

“War Fever” *Grips the Middle East*

by Mark Armstrong

Israel last week conducted the most comprehensive war drill preparations in its history. Its intent was to test warning systems and familiarize residents with shelter locations in the event of widespread missile attacks. Reports suggest that the drill resulted in confusion and pointed out a lack of preparedness on the part of the general population.

What it has done is to “infect the entire region with war fever” according to quoted sources within the Israeli Defense Forces. And there is evidence to that effect. One of Syria’s top military spokesmen stepped forward to announce that Syria is “prepared for war.” There is a high-level military alert along

Israel’s northern borders. It is estimated that tens of thousands of Iranian-supplied rockets are stockpiled in Syria, Lebanon, and in Gaza.

Iran’s Ahmadinejad is once again boasting of a surge forward in Iran’s capacity to enrich ura-

nium. It is reported that 6000 new centrifuges are being installed in underground facilities, some of which Ahmadinejad claims will work up to five times faster than the 3000 centrifuges already in operation.

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A Christian Understanding of **LIBERATION THEOLOGY**

by Dr. James Ricks

Liberation Theology was vaulted to news prominence when presidential candidate, Barack Obama’s Pastor, Dr. Jeremiah Wright, decried that it was the basis for his controversial theology. The concepts developed in the fif-

ties and sixties were a combination of Christianity and Marxist Communism. It was developed by intellectual, humanist priests in Central America to address income poverty. Many intellectuals still believed in Communism at that time, for the redress of the

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SETTLED SCIENCE or FALSE RELIGION?

by Murray Allatt

For over thirty years there has been a debate among the “scientific” community as to the cause of acknowledged recent warming of the Earth’s climate. The warming involves an increase, roughly speaking, over the course of the 20th Century to the present, of about one degree Fahrenheit or half a degree Centigrade in aver-

age temperatures. In Australia it is claimed that nine out of the last ten years have been the hottest on record. 2007, it is claimed, was Australia’s warmest year with temperatures more than half a degree above the annual average. Now of course, the “record” only goes back to about 1880.

In seeking to identify a cause for this modest rise in average temperatures a number of scientists

noted a correlation between the beginning of the Industrial Revolution and the rise in the emission of carbon dioxide and other “greenhouse” gases from the burning of fossil fuels and the consequent increase in concentration of those gases in the atmosphere. Hence they have deduced that “global warming” is man made. So convinced of their theory are

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Ahmadinejad rarely misses an excuse to shake his fist in the face of Israel and the western world, and for that matter the UN. The UN has passed three separate “sanction” resolutions against Iran for its defiance of nuclear regulatory protocol, without effect.

In a speech before Israel’s Knesset, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Iran will become the first nuclear power in history against whom deterrence will not work. The statement was not explained. The suicidal religious convictions of radical Islam undoubtedly do explain what Mr. Netanyahu had to say.

As we’ve pointed out in articles past, the Shia brand of Islam fervently believes it must pave the way for the return of the twelfth Imam. That means destroying the little Satan (Israel) and the great Satan (the United States), or at the very least plunging the world into a state of chaos that will bring about the coming of the Islamic messiah.

U.S. General Petraeus gave congressional testimony over the past couple of days implicating Iran in rocket attacks against the fortified “green zone.” He also indicated that Iran is responsible for arming and directing militias in southern Iraq that are wreaking havoc on U.S. trained security forces trying to maintain a stable environment. In short, Iran is directly involved in undermining the U.S. military in Iraq.

There’s been some speculation, particularly in the British press,



Recent Military Parade in Iran

that the U.S. is prepared to launch a military assault on Iranian facilities supplying insurgents and militias in Iraq, citing recent movements of U.S. naval assets in the



Ahmadinejad believe his life’s mission is to destroy Israel.

Gulf. There is further speculation that the U.S. may even go so far as to strike against Iranian nuclear facilities, and that Israel might simultaneously go after missile stockpiles across its northern borders at the same time. Wouldn’t that scenario throw most of the Islamic world into apoplexy?

Russia, Iran’s primary source of military supplies and nuclear assistance, has suggested that new “incentives” need to be offered Iran to bring them into compliance with the UN.

Can Israel and the U.S. afford to wait indefinitely while Iran be-

comes a nuclear-armed power? Or will the speculation be borne out, and with what consequences? If such moves fail to be undertaken during the remainder of the Bush presidency, will Israel be “hung out to dry” by the next U.S. administration?

Despite the urgent cries of many anxious to fan fears of “tribulation,” none of the speculations above amount to Armageddon. But they certainly do qualify as “wars and rumors of wars.” □



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America's Economic Woes

by Jim Josephsen

“Y*ou have built houses of cut stone but you shall not live in them.”* Is this just the ramblings of some ancient bearded old prophet or a sober warning to a nation extant in “the last days?” This sure sounds like a reality becoming more prevalent throughout the United States of America.

What *was* a boom industry, prominent across America, relentless in growth, as recent as a year ago, the American housing market is slumping at a disturbing rate. Daily, the news reports more foreclosures, greater home devaluation; home owners on the edge, one catastrophe away from losing house and home. The stories are staggering, gut-wrenching. Retired couples, even first time home owners, putting their hopes and dreams in the four walls of security and comfort now have nothing.

This is just the beginning of economic woes quelling the life of the wealthiest nation on the face of the earth. Every market and business is affected by the disturbances beleaguering America's economy. Prominent institutions like Citibank, Merrill Lynch, Ford Motor Corp, GM, Home Depot, many of the Fortune 500 companies, the Mom and Pop businesses of the Midwest, even the colossal United States government, are revealing a fiscal reality which is in grave, serious trouble.

Sensible market investments, the portfolios owned by hard

working, middle-class, patriotic Americans, baby boomers, hoping to see the joys of retirement, have dropped more than the gains that were realized in all of 2007; many profits have been eradicated. In many instances, recovery to break even will be years away. Brokers and Market Funds Managers scratch their heads; uncertain what to do; reacting to the whims of men and institutions.

Four months into 2008; each week brings additional news of

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further uncertainty and downturn within the U.S. economy, all of which is adversely affecting global markets. American Businesses once firmly established, having survived previous downturns, recessions and economic bumps in the road are now collapsing. Bankruptcies, mergers, hostile takeovers are ever mounting. Aloha Airlines, with over sixty years of service has filed bankruptcy, terminating over 3000 employees. Another, ATA filed bankruptcy, terminating over 2200 employees. The recent merger of Northwest and Delta Airlines is the only hope

in avoiding outright bankruptcy and the demise of once strong companies within the airline industry.

Financial giants like Citigroup and Merrill Lynch, both forced to borrow billions of dollars from outside, Middle Eastern Arab investors, reveal yet more weaknesses in the U.S. economy. Another giant in its industry, Bear Sterns, was forced to come under the supervision of the Federal Reserve, signing a merger agreement with JP Morgan Chase under which Chase would assume the counterparty risk and exercise management control. This type of move was unheard of, illogical, just one or two years ago.

