Forces Alliance won the most party seats, beating Libya's largest Islamist party, the Muslim Brotherhood. However, candidates on party lists make up only 80 of the legislature's 200 seats. The rest were won by independent candidates, whose allegiances can be hard to determine. Many loyalists to the Muslim Brotherhood's Justice and Construction Party, as well as other parties, ran as independents, but will vote with their parties in the assembly. Will that be enough for the Brotherhood to take control? In



A Libyan man casts his ballot in Benghazi.

one voting district, though the National Forces Alliance won all seats on party lists, the winning

independent candidate is a Brotherhood member. Both the NFA and the JCP are now working to form alliances with independents and smaller parties to gain a two-thirds majority in Libya's legislature.

5 | **ISRAEL** Murder in the Sinai

Terrorists crossed over from Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and opened fire on civilians in Israel on June 18. The civilians were working on a border security fence, and one was killed. Israeli troops responded and killed two of the attackers. The incident underscores the growing lawlessness in the Sinai desert since longtime Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was toppled last year.



Chinese soldiers raise their flag at the establishment of Sansha City.

## 6 | CHINA A hostile military move

CHINA WILL BUILD A MILITARY GARRISON IN THE NEWLY established Sansha City in the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. Beijing's announcement of the plan on July 21 is China's latest move into waters also claimed by the Philippines, Vietnam and Taiwan. The Philippines has lodged a diplomatic protest against Beijing over the establishment of Sansha City, saying the decision "violates Philippine territorial sovereignty over the Kalayaan Island Group and Bajo de Masinloc and infringes on Philippine sovereign rights over the waters and continental shelf of the West Philippine Sea." Filipinos have been settled on the islands since 1978. Altogether, China claims territory in 20 neighboring nations.

## 6 | CHINA 7 | RUSSIA West, go sanction yourself

Russia and China vetoed a UN Security Council resolution on July 19 that would have imposed a new batch of sanctions on the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad. Western nations have been angling for a resolution against Assad if his forces continue attacking Syrian citizens with heavy weaponry. However, Russia has opposed any international action that would fault, punish or overthrow the leadership of the Syrian government. The decision marks the third time Russia and China have vetoed draft resolutions in the UN Security Council. It shows the Asian giants' growing strength and independence, not to mention their staunch determination to undermine Western interests.

## Time for a bigger role in Afghanistan

On June 5, Chinese President Hu Jintao said his country, along with Russia, will assume a bigger role in stabilizing Afghanistan as the United States leaves. The U.S. has tried to set up India as its successor after it pulls out, but Beijing and Moscow are keen to fill the void, as is Europe. China has already invested over \$3.5 billion in Afghanistan's mining sector, and Russia views Afghanistan as its backyard and still has extensive ties to the country. Afghanistan is home to mineral resources estimated at up to \$3 trillion.

**"The SCO provides a promising alternative regional platform to discuss the rapidly changing Afghan situation."**

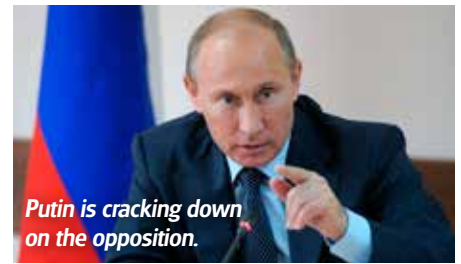
**S.M. KRISHNA**  
INDIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

## 6 | CHINA Arming a wild card

A Chinese company provided North Korea with vehicles capable of moving and launching missiles, according to June 13 reports by Japanese media. The transaction is a possible violation of UN sanctions against the nuclear-armed rogue state. China is Pyongyang's only formal military ally, and it supplies the state with 90 percent of its oil on easy terms or for free. "If it weren't for the Chinese, there would be no North Korean missile program, no North Korean nuclear program and no North Korea," *Forbes* wrote in 2009. Beijing continues to support the regime because the North Korean wild card serves its purpose. The existence of an unpredictable, volatile nuclear aspirant is a distraction to China's competitors in the region. Meanwhile, North Korea's ambitions align perfectly with China's aim to undermine the U.S.



North Korean missile launchers parade through Pyongyang.



Putin is cracking down on the opposition.

## 7 | RUSSIA 'Return to the days of Stalin'

On June 11, armed Russian police raided the homes of anti-Putin activists in a major new clampdown on dissent. Russian President Vladimir Putin's opponents compared the wave of arrests with the purge tactics of infamous former Russian dictator Joseph Stalin. "I never thought we will go back to be a country of such repressions," said television reporter Ksenia Sobchak, who was targeted by one raid. In May, Putin returned to the Kremlin with more power than any Russian since the collapse of communism. He has set himself up to take on an increasingly dictatorial role.

## World's biggest military show

Military supply companies from countries around the world assembled in Paris June 10 to 15 to show off weaponry at Eurosatory 2012, the world's largest international military technology show. This year's show revealed a surprising shift: The number of weapons companies from non-Western nations in attendance jumped—especially those from Russia and China.



Hardware on display at Eurosatory 2012

Mark Phillips, head of land warfare for the Royal United Services Institute defense think tank, explained the new trend. "Western armed forces generally, and land forces in particular, are facing significant cuts in capability," he said. "The expanded participation by Russia and China was therefore a challenging juxtaposition: These countries ... are increasingly producing high-specification equipment."

Among the new weapons China revealed was the Sky Dragon missile system, which can destroy a fighter jet as far as 12 miles up with a single shot. Russia's new armaments included hunter-killer tanks and MRAP (mine-resistant ambush-protected) vehicles.



The victim of a suspected drug-related execution

### 1 | MEXICO Drug wars intensify

Seven Mexican state police officers and four gunmen died in a clash on July 2 in the Pacific coast state of Sinaloa. Local media reported that one of the slain gunmen was a lieutenant for the Beltran Leyva drug gang. This area has suffered under a recent surge in violence between members of the gang and their former allies in the powerful Sinaloa cartel. As cartels battle each other, the police and the military, parts of Mexico are becoming war zones. In the past six years, drug-related violence in Mexico has claimed the lives of more than 47,000 people. In 2006, there were just over 2,000 cartel-related homicides. In 2010, there were more than 15,000. Last year, approximately 17,000 were murdered. Meanwhile, Americans continue to consume massive amounts of narcotics and send an estimated \$40 billion a year to the cartels.

### 2 | ARGENTINA Islands must be 'decolonized'

Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner attacked Britain's control of the Falkland Islands once again on June 14 as she addressed the United Nations decolonization committee. Kirchner argued that the islands are a key part of Argentina, despite the fact that they were colonized by Britain in 1833, have been held by it ever since, and are populated with a majority of people who want to remain under Britain. The Argentine government is growing increasingly combative in its long-held anti-Britain stance.

Before World War II, Britain and the U.S. controlled the world's most important ports and straits. These geographic gateways proved crucial to Allied success throughout the war. Since then, Britain and the U.S. have progressively forfeited their possessions, including Suez, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Panama Canal. Expect the Falklands to soon follow suit.

### 3 | SOUTH AFRICA Zuma: Push more whites out of economy

South African President Jacob Zuma said on June 26 that his country's economy is still largely under the control of whites and that South Africa needs a "second transition" to put the wealth balance in favor of the black majority. Zuma considers the first transition to be when blacks took over political power in 1994. But after controlling the government for nearly two decades following the end of apartheid, the African National Congress (ANC) has not done enough to take wealth from whites and give it to blacks, according to Zuma. The black majority still suffers from deep poverty, widespread unemployment and poor health. Zuma is facing a challenge to his leadership and wants to shore up support among young black voters. His ANC youth wing is pushing the government to nationalize mines and seize white-owned farmland.



"The ownership of the economy is still primarily in the hands of white males, as it has always been."

JACOB ZUMA  
PRESIDENT,  
SOUTH AFRICA



Protesters march and burn tires in the increasingly lawless township of Khayelitsha.

### 3 | SOUTH AFRICA Police fail, vigilante mobs rule

THE LACK OF POLICE PROTECTION AND action against crime is causing a resurgence of mob rule in South African slums, where rates of robbery, rape and murder are among the highest in the world. In the township of Khayelitsha, for example, there has been a growing number of mob vigilante slayings known as necklacing. The mobs have shoved a car tire over the shoulders of their victims, then poured in gasoline and ignited the tire, causing a gruesome and cruel death. Accused of theft, Ncedile Gigi and two others were necklaced in March by a mob

that was fed up with poor police practices.

For South Africans, the violence brings back memories of when suspected collaborators with the apartheid government were executed in the same torturous manner. Since January, more than 10 young men have been murdered this way based on mob accusation and hearsay. "But the wheels of South African justice grind slowly at the best of times, and few Khayelitsha residents are going to go out of their way to put the agents of an accepted vigilante justice system behind bars" (Reuters, July 12).

# Sixty miles of killer dust

ONCE CONSIDERED TO BE ONCE-IN-A-CENTURY EVENTS, GIANT dust storms have been pounding the U.S. state of Arizona. In June and July, five major dust storms plagued Arizona's famous valley area.

On July 29, Phoenix looked more like Saharan Africa than the well-manicured American Southwest when a massive dust cloud blanketed the metropolitan area. The cloud was 2,000 feet tall and nearly 60 miles wide. Tree limbs and power poles were snapped, causing 9,000 homes to lose power.



