



As Iran Went, So Egypt has Gone

and for very similar reasons

Iran was from the early 1950s a staunch ally of the United States. With American and British help, Iran built a modern infrastructure and military and served as a bulwark against the miscreant regimes of the Middle East. Women were afforded rights the West takes for granted. Economic freedom took hold, as did improvements in education, and religious freedom. In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson praised the Shah of Iran and his nation's role in the troubled region as saying, "What's going on in Iran is about the best thing going on anywhere in the world." Nobody in the civilized world has made any such statement over the last thirty three years.

That's primarily because of the



pitiful weakness displayed by the United States under the misguided presidency of Jimmy Carter and his emphasis on "human rights."

He demanded that "political prisoners" (largely made up of radical Islamists) be released. Then he cut off crucial U.S. aid to the Shah, at a time when the Ayatollah Khomeini was preaching the doctrines of *jihad* and revolution from exile in France and circulating his messages throughout Iran's population. Carter's

short-sighted "human rights" dominated foreign policy, combined with accusations of torture

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Bequeathers of Absolute Truth Crush Free Speech in Europe

by Guy MilliÈre

Many of the elites seem to think of themselves as The Bequeathers of Absolute Truth — proud, self-righteous, totalitarian antagonists

to any contrarian thought or speech — and they have seized power in universities, in the media and in nearly all political parties. A ban takes hold, then another and another and another. And nobody notices until it's too late.

"It is Seldom That Any Kind of liberty is lost all at once," wrote David Hume. To warn that the erosion of economic freedom by interventionist measures would lead to the erosion of political and intellectual freedom, Friedrich Hayek placed this quote on the

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Dithering Europe is heading for the democratic dark ages

by Boris Johnson

It is one of the tragic delusions of the human race that we believe in the inevitability of progress. We look around us, and we seem to see a glorious affirmation that our

ruthless species of homo is getting ever more *sapiens*. We see ice cream Snickers bars and invitro babies and beautiful electronic pads on which you can paint with

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Playing out as a celebration of 9-11 across the Middle East

It's the next chapter in the "Arab Spring," so romanticized by the current U.S. administration and nearly all, in fact ALL the big media outlets including Fox News. To them, it meant that freedom and democracy were on the march against one authoritarian dictator after another, and the way they saw it, a new and brighter day was dawning for Egypt, Libya, Tunisia... The same revolutionary (Occupy Wall Street) tactic was activated in the United States, most notably in New York and Oakland,

the American State Department, and you have to wonder how they feel now that the movement they supported has resulted in the sacking and desecration of our embassy in Cairo as a memorial of September 11, on September 11, 2012! They've donned masks identifying themselves as being in league with "Occupy Wall Street" and chanted slogans identifying themselves with Osama bin Laden.

How many times have we been told that Islam is not the enemy,

Libya.

The State Department, trying to cover its role in the unfolding disaster is now assuring us that the mob actions are not the fault of the people it propelled into power, even though that directly disputes reports of what took place in Benghazi, Libya. They claim that Libyan "officials" took the American ambassador and his aides to a location where they'd be safe from the rampaging mob. But then the mob was reportedly told of their location, leading to the brutal murders at the hands of these rampaging zealots.

This is not nearly over.

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but also in Washington D.C. And numerous other cities across America.

In Cairo, they put so many angry demonstrators in Tahrir Square, that it paralyzed the city, the government, the military and led to Hosni Mubarak's forced resignation. We were confidently assured by the mainstream media that it was not an Islamist revolution, the Muslim Brotherhood was not behind it, and it was simply a case of peaceful but frustrated civilians demanding that "their voices be heard." The movement that overthrew Hosni Mubarak was justified if not celebrated by

and more recently that the U.S. is not even involved in a "war on terror," but simply going after al Qaeda terrorists and trying to keep Afghanistan from becoming a giant Taliban terrorist training camp? And sure enough, that's the way American policy in the Middle East has been conducted.

But now the Arab Spring revolutionary movement is identifying itself as a civilian army dedicated to the doctrine of Osama bin Laden by storming American embassies, raising the al Qaeda flag over our sovereign embassy grounds in Cairo and murdering our ambassador and his aides in



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your fingertip and—by heaven—suitcases with wheels! Think of it: we managed to put a man on the moon about 35 years before we came up with wheelie-suitcases; and yet here they are. They have completely displaced the old type of suitcase, the ones with a handle that you used to lug puffing down platforms.

