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FROM THE EDITOR
GERALD FLURRY

Barack Obama and His Friend Prince Harry

Has the former president had a strong influence on the former royal?

PRINCE HARRY'S ATTACK ON THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY keeps getting nastier.

In December 2022 came the Netflix documentary series *Harry & Meghan*, in which the duke and duchess of Sussex slurred his family terribly, accusing them of racism and other evils. Even worse slanders came in January with the publication of Harry's memoir, *Spare*, which immediately jumped to the top of several bestseller lists.

WHAT HARRY SAYS IS LOADED WITH LIES. In his book he says there is no such thing as "the truth"—just *his truth*. "Whatever the cause, my memory is my memory, it does what it does, gathers and curates as it sees fit, and there's just as much truth in what I remember and how I remember it as there is in so-called objective facts," he writes. "Things like chronology and cause-and-effect are often just fables we tell ourselves about the past."

This man doesn't even know the difference between truth and lies. He has chosen lying as a way of life.

The press has publicized Harry's salacious private details of arguments and fights within the family, but who knows how much to believe from this man? In the *Spectator's* words, "He, his wife and their media handlers appear hell-bent on their mission to cause as much trouble as possible for the royal family they've left behind—in particular for brother William and sister-in-law Kate" (Dec. 10, 2022).

Clearly what Harry is doing is devastating to his family. Yet he says he wants reconciliation. "I would like to get my father back; I would like to have my brother back," he told *60 Minutes*. He says repeatedly that he simply wants a private life—while doing everything possible to create publicity and make money off destroying his family.

Why such vicious, deceitful attacks against not just his family but an institution that has underpinned British society for centuries?

There is far more to this than most people realize. A big part of the answer, though, can be ascertained by looking at how Prince Harry's thinking may have been influenced by former United States President Barack Obama.

'His Friend Prince Harry'

When Mr. Obama became president, he returned a bust of one of Britain's greatest heroes, Winston Churchill. It had been a gift to the White House.

During the first year of Donald Trump's presidency, 2017, Obama was interviewed on the BBC by none other than, as the *New York Times* put it, "HIS FRIEND PRINCE HARRY."

"While neither man mentioned Mr. Trump directly, they discussed the role of social media in leadership, a conversation that brought to mind Mr. Trump's blunt, unvarnished posts on Twitter," the *Times* wrote. "Mr. Obama warned against the irresponsible use of social media by people in positions of power and expressed his concern about a future in which facts were discarded" (Dec. 27, 2017).

This article quoted Obama as saying, "One of the dangers of the Internet is that people can have entirely different realities. They can be cocooned in information that reinforces their current biases. THE QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH HOW DO WE HARNESS THIS TECHNOLOGY IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS A MULTIPLICITY

SOON AFTER PRINCE HARRY MARRIED MEGHAN MARKLE IN 2018, THE TWO OF THEM VISITED THE OBAMAS. IT'S HARD TO FATHOM HOW MUCH HE HAS BETRAYED HIS ROYAL FAMILY FROM THAT TIME TO THE PRESENT.

OF VOICES, ALLOWS A DIVERSITY OF VIEWS, but doesn't lead to a Balkanization of society and allows ways of finding common ground" (emphasis mine throughout).

Barack Obama wants "a multiplicity of voices" and "a diversity of views"? What a shocking lie! We now know that Obama and his administration got control of Twitter, Big Tech corporations and most of the media. He had Twitter block Donald Trump and directed these companies to suppress the speech of many of his supporters, who constitute about one half of

America! Read more about this in the feature story that follows, “Barack Obama and the Twitter Files.”

Obama *discarded facts*, created his own “different reality” and forced it on the public. Harry bought into his thinking entirely. He agrees with and looks up to this dangerous man!

Soon after Prince Harry married Meghan Markle in 2018, the two of them visited the Obamas. It’s hard to fathom how much he has *betrayed* his royal family from that time to the present.

‘His Truth’

When Harry and Meghan wanted to break with the royal family, THEY GOT ADVICE FROM THE OBAMAS. The *Daily Mail* reported that the couple “wanted to mimic the way they had managed to build a successful, but dignified, life for themselves after the White House” (Jan. 10, 2020). Soon after, Meghan shared a stage with Mrs. Obama during a three-day virtual leadership summit called “Girl-Up.”

How big of a role did Barack Obama play in that shameful and devastating split within the royal family? How much has Obama influenced this young man’s views about “his truth”? Harry’s “truth” is packed with lies—and so is Obama’s.

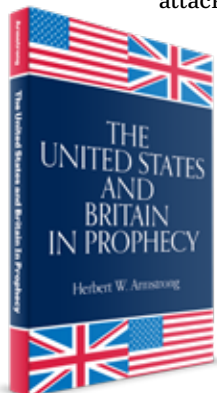
Obama believes America and Britain are filled with systemic racism, and he has said that racism is in Americans’ DNA—a vile lie! Now Prince Harry is calling all of the royal family racist. That is “his truth”—which is a monstrous lie! His criticism of the royal family is *filled* with such deceit.

It appears Mr. Obama has had a *strong* influence on Harry and his American wife.

Read my feature article in this *Trumpet* issue, which shows the malevolent spiritual force behind Barack Obama and what is motivating his hatred for America and Britain.

Harry’s memoir indicates that he too has foolishly opened himself up to such evil influences, including serious and prolonged drug use. Harry writes that cocaine, cannabis and magic mushrooms helped him see “the truth.” He said the drugs led him to “another world where the red mist didn’t exist” and helped “redefine” reality. To make matters worse, Harry said he visited a psychic to try to contact his dead mother. In the Bible, King Saul visited a psychic—a witch—to contact the dead, and he encountered a demon (1 Samuel 28). Even before then, Saul was sitting on a throne from God and it was taken from him, and then the demons moved in (1 Samuel 16:13-15).

Satan the devil passionately hates the throne of God and everything God stands for. He is actively seeking to destroy it. He will use every opening to do so, and in this case he is influencing a confused, selfish man to mount a terrible attack to smear and destroy the royal family and to destroy Britain. ■



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Barack Obama and the Twitter Files

Exposés are revealing a lot—but they are leaving the most important story untold.

BY GERALD FLURRY

WE PUBLISHED AN IMPORTANT UPDATED version of *America Under Attack* last summer. As events rush along and more truth is exposed, we are preparing to update it further in a hardback version. The information you will read here will be added to this book, and it concerns secrets that have been published on Twitter showing nothing less than *treason against the United States*.

Treason has been defined as “treachery” and “the offense of attempting by overt acts to overthrow the government of the



state to which the offender injures the sovereign or his family.” It has been defined in the United Kingdom as “an offense against the security of the Commonwealth or of the King’s majesty,” and “a crime punishable by death” in time of war. It is a betrayal of your country.

Barack Obama said at the end of his first presidential campaign that he was just days away from “fundamentally transforming the United States of America.” We now know what he meant. He worked and is still working to *destroy* America as a constitutional republic. The end stages of that would involve violence! And when you look at what Obama did to his successor,

Donald Trump, and his family, you see him “injuring the top leader and his family.”

In 2013, when I first wrote *America Under Attack*, people were beginning to wonder what was happening to the United States. By now, many are realizing that its very principles, identity, history and future are indeed *under attack*. Yet even at this late stage, ALMOST NO ONE IS WILLING TO NAME THE MAN WHO IS LEADING THIS ATTACK!

‘The One’

Based on Bible prophecy, the *Trumpet* has warned for more than 30 years that the United States will fall because our people have forsaken the God who gave us our nation. We have warned specifically about the radical left’s attack on the Constitution since the 2000 presidential election and about the influence of a specific man, an end-time type of Antiochus Epiphanes, since 2008. That deceitful, destructive leader is Barack Obama.

One of the few authors who traces America’s self-destruction back to its perpetrator is Mark Bradman, who goes by the name of Sundance, posting on the blog Conservative Treehouse. He is showing how obvious it is that Obama is the power behind what occurred during his presidency and is behind the current regime. Sundance has been explaining the Twitter Files—a series of revelations released by new Twitter owner Elon Musk and a number of journalists he has worked with. They show the secret communications of radical leftists at Twitter and in the government to control people in America and elsewhere by controlling the information they see. Notice this key statement from Twitter Files 8.0 journalist Lee Fang about the secret communications that he was provided and published: “The searches were carried out by a Twitter attorney, so what I saw could be limited.”

“There’s no ‘could be’ in that statement,” Sundance wrote. “The searches were limited, specifically time limited, putting all of the scrutiny on the timeline when Donald Trump was in office. ... [I]t’s public record [that] the

use of Twitter and Facebook as a tool to advance U.S. foreign policy began during the Obama administration. There are dozens of mainstream press accounts of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton reaching out to Twitter and Facebook for support during the ’11/’12 Arab Spring. This is not controversial; it happened” (Dec. 20, 2022).

Twitter began in 2006, became popular in 2007 and was an enormously powerful tool for controlling foreign policy *and for controlling Americans* by 2017 when Donald Trump was inaugurated president. What happened in between? The 2009–2017 presidency of Barack Obama! Yet this batch of Twitter Files

and apparently all the others so far have specifically avoided revealing what happened during those years!

“Let me be very, very clear,” Sundance wrote. “This release of information was filtered to avoid revealing that President Obama was the originator of this activity. ... **BARACK OBAMA ESTABLISHED THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA, AND WITHIN THIS RELEASE, TWITTER IS PROTECTING BARACK OBAMA.**

“This release is so over-the-top-obvious in its intent to protect the Obama legacy that the nature of the [Department of State]/[Department of Defense] admissions within it become almost secondary” (ibid; emphasis mine throughout).

When Twitter Files 8.0 was released, people mostly talked about how Twitter worked with the United States government to spread propaganda. *But what happened between 2009 and 2017 at Obama's Department of State, Department of Defense and other government agencies?* This is an obvious question with a clear answer, yet few will even ask it!

Musk has been responsible for revealing large amounts of important information through the Twitter Files and has even fired employees, such as Twitter counsel and former Federal Bureau of Investigation general counsel Jim Baker, who have tried to block the information from getting out. Yet he and the current Twitter staff have still not revealed what Barack Obama did! If something as clear and as important as that continues to be kept secret, it shows that these “Twitter Files,” as much as they reveal, are still failing to fully expose the whole truth! To pull a shroud over the man who *started* all this deceit, deception, theft and lying leaves the **MOST IMPORTANT** part of the story untold! In fact, it's not an accurate report. It's tainted. Elon Musk is allowing people to stop the searches at 2017 and not give us the big picture, which has to include Obama. He hasn't done that, and I doubt that he will. Still, he *has* given us enough information that we can figure out the big picture.

Twitter Files 8.0 “reveals that Twitter officers are carefully curating information to protect their interests,” Sundance wrote. “When information is curated to protect political interests, it puts a question mark behind all prior releases. ...

“Twitter is trying to protect President Obama because, beyond the ideological alignment, the monopolistic social media system—a partnership between the U.S. government and Big Tech—was essentially designed as a purposeful, oligarchal system. As long as each platform oligarch system retains the code of Omerta, the system survives” (ibid). That code of silence and noncompliance with authorities and outsiders is what is used in the mafia!

“Remaining in alignment with the group is why Twitter lawyers carefully filtered out the trail to former President Barack Obama. **THE ONE IS ALWAYS PROTECTED.**” That is a strong statement. Sundance can see that radical-leftist elites are not just protecting each other, they are specifically protecting “the One.” He can see that the elites look to, and in some respects worship, Barack Obama.

As I wrote in *America Under Attack*, Barack Obama is indeed “the One” leading an effort to *blot out* what America has been, especially anything that remains of its unique founding and its history with God. (Americans are descendants of the ancient Israelites. For proof, request your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.)

Barack Obama is one of the fulfillments of the “king of fierce countenance” who has “understanding of dark sentences” prophesied in Daniel 8:23. In the second century B.C., that prophecy was fulfilled, in type, by Antiochus IV Epiphanes. This man obtained his power in Palestine in 176 B.C. by deceit. He then attacked the people over which he ruled, the Jews, and tried to blot out the very existence of their faith!

A frighteningly similar situation is playing out in America today. But you cannot understand what it is, what its motivation is, or how to fight it if you ignore the Bible.

Power

The Twitter Files haven't directly exposed Barack Obama, but they *have* directly exposed an enormous amount of lawlessness among government officials across several federal agencies. And how have the radical elites responded?

FBI leaders, rather than refuting the allegations, simply smeared the messenger. In an official statement they said: “The men and women of the FBI work every day to protect the American public. It is unfortunate that conspiracy theorists and others are feeding the American public misinformation with the sole purpose of attempting to discredit the agency” (Dec. 21, 2022).

Those Twitter Files show the FBI's direct communications with Twitter—and the FBI calls it “misinformation” and those who share it “conspiracy theorists”! That is a satanic lie! They just say

WE LEARNED HOW TWITTER WORKED WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SPREAD PROPAGANDA. BUT WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN 2009 AND 2017 AT OBAMA'S DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES?

U.S. President Barack Obama meets with executives from leading technology companies, including Apple, Twitter and Google, in the White House in 2013.

Mark Zuckerberg



ZUCKERBERG SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN THE MESSAGE. HE SPENT MORE THAN \$400 MILLION AS PART OF THE SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO GET TRUMP OUT OF OFFICE IN 2020.

it and you're supposed to believe it. They are saying, *That's our will, so accept it or you are to blame for everything!*

These federal agents insist that they are “trying to serve the American people”—when in reality they are actively crushing their freedom of speech and blotting out their constitutional rights! What a lie!

Twitter Files 9.0 reporter Matt Taibbi wrote, “Twitter had so much contact with so many agencies that executives lost track. *Is today the DOD and tomorrow the FBI? Is it the weekly call or the monthly meeting? It was dizzying*” (Dec. 24, 2022).

Big Tech has become a dominant force in America and, as we will see, elsewhere in the world. This is not an accident or the result of the free market. **BIG TECH—ESPECIALLY BIG TECH CONTROLLED BY RADICALS WHO ARE CONTROLLED BY OBAMA—HAS BECOME AN ACTIVE, POWERFUL TOOL TO INTENTIONALLY DESTROY GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING AMERICA'S!**

By controlling information, these companies are controlling outcomes—such as elections—while providing, as Sundance wrote, “the illusion of freedom” (Dec. 25, 2022).

One of the few other writers to pinpoint Obama's role has been Lee Smith. He wrote in the *Tablet*: “[T]he FBI's penetration of Twitter constituted just one part of a much larger intelligence operation—one in which the bureau offshored the machinery it used to interfere in the 2016 election and embedded it within the private sector ...” (*Tablet*, January 5). He quoted former State Department official Mike Benz, who said that “cybersecurity became cyber-censorship.” Smith continued: “[T]he spy services saw social media as a surveillance tool, like FISA [the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act].”

Smith concluded: “A whole-of-society industry designed to shape elections and censor, propagandize and spy on Americans was never simply a weapon to harm Donald Trump. It was designed to replace the republic.”

What is happening in America right now is *treason, treason, treason!* Even worse, it is an attempt to *blot out the name of Israel.*

Fear

When Obama prepared to leave the White House in 2016, he thought he would be leaving it to another radical liberal, Hillary Clinton, and continue exerting his power. Then Americans shocked the world by voting in Donald Trump, who promised to undo what Obama had done.

A few weeks later, something meaningful occurred. Sundance related that Obama was in Peru at a conference and pulled Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg aside. He criticized him severely for not doing more to keep “Russian disinformation” off Facebook. That was a lie: Russian disinformation did *nothing* to get Trump elected. Obama was telling Zuckerberg he should have found a way to help stop Trump, like Twitter ultimately did in 2020.

Zuckerberg seems to have gotten the message. He spent more than \$400 million as part of the successful effort to get Trump out of office in 2020.

Barack Obama wields great power! Zuckerberg is one of the top CEOs and wealthiest men in the world, yet he is fiercely afraid of Obama! Such men, with all their money and power, are not actually free. They *must* be dedicated and loyal to Barack Obama—or else! They are not working *with* Obama; he *controls them.*

A Spirit at Work

When you understand the Bible, you understand why America is being targeted for destruction, who is targeting it, who is supporting him, and why he has so much power behind him.

With control of the mainstream media, Barack Obama has monstrous influence! With all those people helping him in his agenda, you see that America has become some kind of tyranny—*no longer* a democratic republic. They try to convince people they are fighting for freedom—while pushing the nation into tyranny!

There is a spirit at work here. It traces back to the devil, who was a murderer from the beginning and has *no truth* in him (John 8:44). Even those few who point right at Obama never bring God or the Bible into the picture. And they never talk about the devil. It is the *devil* that is working so hard to destroy America, and he uses men for his purposes.

Satan the devil wants to blot out the name of Israel (2 Kings 14:27) because Israel is a key part of how the Creator of mankind is working with us! As Revelation 12:12 shows, Satan has been cast down to Earth. His number one disciple is Antiochus. His influence over this man gives him enormous power. Conservatives and supporters of President Trump do not understand this.

When you are dealing with men the devil is using, you *must* understand what you are dealing with! He entered into Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples of Jesus Christ Himself, and motivated him to *betray* the Son of God (Luke 22:3-4). He possessed a man inside God's one true Church to “cast the truth to the ground,” who opposes and exalts himself “above all that is called God” and works “signs and lying wonders” (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, 9). God calls both of these men *sons of destruction* (John 17:12; English Standard Version). Like Judas, the Antiochus in God's Church and the Antiochus in American politics are *liars* and *destroyers*—as will be yet another such man who will soon arise in Europe.