These huge dust storms form during the monsoon season that runs from June through September, and they are becoming more frequent. "This means more deadly accidents, more harmful pollution and more health problems for people breathing in the irritating dust particles" (*USA Today*, July 27).

These fine dust particles permeate everywhere during a storm. They can carry a poisonous mix of fungi, heavy metals from pollution, fertilizers, stockyard fecal matter, chemicals and bacteria. These can cause cardiovascular disease, eye diseases and other illnesses such as valley fever, which can be fatal. Cases of valley fever in Arizona rose 36 percent in 2011 over the previous year; medical experts believe dust storms could be one cause.



## Teens see, teens do

Teens' behavior can be altered by watching people have sex in movies, researchers from New Hampshire's Dartmouth College have concluded. The study, based on 700 popular films, found that watching sex scenes can "fundamentally influence" a teenager's personality. The statistics of the study confirm common sense. Sadly, movie directors rarely include "tragic consequences of promiscuous sex" scenes.

## Off the screen, into the theater

On July 30, mass killer James Holmes was formally charged with murder counts. Ten days before, wearing a gas mask, helmet and body armor and carrying two pistols, a shotgun and an assault rifle, the 24-year-old walked into a suburban Denver movie theater and shot 70 people, killing 12. The audience was viewing *The Dark Knight Rises*, a Batman movie known for its dark and realistic violence. When police arrested Holmes, he reportedly told them he was "the Joker," a demonic character from director Christopher Nolan's previous Batman film, *The Dark Knight*.

Among mourning and confusion, the carnage also sparked an outcry against violent entertainment. A Batman comic slated for release on July 25 included a specific scene that the company said "may be perceived as insensitive in light of recent events" and was "too close for comfort"—either for the victims or for the company's publicity. Meanwhile, previews of *The Gangster Squad*, another movie full of slayings that showed at many screenings of *The Dark Knight Rises*, have been pulled. The preview includes a scene in which four gangsters walk through a shredded movie screen as they fire machine guns into the packed audience.

## Happiest place on Earth?

Protesters in Anaheim, California, lit fires and damaged businesses on the evening of July 24 as they reacted to two police shootings that occurred over the weekend. On July 21, a police officer shot and killed Manuel Diaz, whom law enforcement officials say was a gang member. Diaz's family has sued the City of Anaheim and the Anaheim police, claiming he was unarmed and shot from behind. Another man was shot and killed by an Anaheim officer on July 22. That incident also sparked protests from residents, resulting in the arrests of 24 people. Anaheim, the sunny Southern California home of Disneyland, boasts a beautiful climate and upscale hilltop homes. But it also suffers from clogged apartment blocks filled with impoverished people and percolating unrest.

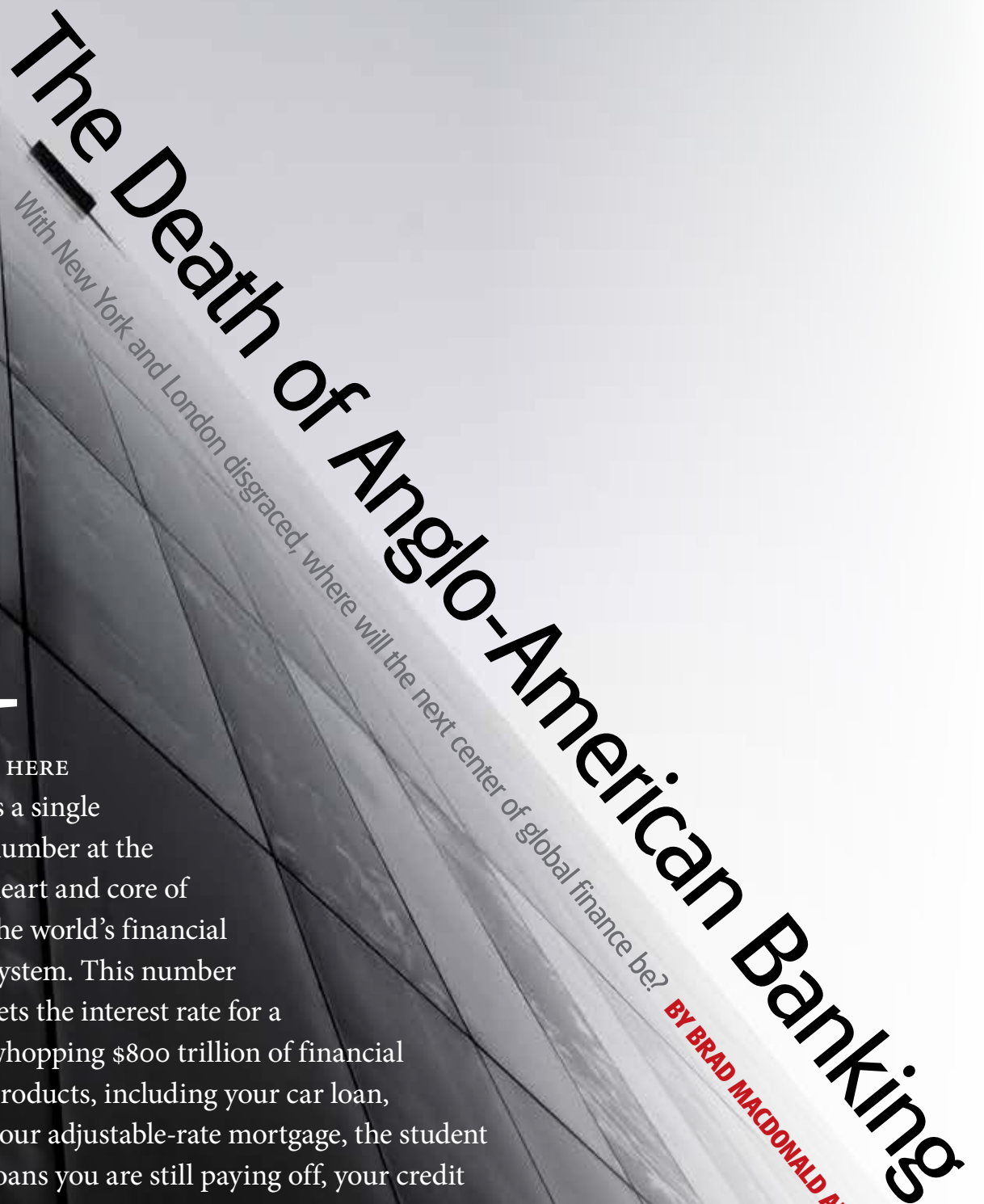


## 'Flash robs' wreak chaos

A troubling criminal trend continues to grow among teenagers: Groups of them have been planning and executing bold robberies, or "flash robs," using Twitter and other social media to organize themselves. Police say the suspects select a time and place and enter a store en masse, stealing what they want and then leaving before security or police can catch them. Some "flash robs" have taken place in daylight, adjacent to busy streets and completely visible to employees and security cameras.

Between January and March, seven flash robs took place in Minneapolis's Nicollet Mall area. They started in the shopping district with a large group, from which smaller groups splintered off and spontaneously began robbing, chasing or assaulting passersby. Minneapolis police witnessed a group of people attacking two cyclists, one of whom suffered a broken jaw. The same group of people moved on to cause commotion at a local restaurant. In early June, a group of 40 teens targeted a Troutdale, Oregon, grocery. From surveillance videos, it appears the teens ranged in age from 13 to 15. Customers in the store at the time said the store employees were overwhelmed and outnumbered.

These chaotic events well fulfill the end-time prophecy of Isaiah: "[T]he child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient ... As for my people, children are their oppressors ..." (Isaiah 3:5, 12).



# The Death of Anglo-American Banking

*With New York and London disgraced, where will the next center of global finance be?*

**BY BRAD MACDONALD AND ROBERT MORLEY**

**T**HERE is a single number at the heart and core of the world's financial system. This number sets the interest rate for a whopping \$800 trillion of financial products, including your car loan, your adjustable-rate mortgage, the student loans you are still paying off, your credit card, any personal loans you have, and even your savings account at the bank. And even though you probably don't deal with hundreds of trillions' worth of complex financial instruments, like swaps and futures, they too are linked to this number, and they affect you.

The number is called LIBOR, the London Interbank Offered Rate.

And apparently it's rigged.



That's right. The world's largest banks and financial institutions stand accused of colluding to manipulate the most important benchmark in global finance. Some have already admitted to it. And if regulators allow lawsuits to proceed, and if banks are proven in court to have manipulated LIBOR rates, the financial consequences will be massive.

More importantly, the damage to *confidence* in the English-speaking world's financial system will be catastrophic.

And what will happen if this crisis obliterates the great financial institutions of Britain and America? Who will the world look to next?

### Unparalleled Corruption

The good news—if you can call it that—is that so far, only British bank Barclays has actually admitted to fixing the LIBOR rate.

The bad news is that British regulators seem to be trying to dodge the scandal. As punishment, authorities fined Barclays \$455 million—not too tough for an organization whose pre-tax profits last year were more than \$9 billion. Barclays' stock price plunged and its CEO resigned, but so far, no one has been prosecuted or gone to jail.

America and Britain's other big banks have been implicated. JP Morgan Chase, Citi Group, Bank of America and others are under investigation. If they are guilty, they may have defrauded investors, states, municipalities, pension plans—even everyday homeowners—*tens of billions of dollars*. Maybe more.