The economy has taken a serious change of course that is sending chills down the spines of leading economists, government officials and the average wage earner. With real GDP up a respectable 4.9% in the third quarter of 2007, real GDP recorded a meager and disconcerting 0.6% in the fourth quarter, 2007. Other factors like personal income, personal spending, personal savings, cost of living, inflationary pressures, inventory levels, the U.S. International Investments Position, International Economic Accounts, and International Trade have all reflected numbers that have the economists worried. Just why is all this happening? Long term and painful recession talk is all that can be heard among the leading economists.

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Rising costs in health care, health insurance, home and liability, automobile insurance, normal every day staples, fuel, food supplies, grains, paper products, raw materials, metals; the list goes on. All these necessities are costing the consumer more; are troublesome for elected officials down to the single mom barely making ends meet. When the economy goes south, real spending is eroded; ancillary economic targets are affected; such as federal and local tax revenues, personal savings, entertainment, travel, vacations, home improvements, infrastructure maintenance and employment. Many economists are using the term, the "Perfect Storm" in describing just what is happening to the American economy.

Not without culpability, the United States government is borrowing from overseas in order to finance its ever growing social agendas, welfare mentality and legislated spending; pork barrel projects and spendthrift ways. The result of excessive borrowing from foreign nations, such as many Arab States, Asian nations, Europe, China, is a growing trade deficit and a weakening dollar.

There is no debate; the current U.S. economic downturn is adversely affecting the economies of the world. Global recession is well within the minds of our trading partners; Europe, China, Japan, among other nations. Yet, these nations are guilty of many of the same economic deficiencies and corrupt practices as is the U.S. As

required, market and fiscal corrections will be made, some naturally, some by force of governments, both at home and abroad, with results, some favorable, others distressing. The economy will chug along, but attitudes and spending behaviors will not change until forced to.

Instead of considering the cause and effect of the troubles we face, asking why is all this happening, is there something I am doing wrong; the average American, with his head in the sand, plods along, hoping his job stays intact, hoping the next check will cover the bills, hoping the government will correct the situation, hoping, hoping.

Perhaps a look into the very Word of God will provide logical insight as to the economic realities we now face. The economy is now answering to years of patterned fiscal behavior, most of it poor, irresponsible, avaricious in nature, characterized as unrighteousness. *"To every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him"* (Ecclesiastes 8:6).

As of now, God does not have to intervene in man's behavior to bring judgment upon the lifestyles and ways which man chooses to live. God simply allows the natural consequences of man's chosen behaviors to develop to their logical ends, of their own accord. God has given fair warning regarding attitudes and behavior when it comes to individual fiscal practices and national fiscal policies. If God's laws and His principles

of sound fiscal behavior are broken, the natural results will be tragic for man and for a nation. Disobedience to God's perfect laws of fiscal behavior will produce misery and despair.

America's collective sins, its collective disobedience toward God's Laws automatically results in lives filled with misery, emptiness, ruin and despair. Likewise, America's collective breaking of God's laws regarding sound fiscal policy is now producing these same tragic results. America's economic behavior, as practiced by consumer and businesses alike, is unacceptable to God Almighty and His Word reveals where we have gone wrong.

"As the partridge that hatches eggs which it has not laid, so is he who makes a fortune, but unjustly; in the midst of his days it will forsake him and in the end he will be a fool" (Jeremiah 17:11).

Consider Proverbs 13:11; *"Wealth obtained by vanity shall diminish: but he that gathers by labor shall increase."* Wealth, unstable and uncertain, such as found in the stock markets or chased after by unscrupulous businesses across our land (seeking quick short term gains) never lasts long. Consider the vain, empty and self satisfying business practices which the now infamous, nationwide predatory sub-prime lenders have chased over the past ten years. The results of their corruption are now clearly manifest in the collapsing housing and mortgage industries. The practice of providing loans to those who are unqualified, under-qualified, those who are at greatest risk of default-

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Is The Enemy To Blame?

by Jim Josephsen

Looking at the history of mankind, we would conclude that the ways and times of peace are an anomaly, seemingly never sustainable. How true is the scripture, "and the way of peace they know not."

A world with wars and conflict automatically is a world of enemies. Any country can catalog its list of enemies. From the perspective of the United States, the list seems never ending. China, North Korea, a resurging Russia to start; then continuing, Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya. We can shift our focus to those that would love to see the United States and its allies collapse economically and the truth of the matter is the United States may not be far from obliging these enemies.

Continuing the list of enemies are individuals and groups such as Hugo Chavez, Osama bin Laden, Ahmadinejad, al Qaeda, the resurging Taliban, the many jihadist and terrorist groups scattered across the globe, ever growing, preparing for strikes against Western countries.

Then within America, some consider illegal immigrants or immigrants at large the enemy. Groups such as the NAACP, the ACLU or the Council on American Islamic Relations [CAIR] or

even the Democratic Party are considered by some as enemies of the United States.

Others think of the Bush Administration or the Illuminati or the Trilateral Commission as the



enemy of the United States. No doubt among every nation from France to Germany, from Australia to Britain, all within Europe and even within the Middle East and Asian nations, there are those who look to this or that group or nation as the ultimate enemy, as the epitome of evil

Certainly, there are peoples and groups and governments out there that are intent on attacking and destroying the Western world and its societies. Of certainty the United States and its allies along with Europe are faced with a new enemy – militant Islam – Islamofascism.

Islamofascism, a word new to this millennium and the world, describes a mutant version of Islam. Islamofascists combine concepts of traditional Islam, in the

quest to once again attain the long-gone age of Muslim supremacy with Fascism, using military technology as a means of attaining its end. Motivated by its vehement hatred of Western culture and religion, if not stopped,

Islamofascism will control vital Middle Eastern oil producing states. Ultimately, the goal is to engulf majority Muslim populations and infiltrate Muslim enclaves strategically developed within Christian nations, such as the United States, Britain and within Europe. Its final conquest is nothing less than to

destroy the economy, society, religion and politics of these nations. Talk about an enemy.

Our elected officials propose various defenses against the new enemy. Depending on which side the Congressional Chamber one sits will largely determine one's approach toward defending the USA against its enemy. On the one hand, dialog and diplomacy is thought the best approach toward conquering the enemy. Others believe a good old-fashioned military kick in the backside will eliminate the foe.

Although each strategy seems logical, neither will work, for the scriptures reveal the only way a nation can securely and successfully conquer its enemy.

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entering now into the sunset of its existence, is facing social, economic, political, moral and civil conflict; all of which is escalating, breeding shame, leading to its ultimate demise. Consider the real enemy!

Great detail and in-depth analysis can be given to each of these elements of American life. Discussion and dialog has been issued in previous "Word From" commentaries and *Twenty-First Century Watch* articles and more will be presented in the months ahead; covering the cause and effect, the natural results which become evident to a society bent on disobeying God and rejecting His laws; laws that automatically bring peace and prosperity.