'Egypt Was the Test'

In his December 20 article, Sundance took us back to the 2010–2012 Arab Spring uprisings. Egypt was a strong ally of the United States in the Middle East. It also had good relations with the Jewish nation, Israel, for more than 30 years. Meanwhile, Iran was becoming a more and more dangerous threat: pursuing a policy of Islamic terrorism, threatening oil shipments, and obtaining nuclear weapons. The U.S., Egypt, Israel and other nations all wanted to contain that threat.

Then something happened. Barack Obama was elected president. Within five months of taking office, he traveled to Cairo to give a major speech. In it, he altered America's stance toward Islamism, treated Israel's prime minister disgracefully, and gave Iran's terrorist-sponsoring regime a path not only to remain in power over Iranians (many of whom were protesting against the regime) but also to obtain nuclear weapons!

The U.S. and Israel had been relying on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to help keep the Middle East from deteriorating. He was an effective leader and a friend of Israel, like his predecessor, the great Anwar Sadat. But Obama's plan was, in the words of his top spy John Brennan, to make Mubarak "toast."

In 2011, Egyptians were protesting against Mubarak's regime, thinking they would get a better government. MUBARAK SOUGHT TO HOLD ONTO POWER. BUT THEN BARACK OBAMA PHONED HIM. AFTER THAT CONVERSATION, MUBARAK DECIDED TO GIVE UP.

Obama was clearing a U.S. ally out of the way so the terrorist Muslim Brotherhood could seize Egypt. And he didn't stop at making a phone call.

"The Obama administration first created the public-private partnership with Twitter and Facebook to support the 'Arab Spring' uprising," Sundance wrote (Dec. 20, 2022).

Here is something that happened between 2009 and 2017! Here is something we should be seeing Twitter Files about. The tyranny that has seized America has interfered in politics and overthrown leaders before! Who helped overthrow Mubarak in 2011 to help enemies of the U.S.? Who stole the U.S. presidential election in 2020 to help enemies of the U.S.? This power can destroy *nations* by controlling information, technology and uprisings. (See the related story on page 8 about events in Venezuela and Brazil.)

"As a consequence, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was the first elected official to be taken out by former President Obama's deployment of Twitter as a community activist tool for revolution in 2011. In direct and consequential ways, EGYPT WAS THE BETA TEST FOR A PROCESS THAT SURFACED A DECADE LATER IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE 2020 ELECTION" (ibid).

That is a powerful statement. WHAT THEY DID IN EGYPT, THEY THEN DID WITHIN AMERICA!

"Using and influencing social media was a tool created by the Obama State Department, as noted years ago in *mic.com*: 'In countries like Egypt, Tunisia and Yemen, rising action plans such as protests made up of thousands have been organized through social media such as Facebook and Twitter. "We used Facebook to schedule the protests," an Arab Spring activist from Egypt announced, "and [we used] Twitter to coordinate, and YouTube to tell the world." ... All but one of the protests called for on Facebook ended up coming to life on the streets'" (ibid).

These Big Tech powers can sit over here encouraging "democracy and freedom" while stirring up revolt in the Middle East, and literally change the course of history! And they were being directed to do so by Barack Obama.

"Fast-forward to 2020, and those same elements deployed against the Egyptian government were deployed in the United States in a coordinated public-private partnership with Twitter, Facebook and social media," Sundance continued. "The ideological interests between the 2010–'11 'Arab Spring' uprising were the same ideological interests between the 2020 'Black Lives Matter' protests/uprisings. ... The exact same group of U.S. people who were promoting the Mideast Arab Spring in 2010–'11 are the same people who promoted the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests. The same politicians, the same media voices, the same newspapers, the same social media activists. Almost every participant and their support for the uprising ... was identical, including the platforms deployed."

Obama got what he wanted. The Egyptians who wanted Mubarak out were empowered.

The path was cleared for the Muslim Brotherhood, which had socialist leanings and was assisted by all kinds of militant factions, like al Qaeda, and by the king of terrorism, Iran. The radical Islamists came in and promised the



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people freedom. Then they gave them just the opposite and put terrorists into the Egyptian government.

Terrorist factions infiltrated the riots, and they tore down statues and other supposed symbols of oppression. Did they want freedom and democracy? No, they wanted to destroy. They wanted to cancel Egypt's constitution, attack any form of Christianity, establish sharia law, and work with Iran. They wanted to *blot out the name of Israel*.

Once the new regime was in place, Egyptians realized that they had been hoodwinked, and they rose up against it. The military intervened and got rid of Mohamed Morsi because Egyptians wanted it back the way they had it before.

There are direct connections between how Obama's people stirred up revolution in Egypt and how they stirred up revolution in America. The goal in *both cases*, as only the Bible can reveal, was to blot out the name of Israel.

Too few Americans realize it, but their constitutional republic was built on many biblical principles. Obama has cast that to the ground for the same reason that the Antiochus in the Church cast the true doctrines to the ground and for the same reason that the Antiochus in Europe will physically destroy this nation—if we don't repent! They are inspired by the same motivation from the same being!

Real Spirit World

God is real; the devil is real; the spirit world is real. The Bible describes a *war* between angels and demons, and the demons have the advantage when the people transgress (Daniel 8:9-12). This happened inside God's true Church. It is happening inside the nations of Israel. We have seen our Church destroyed, and we are watching this country being destroyed.

And remember, Daniel is a book *only* for this end time (Daniel 12:4, 9).

During the Civil War, a time of nightmarish revolt and violence, Abraham Lincoln said, "I am nothing, but truth is *everything*." God helped us through men like Lincoln, who believed the truth is everything.

What happens, however, if the people and their leaders don't believe that? What if you believe and follow and propagate lies? Then you are following the "father of lies" and of perdition, or destruction, and the devil has great power over you!

Lincoln also said, "Does it not appear strange that men can ignore the moral aspect of this contest?" That "strange" moral ignorance and amorality is far worse today. Corruption is so deep in our government and in our people that it is irreversible without God's help!

Before the Battle of Gettysburg, Lincoln dropped to his knees and prayed to God. How many of our leaders today would do that and submit to their Creator?

Christ warned, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44). There is *no truth* in him, no morality at all. That is how he *lives*. He rebelled against God and tried to overthrow Him, and God hurled him right back to Earth. Now he is

exerting a lot of power—especially through men whose minds are open to him, who are at times *possessed* by him, and whom he uses to *lie* and *destroy* and *murder*.

Obama and his helpers in Big Tech and the government wield such power as to "replace the republic," as Lee Smith wrote. His power reaches down to the state and local levels as well. **AND HE HAS THE GREATEST SPY SYSTEM IN THE WORLD.** He has demonstrated that he can target anyone he wants, who speaks out about or resists what he is doing—up to and including the legitimately elected and reelected president of the United States! Who's to stop him?

FROM THE BEGINNING, OBAMA SAID HE WOULD WORK ON "FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORMING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." NOW WE SEE WHAT HE MEANT! HE IS MAKING AMERICA FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT: A TYRANNY.

What can they do to you and me? They are already ruining the lives of many Trump supporters. How can anybody not see that something is dreadfully wrong here?

From the beginning, Obama said he would work on "fundamentally transforming the United States of America." Now we see what he meant! He is making America *fundamentally different*: a tyranny!

Americans need to wake up to what is happening and understand that it is motivated and powered by one man in particular. They also need to wake up to understand their Bibles and seek the true God!

Once you forsake God and you lose His protection, you are lost. God is the one who gave us our country. We have forsaken Him, and now He is taking it away. He is letting Satan attempt to blot out its very existence, its very name.

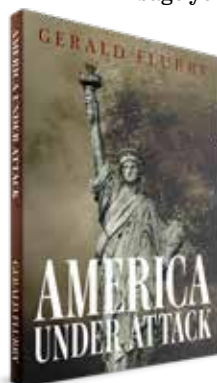
Our only hope is in the God of the Bible who gave America, Britain, the Jewish state and all the other modern nations of Israel their blessings in the first place. Americans, even religious Americans, need to recognize how far they are from God. They have forsaken God, and that is why Satan has so much power: It is "by reason of transgression" (Daniel 8:12).

Hosea 5:5 prophesies that these three main nations that descended from ancient Israel will fall together. The only way to avoid that is to listen to the message of the Bible, the message you are reading right now. There is no other way!

But if you will recognize how far you are from God, if you will hear His message, if you will repent and turn to Him, you will be amazed at the *power* that comes into your life. You need not be afraid of anything! ■

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LATIN AMERICA UNDER ATTACK

Communism surfaces south.
BY MIHAILO ZEKIC

WHAT DOES COMMUNISM IN LATIN America mean to you? Beret-clad revolutionaries camping out in the jungle? Che Guevara T-shirts? A historical relic from the Cold War? It's been decades since the Cold War concluded, yet communism is still alive and well in Central and South America, and is now blooming in Venezuela and Brazil.

Corruption in Caracas

Venezuela was a functioning democracy with a high standard of living from the 1950s through the 2000s. But circumstances started to change in 1999. That was the year leftist strongman Hugo Chávez became president. Venezuela has the world's largest proven oil reserves, and Chávez promised to give more of that oil wealth to the people. His government took over the oil sector and other key industries and used its wealth to fund expanded social programs. Besides helping to keep him in power, this move corroded representative government and turned Venezuela into an authoritarian state. Still, American liberals praised Venezuela as a model of socialism.

The nation was already experiencing severe economic tremors when Chávez died of cancer in 2013. Over the past decade, circumstances have rapidly deteriorated. Corruption, economic mismanagement, overreliance on the oil industry and falling energy prices have collapsed the nation's economy.

Chávez died a hero—except to advocates of democracy and other opponents he oppressed. To retain his power, his lieutenant and successor, Nicolás Maduro, has had to rely on more obvious vote rigging, more oppressive authoritarianism, and even intervention from Cuba, China and Russia. He has imported

numerous Cuban soldiers and agents to spy on and arrest protesters, and he actually uses these Cuban fighters for his own personal protection. More than 7 million Venezuelan refugees have fled the country in what the United Nations calls “the second-largest external displacement crisis in the world.”

Maduro won the (likely fraudulent) 2018 presidential election. Venezuela's legislature, controlled by the opposition, declared Maduro illegitimate. They proclaimed Juan Guaidó, president of the National Assembly, the legitimate president. Guaidó had no real political power; however, he was recognized by a number of Western governments, including the United States. The U.S. implemented economic sanctions against the government, state oil company and central bank. Guaidó, meanwhile, was given access to some of Venezuela's offshore holdings.

But under Joe Biden, the U.S. began normalizing relations with the Maduro regime, culminating in an agreement in November. Oil export restrictions imposed by Donald Trump were removed, American companies were allowed to resume operations again in Venezuela, and Venezuela's frozen assets

were released under UN management.

In December, Venezuela's interim government voted to dissolve itself. Guaidó and his movement had only the suffering of the Venezuelan people and the support of the U.S. and other foreign governments to keep their cause afloat. Now they have lost the latter. What is left of the opposition leaves their cause and the situation for the average Venezuelan absolutely bleak.

Why is Maduro suddenly being legitimized? His corrupt government has changed nothing. A UN team recently concluded that Venezuela's intelligence agencies are guilty of crimes against humanity. Another UN report condemned its security forces as being complicit in “widespread sex trafficking and violence against vulnerable women and children” in the Venezuelan state of Bolívar. Venezuela was and is one of the closest nations to Iran, the world's biggest state sponsor of terrorism. Venezuela lets Iran use its oil refineries to process its crude oil. Maduro even lets Iran train terrorists on Venezuelan soil.

With a bit of increased pressure, America could have forced Maduro out.



Instead, the Biden administration gave his dictatorship a lifeline and simultaneously torpedoed the opposition movement. It looks like socialism is in Venezuela to stay—*because of America*.

The Boys From Brazil

In Brazil, the situation is a little more complex. Conservative populist Jair Bolsonaro won the 2018 election. His antiestablishment style made him quick friends with President Trump. Journalists nicknamed him the “tropical Trump.”

But Bolsonaro’s program was unpopular with leftists in Brazil and abroad. They claimed his COVID-19 policies were killing Brazilians and his Amazon development policies were killing the planet. Many people, including foreign leaders, wanted Bolsonaro out.

Ahead of Brazil’s October 2022 presidential elections, leftists chose an interesting figure to rally around: former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Lula is a socialist former labor union leader who was inspired to run for office in part by prodding from late Cuban dictator Fidel Castro. During his first term as president from 2003 to 2010, he pivoted Brazil to align with Russia and China and to form the anti-America BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) bloc.

After serving 19 months in jail for corruption, Lula was freed in 2019 and won 2022 presidential elections by an official tally of 50.9 to 49.1 percent over Bolsonaro. Lula took office January 1 this year.

Bolsonaro claimed that electoral fraud was involved, particularly by those controlling the voting machines. Valdemar Costa (leader of Bolsonaro’s Liberal Party) and a party-hired auditor claimed that most of the voting machines lacked individual identification numbers in their internal logs. Experts dispute how this would have swayed the vote. Yet if these machines’ votes were discounted, Bolsonaro would have won the election.

It is noteworthy that in 2012, when Lula’s protégé and former chief of staff Dilma Rousseff was president, Brazil hired voting software firm Smartmatic to maintain and test its voting machines. Smartmatic also provided Brazil with voting technologies for various elections up to 2016. The same firm has been accused of altering votes in the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

Another concern is manipulation of social media. In 2020, Brazil’s Supreme Court ordered Twitter to block 16 Bolsonaro-linked accounts on allegations of spreading “false information.” The recent revelations of the Twitter Files prove U.S. intelligence agencies actively controlled Twitter’s “moderation” to silence support for Donald Trump. After Elon Musk acquired Twitter in October 2022, he fired Twitter’s Brazilian “misinformation” moderators. Part of Musk’s motivation for buying Twitter was to

IN A BIZARRE TURN OF EVENTS, IT IS THE CURRENT REGIME IN AMERICA THAT IS NOW SPONSORING COMMUNISM IN THE REGION.

promote transparency and free speech by curbing moderator censorship. If the recent revelations of Twitter censoring American conservatives is any sign, its staff in Brazil was probably doing similar things. Given Bolsonaro’s reputation with leftists, it would be surprising if leftists were *not* manipulating Twitter.

Circumstances took a more violent turn on January 8 this year. Thousands of Bolsonaro supporters protesting election fraud stormed the plaza where Brazil’s National Congress, presidential palace and supreme court are located. Bolsonaro, who had fled to Florida a few days prior, condemned protests that were unlawful or violent. Brazilian authorities arrested more than 1,200 protesters. Brazil’s supreme court in January announced it would investigate Bolsonaro over allegedly encouraging the “anti-democratic” protests.

Compared to Venezuela, the Biden regime’s involvement in Brazil is less clear, but there is enough evidence to raise eyebrows. Similarities with the leftist overthrow in America—and particularly between the Jan. 6, 2020, riots in the United States (since proved to have been orchestrated by the FBI) and the January 8 riots in Brasilia—are unmistakable: gradual socialist takeover of government, conservatives rallying around a strong leader, that leader losing an election through apparent voter fraud, courts ignoring the fraud, riots protesting the leftist takeover being used to strengthen the leftists,

declarations of states of emergency, and pretexts for ongoing persecution of conservatives. It all smells of foul play.

Latin America Under Attack

In decades prior, the Soviet Union exported communism to Latin America *against* the United States. But in a bizarre turn of events, it is the current regime in *America* that is now sponsoring communism in the region.

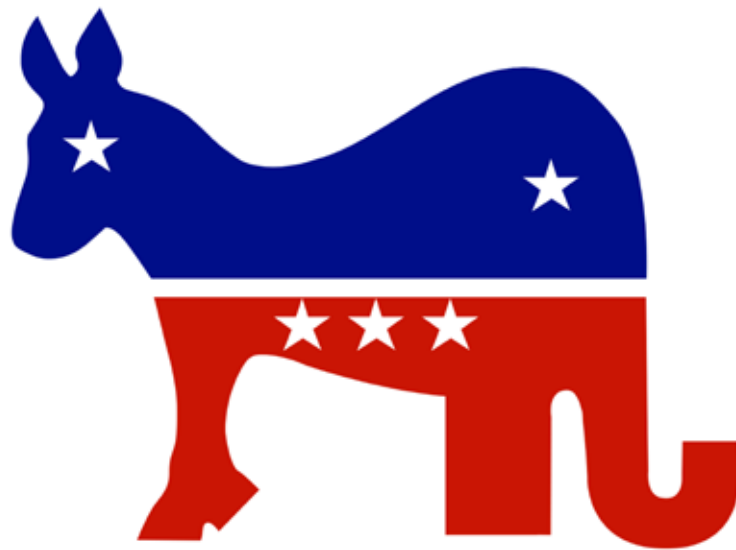
Maduro and Lula are not the only anti-American figures propped up by the American left. During President Barack Obama’s presidency, he made a controversial deal with Cuba in 2014. The island’s Communist regime was in danger of economic and political collapse. Through the Vatican, Obama reversed decades of U.S. policy and opened up relations to a stridently anti-U.S. regime that once tried to position nuclear missiles minutes away from American cities.

Recent events in Brazil and Venezuela follow the pattern of the Cuba deal: an anti-American strongman consolidating power to the detriment of U.S. interests.

The current U.S. government’s economic policies have jacked up inflation and national debt. Its immigration policies have erased America’s southern border. Its moves in Brazil and Venezuela show that these “America-last” policies also extend to foreign affairs. Consistent, coordinated, aggressive moves, all in the same direction, reveal that there is an agenda at work.

“This nation is committing suicide at the hands of certain powerful people in government and in society,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his free book *America Under Attack*. “They are actively, intentionally sabotaging this special nation *from the inside*. These radical elites have rapidly and fundamentally transformed American politics, governance, diplomacy, policing, morality, race, sex, tradition and culture.”