According to allegations, once the banks colluded to set interest rates, they passed on the information to their trading units, which were then able to speculate with impunity—at the expense of virtually the whole world.

But the scandal goes beyond banks cheating. Barclays has indicated that both the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve of New York (then under current U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner) were aware of the manipulation at least as far back as 2007—but chose to do nothing. The Bank of England stands accused of actually encouraging Barclays to manipulate the interest rate so as to let it appear financially stronger than it actually was during the 2008 financial crisis.

But most shocking of all is the lack of shock. The consensus of some analysts is that, yes, the banks were cheating—but they are banks! *Isn't that what they do?* One Barclays manager excused the bank's actions this way: "So, to the extent that, um, the LIBORS have been understated, are

we guilty of being part of the pack? You could say we are."

Everyone was lying. Everyone was cheating. Everyone was stealing. And for years nobody had any problem with that!

Jeremy Warner, assistant editor at the *Daily Telegraph*, has been following British finance for years. "In all my years as a financial journalist," he wrote June 28, "it's hard to recall a case quite as shameful as [LIBOR]—and I've certainly seen a few." It's as if people check their moral coats at the door when they become global bankers. "Dude! I owe you big time!" wrote one happy bank trader in an e-mail to a Barclays staffer after colluding to manipulate the interest rate. "Come over one day after work and I'm opening a bottle of Bollinger."

Since national regulators were in on it, the banks pillaged with abandon. "It was a criminal conspiracy from the start, and a whole slew of regulators and politicians were in on it. And still are," wrote popular economics blog The Automatic Earth. "[A]ll the evidence over the past week, if not long before, suggests that LIBOR was set up the way it was, *because the idea was to make it prone to manipulation*" (July 10).

The *Nation's* Robert Scheer calls it the crime of the century: "Modern international bankers form a class of thieves the likes of which the world has never before seen. Or, indeed, imagined.... It reveals that behind the world's financial edifice lies a reeking cesspool of unprecedented corruption. The modern-day robber barons pillage with a destructive abandon, totally unfettered by law or conscience and on a scale that is almost impossible to comprehend" (July 6).

Another retired FX trader, Bruce Krasting, stated, "I don't believe that there is a money pro on either the buy or sell side over the past 30 years who didn't understand that the LIBOR fixing was fixed. If they claim to be 'shocked' today, they are either lying or stupid. THE SAME GOES FOR EVERY CENTRAL BANKER AND TREASURY OFFICIAL..." (July 13; emphasis added throughout).

Compared to this, Bernie Madoff is a carnival sideshow. Bank of England Deputy Governor Paul Tucker says his investigation has revealed a rotten system. He says that beyond LIBOR, other indexes and markets need to be investigated too. "I can't be confident about anything after learning about this cesspit," he said.

If all the allegations prove true, this is by far the biggest financial scandal the world has ever seen.

The whole Anglo-American financial system—from head to toe—is sick. And that's an understatement.

### Is the Whole System a Racket?

Everyone knows that the crude oil market is subject to manipulation. The OPEC cartel exists for that reason. Similarly, everyone knows the Federal Reserve, the Bank of England, the Bank of China and other central banks manipulate the values of their currencies to achieve policy goals.

But now investigators are finding that even the most widely relied-upon and important indexes—ones that the public has been led to believe are accurate reflections of the free market—may actually be fixed too. Markets for natural gas, various metals, foodstuffs and other commodities may be just as fraudulently manipulated by financial institutions and their traders as LIBOR.

On July 2, the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission sued JP Morgan over possible manipulation of electricity markets in California and the Midwest. On June 27, HSBC admitted to allowing money laundering by terrorist organizations and Mexican drug cartels. Investigators say it is a "case study" of the rampant problems in the finance industry. The revelations keep coming and coming.

The global financial system was apparently a racket all along; the bankers just temporarily convinced the world otherwise. "If you can't trust what is believed to be a market-based price, then you have to question all market-based prices," says Cumberland Advisers chief investment officer David Kotok. "LIBOR is probably the single-most supposedly market-based price of credit in the world," he says. "And now we see it may have been rigged—and rigged for a long period of time. *It's destructive of confidence* to the 'nth' degree and calls into question huge elements of finance.

"If you can't trust the regulatory authorities, who are supposed to be protecting investors, institutions and participants, then who can you trust?"

That's a hugely important question that investors and governments around the world are asking: Can the Anglo-Saxon financial system be trusted?

If not, it's the death knell of Anglo-American financial dominance.

Yet, there is much more at stake—especially for Britain.

### Here Comes Europe

Across the English Channel, European politicians and bankers are watching this saga and licking their chops.

From the moment Britain joined the

European Community in 1973, it has been the goal of European elites to beat their Anglo-Saxon “partners” into submission. For nearly four decades, Brussels has worked toward this end by bombarding Britain with an ever increasing number of laws, regulations and policies. One of the loftiest aspirations of European elites has been to directly or indirectly *Europeanize* British finance.

For Europe, this scandal is a giant opportunity.

“European policymakers will delight in the ammunition they have been given to rein in the Anglo-Saxon bankers and make them subject to the rule of Brussels and Frankfurt,” warned Warner. Bloomberg reported that in Europe “the Barclays fine [has] provoked renewed calls for tougher oversight of the financial system and pushed regulatory probes of interbank lending rates to the top of the political agenda.”

On July 25, the European Commission published proposals designed to “put an end to the criminal activity in the

banking sector.” That sounds noble and altruistic. In reality, it’s an attempt by the EU to impose its will on British banking. According to the *Daily Mail*, the European Commission also warned “the EU could take over the supervision of benchmarks used to set mortgage rates and trillions of pounds in financial investments” (July 25).

One EU politician even suggested that the EU be vested with more authority, including the power to “break up big institutions,” like the banks.

Watch out Britain, Germany and its cohorts are coming after you!

The damage Europe could potentially inflict is devastating. Banking and finance is Britain’s most important industry. It is the one industry that gives Britain global relevance. The sector comprises about 10 percent of Britain’s entire economy, contributes more than £50 billion annually to the nation’s coffers, and directly employs more than 1 million people, accounting for roughly 4 percent of total UK employment. It is the only industry that consistently generates a large trade surplus and is the only sector that continues to attract business to Britain on any significant scale. (For example, *80 percent of Europe’s hedge funds are based in London.*) Additionally, London’s concentration of big banks attracts other companies, which means more money and jobs for Britain. In fact, more multi-

national corporations are headquartered in London than in any other city in the world.

Banking and finance is the last vestige of Britain’s greatness.

And now Germany and Europe have even more of a reason to come after this industry!

No one denies that something needs to be done to stop the corruption and deceit. But the fallout from this scandal—which will undoubtedly include massive fines, more regulation and laws, and greater government oversight—could have debilitating consequences. Not just for banking and finance, but for Britain’s larger economy too. “Finance’s golden age may be drawing to a close; with no new industry or manufacturing renaissance

## How Did They Pull It Off?

SINCE LIBOR is the benchmark rate for \$800 trillion worth of financial products, you would think there would be a regulatory team keeping watch over how it was calculated. Or at least a couple of officials? How about at least one guy?

Nope. Not a soul. The LIBOR rate is set by a club of “self-regulating” international banks. The same banks that brought us the subprime mortgage mess, the robo-signing/rocket-docket disgrace, Countrywide Financial and the Long Term Capital Management debacles, and generally every other major financial scandal of the last several hundred years.

To set the LIBOR rate, 18 big banks simply quote the rate they *think* they would have to pay to borrow money. The British Bankers Association then throws out the four highest and four lowest rates reported, averages the rest and publishes the rate. No proof is necessary. The system operates on the *honor code*.

By throwing out the outliers, the theory was that no bank could manipulate the rates. Supposedly it was a foolproof system—but it wasn’t greed-proof. Wall Street’s finest found a way. It wasn’t difficult. Bank officials simply had to pick up the phone. Meet at the ninth hole at the country club. You can imagine the conversation.

Banker 1: “Hey guys, I have a large swap position that I am a bit underwater on; it would be helpful if interest rates

drifted lower for a while.”

Banker 2: “Not a problem, buddy, just remember that in April rates need to be a point higher.”

Banker 3: “Why don’t you guys stop talking work and join us for a weekend on our private Cayman Island?”

Banker 4: “We can test-fly my new Gulfstream.”

And from the evidence released so far, it appears it was exactly these kinds of things that happened. *\$800 trillion in financial products moved by a conversation a par 4.*

coming up in the wings, it is not entirely clear what's going to take its place as a source of British wealth, jobs and tax revenues. *It is not just finance for which hard times lie ahead,*" explained Warner.

The potential economic crisis, initiated by the loss of tens of billions in banking revenue and the loss of

hundreds of thousands of jobs, is cause for deep alarm!

More alarming, however, is the way this debacle could thrust Europe forward—especially Germany—as the world's leading financial power!

### What God Says Will Happen

Written around 790 B.C., Hosea's prophecy contains a strong message for Britain, the modern-day descendant of ancient Ephraim. In it, God explicitly warns that Britain in the end-time would still look relatively good on the surface, but be riddled with corruption, injustice and lawlessness within. The prophecy also shows that this condition will result in Germany dominating Britain.