What nation needs enemies when such a nation is opposed to God? What nation needs enemies when such a nation's collective behavior is an abomination to God? Such a nation, defiant toward God, will have more to worry about than the enemies which are outside. The United States seriously needs to consider its behavior and the consequences of disobeying God.

Not only the United States of America (a nation priding itself on liberty and freedom, a nation founded on so-called Christian values), but any nation that takes the name and claims awareness of Jesus Christ and God the Father will be held accountable for its behavior.

Who needs enemies when not only the individual, but the nation, collectively (from its judicial sys-

tem, religion, government to its most private citizen), is living in defiance toward God?

Should we be afraid, fearful, nervous, quaking? YES, we should if we refuse, as a nation, to heed the way of life that God has established as the way of peace and prosperity.

God's prophets warned Israel that the day would come when their enemies would conquer them. The conquest would come as a result of God removing His protection from his people, the modern-day nations of the children of Israel and Judah. God, through His prophets spoke to His people, imploring them to repent of their disobedience and sinful lifestyle. The prophets warned the people time and again, telling them that God would allow their enemies to overcome and destroy them if they did not repent.

God did not tell Israel they should be afraid of their enemies; rather they should be fearful of WHAT GOD WOULD ALLOW THEIR ENEMIES TO DO, if they did not repent. Time and again, God told Israel not to fear the enemy, for God stated He would protect Israel from all their enemies.

If God's people would obey Him and keep His laws, notice what God promised: "The Lord shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be smitten [defeated before you]; they shall come against you from one direction and flee from you in seven directions" (Deuteronomy 28:7).

If God's people would not obey, but instead sin and break God's laws, notice the consequences: "you shall serve your enemies which the Eternal shall send

against you ... he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he shall destroy thee ... the Eternal shall bring a nation against thee from afar ... until he has destroyed thee" (Deuteronomy 28:48-51).

All through the prophecies, especially those which are targeted toward and apply to the end-time, modern-day children of Israel, God has warned them that if they are disobedient to His Laws then they will not be protected from their enemies. God will allow their enemies to conquer and destroy His people. (*Please write for your free booklet, "Europe and America in Prophecy."*)

However, if His people, those who claim to be His people, those who claim to be Christian, seriously take upon themselves the responsibility of obeying God and keeping His commandments, then notice what would naturally be the consequences. Notice what God promises; and that promise extends to the United States of America and its brother nations today.

"The Eternal has made all things for himself, even the wicked for the day of evil [to punish those who disobey God]. Everyone that is of a proud heart is an abomination to the Eternal. Be sure of this, they will not go unpunished. By mercy and truth, sin is purged and by the fear of the Eternal, men depart from evil. When a man's ways are pleasing to the Eternal, He makes even his enemies to live at peace with him" (Proverbs 16:4-7).

There is no need to worry about the enemy, when your life is pleasing to God. The choice is yours. □

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the advocates of “man made global warming” that in recent years, in dismissing the doubters and skeptics, they have proclaimed over and over again that the science is settled on this issue.

Is it true that the science is settled? In the minds of many it is but is that right?

A Little History

Apart from numerous “climate” scientists, many the recipients of generous grants to study the problem, the chief advocates of man made global warming are various “green” environmental groups and the media. The chief characteristic of all these advocates is the alarmist doom and gloom preachments as to what will befall mankind if the governments of this world and individuals do not act to stem the flow of carbon emissions to the atmosphere

Official temperature readings are limited to about the last 130 years. However, the record of the earth’s climate is known going back at least (for the purpose of rational discussion) to 900AD when a period in the earth’s climatic history known as the Medieval Warm Period commenced. This period lasted at least till 1300AD. In about 1500AD the period known as the Little Ice Age commenced. The Little Ice Age came to an end around 1850 at the time the Industrial Revolution was moving into full swing. During the Little Ice Age the River Thames, flowing through London, would freeze during winter, as did New York Harbor.

Recent studies have shown that the Medieval Warm Period was warmer than today. It lasted four hundred years. Plainly man had zero impact on bringing about that climate epoch. And the Polar Bears survived.

Likewise man had zero impact on bringing about the Little Ice Age and did nothing to bring it to an end. Not surprisingly, when the Little Ice Age came to a close temperatures rose. It is noteworthy that the very modest temperature rise over the 20th Century and since the Little Ice Age has coincided with such great advancement by the western world and the world in general, on any measure, of living standards, food production, life expectancy and health.

It is also of note that during the 20th Century the media, with all its hype and alarmist cries of pending catastrophe, have pushed upon an unsuspecting public several other fear campaigns based upon “scientific” reports regarding claimed changing climate. From the turn of the 20th Century to the 1930s the newspaper headlines appeared pushing alarmism over another Ice Age. From the 1930s to the mid 1950s the predictions of climate doom focused on rising temperatures. From the 1950s to the mid 1970s the “science” and the press reverted to fears of global cooling. And that period covered the post WWII boom in industrial output when levels of CO2 emissions increased exponentially.

The Accepted Wisdom

Today, after 30 years of global warming alarmism, with dire predictions stretching 100 years into

the future, the governments and peoples of the world have, for the most part capitulated, fallen into line and come to espouse belief, perhaps not always heartfelt, in the accepted wisdom that man is the cause of global warming since the 1970s.

Up until December, 2007 only the USA and Australia had withstood the schoolyard peer pressure to sign up to Kyoto. With a change of government in Australia at the end of 2007 only the USA now stands outside the UN brokered Kyoto Protocol but perhaps not for long given a pending presidential election. But then, even despite refusing to sign Kyoto as in Australia, many government policies are geared as if manmade global warming was a fact.

Kyoto, and the successor agreement due to be agreed to by 2009 and come into force in 2012, are all about reducing CO2 emissions into the atmosphere in the belief that CO2 and other “greenhouse” gases generated by man’s industrial endeavours are the root cause of current planetary warming. Advocates claim reductions in CO2 emissions will need to be 60% by 2050, some 90%, to head off global catastrophe.

And as far as the advocates are concerned - scientists, the media, special interest groups and Al Gore - the science is settled.

The Alternative, Rational View

There are many scientists, recognized experts in relevant fields, and many thinking members of society, unwilling to be bullied into acceptance of the “accepted

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wisdom.” In 2007 it was reported that over 400 scientists had spoken out against the theory of manmade global warming. A number of those who have spoken out were formerly believers in manmade global warming. Quite a number were authors and “lead authors” of the UN’s IPCC’s published reports. They came to know better. They saw from the inside how findings were distorted in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) process to suit the cause of political necessity – to reach a conclusion that warming is manmade. One such was Dr. Claude Allegre. Claude Allegre, one of France’s leading socialists and among her most celebrated scientists, was among the first to sound the alarm 20 years ago about the dangers of global warming. In 2007 he changed his mind. His break with what he now sees as environmental cant on climate change came in September, in an article entitled “The Snows of Kilimanjaro” in *l’Express*, the French weekly. His article cited evidence that Antarctica is gaining ice and that Kilimanjaro’s retreating snowcaps, among other global-warming concerns, come from natural causes. “The cause of this climate change is unknown,” he states matter of factly. There is no basis for saying, as most do, that the “science is settled.”