Such a “fundamental transformation” of America is unprecedented. Why a government would go out of its way to destroy the country it governs is puzzling. It can be confusing trying to make sense of it all. But there is a specific agenda at work at the hands of unseen actors. When this agenda—and its actors—are exposed, events in South America and elsewhere make perfect sense. ■



EXPOSING THE UNIPARTY

The real battle is not Democrats versus Republicans.
It is the uniparty versus Donald Trump.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

A MERICA HAS BEEN hijacked by a cabal of political elites operating its own agenda, regardless of which political party is formally in power. Americans have lost control of their government. This fact has become more and more apparent, including during the fight over the speaker of the House appointment in January.

For the last 100 years, the speaker of the House has been elected on the first ballot. This time, it took extensive negotiations, a near-fistfight on the House floor, and 15 ballots over four days—the longest and most contentious speaker election since the lead-up to the Civil War in the 1850s.

The opposition that stood in the way was a group of 20 “Make America Great Again” Republicans who demanded certain promises from the nominee, Rep. Kevin McCarthy. They wanted to be involved in certain committees; they wanted rules instituted by former

Speaker Nancy Pelosi repealed in order to return more power to individual representatives as opposed to party leaders; they wanted to be able to introduce proposed amendments; they wanted representatives to have 72 hours to actually read bills before voting on them, and those bills to be limited to one issue rather than being “omnibus” aggregations of many different issues. They also wanted votes to address border security, to balance the budget, to limit the terms of members of Congress, to reduce spending, to block funding for an enormous expansion of the Internal Revenue Service, and perhaps most importantly, to establish a committee to investigate government agencies that have become weapons against the American people.

These are logical, reasonable, positive steps to inch America away from the edge of the cliff. And they would not have happened had these Republicans just gone along with the other 200 or so who were ready to vote for McCarthy and proceed with business as usual.

For generations, conservatives have put their hope in the Republican Party. But Democrats and so many Republicans in Name Only have been steam-rolling constitutional representative government in the United States. They do not *represent* their voters; they *reign over* them!

Perhaps the biggest political takeaway from the past seven years is that the real battle in America is not Democrats versus Republicans. These are basically two parts of the same Big Government “uniparty.” The real battle is the uniparty versus Donald Trump.

A prophecy in 2 Kings 14:26-27 speaks of a time when prophetic Israel (America and Britain) will have “no helper” and face being “blotted out.” God prophesied that He would save the country, temporarily, by the hand of an end-time type of King Jeroboam II. My father, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry, has identified President Donald Trump as this leader.

Those who resisted the business-as-usual appointment of McCarthy are

largely Trump supporters, apparently the only ones willing to battle the uniparty. Bible prophecy indicates they will have more successes ahead. As my father wrote in his recent article “Ready for War,” “The stage is set for one of the most dramatic fulfillments of biblical prophecy we have yet seen in our lifetimes” (theTrumpet.com/26447).

Republicans in Name Only

The only reason McCarthy was willing to make so many concessions for support from Trump-aligned “Make America Great Again” members of Congress is that he desperately needs it. As House *minority* leader, he could afford to ignore them, since Republicans could not pass any meaningful legislation anyway. Now that Republicans have a slim majority, he cannot afford to ignore them and their Freedom Caucus if he wants to get anything done. Their demands were reasonable—at least if you believe in constitutional government—they had a strong enough will, and McCarthy needed them. It is interesting that President Donald Trump endorsed McCarthy as speaker. The situation leaves McCarthy quite beholden to Trump, and he knows it.

“I do want to especially thank President Trump,” McCarthy told reporters after eking out his victory. “I don’t think anybody should doubt his influence. He was with me from the beginning. ... He was all in.”

Hopefully McCarthy follows through with his promises, but he is up against some firm opposition. Of the 222 Republicans in the 118th Congress, roughly 50 are members of the Freedom Caucus. Fewer than half of these had the courage to stand up and pressure McCarthy into adopting an America-first agenda. It is almost as if establishment Republicans wanted their own party to lose just to spite the pro-Trump Republicans.

After the Republican Party lost the Senate and only won the House of Representatives by a narrow margin, Republicans faced a choice: Focus on election integrity, or join the many who say it is time to “dump Trump.” Many prominent Republicans are taking the second option. Media mogul Rupert Murdoch—owner of Fox News, the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Post*—is

doubling down on the narrative that Republican losses are Trump’s fault and that the party needs a new leader before the 2024 presidential election. The *New York Post* stated that “Trumpty Dumpty” couldn’t build a wall, so he had a great fall. The *Wall Street Journal* reported that “Trump Is the Republican Party’s Biggest Loser.” Fox News still refuses to cover the existence of election-altering voter fraud.

This coverage makes it seem like the strategy of establishment Republicans was never to win the election. Rather, the strategy was to *throw* the election as a means of destroying Trump. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell’s political action committee spent vast sums of money supporting anti-Trump Republicans like Lisa Murkowski, but next to nothing supporting pro-Trump Republicans like Blake Masters. It is becoming crystal clear where everyone in the Republican Party stands.

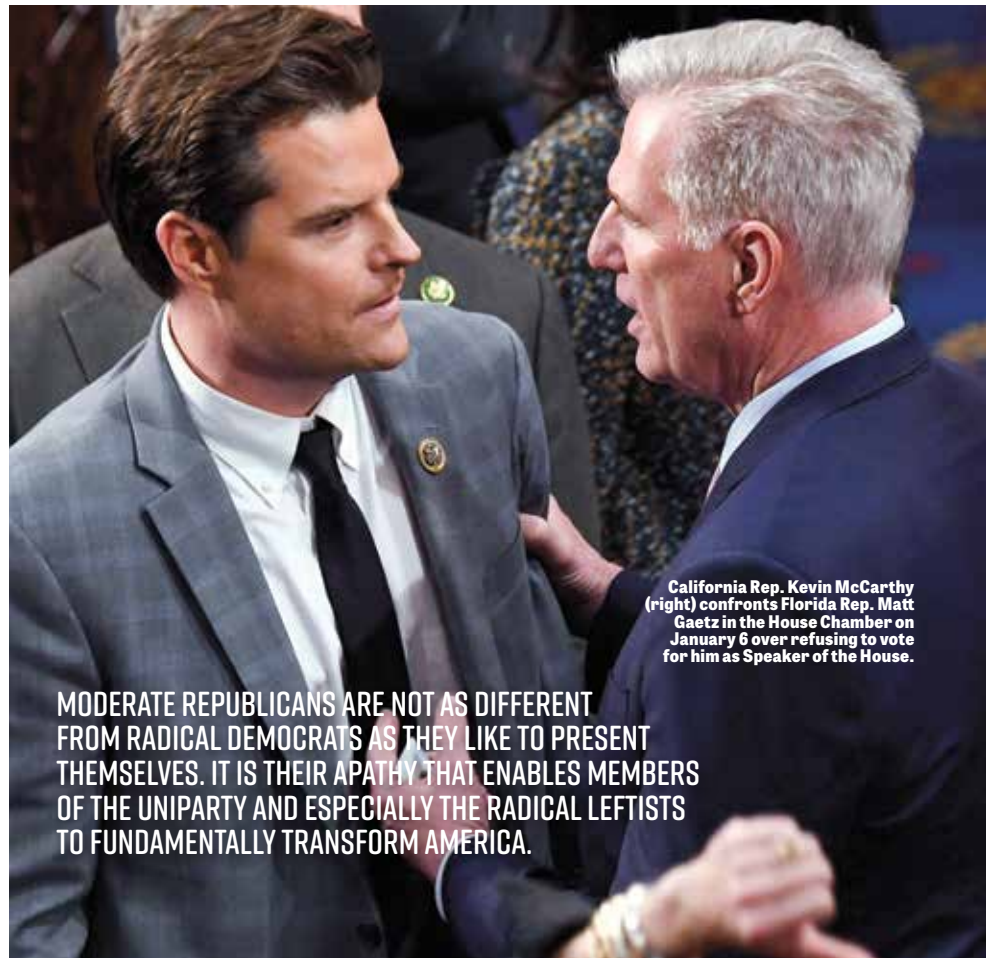
Trump wasn’t even on the ballot last November, but he was the only big-name Republican campaigning. You didn’t see McConnell or Glenn Youngkin holding rallies. They were content to kick back and let Trump do all the work in hopes

that they could blame him for losses they did nothing to prevent. Moderate Republicans are not as different from radical Democrats as they like to present themselves. It is their apathy that enables members of the uniparty and especially the radical leftists to fundamentally transform America.

Omnibus Spending

Even before the Freedom Caucus started turning up the heat on McCarthy, he promised that if Americans voted Republican, he would rein in government spending. But after Americans delivered Republicans a 10-seat majority, 18 Republican senators and nine Republican representatives voted for a ludicrously large, irresponsible, liberal \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending bill. This 4,155-page bill is split between \$858 billion for defense programs and \$787 billion for non-defense discretionary programs. It increases discretionary spending by \$200 billion and contributes to a \$1.2 trillion deficit.

The bill funnels millions of dollars to climate groups and to radical groups indoctrinating people with gender ideology. It also hobbles the Republican



California Rep. Kevin McCarthy (right) confronts Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz in the House Chamber on January 6 over refusing to vote for him as Speaker of the House.

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House for a year, preventing it from restraining spending and enabling Americans to build prosperity. Fox Business host Larry Kudlow said Republicans *betrayed their voters* by passing the bill.

Reports from the Congressional Budget Office reveal trillion-dollar deficits as far as the eye can see, and no one except for a few members of the Freedom Caucus seems concerned. Such fiscal policy will lead to America's demise when the day of reckoning comes, when America needs to start borrowing money to pay the interest on the money it has already borrowed. Such an enormous debt is sinful (Psalm 37:21; Proverbs 13:22). As Nathanael Blake at the *Federalist* worded it, "Federal deficit spending is not like going into personal debt. It is like Grandma going on a binge with her grandchildren's credit cards. It is parents signing away their children's future for some government handouts now" (Feb. 12, 2018).

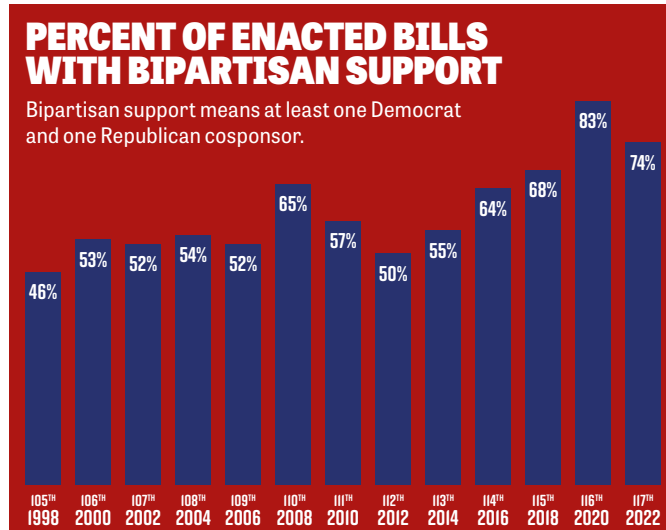
The handwriting is on the wall. America is headed for a crisis worse than the Great Depression because the uniparty refuses to make sacrifices for the future and prioritizes its own power over all else. Some Democrats actually want to collapse the United States economy so they can crash the free-market system completely and build a socialist economy and government on its ashes. This is becoming clearer and more imminent, and Republicans are *still* too weak-willed to do anything about it. They talk big about fiscal responsibility, then vote for the omnibus bills anyway.

And as if the financial suicide of the world's greatest economy wasn't enough, the omnibus bill also ensures that the future president will not be able to fix the problem. In this rambling, pork-filled aggregation of new laws was an Electoral Count Reform Act to replace ambiguous provisions within the Electoral Count Act of 1887. It prohibits the vice president from refusing to certify electoral votes tallied by Congress. This act was specifically designed to prevent another scenario like the one that almost happened on Jan. 6, 2021, when

MAGA Republicans asked Vice President Mike Pence to refuse to certify the election until serious allegations of the election being stolen were investigated.

Ready for War

The evidence is overwhelming that both Democrats and establishment Republicans are trying to prevent



Donald Trump from ever holding public office again. They do not care what the American people want or say, because they believe their will is law.

That is why military historian Victor Davis Hanson believes America no longer has a form of government where the people rule themselves through their elected representatives. "I don't think we're a republic anymore," he told Mark Levin. "I would say that we're in a transition to a radical democracy. And by that, I mean that what anybody wants to do on any given day, if they have the power or the votes, they do it. So we don't respect immigration law; if people in the administration want to get rid of it and make the border open, they do it. If you want to have a warrant for a particular FBI operation, you can find a judge and you do it. [I]f you have an agenda, and you feel you have elected power, you don't respect any guardrails or prohibitions that constitutional republic set up to prevent the abuse of power" (Aug. 14, 2022).

This is a shocking yet accurate description of today's America. Apathetic Republicans are standing aside as radical Democrats push a Communist agenda and weaponized intelligence

agencies prosecute the few people with the courage to stand up and fight.

The prophetic picture in 2 Kings 14:26-27 is playing out vividly in America today: "For the Lord saw *the affliction of Israel* [America, prophetically], *that it was very bitter*: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor *any helper for Israel*. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash."

The country has *no helper!* "Satan certainly has a lot of help!" my father wrote in his January *Trumpet* cover story, "Ready for War." "But 2 Kings 14 shows that there is *no helper* for Israel. [MyPillow CEO Mike] Lindell is so committed to exposing election fraud, he nearly lost his corporation. You don't find many people willing to make sacrifices like that. But he doesn't have any real power. There is no helper—no real

power coming to the aid of President Trump and of America. There's no helper there, except God! God sees everything that is happening. And these criminals are going to run up against someone they have never faced before. God is going to save Israel—otherwise Barack Obama would blot out the name of Israel!"

Despite the overwhelming power of the legislative-branch uniparty, in addition to the enormous executive-branch "deep state," the war to recover the stolen election is about to intensify. The fact that Donald Trump was able to pressure Kevin McCarthy into adopting an America-first platform may indicate he has more power than people realize. So keep watching the fireworks in Congress. We obviously do not know precisely how this will unfold, but you can be sure that Trump *won't go away* until he has fulfilled the role God is using him for.

But each of us also needs to know that it is not enough for us to recognize the evil being perpetrated by the radical left. Nor is it enough to put your faith in Donald Trump, the modern Jeroboam. You must have faith in—and *repent toward*—the God who used Mr. Trump in the first place and is about to use him again. ■



NAVIGATING OUR FAKE WORLD

How to thrive
when you can't trust
anyone or anything

BY BRAD MACDONALD

/AI IMAGE PROMPT: Photographed man walking in a fake toy
miniature city. Everything is shiny bright and happy.

EVER HEARD OF FEBREZE? This air freshener kills odors and infuses the air with lovely nose-tingling scents. It works, too. Squeeze the trigger and lickety-split the room smells fresh and clean; it sings, *Come hang out, I'm healthy!*

But it's not. The inviting scent is actually a concoction of toxic chemicals.

The label simply says it contains *fragrances*. But research fragrances, and you'll soon learn that these are manufactured from harmful synthetic chemicals, including phthalates, styrene and musk ketones. Phthalates are endocrine disruptors that wreak havoc on the body's hormonal system. Mothers exposed to phthalates can give birth to babies with decreased IQs. Phthalates cause sperm damage in adult men, meddle with the metabolism, and promote obesity. Styrene has been declared a carcinogen by the National Academy of Science and National Toxicology. Styrenes damage the central nervous system and kidneys; they also cause headaches, depression, fatigue, weakness, even hearing loss. Musk ketones harm the immune and hormonal systems. In high doses, they harm women's reproductive systems, causing infertility and ovarian failure.

When it comes to *scent*, Febreze and countless other household products that contain fragrances deliver on their promise: They smell fantastic. They make things *seem* safe and clean and healthy. But this message is fake. These products aren't healthy. Absorb enough fragrances over time, and they start to kill you.

Figuratively, we live in a world of Febreze. Virtually everything we see, hear, touch, eat and experience has, to some degree, been manipulated to *seem* safe, clean or healthy. But all too often the experience is actually poisonous. This is true about the food we eat, the vitamins and supplements we take to make us healthier, the music we adore, the trends and influencers we follow on TikTok and YouTube, the news we consume, the politicians and experts we follow.

Most of us have no conception of just how *manipulated* virtually every facet of our society and culture is: education, politics, religion, pop culture, medicine, social media, family life and sex, food production, the economy and finance. THIS IS A WORLD OF EPIC FAKERY!

Fake, Fake, All Is Fake

We've all seen fake news: stories that have been exaggerated, or entirely fabricated, to push an agenda, smear an opponent, or muddy an issue. Fake news has been around for millennia: Ancient Mesopotamian kings were masters at "tweeting" victories and conveniently failing to mention defeats. But it has reached its apogee in the 21st century.

Why now? Multiple reasons. Social media is one major factor. Hundreds of millions today are naively, perpetually gripped by platforms built for deception and fakery. Even the regular user who shares an experience, tweets an opinion, or posts a video or photo probably engages in fake news.

Dramatic examples abound. One of the most obvious is Donald Trump, who, from the moment he entered politics, has been repeatedly and vehemently vilified as a racist, misogynist and warmonger. He's also a tax evader and a child molester. In the lead-up to the 2016 election, he colluded with Russia to steal the election. In January 2020, he masterminded the deadliest domestic attack on America since 9/11. Turns out, this was all fake news.

Same goes for COVID-19. For two years, mainstream media, the World Health Organization and experts like Anthony Fauci and Matthew Hancock insisted that the COVID pandemic was a globally transformative event on par with Noah's Flood and World War II. We were told that untold millions would die. Terrified swathes of the global population were subjected to lockdowns, social distancing and other "absolutely necessary" measures. Entire economies ground to a halt. Government printing presses churned out currency to bail out businesses and citizens, racking up record debt, then inflation.