In Hosea 5:11, God says, "Ephraim is oppressed and BROKEN IN JUDGMENT ...." In verse 12, God likens end-time Britain to a moth-eaten rag. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry expounds on this prophecy in his booklet *Hosea—Reaping the Whirlwind* (request a free copy). "A moth-eaten garment looks good in the closet," he writes, "but take it off the hanger, and it falls apart. God says Britain is like a moth-eaten garment. . . . EVEN THOUGH CERTAIN THINGS MAY LOOK GOOD ON THE SURFACE, [THIS NATION IS] READY TO FALL APART!"

In Hosea 7, God describes end-time Britain using the analogy of a baker and a fiery hot oven. Verses 7-8 read, "They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges .... Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; *Ephraim is a cake not turned.*" Again Mr. Flurry explains, "THE PHRASE 'HOT AS AN OVEN' REFERS TO BRITAIN'S CORRUPTION. There is no true justice left in the land. Britain may look good on the surface. But God says in verse 8 that it is like a 'cake not turned'—already burned out underneath."

Using the authority of Bible prophecy, Mr. Flurry then warns explicitly: "*Serious crises are going to MAKE OUR NATIONS CRUMBLE SUDDENLY, LIKE A BURNED-OUT CAKE!*"

The LIBOR scandal threatens to make Britain crumble!

Amazingly, the book of Hosea also specifically forecasts that a German-led European power will exploit Britain during this period of weakness and vulnerability. In Hosea 5:13, it says that "when Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, THEN WENT EPHRAIM TO THE ASSYRIAN ...." Modern-day Germany is the descendant of ancient Assyria (this is proved in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*; request a free copy). God prophesies that

Britain will become so weak that it will feel compelled to turn to Germany and Europe for sustenance and protection. In Hosea 7:11, God says that "Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, THEY GO TO ASSYRIA."

Another prophecy in Hosea 8 says Britain will be compelled to trust in Germany, and that Germany will exploit its weakness.



To prove Britain's identity in prophecy as Ephraim, request a free copy of ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy***.

"For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: EPHRAIM HAS HIRED LOVERS. Yea, though they have hired among the nations ... THEY SHALL SORROW A LITTLE FOR THE BURDEN OF THE KING OF PRINCES" (verses 9-10). The term "burden" means *tribute*. The Amplified Bible says that Ephraim begins to "diminish because of the tribute imposed by the king of Assyria."

This is moving when you dwell on it. These prophecies, *written about 2,700 years ago*, describe Britain today perfectly. A nation wallowing in corruption, deceit and lawlessness. A nation on the cusp of social, political and economic collapse. And a nation finding itself increasingly vulnerable—especially now, in the wake of the LIBOR scandal—to being pushed and bullied, and eventually crushed, by the German-led European behemoth next door.

With all the corruption in the Anglo-Saxon financial system, many people—libertarians, tea partiers, those on the far left—will probably gloat when the big banks come crashing down. But they won't be gloating for long. The destruction of London and New York will have ramifications that will quickly work their way from the rich of the rich to the very poor.

When financial systems collapse, few escape unscathed.

If confidence in America and Britain is broken badly enough, the economy will collapse. Foreign investors will flee; capital flight will ensue; governments will be unable to borrow money, so they will print it; inflation will soar, currencies will devalue; economies will devolve—and our First World nations will become Third World.

This horrid future is what America and Britain may shortly be facing. And Brussels and Frankfurt will more than willingly pick up the scraps. ■

## A Look in the Mirror

As much as we would like to vent our disgust at the big evil banks, perhaps we should take a closer look at ourselves, too. Bankster culture is little different than everyday culture.

No one was complaining when the big banks offered low-document/no-document liar's loans to anyone with a pulse who wanted to buy a house. Everyone liked it when cheap credit from the banks caused house prices to rise and the stock market to boom. The majority of people still don't want to cut government spending, even though we have to borrow unsustainable amounts to pay for it. And how many of us just happily "keep the change" when a bank error happens in our favor?

Meanwhile, we all relish playing "gotcha" with irresponsible bankers—as if that somehow ameliorates the fact that most people can't even put their own financial houses in order. The banks may have been the biggest actor in the 2008 financial crisis and the resulting high unemployment, but they had a full supporting cast. The housing bubble was only possible because of the huge supply of homebuyers willing to speculate with borrowed money on ever rising prices. And those homebuyers were aided by crooked real-estate agents and house appraisers who were willing to fudge the numbers.

There must be an honest inquiry into the actions of the banks. But we all need to take a long, hard, honest look in the mirror too.

# How Not to Be DECEIVED

Christ's greatest warning to this world is found in Matthew 24. What makes it the greatest? It addresses the world's greatest deception! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

**"T**HE WHOLE WORLD" IS DECEIVED. God inspired the Apostle John to write this in Revelation 12:9. That is a stunning statement. How is it possible that *so many* people could be deceived?

"The whole world" would have to include the various competing versions of professing Christianity, or else you can't believe your Bible.

In Matthew 24, Jesus Christ talked about the "many" being deceived (verses 4-5), not the *few*. Yet He also said in that chapter that it is possible for you to understand the Bible so deeply that it is *impossible* to deceive you! You can become "the very elect," and the very elect *cannot* be deceived (verse 24).

YES, WE CAN RISE ABOVE DECEPTION! As incredible as it sounds, you and I can be part of Jesus Christ's inner circle, His "little flock" (Luke 12:32)—the select, precious few who *cannot be deceived*.

## Before a Sign of the End, a Warning

Matthew 24 is called the Olivet prophecy. The stage is set in verse 3: "And as [Jesus] sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

That is quite a subject: the sign of the end of the world, the end of this age, and the return of Jesus Christ!

Human beings will listen to almost any preacher proclaiming his version of end-time events, almost any wild-eyed fanatic, almost any Hollywood movie depicting the end of the world. But *almost nobody will listen to Jesus Christ!* What does *Christ* say is the sign of the end of this age and the lead-up to His return and the beginning of a new age?

Look carefully at how Christ answered the disciples' question. He *didn't* come right out and answer it immediately! Why not?

Because He had to warn them: If they didn't BEWARE OF A POWERFUL DECEPTION, they WOULDN'T EVEN SEE THE SIGN! He emphasized that this fog of deception was so thick, so *monstrous* that if they didn't cut through it, they simply wouldn't see what Christ was talking about. They wouldn't recognize when the end was upon them!

And this critical warning was recorded and preserved for *us*—right now!

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, *Take heed that no man deceive you*" (verse 4). *You*, He said—you *disciples*. When Christ says *you*, He is not talking to the world in general, He is talking to *His own followers*.

And what is the specific deception that Christ's followers need to heed? "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (verse 5).

HERE IS THE SINGLE GREATEST WARNING IN THE BIBLE! The whole New Testament revolves around this pivotal chapter of Scripture, and Christ's imperative warning here is this: *Beware of people who DECEIVE you about me!*

Christ was warning His disciples—and warning *you and me*—that people would try to deceive us about Him and *His message*. He went on to talk about how the "many"—not the *few*—would be deceived about war, pestilence, famine and other unconscionable cataclysms. But the confusion about all those catastrophes exists primarily because people are deceived about *religion*—even *Christianity!*

Jesus Christ Himself founded His Church (see Matthew 16:18). Most people know very little about the Church He founded. The history of that Church is a fascinating and deeply important subject to study.

Did you realize that soon after Christ completed His ministry on Earth, a controversy arose about the gospel? Church history shows that people violently disagreed over whether the Church would proclaim *the very same gospel message Christ Himself proclaimed*—or whether it would proclaim a message *about* Jesus.

The message *about* Jesus won out. The message He preached was largely silenced.

About 20 years after the Church was founded, the Apostle Paul—inspired by Christ—wrote his epistle to the

Galatians, and he said, *I MARVEL that you've already turned to another gospel!* (see Galatians 1:6-7).

Paul went on to pronounce a *double curse* on any man, or even angel, who preached any gospel other than the one he had given them *from Christ!* (verses 8-9). God canonized that in the Bible, so He inspired it. These are the words of God: Anyone who preaches another gospel will receive a double curse! That is a serious warning that any minister should take to heart!

Are you sure you know what the true gospel is?

### God's Love, Waxed Cold

In His Olivet prophecy, Christ continued, "Then shall they deliver *you* up to be afflicted, and shall kill *you*: and *ye* shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Matthew 24:9). Again, He is talking to His own disciples and telling them what will happen to them prior to His return!

This is an end-time prophecy. Christ is talking about a time just before His Second Coming, and He says the lives of many of *His own people* will be in danger. Why? There are several scriptures where God promises to protect His people. But these people *turned away from God* and lost that protection.

Verse 12 makes that abundantly clear: "And because iniquity [or lawlessness] shall abound, the *love of many shall wax cold.*" The word *love* is translated from the Greek word *agape*, which specifically means the very love of God. That *agape* love can only reside within someone who is begotten by God's Holy Spirit (e.g. Romans 5:5). God gave this love to these people, and *many—the majority*—allowed it to wax cold. They lost God's love because of their *lawlessness*. The love of God is that we keep His commandments (1 John 5:3). These people—who were not deceived, who had God's love—committed lawlessness. As a result, they are now deceived—right at the time when Christ is about to return!