There are also many scientists unwilling to speak out publicly against the “accepted wisdom” for fear of ostracism by their peers and loss of funding for their projects.

Indeed it has been commented upon more than once that obtaining grant money for research is made all the easier if the applicant can somehow spin a “global warming” element into the grant submission.

However, rather than the science being settled, a cursory overview of the scientific literature throws up, not one, but several logical, and given a little thought, obvious explanations for the shift in the world’s climate from cooler to hotter and back again. These explanations have no relationship whatever with what puny man has produced in “greenhouse” gases over the past 200 years of the industrial age. We have certainly produced a lot of pollution, but impacted significantly, or at all, global temperatures – no.

Other mechanisms for climate change

Forty years ago, in science classes, it was taught that a scientific “theory” had to take into account, accommodate and explain all known facts of a particular phenomenon to be valid and accepted. Any explanation for today’s elevated average temperatures logically must be capable of also explaining past periods of warming and cooling, such as the Medieval Warm Period and the Little Ice Age. It makes no sense at all to ignore those epochs of earth’s recent climate history. And yet, that is what advocates of manmade global warming do when they deny any cause of warming other than their guilt ridden, fear driven, “manmade” explanation for the current phenomenon, ignoring the past. It is bad science.

A primary cause of earth cli-

mate change must surely be obvious – the sun. Studies show that sunspot (solar flare) activity operates generally in 11 year cycles. These are linked to changes in the sun’s magnetic field. Other studies show that the sun has periods of hyperactivity over extended periods that may last 50 to 100 years. Then follows a crash of hyperactivity leading to much lower activity. It has been found that the Medieval Warming Period coincided with an extended hyperactive period. During that period Britain had a wine industry and Greenland was settled by Norsemen and farmed in the south for several hundred years. At least one explanation for the name “Greenland” was that it was in fact very green, at least in the southern zone. Even last summer parts of this area were used for raising livestock and cropping – not possible until recently.

It is reported that in the 17th Century sunspots almost entirely disappeared (a crash) and that period coincided with the coldest part of the Little Ice Age when New York Harbor froze over, Greenland was abandoned and Finland and Iceland lost one-third and half of their populations respectively.

As a matter of interest it is reported that Greenland in January 2008 has had the coldest weather in a decade, freezing over harbors and the surrounding seas to 50cm depth. It is also of interest that while the global warming alarmists were hyping the loss of glacier ice around Greenland in the late 1990s and early years of this century, predicting that the loss of ice from Greenland could raise the

oceans by seven meters, in fact a study demonstrated that between 2002 and 2005 the ice cover on Greenland's interior increased 6cm per year. It has continued to do so. Likewise in Antarctica where ice has increased by one third recently.

Further, Russia has reported in January 2008 some of the fiercest cold snaps in decades, as has China, with many deaths. In fact the Chinese have reported the coldest weather for fifty years. Logic tells you that situation has nothing to do with global warming but you can bet someone will claim it does. That is because the theory of manmade global warming accounts for all weather, especially if it is extreme. That is why when Al Gore was asked on a visit to Australia in 2006 what he thought of Australia's then long running drought he answered, "It proves global warming" (meaning manmade). Apparently, in his mind "El Nino," a facet of the Pacific Decadal Oscillation ocean currents, long accepted as linked with drought in Australia, had nothing to do with it. Likewise one imagines Mr. Gore thinks "La Nina" has nothing to do with current flooding and way above average rainfall in Eastern Australia. No, that would be global warming as well.

Other Causes

In 2006/2007 Lawrence Solomon wrote a series of articles for the *National Post*, called "The Deniers." He covered the opinions and thoughts of a number of respected experts in their fields relevant to the global warming de-

bate. The following refers to some of the people he wrote about and what he wrote. It is well worth reading all of his pieces in the series.

In support of the solar influence on global temperature change it is a little publicized fact that according to NASA the planet Mars is just coming out of an ice age. Evidence from the Mars Odyssey has shown that in some low latitude areas the ice has almost completely dissipated. Dr. Habibuulo

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Abdussamatov of the Saint Petersburg Pulkovo Astronomical Observatory has been reported as commenting, "Mars has global warming, but without a greenhouse and without the participation of Martians. These parallel global warmings – observed simultaneously on Mars and Earth can only be a straight line consequence of the effect of the same factor: a long-time change in solar irradiance."

He also said, "It is no secret that increased solar irradiance warms the earth's oceans, which then triggers the emission of large amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. So the common view that man's industrial activity is a de-

ciding factor in global warming has emerged from a misinterpretation of cause and effect relations." He says solar irradiance has begun to fall and a protracted period of cooling will commence by 2015.

Another explanation for recent changes in global temperatures has come from Dr. William Gray, 78, a professor at Colorado State University and meteorologist expert, who told a conference in October 2007 that a natural cycle of ocean water temperatures related to the amount of salt in the ocean water is responsible for global warming that he acknowledged had occurred. Plainly the sun, as Dr. Habibuulo Abdussamatov noted, primarily affects ocean temperatures.

Dr. Gray said a period of global cooling would commence soon and said, "We'll look back on all this in 10 or 15 years and realize how foolish it was." He noted that between 1900–49 there were 101 hurricanes in a cooler period compared with 83 between 1957 to 2006, when the earth warmed.

He concluded, "The human impact on the atmosphere is simply too small to have a major effect on global temperatures."

Another prominent hurricane expert to take issue with the UN's IPCC and former lead author is Christopher Landsea of the Atlantic Oceanographic & Meteorological Laboratory, a renowned expert in Atlantic hurricanes. Landsea came to understand in 2004 the lengths of deception and falsehood that proponents of man made global warming would go when the IPCC section head, the man who

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had invited Landsea to write for his fourth IPCC report, called a press conference to announce a rise in frequency of hurricanes due to global warming, a claim Landsea knew to be false and a claim made despite Landsea's attempts to correct what he thought was a misunderstanding. His attempt was simply dismissed and ignored. Landsea came to the realization that the IPCC was corrupting science. He resigned in an open letter to the scientific community laying out his reasons.

Yet another viable theory dismissed out of hand by global warming aficionados involves the role played by cosmic rays proposed by Henrik Svensmark of the Danish National Space Center who for more than a decade has been pursuing an explanation for why Earth cools and warms.

Svensmark and his colleague had arrived at their theory after examining data that showed a surprisingly strong correlation between cosmic rays—high speed atomic particles originating in exploded stars in the Milky Way—and low-altitude clouds. Earth's cloud cover increased when the intensity of cosmic rays grew and decreased when the intensity declined.