No one claims the COVID virus isn't real, even fatal. But the end-of-world scenarios blasted from the rooftops? The arguments for muzzle mandates and paralyzing lockdowns? For shutting down schools? Much of it was fake news.

Then there's the COVID vaccine. People were assured that if they got the jab, they'd never get COVID. That was fake news. They were told the jab would prevent them from getting seriously ill. More fake news. They were told being jabbed meant they couldn't transmit COVID to others. Fake news. They were told the jab was safe and had no side effects, that it certainly wouldn't kill you. Fake news.

We could do this exercise with virtually all the big topics from gender identity to the merits of green energy to climate change. We are told repeatedly by professors, mathematicians and billionaires, by "intelligent" scientists dressed in white lab coats, on TV, in TED talks and in social media, in the classroom, boardrooms and government offices, that the science on these issues is settled.

It is not.



Fake Influencers

Social media is a playground for fake news. This is no small issue, since platforms like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Twitter are now an intrinsic part of life for billions, especially children and teens. (Last year, people spent an average of 2.5 hours per day on social media.)

Social media creates an alternate, often *fake*, reality. Social media posts hit the mind like Febreze hits the nose. The image or video seems so appealing, happy and successful, wholesome and healthy. So often, though, it's a well-crafted fake that inflicts real damage on the brain, mind, schedule, morals and relationships.

You may have heard of the Liver King. His name is Brian Johnson, and he's a giant social media influencer worth \$100 million, thanks mainly to his product line. This 45-year-old man looks like a Greek god: flawless bronze tan, epic beard, cantaloupe-size biceps. Fans have long been led to believe Johnson's physique and "perfect" health were the result of his dedication to the nine ancestral tenets: eat, sleep, move, shine, connect, cold, sun, fight and bond. Follow these, he preached, and you will look just like the Liver King.

Turns out, Johnson follows a 10th tenet: steroids. The Liver King spends \$15,000 per month on steroids. His muscles aren't natural; they're the product of synthetic chemicals. Sorry folks, the Liver King is a fake.

Most influencers, to some degree, are like Brian Johnson. Theirs is a world of staged photoshoots, filters and Photoshop, of fake tans, Botox and implants. Some of what they sell may be authentic, but a good part is artificial, smartly concocted to prompt the release of a little dopamine and make you feel good. From Mr. Beast to the Kardashians, influencers are in the business of creating fakes—fake worlds, fake beauty, fake peace, fake relationships, fake happiness.

Like Febreze, social media delivers on creating fleeting moments of feeling safe, happy and healthy. But its deeper messages, the ideologies and lifestyles it promotes, the destructive emotions it arouses—the unrestrained greed, the vanity and selfishness, the insecurity and jealousy, the endorsement of perverse sex and promiscuity, of gender fluidity, drug use and other immoral behaviors—are absolutely toxic, both to individuals and to society.

So social media is filled with fakes. No surprises there. Are there any other examples?

Your Food

Consider the food we eat. Whether it's fast food, prepackaged meals or even much of the regular food we buy at the grocery store, there's fakery all through it—from production to packaging to labeling to marketing. So much of it, Febreze-like, looks and tastes delicious and is packaged in glossy, bright, colorful wraps and bags. The labels

FAKE IMAGES

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say "100% natural" and "sugar free." Reality is, it is loaded with refined sugars, artificial flavors and harmful preservatives. So much of the Western diet is harmful. Don't believe it? Just study the statistics on obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other diet-related diseases (which is most of them).

What about fruits and vegetables? Everyone knows fruits and vegetables are healthy! Actually, much of our produce has been cleaned, buffed and polished, sometimes using unsafe chemicals. In America and even globally, it has been genetically modified to look more appealing or taste better. In many cases, our fruits and vegetables have been plucked from a plant or grown in soil doused in synthetic chemicals, including insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers. I'm not suggesting our fruits and vegetables are lethal, just that they're not nearly as safe, healthy and nutritious as we probably think.

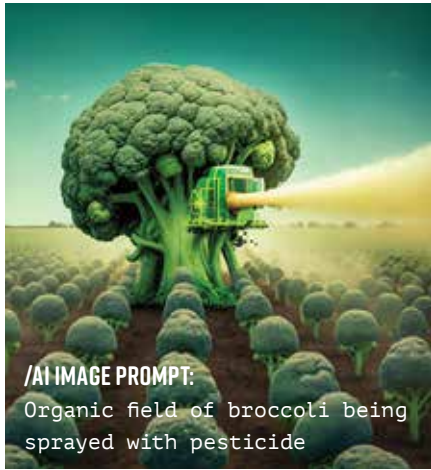
What if you avoid processed foods and buy organic? The label says "organic" and you're paying three times the price, so it must be organic, right? Not necessarily. There's a lot of deceit and fakery in the world of organic farming. This is unsurprising, considering organic producers can charge two or three times as much for their product, and it's a \$57 billion a year industry in America. Natural, organic foods are no doubt healthier than refined, heavily processed foods. But there's no way of really *knowing* whether the product is truly organic.

In America, a product is deemed organic when it comes from a farm or business that has been certified organic by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. What does it take to be certified organic? Surprisingly little. First, the USDA has *delegated* the task of granting certification. According to the USDA website, "nearly 80 agents are currently authorized to certify farms and businesses to the USDA organic regulations." These 80 agents are responsible for evaluating, inspecting and granting applications to "organic" producers worldwide. To be certified organic, a producer

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Febreze on TikTok



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Organic field of broccoli being
sprayed with pesticide

The label on the package says its “organic” and you’re paying three times as much, so it must be organic, right? Not necessarily true.

Fake vitamins and supplements are everywhere. In 2015, an investigation by the New York State attorney general’s office found that some of the top-selling supplement products, sold at national retailers including Walmart, Walgreens and Target, did not contain *any* of the herbs listed on their labels. The results were reported by the *New York Times*: “Among the attorney general’s findings was a popular store brand of ginseng pills at Walgreens, promoted for ‘physical endurance and vitality,’ that contained only powdered garlic and rice. At Walmart, the authorities found that its ginkgo biloba, a Chinese plant promoted as a memory enhancer, contained little more than powdered radish, houseplants and wheat—despite a claim on the label that the product was wheat- and gluten-free.” Meanwhile, testing of supplements at Target revealed that “3 out of 6 herbal products ...—ginkgo biloba, St. John’s wort and valerian root, a sleep aid—tested negative for the herbs on their labels” (Feb. 3, 2015).

Sadly, much like the organic foods industry, dietary supplements—worth more than \$150 billion globally—are also loosely regulated. The “FDA has to approve over-the-counter and prescription drugs before they can be sold,” explains Brian Tanzer, M.S., C.N.S., manager of scientific affairs for the Vitamin Shoppe; however, “Dietary supplements and foods, meanwhile, don’t have to be approved beforehand.”

Education

Consider the field of education. Surely a field devoted to the teaching of truth and knowledge

submits an Organic System Plan and subjects his operation to a *single* inspection. Once the certificate is granted, regulations require only *ONE* inspection per year. Investigations have revealed several cases of corruption, including producers bribing agents to receive certification, as well as staging the farming operation during the annual visit to *appear* organic.

What do you do when your food doesn’t have the nutrition it promises? Easy: Take some vitamins and supplements. Big box stores all have a massive selection, and there’s an endless supply of inexpensive supplements and vitamins on Amazon and other online retailers. There’s no fakery in the wholesome world of vitamins and supplements, right? Sorry.

couldn’t be corrupted. Actually, education too is riddled with fakes.

A 10-minute online search will lead you to websites offering paper-writing services. High school students can buy a paper for as little as \$10 per page. Getting a fake Ph.D. will cost you \$20 per page. Working to a tight deadline? No problem, just pay a little more: \$23 per page for a high school paper; \$34 for Ph.D.

In *Degree Mills: The Billion-Dollar Industry That Has Sold Over a Million Fake Diplomas*, Allen Ezell and John Bear expose the world of fake diplomas and degrees, and even masters and doctorates. “There is a major crisis in the world of higher education: the large and growing number of fake universities and fake degrees,” they write. “Many people are either unaware of the situation, don’t know what a huge problem it is, or don’t appreciate how it is affecting them, their institution or employer, and society at large.”

The authors show how “there are more than 3,300 unrecognized universities worldwide, many of them outright fakes, selling bachelor’s, master’s, doctorates, law and medical degrees to anyone willing to pay the price.” In America, the number of fake Ph.D.’s issued each year exceeds the number of earned Ph.D.’s. There are instances of medical doctors practicing medicine using fake medical doctorates. In some cases, their treatments have killed people.

This is to say nothing about fake curricula and education itself. Across the West especially, schools have become a major battlefield in the culture wars. Education “experts” and top government leaders now routinely introduce lies into textbooks and classroom curricula. Children today are fed misinformation about almost every subject, from sex and gender to race relations to history to politics to science and evolution.

Modern education no longer values truth. Instead, children and teenagers are taught to reject and manipulate truth. For so many educators today, truth is stifling our freedom and happiness.

Have you heard of ChatGPT? Launched by OpenAI last November, this is an artificial intelligence computer program. Ask it a question and within seconds it will produce an answer that is generally eloquent, factual, logical and compelling. It will answer follow-up questions, admit mistakes, challenge what it considers incorrect opinions, and reject what it deems inappropriate requests. It can even write poetry and fiction.

Conversing with ChatGPT is an astonishing experience. The program has encyclopedic knowledge of almost every subject, is a clear and logical communicator, and is remarkably intuitive and creative. It converses with you quickly and freely too, making it seem like you’re talking to a human. But it’s not—it’s a computer.

It's Everywhere

We've considered just a handful of areas plagued by deceit and fakery. We didn't explore our financial system and currencies, which are propped up by central banks and confidence. We didn't consider our economies, which seem stable but are propped up by consumer spending and astronomical debt. We didn't explore the fakery in Hollywood and celebrity culture. We didn't talk about the hip-hop "artists" and pop stars who use their glitzy lifestyles to sell greed and deviancy. We didn't explore the world of sports, of overpaid athletes pushing radical ideologies and expensive products and services, of sports gambling. We didn't talk about fashion, gadgets and technology.

In today's world, no nation, people, age, race or sex is immune. Politics, government, media, economics, education, fashion, entertainment: There's an element of phoniness in them all. Every one is, to some degree, propped up by exaggeration, embellishment, clever marketing and branding, obfuscation and lies.

Perhaps the most remarkable and tragic reality is this: *Most people are either ignorant of or comfortable with the fakery.*

How else do you explain America's stolen 2020 election and installation of a fake president in one of the most powerful jobs in the world? The evidence showing the 2020 election was stolen is abundant and compelling. We have the receipts. Yet most people aren't overly concerned. Life goes on.

How can such a sophisticated people with access to so much material knowledge be so easily duped and on such basic issues?

How can such a sophisticated people be deceived about something as fundamental as gender? How can such a sophisticated people be deceived to believe we can borrow and spend our way out of debt? Deceived to think we can make America's military woke yet remain formidable? Deceived to believe that a "family" of two dads is just as good or better than a married husband and wife? Deceived to believe we can have marijuana shops on every corner and not experience more social problems, more mental illness and depression? Deceived to think we can open our borders to illegal immigrants without infrastructure collapse and more crime? Deceived to believe we can let children and teenagers spend hours a day in a demonic trance on social media and not raise a generation of inert adults? Deceived to believe we can put toddlers in front of cross-dressing deviants and not distort their precious minds about sex, gender and family?

How has humanity—and I mean *every single human on Earth*, to some degree—fallen for such blatant lies? How has such a historic transformation in the way we view truth occurred so rapidly?

And perhaps most importantly, HOW CAN WE NAVIGATE THIS TERRIFYING WORLD OF DECEIT AND LIES?

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Fakery Foretold

The late Herbert W. Armstrong taught us that man's problems are *spiritual in nature*, and this is certainly the case with our fake world. There is a crucial spiritual dimension to these questions. To *really* understand what's happening here, we have to go to the Bible and to biblical prophecy. The *truth* is, God's Word describes our fake world in phenomenal detail.

The Prophet Jeremiah described the conditions that would prevail in the modern nations of Israel (Britain and America), and among humanity, prior to the return of Jesus Christ. His prophecies include vivid descriptions of horrific wars and famines. These horrors are the results of man's moral and spiritual collapse, *much of which revolves around his relationship with law and truth.*

Jeremiah 7:28 says that "TRUTH IS PERISHED, and is cut off from their mouth." He prophesies of a time when every man "will deceive ... his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: THEY HAVE TAUGHT THEIR TONGUE TO SPEAK LIES ..." (Jeremiah 9:5). *Being phony is an entrenched way of life!* We live and work, as Jeremiah warned, "IN THE MIDST OF DECEIT ..." (verse 6).

The Prophet Isaiah delivered similar warnings. Isaiah 59 is a staggeringly accurate description of modern America and Britain. "None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity" (verse 4). In our world, truth has no advocate. People value emotions and feelings over truth.

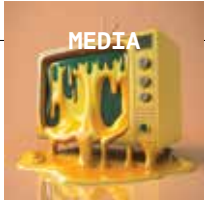
"Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; FOR TRUTH HAS FALLEN IN THE PUBLIC SQUARES, AND UPRIGHTNESS CANNOT ENTER. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey ..." (verses 14-15; Revised Standard Version). Isn't this essentially what happened at America's Capitol, one of the world's most iconic "public squares," on Jan. 6, 2021?

THE WAY JANUARY 6 HAS BEEN HIJACKED TO PUSH A FAKE NARRATIVE EPITOMIZES THE INTENSE HATRED THE RADICAL LEFT HAS OF TRUTH!

We read another pivotal end-time prophecy in Daniel 8, which describes a terrible event that occurs in God's true Church in the end time. It invokes the history of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the second-century B.C. Greek tyrant, to prophesy

LIE-ABILITY

This world is infested with fakery. Susceptible populations have capitulated and educators who have cast truth at the sector of society. Lies have become



Hans Hassell: "There is little to no bias in what reporters choose to cover."

Latoya Raveneau: Disney has "many, many, many LGBTQIA characters in our stories, yet we don't have enough leads."



Children's author **Todd Parr:** "Some families have two moms or two dads."



Civil rights activist **Alica Garza:** Black Lives Matter is a "movement in a world where black lives are systematically and intentionally targeted for demise."



The FBI correctly says the video-sharing app TikTok poses national security concerns. The Chinese are fully aware of its cultural impact. They have imposed restrictions

for children under 14. China's version for kids contains more wholesome videos like science experiments you can do at home, museum exhibits and educational videos. It is also limited to 40 minutes per day of use. In the U.S., these restrictions are optional and rarely do parents enforce them.



There are 35 non-synthetic, non-organic substances allowed as ingredients in "organic" food, so even ultra-expensive health foods may not

be that much better than standard grocery store fare.

More than 95 percent of animals used for meat and dairy in the United States eat GMO crops; fake food that may cause toxic effects such as hepatic, pancreatic, renal or reproductive effects.



"The dark side of renewable wind, solar and biofuel energy is that they are not clean, green, renewable or

sustainable" (Ronald Stein, the Heartland Institute).

60 percent of all data used to train AI will be fake by 2024 and will completely overshadow real data by 2030.



Kehinde Andrews, professor of black studies at Birmingham City University: "The British Empire was far worse than the Nazis. They lasted longer and killed many more people."



Joy Reid: Thanksgiving is a "simplistic fairy tale" based on the lie that "erases the genocide" of Native Americans.



In the U.S., about 5 percent of post-consumer plastic waste was recycled in 2021, down from a high of 9.5 percent in 2014. The U.S. exports millions of tons of plastic waste to China and counts it as recycled even though it mostly isn't.



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: "The world is going to end in 12 years if we don't address climate change."



"Starting in the 1980s, the federal governments urged people to shun fats and cholesterol and load up on carbs. A 1990s food pyramid from the USDA placed bread, rice and pasta at the base, suggesting a person

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a major liability.

Damian Carrington:
“Avoiding meat and dairy products is the single biggest way to reduce your environmental impact on the planet.”

Fragrance is the new secondhand smoke. It comes from secret recipes made from a selection of 5,000 chemicals. None of them are required to be disclosed or tested for safety.

Many products labeled “unscented” are actually a fragranced product with the addition of another masking fragrance.

eat six to 11 servings a day—but only two or three servings of meat or eggs and even less of fats” (A. Barton Hinkle). An explosion of obesity in America soon followed.

The common fitness goal of 10,000 steps per day came from a Japanese pedometer company that gave its product a name

meaning “the 10,000-step meter.” Why? The Japanese character for “10,000” resembles a person walking: 万. There is no known science to support a goal of 10,000 steps.

Some top-selling supplement products sold at national retailers do not contain any of the herbs listed on their labels.



Christopher Krebs, director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency: The 2020 presidential election was “the most secure election in U.S. history.”



Barack Obama: Disinformation is “the single biggest threat to our democracy.”



Nancy Pelosi: Jan. 6, 2021, was “as if somebody in the White House dropped a bomb” on Congress.



The number of earned Ph.D. degrees in the United States is 40,000 to 45,000 each year. The number of fake Ph.D.’s bought each year from diploma mills exceeds 50,000.

“There is a major crisis in the world of higher

education: the large and growing number of fake universities and fake degrees” (Allen Ezell and John Bear, *Degree Mills: The Billion-Dollar Industry That Has Sold Over a Million Fake Diplomas*).

More than 100,000 federal employees have at least one fake degree, according to the Government Accountability Office. This includes

“generals in the Pentagon, scientists at NASA, and high-ranking officials in the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, and even in the White House Situation Room” (ibid).