### One Generation!

Matthew 24:14 adds another crucial aspect to Christ's prophecy: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; *and then shall the end come.*"

HERE IS THE SIGN! Christ has given His impassioned warning, and now He gives the monumental SIGN of the end of the world and His Second Coming!

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS SIGN? Have you seen the gospel preached around the world?

This is an astounding scripture that *most* people who study the Bible don't understand. They don't realize the truth: It

has already been done!

It's important to note that the *end* described here is not the same *end* discussed in verse 3. Verse 3 refers to the end of the age. Bible study aids will show you that *this "end"* is referring to the end of preaching the gospel to the world as a commission. Christ did *not* say that He would return as soon as the work of preaching the gospel message was completed.

Notice, however, Christ's statement in verse 34: "Verily I say unto you, THIS GENERATION SHALL NOT PASS, TILL ALL THESE THINGS BE FULFILLED." "All these things" refers to everything Jesus is describing in this pivotal prophecy. But what did He mean by "*this generation*"?

This generation—the *last generation* before Christ's Second Coming—is going to witness all these events in Matthew 24! A generation is roughly 30 years. So we need to know: *When did that generation start?*

Does Christ want us to know? Of course He does. We have to know when that generation began, or else we can't understand the rest of the prophecies He is teaching us in Matthew 24!

So, when did that generation begin?

returns—began when the gospel commission ended. But if you don't know *WHAT THE GOSPEL IS*, then you don't know *when that happened!*

People can dispute what I'm saying if they want, but if it is true, it's true. Christ said there would be one generation—a very short period of time—when all these prophecies in Matthew 24 would be fulfilled. You *must* prove when that generation is!

### Don't Believe It!

Notice verse 14 again: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." *THAT IS THE SIGN.* This gospel would be preached around the world, and then *that work would end*—*THEN ALL THE PROPHECIES OF MATTHEW 24 WOULD BEGIN TO BE FULFILLED, IN A SINGLE GENERATION.*

Think deeply about this. How could the gospel being preached around the world be a sign of the end?

The gospel was preached around the world in the first century A.D. by the church that Christ founded. But this prophecy shows that *IT WOULD NOT BE*

Most professing Christians would disagree with this, but Jesus Christ said there would be the sign, and that we must understand it. The reason people don't agree with this is that they don't understand what the gospel is! They believe a false gospel. And Jesus said that would be the case!

I believe strongly that this "last generation" began *WHEN THE COMMISSION TO PREACH THIS GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD WAS STOPPED.* When that work stopped, all the prophecies of Matthew 24 really began to be fulfilled.

Read the rest of the chapter, and you see that Christ prophesied that *unparalleled* suffering would occur at the close of this age, right before He returned. The 20th century was the bloodiest in human history. Two world wars killed 60 million people. Yet Matthew 24 says the time ahead will be *far worse*. Verses 21 and 22 say this will be an *unparalleled* time of tribulation that "no flesh" will survive if God doesn't intervene. This has never been possible the way it is today. But now we have proliferating weapons of mass destruction that can do exactly that: extinguish *all* human life!

I think it is obvious that "this generation"—the last generation before Christ

*PREACHED AROUND THE WORLD AGAIN UNTIL THE VERY LAST CENTURY. Otherwise it couldn't be a sign of Christ's return!* If the true gospel had been preached around the world in the 15th century—or the 16th or 17th century—then *that* would have been the end. But at that time, the Church was asleep! The people of God didn't do their job the way they should have. You can read where Christ prophesied of this at the conclusion of Matthew 24 and in the first 10 verses of Matthew 25.

Most Christians would disagree with this, but Jesus Christ said there would be *THE SIGN*, and that we must understand it. The reason people don't agree with this is that *THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE GOSPEL IS! THEY BELIEVE A FALSE GOSPEL.*

And Jesus said that would be the case! *One of the signs He gave was that many CHRISTIANS would be deceived.*

Counterfeit gospels have been around from the beginning. The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 11 about people turning to another Christ and another gospel. He warned that they would have another spirit; that there would be false apostles *talking about Christ*, but not delivering *Christ's message*. He said they would come as angels of light, just like Satan the devil does—and that *most* people would believe them.

In Matthew 24:23, Jesus warned, “Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; BELIEVE IT NOT!” He specifically warned against people simply *talking about Him*. He told His followers

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*not to listen* to such men. His primary concern was whether or not people understood and *believed His MESSAGE!*

Do you see this situation extant today?

LISTEN TO CHRIST! Listen to His message! *Don't* listen to a man who only talks about the *personality* of Christ! *Don't* listen to a man who says all you must do is believe in His name. Instead, listen to *Christ Himself* in Matthew 24. Read the Bible and BELIEVE NOT JUST THE NAME, BUT THE MESSAGE.

WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HEED CHRIST'S WORDS HERE, THEY GET DECEIVED! Instead of listening to Christ—they listen to men talk *about* Christ. Then they get deceived.

At the end of the age, just before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the worst possible deception is taking place. “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, *if it were possible*, they shall deceive the very elect” (verse 24). These are not just wild-eyed preachers on the fringe of society. These are powerful, persuasive men who deceive almost everyone. And if it was possible, they would even deceive the very elect! But it is IMPOSSIBLE to deceive the very elect.

### Whom Shall God Teach?

The Prophet Isaiah also warned about religious leaders who are off course. God warned about priests and prophets who “erred through wine, and through strong drink ... they err in vision, they stumble in judgment” (Isaiah 28:7). The “strong

drink” they are drunk on is *spiritual*. This prophecy is about lacking *spiritual* vision and judgment.

Verse 9 in this chapter is one of the most important verses in the entire Bible. Open your Bible and read it for yourself. THIS IS HOW TO BE UNDECEIVED:

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.”

The only people God can teach knowledge or doctrine to are *those who have been weaned*—weaned from the mother. In biblical terms, a woman is a symbol of

THE CHURCH. We cannot be like nursing children. We must be *weaned* from following men, weaned from looking to men. We must grow up and LEARN TO LOOK TO JESUS CHRIST.

How do we do that? Verse 10 explains: “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.”

The Bible is Jesus Christ in print. It is like a jigsaw puzzle. You have to go over *here* and find some understanding, then put it together with what you find over *there*. You need to use the New Testament and the Old Testament, picking up a line here and a line over there, going back and forth and studying in great depth.

That is the way to follow Christ. It is not easy. Jesus Christ actually designed His Word to be *difficult* to understand. He coded the Bible! We have to closely follow what Christ says or we're going to be deceived.

Believe it or not, JESUS CHRIST DOESN'T WANT PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD TO UNDERSTAND UNTIL THEY ARE READY TO OBEY.

This prophecy goes on to say that if you heed what Christ says, He will give you blessings. “To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing,” verse 12 says—but it concludes: “*yet they would not hear.*” So many people simply will not listen to what Christ says.

### Get to Know Your Bible

Do you want to be educated in the Bible? If you aren't receiving your education from God's Word, then you are going to be following *men*—which is a curse (Jeremiah 17:5). You are going to be deceived.

We have to be weaned from following men. That's why we get into so much trouble: We follow men who are deceived, and often led by the evil god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). Don't follow men. Don't even follow *me!* Beware those who would deceive even by talking about Christ!

Instead, just *follow Christ*.

Christ wants you to not be deceived. And you can know the truth if you will study God's Word in depth and *believe* what He says!

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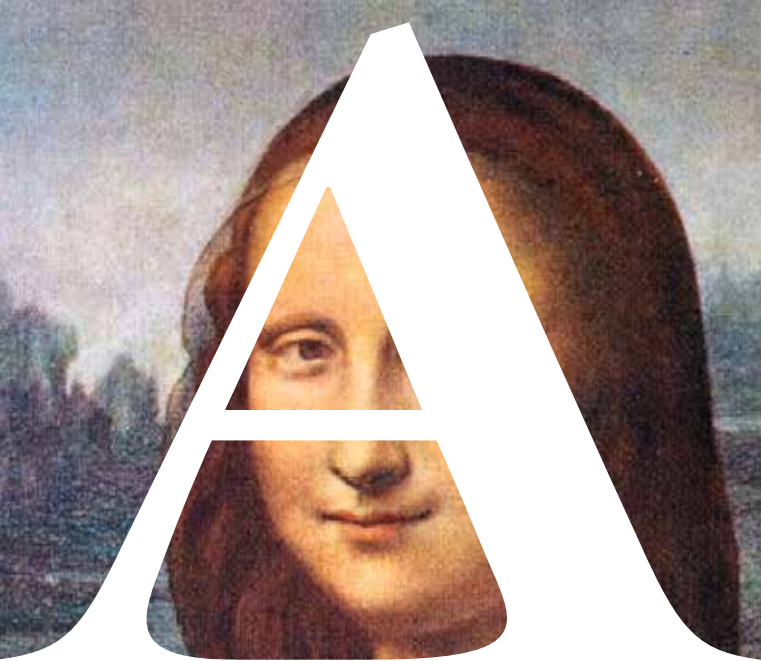
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**I**F YOU FEAR THAT YOUNGER GENERATIONS ARE TRAGICALLY apathetic, just scroll through the comments section of a popular YouTube music video, and you'll discover heaps of evidence to the contrary. Although most of these netizens are apparently indifferent to rules of grammar and courtesies, they are *deeply passionate* about music. In page after page of oscillation between the loftiest praise and the most scornful contempt, users make their opinions on music inescapably clear.