Aren't they grand? Life seems impossible without them, and soon they will no doubt be joined by so many other improvements—acne cures, electric cars, electric suitcases—that we will be strengthened in our superstition that history is a one-way ratchet, an endless click click click forwards to a nirvana of liberal democratic free-market brotherhood of man. Isn't that what history teaches us, that humanity is engaged in a remorseless ascent?

On the contrary: history teaches us that the tide can suddenly and inexplicably go out, and that things can lurch backwards into darkness and squalor and appalling violence. The Romans gave us roads and aqueducts and glass and sanitation and all the other benefits famously listed by Monty Python; indeed, they were probably on the verge of discovering the wheely-suitcase when they went into decline and fall in the fifth century AD.

Whichever way you look at it, this was a catastrophe for the human race. People in Britain could no longer read or write. Life-expectancy plummeted to about 32, and the population fell. The very

cattle shrunk at the withers. The secret of the hypocaust was forgotten, and chilblain-ridden swineherds built sluttish huts in the ruins of the villas, driving their post-holes through the mosaics. In



Greece: Protracted economic and political humiliation

the once bustling Roman city of London (for instance) we find no trace of human habitation save for a mysterious black earth that may be a relic of a fire or some primitive system of agriculture.

It took hundreds of years before the population was restored to Roman levels. If we think that no such disaster could happen again, we are not just arrogant but forgetful of the lessons of the very recent past. Never mind the empty temples of the Aztecs or the Incas or the reproachful beehive structures of the lost civilisation of Great Zimbabwe. Look at our own era: the fate of European Jewry, massacred in the lifetimes of our parents and grandparents, on the deranged orders of an elected gov-

ernment in what had been one of the most civilised countries on earth; or look at the skyline of modern German cities, and mourn those medieval buildings blown to smithereens in an uncontrollable cycle of revenge. Yes, when things go backwards, they can go backwards fast. Technology, liberty, democracy, comfort—they can all

go out of the window. However complacent we may be, in the words of the poet Geoffrey Hill, "Tragedy has us under regard." Nowhere is that clearer than in Greece today.

Every day we read of fresh horrors: of once proud bourgeois families queuing for bread, of people in agony because the government has run out of money to pay for cancer drugs. Pensions are being cut, living standards are falling, unemployment is rising, and the suicide rate is now the highest in the EU—having been one of the lowest.

By any standards we are seeing a whole nation undergo a protracted economic and political hu-

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miliation; and whatever the result of yesterday's election, we seem determined to make matters worse. There is no plan for Greece to leave the euro, or none that I can discover. No European leader dares suggest that this might be possible, since that would be to profane the religion of Ever Closer Union. Instead we are all meant to be conniving in a plan to create a fiscal union which (if it were to mean anything) would mean undermining the fundamentals of Western democracy.

This forward-marching concept of history—the idea of inexorable political and economic progress—is really a modern one. In ancient

times, it was common to speak of lost golden ages or forgotten republican virtues or prelapsarian idylls. It is only in the past few

taxation without representation and the general understanding that people should be democratically entitled to determine their own fates.

And now look at what is being proposed in Greece. For the sake

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hundred years that people have switched to the “Whig” interpretation, and on the face of it one can forgive them for their optimism. We have seen the emancipation of women, the extension of the franchise to all adult human beings, the acceptance that there should be no

of bubble-gumming the euro together, we are willing to slaughter democracy in the very place where it was born. What is the point of a Greek elector voting for an economic programme, if that programme is decided in Brussels