High school students can buy a paper for as little as \$10 per page. A fake Ph.D. dissertation will cost you \$20 per page.



Alan Greenspan: “There’s nothing to prevent the federal government from creating as much money as it wants.”



Jerome Powell: “In the long run, and even in the medium run, you wouldn’t want to bet against the American economy.”



Joe Biden: “Inflation is worse everywhere but here.”



Immunologist **Sarah Fortune:** “There is no evidence that mRNA vaccines or other vaccines cause autoimmune disorders.”



Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health: “I’m really sorry that the lab leak has become such a distraction for so many people.”



Christmas and Easter are derived from pagan Babylonian customs and overlaid with false connections to Christianity.

Common Christian teaching is that God is

a trinity—God in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which they call a “Ghost.” The word *trinity* is not found in the Bible, nor does the Bible teach this doctrine.

Satan’s first lie was that man is an immortal soul. Ever since, this unbiblical falsehood has permeated religion.

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about three end-time tyrants. Verses 11-12 describe the rule of these individuals: “Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, AND IT CAST DOWN THE TRUTH TO THE GROUND; and it practised, and prospered.”

Everywhere you look today, you see truth being cast to the ground!

How and why is this happening? Daniel 8 says it happens “*by reason of transgression.*” The word *transgression* means rebellion, sin or trespass. The reason Antiochus has such tremendous success destroying the truth is that people are consumed with sin!

“The *sins of the people* gave Satan his opening,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in his first version of *America Under Attack*. “That is why Antiochus can do all of his dirty work: because there’s so much *sin* going on inside Israel. That was woefully true of spiritual Israel, God’s Church, AND IT IS EQUALLY TRUE OF OUR NATIONS TODAY. Our people are *saturated* in sin and lawbreaking of every imaginable type—and proud of it! That’s why God punishes us with such a devastating curse!”

Perhaps the most remarkable and tragic reality is this: Most people are comfortable with the fakery. The majority is immune to most of the exaggeration, lies and corruption.



/AI IMAGE PROMPT: A photorealistic man on a smartphone in front of televisions playing news

(emphasis added). There is a *direct* correlation between sin and deception.

Unrepented-of sin leaves a person or nation vulnerable to deception!

The essence of *America Under Attack* is based on the prophecy in Revelation 12:9: “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, WHICH DECEIVETH THE WHOLE WORLD: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

This is a phenomenal prophecy. Today’s fake world is a direct result of Satan the devil, the one who “deceiveth the whole world,” HAVING BEEN CAST DOWN TO EARTH! In John 8:44, Jesus identifies Satan as the father of lies and says “there is no truth in him.” The devil is the ultimate fake. From the time of Adam and Eve, he has sold himself to humanity as God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

Meditate on the following quote from Mr. Flurry: “[Revelation 12:9] says Satan *deceives the whole world.* That’s talking about EVERYBODY! His deception affects this world’s education, its religion, its politics, its science—everything! So says your Bible. ... THIS IS EARTHSHAKING—EVEN UNIVERSE-SHAKING IN MANY WAYS!” (ibid).

This isn’t hyperbole. There’s no exaggeration or embellishment here. The truth about the devil and his deception of *every single human* being on this planet is one of the most important truths you could understand right now. ONLY WHEN YOU ACCEPT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DECEIVED CAN YOU BEGIN TO SEE THE TRUTH!

Fight for Truth

How can we survive a world built on exaggeration and embellishment, on lies and deception? How can we avoid deception? The answer is simple, at least in theory: WE MUST VALUE TRUTH OVER EVERYTHING.

“Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: BIND THEM ABOUT THY NECK; WRITE THEM UPON THE TABLE OF THINE HEART” (Proverbs 3:3). Learn to value truth over emotion, over comfort or feeling good, over the perceptions of friends and family. *Gird your loins with the truth*, the Apostle Paul admonishes in Ephesians 6:14.

In your pursuit of knowledge, develop a strong attachment to facts. Always seek the truth. Defend the truth. Never get comfortable with altering the truth, coloring the truth, editing the truth. Never get comfortable with telling lies, even the smallest, tiniest “whitest” lies. Be extremely careful with exaggeration and embellishment.

Above all, look to God and His Word for the truth. “Sanctify them through thy truth: THY WORD IS TRUTH,” Jesus said (John 17:17). Psalm 19:7 says, “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony

COULD CHINA CHOKe INTERNATIONAL commerce? Looking only at its 350 People's Liberation Army Navy warships, analysts say no. But a new report by the Belgian Royal Higher Institute for Defense takes China's *total maritime power* into account, and it answers with an alarming *yes*.

The report's author, Jonathan Holslag, told the *Times* on Dec. 26, 2022, that China can use not only its growing navy but also its civilian vessels and its control of ports and other global shipping infrastructure. It shows from Chinese government documents that ships now built for cargo, ice-breaking, fishing or ferrying must be built to military specifications, with military-grade navigation and communication systems and the capacity to transport troops and, for vessels large enough, tanks and amphibious craft.

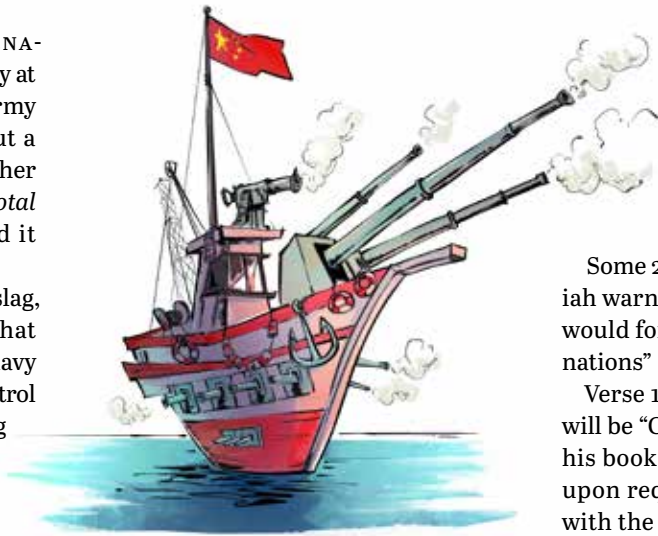
"[A]ll civilian maritime assets must be able to support military operations," the report states. "In other words, every asset in the maritime sector is considered a potential military asset; every ship a warship."

This is particularly alarming given the fact that China now builds 41 percent of the world's vessels, launching more than 1,000 oceangoing ships each year.

The Chinese Communist Party is *actively preparing* for the day when thousands of crews will switch to combat mode.

China is also boosting its control over key ports around the world. Government-controlled maritime companies such as China Ocean Shipping Co. (COSCO), China Merchants Group, China Harbor Engineering Co. and CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd. are amassing control over such ports as Hamburg, Germany; Piraeus, Greece; Le Havre, France; Antwerp, Belgium; Zeebrugge, Belgium; Thameside, England; Felixstowe, England; Obock, Djibouti; Gwadar, Pakistan; Veraacruz, Mexico; Santiago de Cuba; the Suez Canal and the Panama Canal.

Regarding China's takeover of the ports at either end of the Panama Canal, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his 2021 booklet *China's Dangerous Move Against America*: "Any student of military strategy should see the startling possibilities that this terrible Chinese deal opened up. An enterprise of



'Each Chinese Ship Is a Ship of War'

China is now a leading maritime power, and it's only getting started. BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

China—the nation possessing the world's largest army, which is aggressively expanding its navy and air force—took control of the major sea-transit gateway between East and West. ... The wartime implications of that are alarming!"

The Belgian Royal Higher Institute for Defense report shows that this fleet of merchant ships and constellation of ports has given China control over nearly a third of all maritime trade, including 12 percent of crude oil tankers, 13 percent of total liquefied natural gas shipments and 18 percent of all container transports. "China has vast maritime power," it states, and "considers maritime power as an important building block of its national power and crucial for its national economic security. ... Contrary to other countries, most of its maritime assets are controlled by the state."

The Chinese regime's focus on shipbuilding and influence over the world's ports will only grow stronger.

The report's main conclusion was that it is "crucial for Europe's security and prosperity" to "critically evaluate" its vulnerability to China's alarming

maritime power. But Bible prophecy shows that Europe will actually *ally with China*, and the main victims of China's tightening grip over global shipping will be the United States and Britain.

Some 2,700 years ago, the Prophet Isaiah warned of a massive trade bloc that would form in our lifetimes, a "mart of nations" (Isaiah 23:3).

Verse 1 says a lead nation in this bloc will be "Chittim." Mr. Flurry explains in his book *Isaiah's End-Time Vision* (free upon request), "Kittim is synonymous with the Chittim of Isaiah's prophecy. ... After their migration through Central Asia, the Kittim made their appearance in modern-day northeastern China and Mongolia under the name of *Khitan* in the fourth century A.D."

Isaiah 23 names "Tyre" as another leading power in this bloc. Mr. Flurry explains that this city represents "the commercial center" of modern Europe.

A companion passage in Ezekiel 27 mentions ancient names referring to modern Russia, Japan and other nations, showing that they too will be part of this massive trade alliance.

"The Bible contains many prophecies of that European power attacking America—and many other prophecies of America being *besieged*," Mr. Flurry writes (*ibid*). Among them is Deuteronomy 28:52, which warns: "And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down"

Mr. Flurry explains that this siege will be conducted by the mart of nations. "China and the giants of Asia" will join briefly with the European bloc. "All of them are going to besiege America, Britain and the Jewish nation," he writes.

"Should Europe, the resurrected Holy Roman Empire, find a way to take advantage—even for a moment—of key resources and strategic holdings of China, Russia and Japan, it would have more than enough power to besiege the Anglo-Saxon nations This is why Isaiah's prophecy of an end-time 'mart of nations' that includes both European and Asian powers is so intriguing. And why the trend of collusion between these two great economic blocs is worth watching."

MEDICAL MU

Euthanasia has become Canada's go-to medical intervention. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

FOR THE YEAR 2021 IN BRITISH Columbia, 1 in 20 people who died were killed by the Canadian government. Across Canada over 10,000 died this way. Judging by figures from earlier years, this would make it the seventh-leading cause of death, ahead of both diabetes and the flu. More concerning: It's rising fast.

A government-funded nurse will inject a lethal mixture of drugs, or hand someone pills to take. It's given the softer term of "Medical Assistance in Dying"—shortened to the friendly acronym MAID. Whatever you call it, horror stories about Canada's euthanasia program are shockingly common.

Socialized Death Care

Christine Gauthier is a disabled veteran and former Paralympian. She complained to Veteran Affairs Canada about how long it was taking to get a stair lift installed. They replied that if she didn't want to wait, they could help her die right away. Another veteran tried to get help with PTSD and suicidal thoughts. Veteran Affairs Canada offered to help him die.

Jennyfer Hatch featured in a glamorous video ad by a Canadian clothing chain that wanted to celebrate the beauty of euthanasia. Hatch, who suffered with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, wanted to live, but she despaired because she couldn't get help from Canada's socialized health-care system. "If I'm not able to access health care, am I then able to access death care?" she asked before she died. She found the "death care" pretty quick and efficient.

Alan Nichols was helped to die by the state without any of his family being informed. His condition? Hearing

loss. His wife said: "I am terrified of my husband or another relative being put in the hospital and somehow getting these (euthanasia) forms in their hand."

Euthanasia in Canada has slid rapidly down the slippery slope. In 2015, its Supreme Court ruled that banning euthanasia for the terminally ill was unconstitutional. So the next year, Parliament passed a law allowing it, but only for sound-minded adults, with "enduring and intolerable suffering" whose death was "reasonably foreseeable."

That year, 1,018 died. The next year, it more than doubled. In 2019, the government killed 5,661 this way.

In 2019, the Superior Court of Quebec ruled that the "reasonably foreseeable" clause had to go. So in 2021 a new law was passed dropping the terminal sickness clause and removing other safeguards. Most of those dying cite loss of ability to live a normal life or pain as reasons for killing themselves. Over 17 percent cited "isolation or loneliness" as one reason they wanted to die. For 35.7 percent, it's financial—they feared they were a "burden on family, friends or caregivers."

There are signs that euthanasia is being pushed as the cheap alternative to keeping disabled people alive or helping them go about their lives.

Dying for More Cash

In 2017, the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* estimated that euthanasia could save the Canadian health-care system \$35 million to \$135 million a year. The report's author said that, when it comes to euthanasia, "cost has to be a part of that discussion."

And it is. The Canadian media is full of stories of people choosing death because life was too expensive. Roger

Foley told Canada's Parliament, "I have been coerced into assisted death by abuse, neglect, lack of care and threats." He described one time when "the hospital ethicist and nurses were trying to coerce me into an assisted death by threatening to charge me \$1,800 per day or force-discharge me without the care I needed to live." When he kept refusing to kill himself, he said that they starved him and denied him water for 20 days. He told lawmakers: "You have turned your backs on the disabled and elderly Canadians."

The director of the Canadian Institute for Inclusion and Citizenship, Tim Stainton, called Canada's euthanasia law "probably the biggest existential threat to disabled people since the Nazis' program in Germany in the 1930s."

And it could get even worse. Restrictions are set to loosen in March, though the government may decide to extend that deadline. Those with mental disorders will be allowed to die. "Mature minors"—which will probably be interpreted as children over 12—will also be eligible. Soon, a teen in Canada could call his doctor and say he's feeling depressed, only to be asked, "Have you considered killing yourself?"

Perhaps the most shocking part of this story is the lack of shock. Euthanasia has been imposed on Canada by the courts, but opinion polls indicate the public is overwhelmingly in favor. An Ipsos poll of 3,500 Canadian adults found that 86 percent approve of legal euthanasia. Similarly, 82 percent support the loosening of the law so that those without fatal illnesses can choose to die. A Leger poll of 1,501 Canadians around the same time found that a narrow majority—51 percent—supported



the change that will allow teens to die, with a scant 23 percent opposing.

How did we reach the situation where a modern, scientific, peaceful country is killing its most vulnerable citizens instead of protecting them?

With all our technology and prosperity, even the richest societies still have many who are sick. Stamping out heart disease, cancer and other chronic diseases has proved much tougher than was expected decades ago. Then we put people into unwieldy, bureaucratic health-care systems that often lack compassion and add to the misery of those suffering. We trust this system with our quality of life (or death).

And now most of Canada apparently approves of this system killing people.

Down the Slippery Slope

Euthanasia in Canada is an illustration of the dangers of rejecting the Bible as an absolute for our moral standards and relying on our own reasoning.

The Bible places strict protections on human life. The only command repeated in the first five books of the Bible is that a murderer should be put to death. This applies even to someone who kills an unborn baby (Exodus 21:22-23).

We could use the wisdom of the Bible to guide us. Instead we have leaned on our own ideas. There are very compassionate-sounding arguments for euthanasia. It's easy to sympathize with someone in so much pain that he would rather just end it all. But the Bible warns that there is great danger in trusting our own human reasoning.

Jeremiah 17:9 warns, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" God outright tells us that straying away from

the Bible and listening to our heart will lead us in all kinds of wrong directions; it's a slippery slope.

That human life must be protected is a basic truth. Once we compromise on that point, the slide begins.

We see this toboggan slide in the abortion movement. Arguments for abortion generally first center on rare cases of rape. Once that is accepted, then people emphasize compassion for mothers in difficult situations. They say that abortion should be "safe, legal and rare"—as the Democratic Party once did in its platform. Now we've reached the stage where around 73 million babies are murdered worldwide, unborn babies are dismembered in the womb for profit, doctors kill babies that survive abortions, and voters are apparently OK with that. There are even politicians who advocate for "post-birth" abortions—killing babies outright.

Even on this most fundamental issue—*thou shalt not murder*—if we even *begin* to lean to our own understanding, we get pulled in horrible directions.

In 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Paul warned that "in the last days perilous times shall come." Society, he said, would have "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" People talk righteously.

They have hospitals that employ ethicists. But they deny God and the Bible any authority

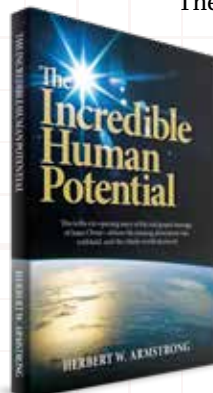
over their lives. The result is a people "[w]ithout natural affection." Protecting the vulnerable and caring for babies are natural, normal impulses that require no education. Yet start down this slope and those normal impulses disappear.

This trend should horrify any right-thinking individual. But what about God? The Creator of mankind is *deeply* horrified. In fact, He loves man enough to not simply sit back and allow this trend to go on indefinitely. He is preparing to step in and stop it.

Are you willing to listen to God's instruction on this matter? The vast majority of people are not. Many people may agree in principle with the Bible on a major issue like *not outright killing people*. But God should be real enough to us that we want to avoid departing from the Bible teaching on *any* issue.

This issue teaches a crucial lesson: Lean to our own understanding and we end in horrific evil. Thousands of years of human "progress" have led us into acts that most of our forebears would abhor.

God has a plan to help those who have died through Canada's Medical Assistance in Dying Program. They're not eternally lost. And He is using the horrific fruits of our decisions to ignore His laws to show us how important those laws are. Once we have learned the danger of leaning to our own understanding and we look to Him, He will lead mankind into a new world where the horrors of this one are stamped out. ■



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Germany's Conquest of the Balkans IS NEARLY COMPLETE

Berlin finishes in 2023 what it started in 1991. **BY MIHAILO ZEKIC**

“WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CROATIA reaches far beyond the boundaries of that small nation. It is so shocking that the nations of this world would be paralyzed with fear if they really understood! ... THERE IS SOMETHING VERY DARK AND SINISTER STIRRING IN EUROPE. What is *now happening* in Croatia is only a SMALL SAMPLE of what is about to SPREAD OVER THE ENTIRE CONTINENT! This is the ‘straw that is going to stir the drink’ to unify all of Europe.”