Many of these arguments are also peppered by pleas from diplomatic souls urging restraint from both the fanatics and the detractors. One such commentator said, "Music taste is not objective. You cannot factually, beyond all deniability, prove one piece of music to be better and more enjoyable than another, or of better quality."

Another user broadened the discussion's scope beyond music, saying, "Like all art, there is no right or wrong answer when it comes to music. It's all personal opinion. One person's [trash] is another person's good. That's how human beings work."

The issue these commentators raise is one that long predates YouTube and music videos. Since ancient times, arguments have raged about what is beautiful, important and worthwhile in the arts. Greek philosophers debated the question. Scholars of the Re-

# The Good Bad and the Mediocre

naissance deliberated it. Modern experts have only continued a discussion that began millennia ago, and the only solid conclusion many participants seem to agree on is that beauty in art is in the eye of the beholder.

But is Rembrandt's startling accuracy superior to Jackson Pollock's arbitrarily paint-splattered canvases? Are the fugues of Bach and Mozart—where masterful musical engineering unites with profound expressivity—more valuable than the random lunacy of many of John Cage's compositions? If artistic value is entirely a matter of opinion, then the answer to these questions is a disillusioning "no."

But could it be that there *are* standards by which artistic expression can be judged? Is an objective assessment of aesthetic value possible?

## To the Gallery or the Garbage?

First, what is art? How can you tell whether a certain human work of creative endeavor qualifies?

Some say art is any creative expression that gives others amusement or pleasure. Few object to schools encouraging students to study the arts, but how would society view this



encouragement if the purpose of the arts was strictly to amuse, or give pleasure to those students? There is meaningful pleasure to be gained from the arts, and beauty to be discovered in them, but if that is all we seek, we're overlooking those components of art that are often more valuable.

Leo Tolstoy formulated a widely accepted definition of art, calling it "a human activity consisting in this, that one man consciously by means of certain external signs, hands on to others feelings he has lived through, and that others are infected by these feelings and also experience them" (*What Is Art?*). There is considerable value to this definition. Artists are stirred by an experience of emotion, and use their talents with clay, music, motion, words or camera to encapsulate that emotion in a creative work. The evidence of its successful encapsulation is that it rouses the same

critter can compose a symphony upon the blank canvas of silence? Of the millions of species living on Earth, *only humans* can engage in artistic creation.

This is because the Creator God—the first and supreme Artist—gave mankind those abilities. The entire universe proclaims God's creative power and brilliance. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). The universe and all the wonders it contains represent one vast art museum that showcases God's ineffable creative power. Recognition of this mind-boggling fact prompted King David to sing, "I meditate on all thy works; I muse [which is what museums are for!] on the works of thy hands" (Psalm 143:5).

God is an unequalled master of form, texture, space, color, balance, rhythm, contrast, emphasis, harmony, proportion, repetition, scale, unity, craftsmanship and variety.

We are offered a glimpse into some of the intricacies of God's creative process in His exchange with the patriarch Job. Job had some remarkable artistic creations of his own, but he became vain about his accomplishments. God wanted to give Job some perspective—to humble him—so He asked Job pointed questions about His own artistic creations, which were of far greater scope and importance than Job's: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof" (Job 38:4-6).

The Creator likely used architectural language in order to relate to Job's background in building, but there remains clear indication of form, planning, specificity, design, process and structure in God's creative process. God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33), and He orders all things to be done "decently and in order" (verse 40).

### How Did Art Get Corrupted?

How did mankind arrive at the point where placing a crucifix in a jar of urine is called art, and where respected experts routinely construct long-winded treatises on the merits of Jackson Pollock's paint-splattered canvases?

In the same conversation He had with Job, God explained that after He had completed creation of the physical universe, the angels—which He had created some time prior—were so moved by its beauty that they shouted for joy. This shows that God's art—His creation—conveyed

purposeful understanding to others and gave them pleasure, because *God's creation is good* (Genesis 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25).

God's creation of the host of angels was one spectacular part of His "good" handiwork. The Prophet Ezekiel indicates how spectacular these created spirit beings are, describing one of them as "the measure of perfection, full of wisdom and *perfect in beauty*" (Ezekiel 28:12; Darby Translation).

But it was in this very being that the seeds of artistic corruption first took root, and a segment of God's creation became ruined. This magnificent archangel rebelled against God, became filled with lawlessness, and warped his mind with perverted thinking (verse 17). Since the earliest days of man's history, Satan—originally called Lucifer—has broadcast his warped ideas of art (and all other facets of life) to mankind.

Lucifer's rebellion was the true beginning of depraved art.

Today's cultural landscape is shaped by volumes of good art—inspiring expressions of God-given ability developed by relentless human determination—but also by an even greater quantity of creative ideas that have been influenced by dark attitudes, moods and impulses, broadcast into human minds by Satan (Ephesians 2:2).

So, how can we differentiate between art that is valuable and that which is corrosive? How can we tell the good from the bad?

### The Good, the Bad and the Mediocre

Those who argue that aesthetic value is strictly a question of taste seem to overlook the fact that, in all branches of the arts, there are established competitions that rely on the judgment of experts: John Moores Painting Prize, the Booker Prize, American Idol, the Cannes Film Festival, etc. If artistic merit is purely in the eye of the beholder, then these institutions wouldn't have purpose. The existence of judgment by experts as a regular feature of our experience in the art world implies that art is not strictly a matter of personal preference.

The question of judgment for a Christian includes discerning and choosing what is acceptable based on the standards of God's law as revealed in the Bible. The Bible is the instruction book for mankind, and was engineered to teach people what they need to know to discern the good from the bad, the constructive from the destructive, and the right from the wrong.

For example, we should avoid submersing ourselves in artistic works that openly promote or delight in lust, violence and other evils prohibited in the Ten

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## Or is it all just a matter of taste? BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

emotion in those who view or hear it. The trouble with this definition is that there is limited value in the arousal or expression of emotion just for emotion's sake.

In *Philosophy of the Arts*, Prof. Gordon Graham makes the case that art is most accurately defined as a creative expression that helps others to *understand* experience. Graham says art is most valuable when it serves as a source of understanding.

The most effective works of art will meet all three of these: giving others pleasure, conveying emotion to them, and helping them to better understand experience.

Digging into the question of what art is also unearths an undeniable fact: The capacity to create and appreciate art is a major demarcation setting human beings apart from animals. What animal can paint a watercolor landscape, choreograph a tango, or sculpt a likeness of itself? What

Commandments. We should steer clear of art that parades and celebrates sin with defiant pride (Isaiah 3:9).

In his letter to Church members in Philippi, the Apostle Paul offered this guideline explaining which aspects of experience—including artistic expression—are most worthy of our time and attention: “[W]hatever is true, whatever wins respect, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovable, whatever is of good repute—if there is any virtue or anything deemed worthy of praise—cherish the thought of these things” (Philippians 4:8; Weymouth).

How many plotlines of today’s films and novels are propelled forward by respectful, lovable and reputable characters? How many Top 40 songs are pure and just? There are some, but the unwholesome works outnumber them by a considerable margin.

In this perplexed world, questions about

which endeavors of art are respectable, just and pure are not always straightforward. A single piece of artwork may simultaneously embody wholesome and unwholesome elements, or may depict villainy or immorality for essentially moral purposes. There’s a colossal difference between a work that portrays evil in order to address social issues (like violence), and those that give cheap thrills by exploiting it. To understand the vastness of this discrepancy, compare *Schindler’s List* to the series of *Saw* movies.

How much does the morality of the artist come into play? There is no single correct answer for this either. To reject any and all art formed by unconverted people—those with whom God is not yet working—would be to cast out virtually every shred of art and music ever produced (Genesis 3:22-24), and men of God have not taken that route. The Apostle Paul, for example,

was well acquainted with the plays written by Menander, a Greek dramatist who lived hundreds of years before him (1 Corinthians 15:33). Paul also committed to memory the poetry of Epimenides the unconverted Cretan (Titus 1:12), and that of Aratus and Cleanthus, two pagan Greek poets (Acts 17:28). Paul studied the creative and artistic works of these men, and quoted from them in order to help explain God’s truth to the people of his day.

If all poetry and artistry produced by unconverted minds is to be avoided, God’s apostle would not have taken this approach. But if a given artist has postured himself as a spokesman or poster-child for a certain sin, then it would be difficult to justify consuming his creations.

A discerning consumer will learn to identify the *overall intent* of a particular

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# The Good, the Great and the Magnificent

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# The Boy Who Became King

Why it's important for children to use their time wisely.

**A** RECENT STUDY REVEALED THAT ALMOST 5 MILLION Americans play video games at least 40 hours a week—the equivalent of a *full-time job*. Imagine what talents these Americans could develop, what great things they could accomplish, if they devoted those 200 million hours to worthwhile pursuits!

Children have a golden opportunity to develop their talents because they have more *time* to do so—time that is much more difficult to come by during adulthood.

In ancient Israel, God was looking for one such youth—one who was productive and diligent with his time—who could one day replace Saul as king of Israel. At the end of His search, God sent the Prophet Samuel to the house of Jesse. There, he was to anoint one of Jesse's sons to become king (1 Samuel 16).