Low-altitude clouds are significant because they especially shield the Earth from the sun to keep us cool. Low cloud cover can vary by two percent in five years, affecting the Earth's surface by as much as 1.2 watts per square meter during that same period. "That figure can be compared with about 1.4

watts per square meter estimated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for the greenhouse effect of all the increase in carbon dioxide in the air since the Industrial Revolution," Dr. Svensmark explained.

The Danish scientists put together several well-established scientific phenomena to arrive at their novel 1996 theory. The sun's magnetic field deflects some of the cosmic rays that penetrate the Earth's atmosphere, and in so doing it also limits the immense amounts of ions and free electrons that the cosmic rays produce. But

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something had changed in the 20th century: The sun's magnetic field more than doubled in strength, deflecting an extraordinary number of rays. Could the diminution of cosmic rays this century have limited the formation of clouds, making the Earth warmer?

Did the IPCC welcome their findings and want to investigate further? No. Instead the chairman of the United Nations Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change, the chief agency investigating global warming, castigated them in the press, saying, "I find the move from this pair scientifically extremely naive and irresponsible." Others accused them of denounc-

ing the greenhouse theory, something they had not done. However, it does a scientist's career no good to buck the accepted wisdom. Raise doubts about the accepted wisdom of global warming and as a scientist you are shunned. And the mass public are just carried along with it all on the doomsday scenarios.

As noted above, a rational logical explanation of global temperature change must be able to explain the known incidents of previous epochs. The one constant, outside influence in the life of this planet since its creation, let alone the last few centuries, has been the sun. The same could be said of Mars and all the solar system.

What drives the global warming advocates?

We see, very much in summary form, that there is credible, rational and logical explanation for global temperature change (global warming, climate change – call it what you will), dare we say a valid theory, apart from the theory that puts man in charge and makes man responsible and says man can and must fix it. It's called the sun. Rhetorically it could be asked, what's to fix? Plainly the Earth's climate has changed from time to time over millennia. We have looked at two such changes known to recent history in the Medieval Warming Period and Little Ice Age. Whatever is causing today's "climate change" must have caused these earlier events to have any credibility.

It is so obvious that you are left wondering what is it that the global warming advocates do not get?

Did they miss that science class discussion on validating theories? Or is something else operating.

Let's deal with that question. There is a parallel to be seen between the theory of manmade global warming and the theory of evolution.

Evolution, the theory that life came from lifeless matter and evolved over millions of years relies for its acceptance on unproved and unprovable claims, and frankly "a misinterpretation of cause and effect relations." It ignores the fact that there are multitudes of facts that the "theory" does not accommodate. Why? Because it is an attempt to deny God's role in creating the earth and all life on it and it seeks to exclude God from a role in ordering the way man should live. By adoption of evolution as a belief its advocates seek to reduce God to a myth and all of his Word, the Bible, to allegory and Hebrew "beddy bye" stories. It puts man in charge without need of God.

The theory of manmade global warming also puts man in charge. It rejects, once again, believe it or not, the role of God in ordering the earth and setting in motion the life sustaining circumstances of the earth's environment. The earth's rotation around the sun, its orbit, is exactly the right distance from the sun, within variable parameters, that is necessary to support life. But the climate change advocates discount the sun as merely a heat source of constant emission, rather like a radiator in the corner of a room. They reject the sun's obvious variability of heat output—and the Earth's ability to accommodate that variability— and there-

fore, the sun's ability to effect climate change over the long term to warm or cool the planet.

False Religion

The theory of manmade global warming is based on bad science. It is a theory that does not stack up against all the known facts. Just as evolution does not stack up against all the known facts. Therefore, when someone says they "believe" man is responsible for the current warming of the planet they are getting into the realm of faith and faith is a religious concept.

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Because it is improbable and requires "belief" and "faith," the theory of evolution, even though dressed up as science and fact, has rightly been likened to a religious belief. In reality, the same can be said of "man made global warming." It is unproved and unprovable. Its adherents, in the face of other rational explanation for the recent warming event, embrace their "belief" that greenhouse gases produced by man are responsible.

Other indicia that tell us we are dealing with a "religious belief" in the "manmade global warming" theory and is the way in which its advocates speak about themselves

and those who oppose or don't accept their theory.

Those who favor the theory of man made global warming call the doubters "climate change deniers." That term alludes to the Holocaust and it is used to convey the catastrophic consequences that may befall humanity if action is not taken – and yesterday. It is used as a term of opprobrium against the "nonbelievers."

To listen to or to read the language associated with comments made by those who favor human activity as the main driver of "climate change" and what is written about the opposing sides you could be forgiven for thinking you were observing a religious debate about "beliefs" - and you are.

There are "deniers" and "skeptics" on the one side and there are "believers" in opposition to the "deniers." And the deniers often refer to the "believers" as "alarmists" (and they are). When one prominent scientist recently changed his view from being "a believer" in manmade climate change to one who thought the recent warming episode was caused by other factors he became a "skeptic" and he was said to have "converted." Then you have your zealots. Have you ever seen a "debate" between "doubters" and "zealots" on the issue of climate change? It is not edifying, mainly due to the zealots' inability to reason and listen to another view. They tend to sink into ridicule—an arrogant defense. Often the defense of "religious" people.

Manmade global warming is, despite claims the "science is settled," a theory and nothing

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LIBERATION THEOLOGY

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poor, and still do. At its inception, Liberation Theology combined the most important and emotion-packed elements of Latin American culture, nationalism, opposition to the United States, and revolution.

It is a form of Christian Socialism and had a lot of influence in Latin America. In the 1980s its adherents were harshly admonished by Pope John II. Some believe that Liberation Theology met its demise as a result of the failure of Communism in Nicaragua and El Salvador in the late 1980s. Before its decline in Central America the concepts found a home among some black American theologians.

Pastor Wright stated on Fox News that his theology was primarily based on the work of James Cone. James Cone grew up in the South after desegregation was first ordered. He noted bias among white Christians. Eventually Cone developed a "black theology" of liberation which he thought would foster freedom from oppression, racism, and poverty. Cone argued that the white church and white theologians had all failed in their duties to uphold

biblical principles of helping the poor and marginalized of society.

His "Black Liberation Theology" was promoted as primarily opposing racism but ALSO includes facets of Marxism as well, such as Anti-Americanism, and Socialism from an Afro-Centric point of view. Although Cone's most obvious target was racism, his message was actually much broader. He criticized middle-class black churches as well as whites. His own version of class warfare is included in the Marxist Theology. These Marxist, anti-American sentiments are buttressed by an over emphasis on the negatives of American history without noting the many positive accomplishments. This OVERLY negative emphasis of the American experience is the gateway to increased bitterness.

WHY DID TOTAL SOCIALISM (COMMUNISM) FAIL TO HELP THE POOR?