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote that for our January 1999 issue regarding the (then ongoing) Yugoslav Wars. The Yugoslav Wars started when Croatia declared independence from Yugoslavia in 1991. Unrest soon spread to other places, including Slovenia, Bosnia and Kosovo. Like the rest of the world’s media, our attention was fixed on the chaos in that region of Eastern Europe. But the *Trumpet’s* coverage was

different from everybody else’s. Much of the world focused on the actions of Serbia, Russia and the United States. For the *Trumpet*, the two places to watch were Germany and the Vatican. Mr. Flurry predicted that what was happening in Croatia was the beginning of a German-dominated, Vatican-influenced united Europe controlling the region.

Over three decades later, Mr. Flurry’s analysis has been proved right. Fast-forward to 2023, and we have come full circle. Yugoslavia as a country is a relic of history, and Croatia is now fully integrated into the European Union. As of January 1 of this year, it became the 25th country in the world to adopt the euro as its currency. It also became the 28th country to join the borderless Schengen Area. All land and sea border checks between Croatia and other Schengen countries have been removed. Airport checks are scheduled to end in March.

Why is this a big deal? After all, Croatia has been a member of the EU for years now. And Serbs and Croats would have been at each other’s throats with or without Germany’s involvement. To understand the significance of the Yugoslav Wars, historical context is necessary. The seeds for what happened in Croatia were sown way back in World War II.

Slaughter in Croatia

In 1941, Adolf Hitler’s Nazi regime invaded and conquered Yugoslavia. Germany and its allies annexed various parts of the country. But Croatia—with parts of Bosnia given to it—was “liberated.” Hitler gave the country to the Ustashi, a homegrown Croatian fascist party. This Independent State of Croatia (NDH) governed the western Balkans until 1945.

During those years, the Ustashi tried to ethnically cleanse their realm of any people they found undesirable. And they

SLOVENIA – CAPITAL: LJUBLJANA

- Became independent after a 10-day war with Yugoslavia in 1991
- Became a member of the EU and NATO in 2004
- Joined the eurozone and Schengen Area in 2007
- Janez Janša, Slovenia's longtime prime minister (most recently from 2020–2022), served as the country's minister of defense during the war of independence

NORTH MACEDONIA – CAPITAL: SKOPJE

- Formerly known simply as Macedonia
- Became independent of Yugoslavia in 1991
- Joined NATO in 2020
- Is a candidate to join the EU

MONTENEGRO – CAPITAL: PODGORICA

- Became independent of Yugoslavia (and was renamed “Serbia and Montenegro”) in 2006
- Unilaterally adopted the euro in 2002, before independence
- Became a NATO member in 2017
- Is a candidate to join the EU

SERBIA – CAPITAL: BELGRADE

- Considered the main successor state to Yugoslavia
- The only former Yugoslav country not firmly in Germany's orbit
- Has a weak economy, lacks access to the sea, and is surrounded by EU and NATO member states, so it cannot antagonize the West much
- Is a candidate to join the EU

KOSOVO – CAPITAL: PRISTINA

- Was never a constituent republic of Yugoslavia, but an autonomous province of Serbia within Yugoslavia
- Is populated mostly by Muslim ethnic Albanians
- Fought a war with Yugoslavia from 1998 to 1999, which culminated in NATO intervention
- After the war, was administered by the United Nations until declared independent of Serbia in 2010; Serbia—as well as influential countries like Russia, China and Spain—do not recognize Kosovo as an independent country
- Unilaterally adopted the euro in 2002, before independence
- Hosts EU and NATO troops
- Is a candidate to join the EU

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – CAPITAL: SARAJEVO

- By far the most multiethnic of the former Yugoslav republics, made up of Muslim Bosniaks, Orthodox Serbs and Catholic Croats
- Became independent of Yugoslavia in 1992; subsequently fell into a bloody civil war between the three ethnic groups that lasted until 1995 when NATO intervened
- At the conclusion of the war, NATO imposed the Office of the High Representative, a European “viceroy” who can veto Bosnian laws; the current high representative, Christian Schmidt, is German
- Hosts EU troops; NATO maintains a military headquarters in Sarajevo
- Is a candidate to join the EU
- Remains especially volatile; the Serb autonomous region Republika Srpska (Banja Luka) constantly threatens secession and war

This modern-day Inquisition did not go unnoticed by the Catholic authorities. Archbishop of Zagreb Alojzije Stepinac was an ardent Ustashi supporter and gave his blessing to the regime. The Vatican kept him as archbishop until his death in 1960. Meanwhile, the chief guard of Jasenovac, Miroslav Filipović, was a Catholic priest.

The Revival of Fascism

After liberation, Communist dictator Josip Broz Tito governed the country until his death in 1980. To keep the country afloat, Tito took on huge levels of debt and gave the country's constituent republics increasing levels of autonomy at the expense of the federal government. After he died, old ethnic tensions among the empowered republics—especially between Croatia and Serbia—started to flare. This culminated in Croatia and Slovenia rebelling against Yugoslavia in 1991.

Both countries are independent states today. But few countries back then recognized them as such—at first. The Balkans have been a volatile geopolitical region for centuries. Most of Europe didn't want to see a new round of unrest. The U.S. opposed recognizing Croatian independence. So did the European Economic Community (EEC), the predecessor of the European Union. The United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands were all opposed to stirring the pot in the Balkans.

Germany, however, had other designs.

Despite opposition from the rest of the West, Germany on Dec. 23, 1991, announced its plans to recognize Croatian sovereignty. This meant Germany, as the journal *Ethics & International Affairs* wrote in 1998, “in effect renounced the legitimacy of the existing Yugoslav state and pressured other European governments to do the same. Within weeks, the Yugoslav federation came apart at every seam, while its civil affairs degenerated into an anarchy of armed violence.” Less than a month later, Pope John Paul II gave the Vatican's blessing for independence. When Western partners objected to Germany's decision, Germany threatened to pull out of the EEC.

The West caved in. The rest of Europe soon recognized Croatian independence at various points in 1992.

were ruthlessly effective. Estimates vary on the total number of Ustashi victims. Historian Robert Paxton in *The Anatomy of Fascism* gives a middle-of-the-road approximation: “[E]ven Nazi onlookers were appalled by the disorderly slaughters in which the Ustashi massacred a soberly estimated 500,000 Serbs, 200,000 Croats, 90,000 Bosnian Muslims, 60,000 Jews, 50,000 Montenegrins and 30,000 Slovenes.”

Noteworthy is the Jasenovac camp, a concentration and death camp run not by Germans but by Croats from 1941 to 1945. Estimates of the number murdered there vary. A 2021 conference at Uppsala University in Sweden estimated that Jasenovac had 90,000 to 130,000 victims. And the execution and torture methods were brutal. The Ustashi threw people into crematoriums alive. People were hacked to death with saws, hammers and other instruments. Men had

their eyeballs ripped out. Women had their breasts cut off.

The Ustashi established Jasenovac in August 1941, almost six months before the Nazis set up plans for camps in Poland, such as Auschwitz and Treblinka. The plans for those more infamous camps were formalized in January 1942. You could say then that Croatia created the prototype of the Nazi death camp.

The Serbs were the Ustashi's main targets. Croats are traditionally Catholic, and one of the NDH's biggest goals was to catholicize the new Croatia. Serbs—many of whom lived within the NDH's borders—are traditionally Eastern Orthodox. The Ustashi saw Serbs as heretics who needed to be dealt with. They devised a plan to exterminate a third of Croatia's Serb population, expel another third to Serbia proper (which was under German occupation), and forcibly convert another third to Catholicism.



Jeremiah Builds a Kingdom

An inspiring glimpse at a godly system built by one man **BY GERALD FLURRY**

I RECENTLY CAME TO UNDERSTAND something more fully about what God did through the Prophet Jeremiah that I want to share with you.

The Bible focuses on how God is working out His plan for all human beings by using the nation of Israel. That nation was a good example to the world during the time of King David and King Solomon, but it later divided into two; the people in both kingdoms turned away from God, and ultimately both kingdoms fell. As the second kingdom was heading toward collapse, God raised up Jeremiah.

Jeremiah was one of only a very few people in the Bible whom God chose while still in the womb (Jeremiah 1:5). God had a crucial role for him to fulfill.

God used Jeremiah to warn Judah that if the people did not repent toward God, the nation would be destroyed! God always warns Israel—even the modern nations of Israel—through His servants. Jeremiah delivered a great warning, but he also did much more.

Here is the commission God gave this man: “See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant” (verse 10).

As Herbert W. Armstrong showed in detail in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, God’s plan for Israel did not fail with the fall of Jerusalem, as even many Christians assume. God *saved* the dynasty of King David and *continued* His

plan for Israel and all mankind through Jeremiah. He transplanted David’s throne from the kingdom of Judah to another kingdom of Israelites: Ireland.

We have known this for years, but there is more to it that God wants us to understand. What I recently came to see more fully is that Jeremiah really did *plant* and *build* in the context of *nations* and *kingdoms*.

Verse 10 says Jeremiah would plant *nations and kingdoms*, directly or indirectly. He planted the throne of David in Ireland, but he also had to *build* a kingdom there! And history shows that is what he did.

Building a Kingdom

Jeremiah dedicated his life to God and suffered a great deal to get His message out. In the process, he learned how to stay loyal to God, how to have faith, and how to teach God’s truth. Then at a critical juncture in God’s plan, he arrived in Ireland.

What happened then? Jeremiah was no vagabond or refugee. He was received as a man of God and given high honor and authority to virtually rule over the whole nation! God used him and his authority in this new land to establish His truth. Historians say Jeremiah lived in Ireland for 40 years and has his gravestone there.

This man of God built a kingdom.

This shows us that if you heed God’s message and turn to Him, He will lead you! The descendants of Israel still

existed in Jeremiah’s lifetime, and they still exist today. And if they turned to God, He would *immediately* begin diminishing and solving their personal and national problems!

This is very relevant history because the book of Jeremiah is for us today. It is especially for the modern descendants of the Israelites, which include not only the Irish but chiefly the British and the Americans. God told Jeremiah to write His message in a book for all Israel (Jeremiah 30:1-3). Jeremiah delivered that message to Judah before Jerusalem fell, but the rest of Israel had already been scattered. God is delivering Jeremiah’s message *today*.

“The ancient records and chronicles of the kingdom were ordered to be written and carefully preserved at Tara by Ollav Fola, and these formed the basis of the ancient history of Ireland called the Psalter of Tara” (*Annals of the Four Masters*). Who commanded them to do that and motivated them to do it so accurately?

Irish historian and minister Frederick Glover and other historians recognize that Ollav Fola, the man who had such enormous influence on Ireland, was Jeremiah the prophet!

Through physical Israel and then through the true Church of God, spiritual Israel, God has given all mankind an example of how to live the right way. That is why Bible history is about the nation of Israel. God called these people and worked with them for many generations

to be an example to the world. Sadly, they routinely rebelled, so God let the kingdom of Israel and then the kingdom of Judah be destroyed. But then He used Jeremiah and Ireland to build a spectacular national example to the world.

This is also why God's true Church is not just a spiritual idea or a social group. It is actually a *civilization*, a NEW WORLD God is preparing! He seeks to use that example and His righteous authority to solve the problems plaguing our nations.

Planted in Ireland

In Ireland is a burial place called the Great Mergech. The person buried there is a princess, Tea-Tephi. This is a Hebrew name. Why is a Hebrew princess buried in a prominent, honorable place 2,500 miles from Jerusalem?

As Mr. Armstrong showed in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Tea-Tephi was the key to Jeremiah saving David's dynasty and transplanting that throne to Ireland. God had promised that David's descendants would always rule over Israel, and even though King Zedekiah was conquered, his sons were all executed, and his kingdom fell, God saved his *daughter*. It was this Jewish princess, carrying the royal dynasty, who married an Irish prince shortly before the fall. Two Israelite dynasties, which had been very much in opposition before, were united, and this royal couple accompanied Jeremiah to Ireland in 589 B.C.

With them they took a harp, a stone and an ark. The harp was the *harp of David*, which you can still see in the national symbols of Ireland. The stone was the *stone of destiny*, a symbol of the very origin of the nation from its patriarch Jacob, grandson of Abraham. And the ark was the *ark of the covenant*, the symbol of God's throne, at which He had been present among the ancient Israelites. Inside the ark were the Ten Commandments, written on stone by the finger of God, the fundamental law to solve problems and to build a life and a kingdom that thrives!

British historians have written that Ireland's famous Hill of Tara is where the ark of the covenant was placed, and that it is *still there*, buried with Tea-Tephi.

Tea-Tephi and her husband, under Jeremiah, were part of a unique kingdom-building process! Jeremiah taught

the Ten Commandments. God's law was the law of the land. Known as Ollav Fola in Irish history, he also founded the ollums, an order of priests and saviors. According to *Annals of the Four Masters*, he erected and established the building Mur-Ollamhan, which can be translated House of Ollam, School of Ollam or House of the Learned. It was a liberal arts college to educate people in God's laws.

Annals of the Four Masters also records that he ordained the Feis Teamhrach, or the convention of Tara (*feis* signifies a convention or assembly). It was attended by the island's leaders including the provincial kings, princes, judges or Brehons, and bards and a great many other people. These conventions were also legislative assemblies, and Ollav Fola ordered the ancient records and chronicles of the kingdom to be written and carefully preserved at Tara. The education and culture that spread throughout Ireland emanated from that area.

What was happening? A Hebrew princess and a Hebrew prophet were shaping Ireland!

Fola is a Celtic word that means "revealing, a revealer." It refers to a prophet! Ephesians 3:5 states that God gives revelation only to an apostle or a prophet to declare to the Church and to the world. Jeremiah came and revealed to the people of Ireland all these wonderful truths that God had revealed to him.

People have tried to excavate in Ireland to learn more about this amazing history. British Prime Minister Arthur Balfour, who supervised Jerusalem, asked Parliament to grant permission to search the Hill of Tara for the ark of the covenant. This was rejected. People who have tried to excavate there have been opposed, run off, even shot at. The mystery surrounding Tara remains.

Jeremiah arriving with the ark of God on an island populated by Israelites made quite an impression on them. They were from the tribe of Dan, and God had somehow prepared them somewhat for the coming of Jeremiah, Tea-Tephi and her husband, who became king. These people knew from their Hebrew Bibles that God spoke to Israel from that ark.

The Lion of Judah

One symbol used in the British Isles to this day is the red lion on a yellow field. It

is the royal banner of Scotland, and it has other uses as well. *Our Great Heritage With Its Responsibilities* author W. T. F. Jarrold described it as a golden-colored flag, or banner, having emblazoned upon it a red lion rampant. Why? Obviously, there are no lions in those isles.

Frederick Glover wrote of that lion symbol, "It was evidently an importation to that country from the east" (*England, the Remnant of Judah and the Israel of Ephraim*). That is a beast indigenous to Judah and is prominent in the Hebrew Bible. David killed a lion and a bear to protect his sheep.

There is a good reason for featuring the lion of Judah on that flag. It was introduced by Jeremiah. Glover referenced Edmund Campion's *A Historie of Ireland* to show how the symbol was introduced to Scotland from Ireland. As the descendants of David reigned in Ireland, then Scotland, then England, they continued to use it in their heraldry. Glover noted how the lion rampant was the standard of Ireland or of its reigning family, until it was replaced by the harp during the reign of King Henry VIII in the 1500s.

The World's Greatest Education

Consider the *educational impact* that Jeremiah had on Ireland, and all his supporters there had on the world! It was *spectacular*.

British historian Geoffrey Keating wrote in his History of Ireland about the outstanding education the Irish people had: "The early literary history of Ireland stands out in proud distinction from that of any other country in Europe." During the time of Rome's fall, it was known by scholars that they could find "shelter, sustainment, and inexhaustible sources of information in Ireland," Keating wrote. He quotes the eighth-century British historian Bede, who asserted that long before his time, "such was the fame of the Irish schools, that when a person of note was missed from Great Britain or the continent, it was concluded, as a matter of course, that he had 'gone to Ireland in search of learning.'" Teachers there were held in the highest esteem—treated like royalty—because Ireland realized the value of great teachers.

"It mattered not whence they came or whither they were bent. The college

hall and college hospitality were open to all comers,” Michael Doheny wrote in “Memoir of Dr. Keating.” The schools flourished and were nationalized. It was all about family—a family work. “France, Spain, Italy and Germany either opened and endowed colleges or allowed them to be founded on their territories by Irish princes for the Irish ecclesiastical student ...” (ibid).

Keating was sent to one of these foreign colleges in 1586, Doheny wrote. He wrote that this was education in Britain after the British Empire *began*. That would be over 2,000 years after Jeremiah’s time, yet this education was still powerfully impacting the British Empire, especially at the beginning.

The British are descendants of Israel, who, along with the Americans, received the “birthright” promise God had given to Abraham. They are the “company of nations” God prophesied of in Genesis 35:11. This powerful education helped Britain build the greatest empire in world history! God wanted the British to understand where all their wealth and power came from—not from their ingenuity but from God blessing Abraham for his faith and obedience toward God!

“Even though the long and desolating period of persecution then begun, the Irish schools survived.” As late as the end of the reign of George III in 1820, “there were famous classical schools in which the English tongue was never heard” (ibid). In other words, they were speaking the Gaelic language in Britain. They were teaching the education from Ireland. That also spread to Germany, Spain and other European countries. I believe the fact that this top-notch Irish education continued for so long after Jeremiah showed God had a hand in it.