Jesse presented his seven sons, one after the other. To Samuel, they all seemed suited for the honor. But as each son passed by, God told Samuel that this son was *not* the one chosen. God told Samuel, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (verse 7). God does not see man as man sees man. He doesn't look for the next attractive Hollywood-style star. He looks at who we *are*.

After God had rejected seven of Jesse's sons, Samuel pressed the father to see if there were any other children in the family (verse 11). There was one more. He was in the fields, tending to the sheep.

In verse 12, the youngest of eight brothers is finally introduced—David. He was a pleasant-looking, average-size young man. One thing that really set him apart was *how he used his time*. Over weeks and months and years spent in the fields of Judea, working and even sleeping outdoors, David had grown physically strong. He protected the flock, wrestling and killing a lion and a bear. Even as a simple shepherd, David demonstrated the traits of a courageous warrior—taking on ferocious animals if he had to. But he had also developed his mind; he had become an outstanding musician and poet, and he had a balanced and well-rounded personality.

And yet, considering how his father overlooked him when Samuel arrived, David certainly wasn't considered the star of the family. God actually chose the boy the rest of the family had voted "least likely to succeed"!

He was impressed with this young man's *heart*.

Even though David was converted to God's way of life as a teenager, and even though it was he whom Samuel anointed that night, he wouldn't *become* king for another 17 years. Samuel actually sent him right back out into the field (verse 13). That says a lot about the amount of time involved in conversion. David didn't just luckily stumble into his kingship as a teenager. He needed experience, he needed to grow, he needed to overcome sin and to build faith—he needed time.

David's rise as a young man coincided with the decline of Saul, who had lost God's Holy Spirit and was suffering from

demonic influence. Saul, deeply discouraged, alternated between suicidal depression and fiery rage. His advisers became gravely concerned about his well-being. Finally, Saul agreed to let them find someone who could comfort him. They looked for someone who had developed an ability to play soothing music.

Notice verse 18: "Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him."

David may not have been widely known at the time, but this royal servant obviously knew him and was aware of the unique skill set he had developed. During his life, David probably wrote hundreds of poems, psalms and songs. This servant recognized him as an accomplished musician and "prudent in matters"—a skillful communicator.

Saul arranged to have David come play for him. Verse 21 says, "And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he *loved him greatly*; and he became his armourbearer." Thus began a beautiful relationship that ended up revealing so much about David's character. David was the rightful heir to the throne, yet he displayed not even a hint of jealousy or competition toward Saul. In fact, he became one of Saul's most trusted advisers! As long as Saul remained king of Israel, David humbly submitted to him.

God was preparing David to become king—over time—by placing him exactly where he could learn how the royal court and the government of the kingdom functioned.

These verses reveal how young David spent his time. For all his accomplishments that are recorded, he devoted many hours, days, *years* of his youth to developing his talents, which are not recorded. He had to learn from childhood how to develop character to the point where he could be a courageous and faithful shepherd, then a loyal adviser, then much, much more. This young boy did not waste his youth. He was active, productive, diligent. He learned how to labor outdoors, how to focus on music and poetry, how to follow God's law, how to love people, and how to become a man after God's own heart.

Because of how this young man spent his *time*, God was able to take David—whom few thought would amount to anything—and turn him into a king!



## The real London

This is a wonderfully accurate account of the state of Britain today (“London: Look Beyond the Olympic Lights,” August). It is a great pity that the *Trumpet* magazine is not compulsory reading in our junior and high schools. The magazine articles are not only accurate but tremendously inspiring and no doubt would touch the hearts of many who presently do not have access to this wonderful material.

Gwendoline Walsh—  
LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND

## Concern over Britain’s next king

Hopefully Queen Elizabeth will still be the Queen for another 10 years (“Queen of the World,” August). Her son Prince Charles though is completely different and will prove to be a complete disaster for Britain. Charles wants to be crowned king in a multi-faith coronation service in a dramatic break with tradition. This desperate, politically correct ploy to try and ingratiate with and appease the growing Islamic population in Britain gives us an insight to the weak character Prince Charles is.

Ian Reygan—ENGLAND

## A Jerusalem focus

As I read your article (“Watch Jerusalem!” August), with each prophetic account, there was the gripping, bittersweet reality of what it will take for God to get mankind’s attention—and what He will do with it once He finally gets Israel and Judah to look to Him once again, and for humanity to come to know Him. And it all begins with God’s purpose for Jerusalem, the City of Peace.

Ian Harper—ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA

## Rewarding craft of slow reading

I have been thinking on this subject for a short while (“In Praise of the Slow Read,” August). That’s all though—just thinking about it. This article has pushed me over the edge. I am going to take action! I remember when I first started reading church literature. I read through it so fast—my mind soaked it up like a sponge—it was great. Now though, I’ve noticed my mind trying to slide by those things I’ve “gotten” or “think I’ve



gotten” and hurry on to the next item. When I do slow down, I enjoy my reading experiences so much more. I plan to read this article several more times to help drive the point home. Thanks again.

G.M.—UNITED STATES

## Inhuman behavior

Nothing surprising! This is a world that exalts annual zombie walks and vampires (“Bath Salts Do Not Turn People Into Flesh-Eating Zombies,” August). Not to mention sadistic, hardcore pornography and revolting movies like *Van Helsing* and *The Human Centipede*. It is a matter of real life imitating the arts.

Peter Thomas—SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

I absolutely agree. Thanks for writing what 90+ percent of pastors won’t tell you. It’s good for some of us to read articles like this, lets us know there are still Christians out there who are paying attention to God. People have become so dumbed down by all the distractions in society, idol worship, and war-supporting churches, it’s just mind-boggling, no one is prepared! I know one thing: Our society needs BIG CHANGE. Scott—TEXAS

There is a saying that people sometimes say, “The devil made me do it.” How wrong that is when we ourselves are to blame. If we listen and obey, we have the power to make this great being run away like a coward. All we have to do is resist him. This only comes from drawing closer to God and using the tools He gives us. Satan will be dragged away, kicking and yelling soon. He and all his demons will be put into their prison forever. All glory goes to our great, living, all-merciful God.

Moses Figueroa

## The college bubble

It is just too bad that this article did not come out at an earlier time, so many could avoid the pitfalls of higher education (“Sucked Under by That College Degree,” August). Sincerely we will need God’s wisdom to make it home.

Angela Couperthwatie—OHIO

## Hackers: Today’s cold warriors

Interesting and unsettling reading, especially for some of us whose primary work is done online (“Barbarians Within

the Gates,” July). It is the real Cold War, much more lethal and silent than the 1945-1990 Cold War between Western Alliance and East Bloc. This is the reality of our new world.

Timothy Kalyegira—UGANDA

## The power of the Constitution

The framers of the Constitution have put much that determines when and how we can be destroyed into our own hands! (“Die by Suicide,” April). Abraham Lincoln so eloquently vocalized the danger. The Constitution is designed so as to guard us against our own human nature, making it difficult, on purpose, to enact or destroy laws at the whim of the moment. Human nature is as unstable as water. The Constitution has been like a vessel that holds that water in place, just as the Ten Commandments will do to those who abide by it.

David Nunn—INDIANA

We know from Scripture that today we do not have sound leaders. God has removed men of character, wisdom and good judgment. It’s not until one reads words like these from Abraham Lincoln that we are able to see just how bad things are and how far we have fallen away from God. It brings to mind the experiment of the frog which when placed in hot water immediately jumps out but when that same frog is gradually heated up over a period of time he stays put until he is dead.

M. Tesoriero—N.S.W., AUSTRALIA

## Bible-based facts

I was getting a haircut when I happened to glance over and see your magazine on the table. I picked it up and browsed through it. I became very absorbed. As I was reading an article regarding the drug cartels in Mexico, I noticed the word “God.” When I saw that it contained Bible-based facts, I knew I had to search for this magazine on the Internet. Ever since, I have continued reading it on your website theTrumpet.com. It is now part of my favorites and I read just about all the articles in your magazine. J.C.

## Reading the Trumpet as a youth

I am very happy that I signed up for this magazine. I’m grateful for the topics you bring up and want to let you know you’re doing a great job bringing these things to light. God bless the *Trumpet* and everyone involved in it. I also want to thank my brother, Deyvi Mateo, for putting me up on this magazine at a young age. Keep up the good Work

Marvin Rosario—NEW JERSEY

# Stuck in Terminal 4

When my flight was cancelled, I got a lesson in why the way of give is so important.

I'M WRITING FROM A HOTEL ROOM ADJACENT TO TERMINAL 4 at Heathrow, the UK's biggest, busiest, messiest airport. It's been an awful, enormously frustrating day. And a sad one, too. This is because ever since I arrived at 7:15 this morning, I've witnessed a world-class display of incivility, rudeness and disrespect. Of pure, unbridled selfishness.

When I arrived at the gate, everything was normal. Or at least "normal" for the 21st century: blatant homosexuals; freakily dressed, body-pierced Goths; disengaged fathers; teenage girls caked in make-up and dressed like call girls; and of course, obnoxious, disobedient, disrespectful, out-of-control children. Fifty years ago, this would have constituted a nightmare. Today, it's life at Gate 5, Terminal 4 of Heathrow—and virtually every other airport in the Western world.