Communism can be classified as complete socialism which is

Marxism. The government runs the entire economy in a Communist system. Communism has been a colossal economic failure because it ignores basic human nature. Over a billion people suffered in poverty before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Once private ownership and profits were outlawed most incentives to industriousness were killed. In practical applications Communism has left people demonstrably poorer and more destitute everywhere it is instituted. This includes Europe, Asia and Latin America. Compare communist East Germany's poverty to West Germany's prosperity, and starvation conditions in North Korea with prosperity in South Korea. However, some intellectuals find the principles in theoretical Marxism so seductive that all the pragmatic evidence is ignored. They simply believe in the underlying principles so strongly, that they feel it MUST work, regardless of real-world failures. Intellectuals are attracted to unrealistic utopian theories and believe in social engineering. Their well-intentioned plans often create unintentioned consequences. They want to inject the

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more than a theory—with less credible evidence to support its claims than the "scientifically" supported theory of evolution.

Yes. The adherents of belief in manmade global warming are involved in a religious belief. It is a false religious belief and it is based on fear. Its adherents talk of pend-

ing catastrophe on a worldwide scale. They claim that drastic reductions in greenhouse gas emissions must be made "to save the planet." It is in a real sense a "salvation religion." It has its dogma and its mantra. It is a false religion based on the belief that man is in charge and driven by fear that uncontained CO2 emission driven climate change will result in cata-

clysm for the world. The threat of nuclear war takes a back seat for these "true believers."

Jesus Christ said, "When the son of man comes, will He find faith?" The answer has to be yes. Abundant, misplaced faith in many false religions, including the latest false religion on the scene, global warming - supported by bad science. □

philosophy into theology as well.

Communism cannot help the poor because it harms any economy it attempts to run by government bureaucrats. Workers have no incentive toward industriousness. Private ownership is forbidden. The absolute power of the dictator corrupts the system. Absolute power corrupts absolutely! The leaders of a Communist government not only have a political dictatorship but also control all the economic power in the name of the people. They have total power. The Black Book of Communism, details how these leaders have murdered over 100 million of their own people.

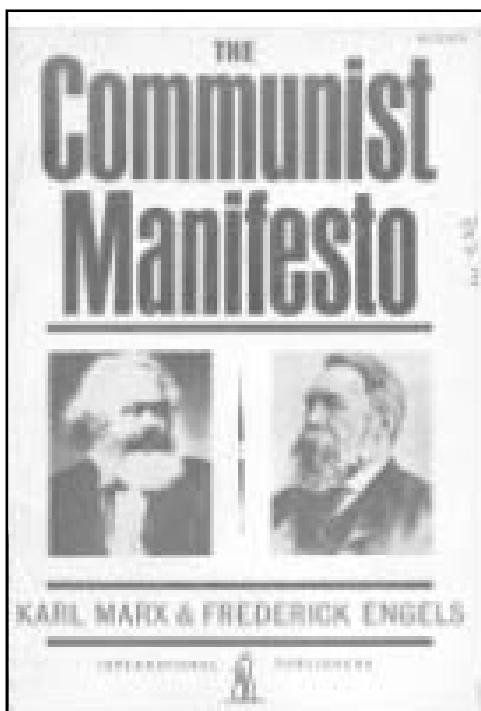
Marxism Entails a Faulty View of Justice

The Marxists mistakenly believe that justice is synonymous with equality. It is not. Justice is not having the same as your neighbor, regardless of differences in skill, investment, effort, ownership, worth and chance. Nor is justice the same as confiscating the personal property of some in order to give it to those who have no moral or legal claim upon it. Justice is not synonymous with either equality or coercive redistribution. Justice is having what is rightfully yours by inheritance, by hard work, by legal purchase and by good fortune (Griffiths, p. 78).

Marxism Entails a Faulty View of Human Motivation

Most people are unable to make the painstaking, difficult and risky evaluations that are necessary to assess the possibilities for success

or failure of an entrepreneurial enterprise without the profit motive. Investment capital cannot be accumulated except from the profits of prior endeavors. In a low-efficiency system that Marxism creates, where profits are small, workers will be unwilling to work harder to raise a company's profit margin or to take on intensified deprivation to fund future endeavor.



ors that are not likely to be successful, or, if they are successful, will not yield profits to them. When private property rights disappear, the entrepreneurial spirit is much diminished as well. Incentive is tied to private ownership.

Marxism Entails a Faulty View of Wealth

Marxists seem to focus more on equal distribution of wealth than the effective production of wealth. They seem not to understand that one cannot redistribute what has not been produced. If a country's

system of production does not create, then no matter how you attempt to divide what you have, the economic status of the nation will not be raised.

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT THE POOR AND REVOLUTIONS?

Liberation Theology's greatest threat to Christianity is its tendency to allow the gospel of Christ to be swallowed up by Marxism. Romans 13:1-2 clearly states that Christians should not engage in violent revolutions against the government. The government at the time that the book of Romans was written was the pagan and imperial Roman Empire. In the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy God clearly instructs his people to voluntarily leave food in the fields for the poor. They are told to give to the needy voluntarily. See Lev. 25:35-37. See also Deut 15:7-11. The law also had Jubilee years which came every fifty years, and years of release when all property would revert back to the original family regardless of debts. All debts were released at this time. These laws would fight long term poverty trends. God condemns rich people who oppress the poor by not paying them fair wages. See James 5:1-6.

God relied on changing the hearts of people by requiring voluntary giving. The giving to the needy was not handled by a vast central government. The giving was voluntary. The giving to the needy and widows was an act of

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ing on their loans has repercussions, the costs of which are incalculable.

Many of these predatory lenders full well knew the risks and consequences of enticing the less qualified borrowers. And many of the transactions took place over the internet, removing the face to face aspect so necessary in faithful, successful financial arrangements. And now bailouts are not even helping the mortgage lenders, let alone those who borrow. Many of our financial institutions abuse the poor, purposely. Just consider the practice of interest rates, usury. Notice what the Word of God speaks to those that would abuse the weaknesses and ignorance of the poor; not only in hous-

ing but in business transactions at large.

“Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor and you take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards but you shall not drink the wine of them. For I know your many transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right” (Amos 5:11-12).

When God commands *“you shall not oppress the poor”* He says so for a reason. Notice more of what the Word of God has to say: *“He that oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he that gives to the rich, shall surely come to want ... Rob not the poor; because he is poor: neither oppress*

the afflicted in the gate: For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them” (Proverbs 22:16, 22-23).

Notice: *“The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully”* (Ezekiel 22:29). God will execute judgment against any person, business or nation and its government that practices and allows the unethical and sinful fiscal practices of keeping the poor, poor while lining the pockets of the rich.