Jeremiah left an example for the *whole world* to see! This is what God had been trying to get ancient Israel to do: to be an example to the world of how to live in harmony, prosperity, beauty and

excitement! This connects mankind to his Creator! What a witness Jeremiah left us—a *wonderful* example for us to see and be inspired by.

The Reformation period wiped out much of the Irish education. Yet still they moved to another country, Scotland, and then to England. And with them they brought this lion of Judah banner. Why? Because the education and the royal dynasty traced straight back to King David! The rulers of Ireland, then Scotland, then England were ruling from the throne of David!

The ark, the lion banner and the stone pointed Ireland, Britain, Europe and the world to Israel, to the God of Israel, to the God of the Bible!

Stone of Destiny

The stone—also called *lia-fail*, the stone of Israel, or the stone of destiny—has existed through all of Israel’s history back through the British Isles, back through the kings of Judah and of Israel, back through the wandering in the wilderness, back to the very night it was miraculously created under the man whose name God changed to Israel. It has also been called the Shepherd Stone, in reference to Jesus Christ, who watches over His people if they heed His message and do what He says, just as David watched over his sheep.

That stone was a symbol of the kings of Israel, and it was used in the coronations of the kings and queens of Ireland, then Scotland, then England. King Edward I called that stone “the one primeval monument which binds together the whole Empire.” It went back ages and ages, and it united them.

But it is no longer the stone of destiny. All the education and royalty and hope that was connected to that stone is no longer linked with England’s royal family as it was before. There is a new stone and a new throne of David. (I explain this thoroughly in my book *The New Throne of David*.) Where is the new stone? This stone today links right back to the kingdom-building work Jeremiah

did in Ireland at Tara. God says that in this end time, the stone would be in God’s own true Church. The new stone of destiny links you back to Jeremiah and Ireland, to *all* of those thrones of David, to Jerusalem, and to God Himself. It is a wonderful gift from God.

The British used to love the old stone of destiny and fight for it. But their late Queen made the terrible mistake of giving it back to Scotland. They no longer have the rich meaning that God gave through that stone. They no longer have an empire. And they are no longer bound together! Britain is divided, America is divided, and the Jewish nation in the Middle East is also divided. That is what happens when you turn your back on God and His royal education!

Much of godly education revolves around government: men submitting to their Creator and to those He puts in authority. Much of the Bible revolves around the coming of Jesus Christ to *build a Kingdom*.

Before Jesus was born, an angel prophesied to the woman who would give birth to Him: “And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and OF HIS KINGDOM THERE SHALL BE NO END” (Luke 1:31-33).

The “Son of the Highest” became a human being for the sake of not just Judah or Israel but *all mankind*. He is going to govern a glorious Kingdom that will rule the Earth!

This is what the throne, the stone, the ark and the kingdom God built through Jeremiah point to! This isn’t something *like* a kingdom. It is a literal Kingdom, with a literal government, territory, laws, subjects and Ruler: the Kingdom of God.

The throne that God began with David is going to be assumed by Christ Himself! Under the direction of His Father, He will rule from that throne in Jerusalem *forever!* ■



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Unlock a New Health Habit

Seven keys to a new normal, with no looking back

BY JORG MARDIAN

YOUR LIFE TODAY IS ESSENTIALLY THE sum of your habits. That's the point made by *Atomic Habits* author James Clear, and it is a good one. Are you out of shape? This is likely a result of your habits. Do you suffer from illness? This is likely a result of your habits. What you repeatedly do each day ultimately forms the person you are.

What if you want the person you are to become better?

You have free will and the ability to reason. Yet as much as 40 percent of your daily actions occur from habits that you do not actively think about. Harmful diet, inactivity, uncontrolled use of medicines, and other bad choices quickly become routine and cause great harm over time. This is why disease, which is abnormal, is considered so normal. But you can use these seven keys to break destructive habits and change your life, one day at a time.

VISUALIZE YOUR GOAL. At the beginning of your journey, connect your mind to the end. Visualize where you will be standing after completing your journey to replace a destructive habit with a healthy one. Once you go there in your mind, it becomes far easier to go there in your body. A crystal-clear vision of your goal will help you resist old habits, avoid distractions, prioritize your decisions, and motivate you to face the challenges.

STATE YOUR MISSION. Write a mission statement to specify your goal, when you want to achieve it and how you want to achieve it. Make it crystal clear, strong and assertive, with measurable, attainable goals (see [PossibilityChange.com](https://www.possibilitychange.com)). This statement might say: "I will build long-term health by exercising

three times a week every week for six months, and by avoiding any foods that are harmful to my body. I will lose 20 pounds and feel noticeably better."

FOCUS AND REFOCUS. The most successful people on this planet are highly focused. They pay attention to clear, singular goals. The habit of concentration makes you fully engaged in what you are doing. You get more done properly and deal with adverse life events better. *The Power of Less* author Leo Babauta writes, "If you can maintain your focus on a goal or habit, you will more often than not achieve that goal or create that habit." Life throws a lot of distractions your way, dividing your time between many things and disrupting your focus. Eliminate distractions, and even eliminate other less-important goals, to focus on your main goals.

SET MICRO-GOALS. It's good to dream big, but not so big that the goal is unattainable. *Atomic Habits* discusses a principle called "aggregation of marginal gains." Instead of fixating on leaps forward in your lifestyle, settle on smaller habits that you can achieve and sustain—milestones on the way to your larger goals. These should be goals you can achieve within 30 days. Losing 6 to 8 pounds in a month, for example, is a reasonable micro-goal. Achieving these smaller goals gives you confidence, motivation and the power to achieve larger goals.

PUNCH THROUGH DISCOMFORT. We dislike disruptions to our habits and dislike physical discomfort. But if you give yourself no room to change, no room to fail, you give yourself no room to grow. Exercise is such a scenario, because building fitness and health involves disruption, not to mention aching muscles. But if you're pursuing healthy, attainable goals, this discomfort is not destructive:

It's a signal that your body is waking up and becoming stronger! You can punch through the tiredness you feel. Doing so will help you reevaluate your relationship with discomfort: It's a sign of achievement, a cue that motivates you even more.

MASTER YOUR TIME. Effective time management goes deeper than just listing your tasks. It means transforming what your priorities are and developing self-control. Mastering your present time will help you achieve all your goals. For example, daily workouts and good nutrition may not seem urgent today, but accomplishing them circumvents negative consequences tomorrow. When you take control of your daily hours, you will find that your progress toward goals increases. Time management is not about getting things done in haste, but it certainly reduces wasted time and energy so you reach your goals quicker.

BUILD YOUR WILLPOWER. Are you exercising three times a week? Are you cutting out sugary drinks? Are you avoiding evening snacks? Whatever your goal, you must exert willpower. Some days, self-control will feel beyond reach. How do you strengthen your resolve? Many people think willpower is a somewhat mysterious quality, but it's a skill you can build with diligence. Just as a physical muscle grows from exertion, willpower (your mental muscle) builds through any regular act of self-control. To be truly successful, you have to flex this mental muscle over and over.

You are neither too out of shape nor too old to take on this worthy challenge. Take that habit you've been wanting to build and don't let it go. See it, define it, concentrate on it, break it down, push through it, use your time, and exert your willpower. If you fail, come straight back and keep pushing and flexing these habits of health and of character. ■

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Such meddling in an ongoing civil war is troubling enough. But even more troubling was the new Croatia's first cultural developments. With independence, celebrations of fascist-era culture in Croatia blossomed.

This was evident in how Franjo Tudjman, Croatia's inaugural president, set up his new country. His government adopted the Ustashi flag as the country's colors and named the now phased-out currency, the kuna, after the currency of the fascist era. *Za dom spremni*, a Ustashi slogan equivalent to the Nazi salute

Sieg heil, became commonplace in Tudjman's Croatia. It still is today.

(In 2016, Croatian politicians installed a plaque reading "*Za dom spremni*" in Jasenovac to commemorate Croatian soldiers killed in the 1990s. This was equivalent to modern German politicians installing a plaque in Dachau reading "*Sieg heil*.")

Tudjman was also a Holocaust denier. He wrote in one of his books: "The estimated loss of up to 6 million dead [in the Holocaust] is founded too much on both emotional, biased testimonies and on exaggerated data in the postwar

reckonings of war crimes and squaring of accounts with the defeated perpetrators of war crimes."

This is the man Croatians see as their modern "founding father." Zagreb's international airport is named after him.

Many Croats seem not to mind the fascist legacy Tudjman restored.



Franjo Tudjman

Europe's Complicity

The Catholic Church also hasn't disassociated itself from the Ustashi legacy. Rumors suggest Cardinal Stepinac died in 1960 through poisoning by Communist authorities. In 1998, Pope John Paul II declared Stepinac a

martyr and canonized him as a saint. He is today a patron saint of Croatia.

Germany and the Vatican knew Croatia's fascist history—and their history of propping up the Ustashi. They knew that Tudjman's government had fascist leanings. *They didn't sponsor him in spite of these factors*

BUT BECAUSE OF THEM. They knew that a Croatia

with fond memories of the fascist days would be a friend to Germany and the Vatican. Serbs, meanwhile, are traditional friends of Russia. A united Yugoslavia led by Russia-friendly Serbs would have gotten in the way of German-Vatican ambitions. So when the Yugoslav Wars started in 1991, Germany and the Vatican intervened TO DISSOLVE THE YUGOSLAV STATE. If that meant publicly bankrolling a Holocaust denier, then so be it.

This brings us to 2023. Germany has become the unofficial leader of the European Union. It has the bloc's largest economy, largest population and largest number of seats in the European Parliament. And Croatia is now firmly integrated into the German-dominated EU. Croatia and Germany now share an external border and a currency. They share Europe-wide police and border forces. And nearly the remainder of former Yugoslavia is today in Germany's camp as well. The only country that isn't is Serbia. But Serbia is surrounded by NATO members, and its economy is dependent on the EU, so it can't resist Germany much.

In other words, Germany's conquest of the Balkans is nearly complete. ■

How did it start? Where will it end?

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► **FAKE WORLD** FROM PAGE 20

of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." True education is studying and understanding the testimony, or truth, of God.

The only way to navigate this fake world is to be armed with God's knowledge, with His law, doctrines and teachings. God's law is both an anchor and a compass.

You may think I'm talking only about spiritual truths, religious doctrines and practices. Maybe you are more interested in navigating the *material* world, seeing through all the lies and phoniness in politics and education, in the grocery store and on social media. Studying the Bible won't really help you avoid the shoals of deception in all these areas, will it? Yes, it absolutely does.

God's Word is full of *practical*, day-to-day, simple, basic and relevant instruction on how to survive and thrive in Satan's world!

God's Word tells us to "prove all things" and not take what we see or hear at face value. Learn to read labels, literally and figuratively. The Bible cautions us not to let others think for us. Don't let slick marketers tell you what you need. Don't let greedy, vain or deviant influencers define what constitutes happiness,

contentment or success. Don't let musicians and movies define what makes for a healthy relationship or healthy behavior.

The Bible endorses the habit of asking penetrating questions—being skeptical. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, BUT TRY THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD: because many false prophets are gone out into the world," admonished the Apostle John (1 John 4:1). Ask yourself: Is this consistent with God's law? Of course, this means you must know God's truth and God's law.

Truly, in a world that constantly bombards us with lies, the most important activities we can engage in every single day are studying the truth of God and praying to the God of truth. GOD SEES THROUGH THE FAKERY WITH PERFECT VISION. And He promises to open our eyes to it if we ask Him. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). Above all, seek after righteousness: Those who love truth and strive to obey God's laws cannot be deceived!

In a fake world, find comfort and encouragement in the words of Jesus Christ in John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, *and the truth shall make you free.*" ■

Seven Keys to Prayer

Prayer works. God listens. Learn how.

WHAT IS PRAYER? IS IT MORE than just saying words into empty air? Sometimes it's not. But if you believe in God and His Word, you can understand what prayer really is and who you are praying to. It will be more than empty words, and it can and will change your life!

Your Creator wants to hear from you, build a relationship with you, answer your prayers. *And He shows you how!* Here are seven keys to prayer straight from God's Word, the Bible. Use these and you can have *confidence* that God will hear and answer you.

1) Learn God's will.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing *according to his will*, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we *know* that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14-15).

When we ask for our own selfish desires, we are asking for something in conflict with the will of the loving God and should expect no answers (James 4:1-3). Instead, follow Christ's example. "... I seek not mine own will," He said, "but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30). God does make it possible to know His will (Ephesians 5:17); He reveals it in His Word. If we study it, we begin to think more like God and pray according to His will, asking for what is truly good for us (2 Timothy 2:15).

2) Pray with fear and humility.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments ..." (Psalm 111:10). To fear God is to revere Him, His law and His will. It springs from love and deep respect for God's

power and authority over us. Even Christ prayed to the Father with this perspective: "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was

heard in that *he feared*" (Hebrews 5:7). As 1 Peter 5:5 says, "[B]e clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

3) Obey God.

"[T]o this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isaiah 66:2). Fear disobeying God, and strive to obey Him. If you don't, you cannot come to know Him through prayer.

Sin cuts us off from God so "he will not hear" our prayers (Isaiah 59:1-2). Sin is breaking God's law (1 John 3:4). God's law, expressing His way of life, is described in His Ten Commandments and throughout the Bible. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, *because we keep his commandments*, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22). We all sin, but we must be striving with God's help to conquer those sins. This is a prerequisite for God hearing our prayers.

4) Believe God.

"... What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, *believe that ye receive them*, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). For God to hear you, it is essential that you believe in Him and believe Him. Build faith, act on it, and God will answer you (see James 2:20).

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord" (James 1:6-7). This is why the skeptic will never have his prayers answered.

If we lack faith to trust God, we can ask God to give it to us (Mark 9:24)—it is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). (Order our free booklet *What Is Faith?* to learn more.)

5) Pray fervently.

"... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Energetic, heartfelt prayers are well pleasing to God, and when you pour your heart out, you can expect answers.

God preserved the Psalms to show us what fervent prayer sounds like. Many are prayers from King David and other biblical giants, filled with heartfelt emotion. And there is no better example than Christ, who, throughout His physical life and especially in times of trial, prayed *earnestly*, with all His heart! (e.g. Luke 22:44).

6) Pray persistently.

Oftentimes, it seems God does not answer right away. Do not lose faith. Do not give up praying. God promises to answer when you fulfill His requirements, but He does not promise *how or when*. Be patient and persistent, growing in faith and fervency, rather than fading (see Luke 18:1-8).

"Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:3-4). Persist. Believe. Claim God's promises. Continue to be fervent. Wait and hope and look for God.

7) Use Christ's name.

"... Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father *in my name*, he will give it you," Christ said. "[A]sk, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23-24).

This passage gives us the privilege to ask through Christ and by His authority. We have access to God the Father because of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:13, 18). The Father has given Christ an office of authority that enables Him to intercede for us as our Advocate (Hebrews 4:14-16). Of course, we must know God's will and use the other keys to be able to pray properly "in Jesus's name."

These keys on how to pray, when followed, allow you to *boldly* approach God in your prayer and *know* that you **WILL** receive answers! ■

For more instruction on this vital subject, request a copy of our free booklet *How to Pray*.



WORLDWATCH

ASIA

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North Korea test-fired three short-range ballistic missiles on Dec. 31, 2022, ending a year of steady provocations that included drones trespassing into South Korean air space, and more than 70 missile launches, many of which were of nuclear-capable models.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the launches were "a grave provocation" that challenges international peace. It said the South stands ready to "overwhelmingly" deter any provocation by North Korea.

The next day, however, **Kim Jung-un** ordered his military to complete an "exponential" expansion of a type of weaponry the South may be unequipped to deter: nuclear weapons. At the start of 2022, North Korea had only 40 to 50 viable nuclear warheads, compared to America's 5,550 and Russia's 6,257. Kim said he is determined to narrow this gap by "doubling down" on "efforts to strengthen our military power overwhelmingly to safeguard our sovereignty, safety and basic national interest."

South Korean President **Yoon Suk-yeol** responded saying that America's strategy of "extended deterrence"—promising to defend the South, even with U.S. nuclear weapons—is no longer enough to reassure the South Korean people. "If the issue becomes more serious," he said, "we could acquire our own nuclear weapons." He added, "[W]e can have our own nuclear weapons pretty quickly, given our scientific and technological capabilities."

South Korea is a signatory of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, an international accord to limit the spread of nuclear weapons

TOPSHOT A car and a pickup truck are seen inside a sinkhole as another storm created by a series of atmospheric rivers inundates California on January 10, in Los Angeles, California.

and technology. But if the North Korean threat intensifies, it may feel compelled to renege. "President Yoon's comment could turn out to be a watershed moment in the history of South Korea's national security," Cheon Seong-whun, a former chief of the Korea Institute for National Unification, told the *New York Times*.

In his booklet *Nuclear Armageddon Is 'At the Door,'** Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry points to Bible prophecy to show that a nuclear war will soon erupt that will be so cataclysmic it would erase all human life were it not for divine intervention. "Only God can solve our number one problem: that of human survival," he writes. "Our *only hope* physically is to repent spiritually."

Meanwhile, **Russia's** war on **Ukraine** keeps raging on, and on January 13, Moscow said its forces have captured the town of **Soledar**. Controlling this mining town in Ukraine's east could imperil Ukrainian positions in the nearby, fiercely contested city of **Bakhmut**. Since Bakhmut is a vital transportation hub for Ukrainian forces, this could mark a turning point in the war.

At the same time, a shake-up in the Russian military

hierarchy—giving Chief of General Staff **Valery Gerasimov** overall command of the Ukraine war on January 11—signifies that in the months ahead Russia will go all-in.

Mr. Flurry wrote in his 2017 booklet *The Prophesied 'Prince of Russia,'* that

Vladimir Putin is prophesied in Ezekiel 38 to lead Russia and its partners into wars in the modern age.