It was obvious that all was not well when we hadn't boarded the plane by 9 a.m. Fifteen minutes later—and 15 minutes before the plane was due to take off—we were informed that the flight would be delayed 1½ hours. So it began. Initially, it was evident in the chorus of groans and complaints. But within a few minutes, a crowd of visibly frustrated passengers had begun to circle the check-in desk. One especially upset lady—we'll call her Angela—marched up with steely determination to lambast the unfortunate airline employees.

At 11 a.m., we were told the plane would depart at noon. At noon, we learned it would leave at 1 p.m. Each time the flight was postponed, the tension rose. The moans and complaints got louder. The anger was palpable—manifested in red faces, raised voices, icy glares and a steady, audible gush of swearing. It went on like this till 3:15 p.m., when we were informed that the flight had been cancelled.

Breaking point.

Rather than sitting and waiting for instructions, as asked, the passengers formed a long line to take turns fuming at the airline employees. By now, Angela and her gang were in a frenzy. Finally, Angela snapped and marched to the front of the line, pushed her way past the other passengers, and let the airline have it: "Shame on you! Shame on you!"

You can understand the frustration we were all feeling. But it wasn't the frustration or anger that mildly disturbed me. It was the total lack of control over those emotions. The scene was largely devoid of respect, of civility, of empathy. Selfishness reigned supreme.

This really struck me while I was waiting beside the carousel for my luggage. About 25 yards away, jammed in the middle of the tense, exasperated crowd, was a woman (we'll call her Christy) with a large dual stroller with two children in it. One was about 2, the other younger. Both were awake, obviously frightened, and bawling. Poor Christy was a wreck. She couldn't stray from her screaming children. Yet, she needed her bags. I watched from afar for 10 minutes and not a single person offered to help Christy and her scared, screaming children.

I was eventually able to jostle my way over and help the poor woman. From here, it was time to catch a bus



to the hotel. There we were, a couple hundred people, bags in tow, crammed onto a narrow sidewalk trying not to stumble in front of passing buses, taxis and cars. We waited 20 minutes. No buses. No one was guiding us, informing us, organizing us.

Then it started to rain.

When the bus finally arrived, it was immediately obvious that there wasn't enough room for most of us. But that didn't stop the entire crowd from bull-rushing the vehicle. It was at this moment that I caught sight of Bob. Bob was chaperoning some sort of high school trip. A few decades ago, Bob and his entourage would have found their place in the line and calmly waited. In fact, Bob probably would have encouraged his young cohorts to let the elderly board first, or even instructed the boys to help load luggage.

Not 21st-century Bob. As the crowd moved toward the bus, Bob noticed a space in front of an Indian couple with three children. He pounced like a panther. Then, with his position established, he turned around and admonished his lads to join him. It was almost unbelievable. It was raining. People were scrambling everywhere. And this man was attempting to maneuver his entire entourage in front of families, the elderly, and everyone else in line!

This may not sound all that bad. There were no riots, no fist-fights, no full-scale breakdowns. Indeed, most of the passengers—although many were visibly frustrated and openly hostile toward the airline and its officials—kept to themselves. But that's just it.

VIRTUALLY EVERY INDIVIDUAL WAS FOCUSED SOLELY ON SELF!

Perhaps selfish passengers at an airport terminal seems insignificant compared to all the other crises we face: political division and paralysis; bank failures, growing unemployment lines, rising food prices and increasing threats of economic collapse; social problems, divorce, fatherlessness, single-motherhood, rampant promiscuity; class warfare, intensifying racial hatreds. But think about it.

If you trace each one of these issues back to its roots, you will see the same thing I saw at Heathrow: THE SPIRIT OF SELFISHNESS!

Herbert W. Armstrong described this way of thinking and living succinctly. He called it the "way of GET." It's a horrible way of life, one that results in dissatisfaction, misery, frustration, hostility, trials and tribulations.

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creative work of art, and to value those works that reflect the best of mankind's God-like creative abilities and extraordinary potential. A discerning consumer will develop the discipline to reject that art whose lifeblood is depravity.

A judicious patron of the arts will also push himself to refine and improve his tastes. On this topic, the Apostle Paul said to the Hebrews, "[S]trong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14). This applies primarily to spiritual maturity, but it has relevance to all vistas of life—including the arts. A person exiting Walmart with a 3-liter bottle of Dr. Pepper and a bag of pork-rinds may argue that he derives as much enjoyment from his culinary choices as any sophisticated epicurean does from his fine wine and caviar, but the quality of his enjoyment is at a lower level.

Rather than settling for what is immediately easy to enjoy, we should strive to educate ourselves and refine our senses. If, for most of our lives, we've subsisted on a strict musical diet of pop music (which is popular because it is accessible, and easy to appreciate), then considerable effort may be required to exercise our senses to a degree that will let us appreciate meatier music. But this effort is an investment that will pay dividends. A comic book—with its vivid images and rapid dialogue—is easy for most any inexperienced reader to become engrossed in. But how much richer is the enjoyment of Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, whose treasures a student labors arduously for, and learns much about human nature from? There is certainly a time to enjoy art that is accessible and undemanding, but cultivating the ability to digest strong meat will greatly enhance our lives. As Ernest Dimnet wrote, "Don't read good books—life is too short for that—only read the best." That logic applies to all genres of art.

Jesus Christ said He came so that people might "have life, and that they *might have it more abundantly*" (John 10:10). Rich, abundant living does not mean easy existence, but worthwhile living.

Mankind's capacity to create and appreciate art is an awesome gift from God of value beyond measure. We should deeply appreciate it, strive to use it as He intended, and labor to drink in more of the good, less of the mediocre, and none of the bad. ■

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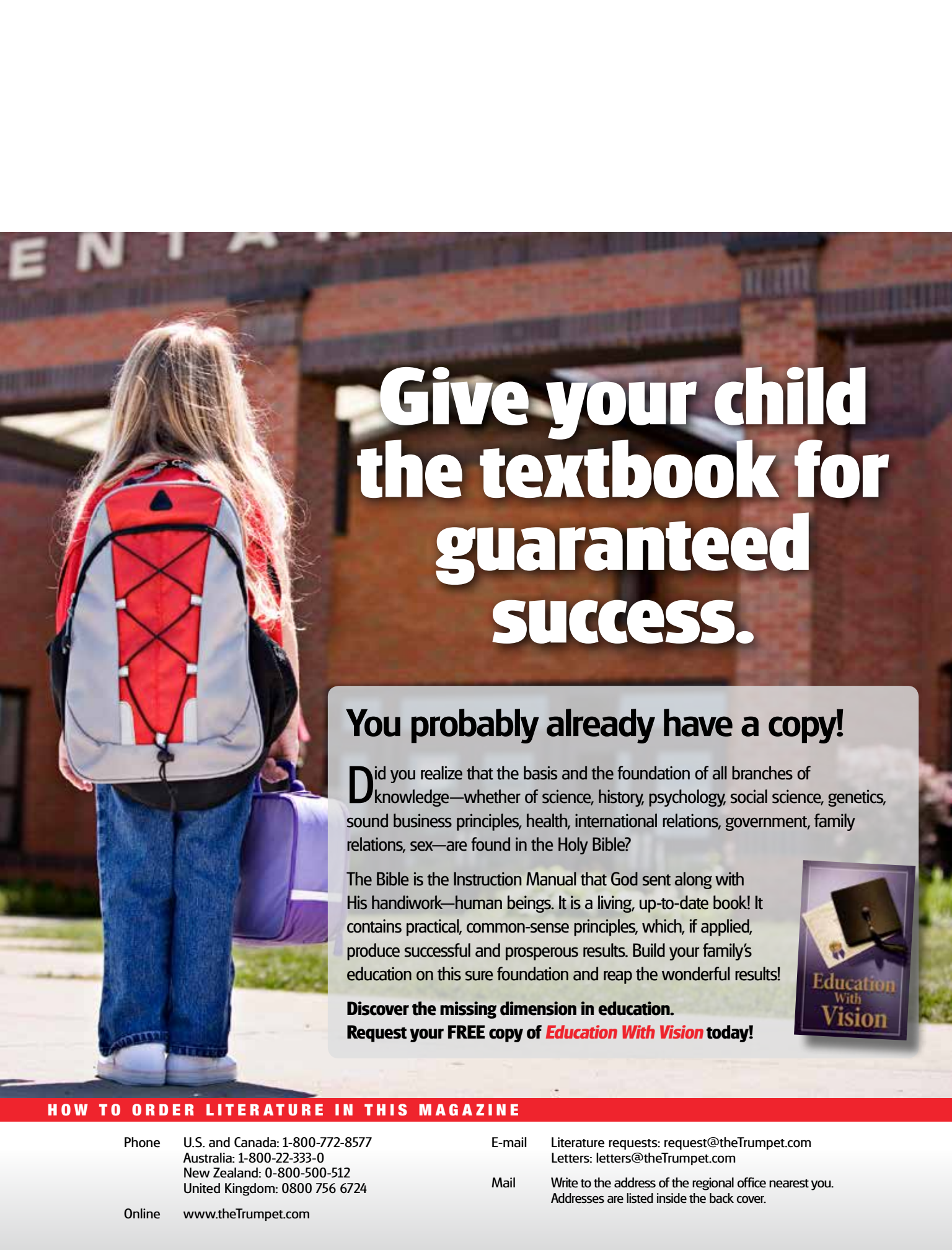
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