“Their land is full of silver and gold; neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is full of horses, there is no end to their chariots. Their land also is full of idols; they worship the works of

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worship. God would reward them. It was not government redistribution of income. God owns everything and is the ultimate source of all blessings. God wishes to change the hearts of men. Liberation Theology is dangerous because advocating violence to obtain social justice could result in a bloodbath. Millions of innocent people could be killed by uncontrolled violence. Secondly, the acceptance of Liberation Theology will almost certainly hurt Christianity. History shows that Marxism, happy for ecclesiastical support before a revolution, turns against religion afterwards because it is based on atheistic concepts.

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their own hands, which their own fingers have made" (Isaiah 2:7-8).

Analyze consumer behavior within America. Consider Americans' spending habits. Consider marketing techniques; consider advertising. Consider the obscene costs of entertainment and personal pleasure pursuits which Americans grovel to in their lust to consume, to pursue, to have. Consider business practices in their drive for greater profit, manipulating the American consumer by exploiting the human appetite of greed and carnality, cashing in on the psychology of lust, taking advantage of consumer ignorance. Advertising cries out, have more, bigger, better, now! To what end?

And how do the vast majority of Americans acquire their desires? Credit; borrowing against their future; taking equity out of their homes. And many mortgage and refinance institutions have enticed the American home owner to practice behavior which is illogical and harmful, lustful.

America's debt load is frightful. The U.S. government is running a budget deficit of over \$1.8 billion per day. The U.S. national debt is over \$9 trillion dollars. The total U.S. consumer debt is \$2.46 trillion dollars. The numbers are staggering. The economic woes we now face are the result of the life styles, the fiscal practices and spending behaviors which are unacceptable to God. But will we as a nation cry out to God with a desire to repent, asking His forgiveness?

The average American's cry is loud and clear, "I can't handle it anymore." Millions are crying to their elected officials; "get me out

of this economic mess." And the government to the rescue – really!

In early January, President Bush proposed a temporary, broad based tax relief package of about \$150 billion. After Congressional deliberation, an economic stimulus package was legislated. Additional federal intervention has since been enacted. Will governmental intervention, will federal funds rate adjustments correct the woes besetting the American economy? Will giving the Federal Reserve greater power over U.S. Banks and Financial Insurers get us out of the economic woes we now face?

Our economic reality reveals America is buried in debt. Americans have spent beyond their means and we as a nation are over our heads in debt. Our fiscal practices, both personally and governmental, federal, state and municipal have shaken the confidence of all U.S. markets.

Exacerbating our economic woes is the absurdity of our State and Federal governments cowering to environmentalist and special interest groups who handcuff our nation's ability to be self-sufficient. As a nation we are unable to utilize the land and natural resources God has blessed this nation (on this side of the Atlantic) with.

Rather than looking to the government for help, Americans need to look to the only source of hope and redemption. We need to call out to God Almighty for help. We need to look at the logical laws of God dealing with fiscal practices. One practical law of God which is breached constantly by Americans is *thou shalt not covet*. What does covetousness have to do with the

economic malaise we are now in?

To a great degree America, with its capitalistic, free market-driven business practices, its consumerism and economic philosophy, is driven by greed and covetousness. Compassion and benevolence take a back seat in business practices at large. Bottom line is all that matters. Additionally, the consumer's pursuit for instant satisfaction in the acquiring of things, for immediate gratification has caught up to America and *our bills are now due*. But Americans can't pay them; it is clearly evident. Foreclosures, bankruptcies, delinquencies are putting an untold drag on the economy. The results of these realities are decreased tax revenue, decreased profits and job loss and an economy sinking deeper into despair.

Covetousness, the desire for that which is not lawfully one's own, the desire for that which one can't afford or be responsible for, is equated with idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Not only will one's lust for possessions, for material fulfillment, for self-gratification result in personal sin, it can result in spiritual rejection, which could very well keep a person out of the Kingdom of God (Ephesians 5:5). Lust and covetousness will destroy lives and ultimately, if practiced by an entire nation will result in economic ruin and national collapse.

The Bible clearly defines the characteristics of people who will be alive in the time of the end, just before the return of Jesus Christ. How similar those characteristics are to what is prevalent today. "Lovers of money, covetous, without self-control, lovers of plea-

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Is the Universal Church Now Safe for Kids?

The most visible of American Catholics, primarily media personalities, have shown real disgust and outrage about the hundreds and thousands of molestation victims, lawsuits and out-of-court settlements. Catholic institutions in the U.S. have paid out close to two billion dollars in recent years to settle cases without the horrible business of depositions, testimony and first-hand descriptions of the unthinkable. According to a passage in a 2007 AP article, some 220 Catholic priests are implicated in these unspeakable crimes.

If these crimes were committed in any other circumstance, the public would know who these men were. Their names and pictures would be indelibly stamped in all our minds, as with other heinous serial criminals. But, with the priests that simply isn't the case. It has been demonstrated that the great universal church orchestrated elaborate cover-ups over a period of decades, to conceal the identities of

these known child molesters in priestly garb, often transferring them from place to place where they continued to practice their hideous depravity.

Now the pope has come to America, apologizing for the scan-

It's a tragic situation?

Is it now safe to drop your kids off at the local "Church of the Immaculate Conception"?

Maybe you've noticed, but the most prominent national Catholic spokesmen, who've been featured

as color commentators at the recent U.S. papal events exhibit a particularly "gay" flamboyance. Not to suggest that they molest children, but the "Universal" clergy clearly attracts effeminate specimens. Surely they'd prefer representatives that don't invoke immediate speculations about "orientation," to be politically correct about it. Still, the news commentators call them "father" so and so and keep a straight face!

According to one comedian, the message from the Catholic church seems to be, "*We're here, we're queer,*

get used to it!" And don't go questioning how they concocted their labyrinthine "infallible" doctrines either. It might insult someone's "faith."



dal and even meeting with "a handful" of the "abuse victims." At one of his meetings the pope said the church had worked "to deal honestly and fairly with this tragic situation." That's what it is?



Carter Embarrasses America

Yet Again

As if his legacy weren't disastrous enough: As if the Arab – Israeli peace process wasn't shambles enough our intrepid ex-president has inserted himself into the equation, generating a slew of headlines all along the way. Jimmy Carter is conducting his own personally choreographed shuttle diplomacy, publicly fraternizing with individuals the State Department deems to be active in the conduct of terrorism. But this shuttle runs almost exclusively between entities that Carter believes deserve his endorsement and credibility.

America was humiliated in the Middle East during the Carter presidency, in many ways and for a host of reasons. A recent op-ed piece in the *Jerusalem Post* called president Carter the “father of the Islamic revolution,” and laid out a compelling case which included Carter's disdain for the Shah and his sympathy for the Ayatollah. How can a man who has played such an historically pivotal role in the ridiculous conundrum we face today, purport that his friendship with Hamas is the solution?

Carter was shammed by Arafat, and he knows it. Yet he continues to



pursue the same folly that plunged the world headlong into the Islamic crisis.