"When you study these scriptures alongside current events revealing modern Moscow's imperialist direction," he writes, "you see that Russian President Vladimir Putin is the *prince of Rosh*."



Valery Gerasimov



EUROPE

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The new calendar year arrived in Europe with violence. On New Year's Eve, some of **Germany's** streets looked like a war zone. Police, firefighters and paramedics seemed overwhelmed with life-threatening situations. Authorities in **France** said the situation was "serene" because only 690 cars were burned, far fewer than in previous years. In Sweden, "rockets were fired," "people as well as homes and cars were hit," and "people were shot" according to theLocal.se. Like most of the media, the outlet carefully avoided saying who was firing and shooting: illegal immigrants.

Neukölln Integration Commissioner Güner Balci told Spiegel Online that the majority of people in her district "want a

VIALBE WARHEADS IN 2022

NORTH KOREA 40-50

UNITED STATES 5,550

RUSSIA 6,257

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MIDDLE EAST

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Iran is back in the headlines, with links to possible terror plots in Europe (see below), its ongoing nuclear program, and now its first fighter aircraft purchase in decades. Its last known acquisition of foreign fighter jets was in 1990, from the Soviet Union. On Dec. 28, 2022, the Iranian government reported that it had purchased Russian Su-35 fourth-generation fighters, a major technological upgrade, and that Russian personnel would train Iranian pilots. But the main significance of the deal is its effect on the relationship between the two nations. United States National Security Council spokesman **John Kirby** said Russia is offering Iran “an unprecedented level of military and technical support that is transforming

their relationship into a full-fledged defense partnership.”

The United Nations appears to be ambivalent toward the deal and toward Russia and Iran in general. The nongovernmental organization UN Watch released a count of UN General Assembly resolutions aimed against countries in 2022: six against Russia, mostly due to its invasion of Ukraine, and only one against Iran, in the context of ongoing protests over the death of Masha Amini. This is despite the fact that Iran’s radical regime, among other things, responded to the protests by quickly becoming the third-largest incarcerator of journalists worldwide. The terrorist group **Hamas**, which rules Gaza as a de facto state and is committed to the annihilation of Israel, was the target of zero resolutions, even after it started a war against Israel. Meanwhile, there were 15 resolutions against **Israel**, more

than any other country.

Israel was again in the crosshairs after a 13-minute visit by its national security minister, **Itamar Ben-Gvir**, to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem on January 3. The **United Arab Emirates**, which signed a 2020 normalization agreement with Israel, responded by calling an emergency session of the UN Security Council. It did so on behalf of the **Palestinian Authority, Jordan** and the **Arab League** (to which most Arab states belong). The Council met on January 5 and 6, but came to no binding decision. But the targeting of Israel, especially under returning Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu**, is about to intensify. There is a reason for the otherwise inexplicable negative obsession with the State of Israel. Learn where it comes from in your free copy of *The Eternal Has Chosen Jerusalem*. ■

tougher crackdown, a stronger state.” This desire is shared by the migrant population. As our booklet *A Strong German Leader Is Imminent* shows, the Bible prophesies that Europeans will get a tough leader who will crack down on vandalizing migrants—and many others.

Iran has alarmed Europe recently. The **United Kingdom** launched a major counterterrorism operation after Heathrow Airport authorities discovered a package containing several kilograms of nuclear material arriving from **Pakistan** on Dec. 29, 2022. It was addressed to an Iran-linked firm on British soil. On January 8, following a tip from the United States, German police arrested two Iranian brothers, ages 32 and 25, suspected of plotting to carry out a biological terrorist attack. Europe-Iran relations are already at a low point, but they will deteriorate

much further until they reach a crisis point. To learn more, see our Trends article “*Why the Trumpet Watches Iran and Europe Heading for a Clash of Civilizations.*”

Pope Benedict XVI died on December 31 at the Vatican at the age of 95. As pope, Benedict was leader of the Catholic Church and sovereign of Vatican City from 2005 to 2013, when he made history as the first pope to resign from office since Gregory XII in 1415. Since then, he had lived in a monastery in Vatican City with the new title “pope emeritus.” His successor, **Pope Francis**, presided over his funeral on January 5. His death has been met with an outpouring of praise, perhaps most remarkably from the UK. The archbishop of Canterbury called him “one



Pallbearers transport the coffin of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI after the funeral ceremony at St. Peter's square.

of the greatest theologians of his age.” **King Charles** praised his “constant efforts to promote peace and goodwill to all people.” The *Trumpet*’s predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, stated in October 1961: “Europe will go Roman Catholic! Protestantism will be absorbed into the ‘mother’ church—and totally abolished.” One of Pope Benedict’s lasting legacies is bringing the Church of England much closer to Rome and to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy** and the Ukrainian people are the recipients of the 2023 International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen, the board of directors announced on Dec. 16, 2022. Awarded since 1950, the prize is given to “public figures or bodies ‘distinguished by their outstanding work toward

European unity or cooperation between states.” How has the situation in Ukraine contributed to European unity? Before Feb. 24, 2022, Europe had numerous significant obstacles for those who desired to form a powerful, united Europe. After that date, many of these problems have been bypassed. To learn how the Ukraine war specifically plays into Europe’s future, read our May-June 2022 issue, “*Prophecy Comes Alive in Ukraine.*” ■

ANGLO-AMERICA

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America's social fabric is shredded. Many of America's largest cities are more dangerous for young men than Middle Eastern war zones. According to a study published by the JAMA Network on Dec. 22, 2022, young adult males from the most violent zip codes in Chicago, Illinois, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have a notably higher risk of firearm-related death than did American soldiers who served in Afghanistan and Iraq. This study of 129,826 young adults in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City and Philadelphia from 2020 to 2021 found that minority men in Chicago and Philadelphia were at the greatest risk. The worst Philadelphia neighborhoods were twice as dangerous as Afghanistan. The worst Chicago neighborhoods were three times as dangerous.

The War on Cops author **Heather Macdonald** argues that the recent surge of murders is a result of public hostility toward police in the wake of the Michael Brown shooting in August 2014, which has caused officers in minority neighborhoods to reduce their interactions with residents. Former Milwaukee Sheriff **David A. Clarke Jr.** digs deeper and blames government entitlement programs for

making his fellow black Americans in America's inner cities dependent on the state, fueling a breakdown of families that exacerbates criminal behavior. One fourth of all American children are raised without a father, and in some cities, this figure goes up to one half.

Instead of working to strengthen America's families, bureaucrats, academics and radical social engineers are further obliterating them. The *Oxford English Dictionary* added 18 words in 2022 relating to gender identity, and the *Cambridge Dictionary* quietly changed the definition of "woman" to "an adult who lives and identifies as female even though they may have been said to have a different sex at birth." *Merriam-Webster* updated its definition of

"woman" two years ago. Radical leftists are literally redefining sex, science and reality. Learn why this is dangerous in our booklet *Redefining Family*.

Radical leftists also control the media, relying on networks of "dark money." According to a study published by the conservative group MRC Business on January 5, left-wing billionaire **George Soros** spent at least \$131 million between 2016 and 2020 to influence media groups such as the Marshall Project, Project

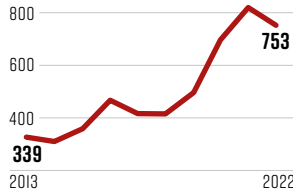
Syndicate, Poynter Institute's International Fact-Checking Network, National Public Radio, ProPublica, Free Press and the federal government's short-lived Disinformation Governance Board. This is just a fraction of the \$1 billion that Soros's Foundation to Promote Open Society gives to far-left organizations all around the world each year. Soros is considered one of the world's foremost philanthropists, but his millions are powering radical socialism.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry's book *America Under Attack* points out that Barack Obama "effectively created a new bureaucratic monster out of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation

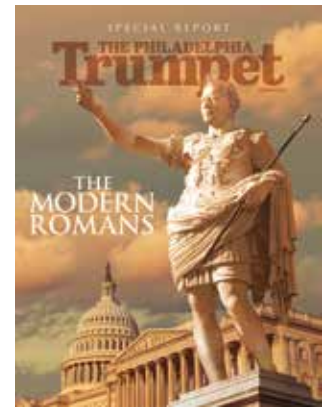
and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence—a 'fourth branch of government' full of unelected deep state bureaucrats who are loyal to him, his ideology and his goals." Obama is the head of a deep state encompassing Washington, D.C., Wall Street and Silicon Valley. Soros is one of his biggest supporters on Wall Street and a vital component of the network trying to fundamentally transform America (Daniel 8:12). ■

TOTAL MASS SHOOTINGS

Mass shooting: A single outburst of violence in which four or more people are shot



FEATURED FEEDBACK



We just got our February issue of the *Trumpet* ("The Modern Romans," theTrumpet.com/go/romans), and I just wanted to say that you all did such a great job on the artwork for this issue! Thank you for all of the hard work and time you put in to making these issues look so good.

Selah Harms ENGLAND

I just received your latest *Trumpet* magazine, the January 2023 issue ("Ready for War," theTrumpet.com/go/ready). I tell you what, if it doesn't wake you up, nothing will.

William Lueck NEBRASKA

I just received the January 2023 issue, and I am just so happy with all of this information and want to share it with some people in our conservative Christian group. I know Gerald Flurry has been appointed by God for a time like this.

Frances Fink WISCONSIN

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A Computer Created Our Cover Image

Technology is giving imagination free rein. Is this a good thing?

I RECENTLY LEARNED ABOUT MidJourney, an artificial-intelligence image generator. Within a few minutes of trying it out, my jaw was on the floor and my head was spinning. It made me rethink the world around me.

Make an account, type in whatever you want to see, then click. “An embroidered brown mouse dressed in a petticoat, Pixar style.” “Extremely detailed and labeled, Da Vinci style, exquisite cartography map of heaven.” “Ethereal Bohemian waxwing bird, Bombycilla garrulus.” The result: stunning original images of shockingly professional quality, in less than a minute.

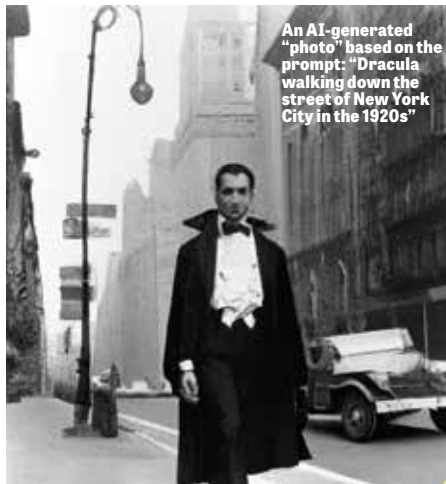
The cover image of this *Trumpet* issue came from this application. We typed, “Photograph full body portrait of a boy looking up silhouette in a bright light, in the background a bright blurred city, future Times Square”—and that is what it gave us, instantaneously.

It is incredible—and, well, *creepy*—how capably an inexpensive computer program can now simulate not just technical expertise, but human creativity and artistic imagination. This and other AI-imaging programs—such as Open AI’s Dall-E 2, Stability AI’s Stable Diffusion and half a dozen others—can spit out astonishingly convincing “photographs” of virtually anything: “A hamburger in the shape of a Rubik’s cube, professional food photography”; “A velociraptor working at a hotdog stand, 35MM”; “Dracula walking down the street of New York City in the 1920s, black and white photo.” In a world that is already attacking, eroding and redefining reality, distinguishing real from fake just got a whole lot harder.

The ramifications for fine art, commercial art, photography, cinema, publishing, costuming and every other visual field are incalculable. What effects will this have on current and would-be visual artists? Artists are protesting that these machine-learning programs are trained on colossal troves of copyrighted creative work, with no permission, no credit and no compensation. Your neighborhood plumber can “create” new artwork in the style of living illustrators, designers and photographers, no charge. Ethical controversies abound.

A few weeks prior, I became aware of ChatGPT, an extraordinary AI interface that can speak knowledgeably and facetiously on an infinite spectrum of subjects. You can have a conversation with it, and it will teach you and learn from you at the same time. People are using this application to create computer code, compose song lyrics, write condolence cards and love notes, and a host of other activities that have always been done by humans.

As advancements in AI technology continue to accelerate



An AI-generated “photo” based on the prompt: “Dracula walking down the street of New York City in the 1920s”

at a breakneck pace, it’s becoming increasingly clear that we must address the potential dangers posed by these powerful tools. From the possibility of autonomous weapons to the potential for job displacement and economic disruption, the risks associated with AI are real and cannot be ignored. We must take a proactive approach to ensure that these technologies are developed and deployed responsibly.

I did not write that last paragraph. It was generated by ChatGPT, at my prompt: “Write a paragraph in snappy news commentary style about the dangers of AI technology.”

As powerful, widely accessible AI spreads and improves by the millisecond, questions multiply. Who will control it? How will they use it? How will we be affected—intentionally and unintentionally? Technology doesn’t care. It advances. We adopt it. We grow dependent on it. We let old skills die. And our wired world rolls remorselessly on into an unknown future.

Advancing technology influences and shapes us in ways we don’t even realize. Each new development in history—printing press, radio, Internet—has confirmed an old truth: Our technologies *do not improve* human character. They amplify it.

Used rightly, technology can be used to great benefit; we see that every day. But when human character is wrong, the more powerful the technology, the more emboldened are its basest elements. The man speaking the truth can reach thousands on radio, millions on television, billions online. But so too can the liar, the swindler, the pornographer and the wastrel. It is indisputable that many of our technologies have enabled us to become lazier, more indulgent, more wasteful and more self-destructive. If we want to cut corners, cheat, steal, covet and lust, more powerful tools make it easier than ever. A given technological advancement can be, of itself, morally neutral. But more powerful tools mean more powerful—and, without strong character, more pernicious—outcomes.

Surveying a MidJourney channel with streams of new images continually rendering at the behest of user text inputs, one can’t help but think, “and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do” (Genesis 11:6). What makes this especially troubling is that today, our dizzying technical advancements are tracking in the opposite direction of our character. These tools are breaking restraints on our imaginations at a time when society has also violently tossed off *moral* restraints and cast aside our God-given compass of right and wrong. With the devil at our elbow, we pursue whatsoever we whim, we follow our deceitful hearts whither they lead us.

Humanity, without the guardrails of godly absolutes, is entrusting technology in general and now artificial intelligence in particular with more and more responsibility—not just to create our art and communicate for us, but to diagnose our illness, decode our genes, drive our cars, fly our aircraft, design our machines, guide our weapons, and more. Lacking secure spiritual mooring, this technology is already slipping from our control. The ultimate consequences, we can scarcely imagine. ■

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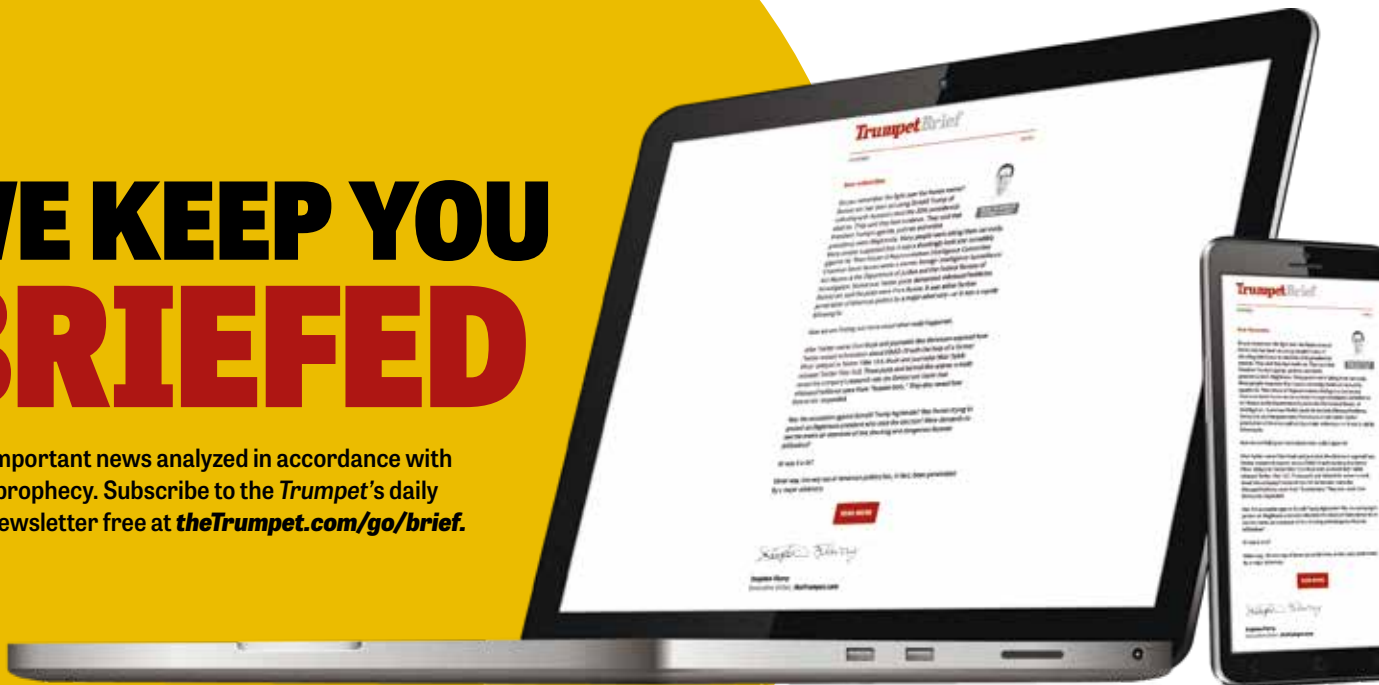
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