The upshot of the discussion in Washington points out that Carter's ability to wage these expensive, near treasonous expeditions is financed by U.S. taxpayers, courtesy of the very federal

government he's out undermining. A move is currently under way in Congress to circumvent future federal funding for the Carter Foundation. The Congress-lady from North Carolina has gone so far as to urge the State Department to revoke Carter's passport. Can you imagine the ignominy? Still, it wouldn't even deserve mention alongside the real, obvious damage this man has

done to Israel and the United States in the *name of human rights*.

And you know, those terrorists are *all about* human rights!

Carter was shammed by Arafat, and he knows it. Yet he continues to pursue the same folly that plunged the world headlong into the Islamic crisis. Carter claims

that Hamas is prepared to pledge a 10 year truce with Israel if East Jerusalem is turned over to their control. Every truce and every internationally sponsored and sanctioned agreement, including those that Carter himself brokered, *has been broken*. In an apparent attempt to try to validate his Nobel Prize, Carter apparently thinks that even more radical elements within the terrorist community can be trusted to make peace. It's nothing short of bizarre. □



Jimmy Carter is shown spent rocket from Hamas

Letters

Dear Mark Armstrong,

Because of Gerald Flurry's ruling on shunning the so-called "Laodiceans," I have lost eighteen family members in one grand sweep! This means they are not to call me or visit, nor am I allowed into their homes. We are being labeled as "unclean," and influenced by Satan the devil. Peter said in Acts 10:28 God showed him that he should not call any man common or unclean. It still applies today.

Then when adult children are no longer allowed to visit or help care for their parents when those parents are deemed "Laodiceans," the fifth commandment is being broken. I know many other people are going through this heartache.

As the Bible says, we must try the spirits whether they are of God. I John 4:1. *Ohio, U.S.A.*

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I uphold what you are saying about false prophets/apostles in the Church of God.

I have been in the Church of God since 1973 (WWCG) of course.

I get quite upset myself seeing all this false posturing.

Now I see one "minister" saying he is one of the two witnesses. Those expensive cuff links just won't do! My Bible says those *true* two witnesses will be clothed in sackcloth. Anyway in the Bible sackcloth is associated with being humble and of a repentant mind.

I have a number of family

members not allowed to see me because I have been labeled a "Laodicean." I wonder how long God will allow deception to continue.

Sincerely, V.G., Brookville, OH

Dear Mr. Armstrong

Gentlemen, of all the ministers and pastors I have listened to on TV, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong is the most accurate. He is the "best." *M. E. in Texas*

Dear Mr. Armstrong

Thank you for replying so soon. This information helped me beyond words. *S. E. in the USA*

Dear Mr. Armstrong

I just want everyone there to know that I appreciate you all very much. Garner Ted helped me to change my life and understand the Bible so much better. I needed that and I still do so.

Thank you. *T. K. in Texas*

Dear Mr. Armstrong

I thoroughly enjoy your program. I only wish you were on the air every day.

N. G. in Florida

Dear Mr. Armstrong

Warm greetings from the Philippines. I would like to say thank you for the GTA DVD which you sent me that I received yesterday. I really appreciate it a lot. *A. C., Philippines*

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the visit to the Tulsa area. I enjoyed meeting Mr. Mark Armstrong. Thank you again for the wonderful sermons. Thanks so much for your contin-

ued WORK. *B. P. in Oklahoma*

Dear Mr. Armstrong

For years I read the World-wide Church of God literature. Then it disappeared. It seems that it has been resurrected. I found it by accident BUT I am glad to have rediscovered it.

J. B. in England

Dear Mr. Armstrong

Thank you for sending me your information. I will be working with your guidance and I look forward to growing closer to God. *R. S. in the USA*

Dear Mr. Armstrong

Just finished listening to the Garner Ted Armstrong's video "Atlanta Personal Appearance" Thanks so much for featuring the sermon. It was so good to hear it again. It was very timely.

D. B. in Utah

Dear Mr. Armstrong

Thank you so much for the tapes you have sent me. I enjoy them so much and share them with family and friends.

T. K. in Indiana

Dear Mr. Armstrong

I just want to say, "Thank you so much" for continuing Garner Ted's TV messages. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate you doing this and how much it means to me, and how much it is needed. It is almost impossible to find a church that preaches the truth. I have been reading and listening to Garner Ted and his father, Herbert W. Armstrong, for many, many years.

P. B. in North Carolina □

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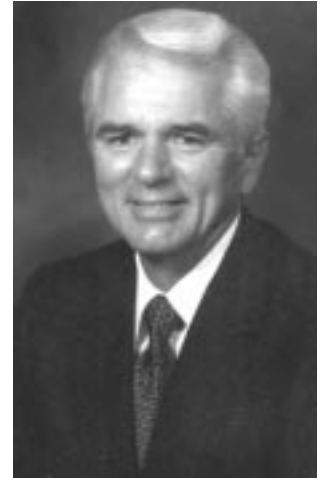
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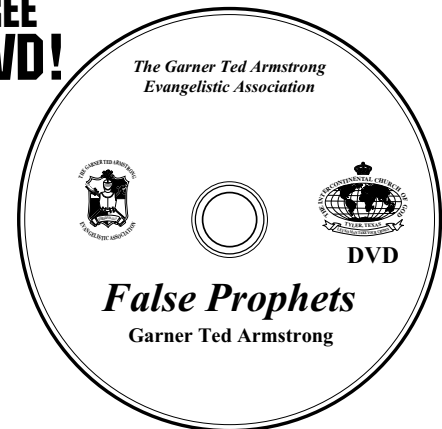
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sures more than lovers of God.”

The pursuit of pleasures, while turning your back on God, results in misery and despair. Notice the consequences of a nation whose citizens pursued their own pleasures and material comforts while disregarding God. *“Consider your ways. You have planted much but you have harvested little. You eat but you never have enough. You drink but never have your fill. You put on clothes but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it”* (Haggai 1:5-6).

Jesus Christ warns, “beware of

covetousness” (Luke 12:15). He stated a man’s life consisted not in the abundance of things he possesses. One has to be careful not to build up treasures on earth while neglecting to be rich toward God. The first way to build wealth toward God is to obey Him and keep His commandments. When one obeys God’s laws of fiscal success, peace and stability naturally results. We only see misery in our land, the result of disobedience toward God and His Laws

If the behavior and characteristics of America is directed toward pleasing and obeying God first, economic collapse would not occur and global economies would look up to and respect the United

States. The USA is destroying itself by practicing a life of disobedience toward God.

The Bible is filled with admonitions, laws and practical guidance, all of which when followed produces good living, successful lives, happy homes, prosperity and freedom from anxiety when hard times occur. When God’s laws are broken, the result is suffering, distress, turmoil, misery and death. When God’s laws of proper fiscal behavior are broken, the results for the individual, for business and for the nation will always and only be economic turmoil, distress and ruin, such as we in the United States of America and the world are only now beginning to see. □

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