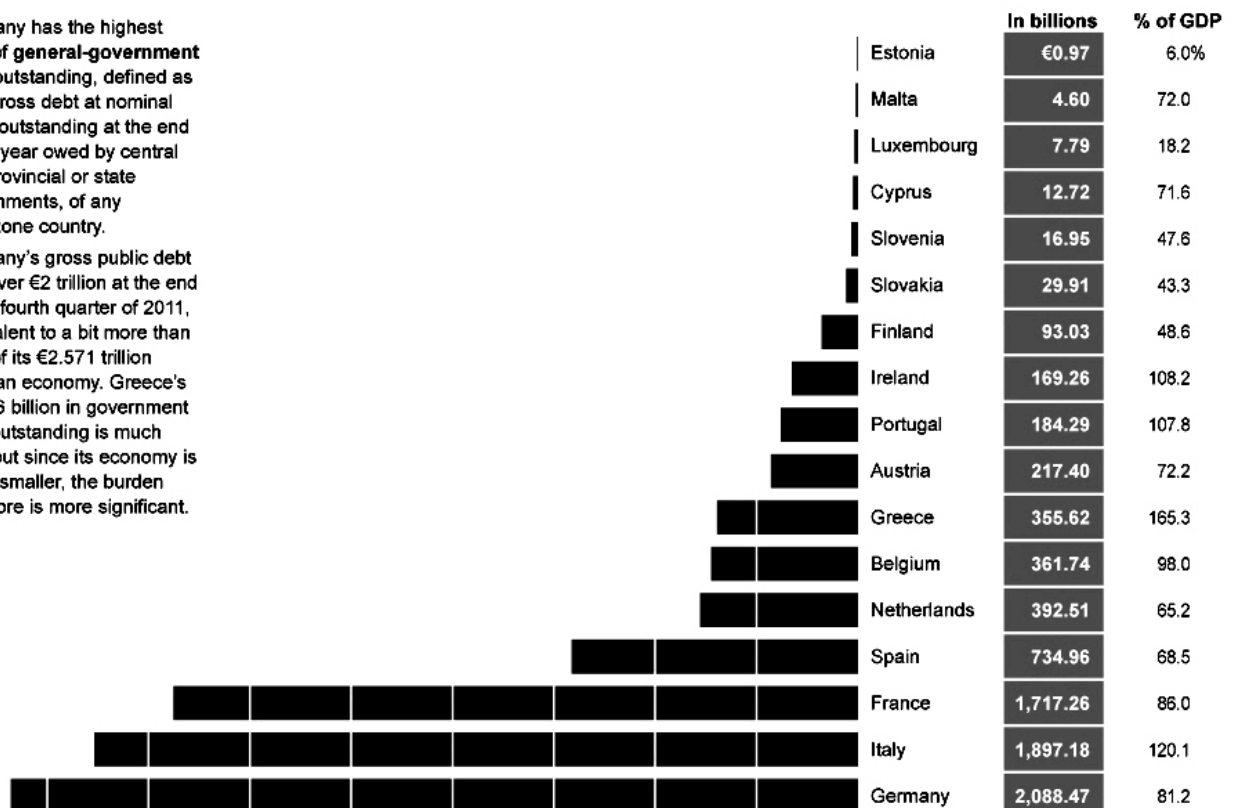
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Government debt

Fourth quarter of 2012, in euros

Germany has the highest level of **general-government debt** outstanding, defined as total gross debt at nominal value outstanding at the end of the year owed by central and provincial or state governments, of any euro-zone country.

Germany's gross public debt was over €2 trillion at the end of the fourth quarter of 2011, equivalent to a bit more than 81% of its €2.571 trillion German economy. Greece's €355.6 billion in government debt outstanding is much less, but since its economy is much smaller, the burden therefore is more significant.



The Wall Street Journal

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Whose Side is America On?

As reports of these attacks on American diplomatic personnel and facilities come across the airwaves, we're being reassured that those that the U.S. put in power in Libya are not to blame. No, they tried to save our guys but failed. If that be the case, then the "good"

with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. It would apparently interfere with campaign priorities. But Israel believes that time may be up on Iran's nuclear ambitions, and that continuing to play cat and mouse diplomatic games to no avail may well lead to a disastrous nuclear attack on Israel. Obviously there are other

All these events coincide with warnings we've been issuing for decades.

Libyans America put in power are not in control of their own soil. Obviously, if Mohammed Morsi represents a glorious outcome in Egypt, his regime can't protect even American embassy grounds in Cairo from the same radical forces that brought him to power. And if you believe a word of that, there's some Arizona beach-front you need to know about.

Our president just rejected a request for a face-to-face meeting

priorities in America that supersede all such concerns.

Meanwhile every official response to these attacks on sovereign American grounds and symbols has been to apologize for any insult to Islamic sensibilities that may have been contained in some film that's found its way onto the Internet. It's obvious that these events were planned in advance to be held as a 9-11 message, regardless of any unknown offensive

film distribution. And what have the continuing string of apologies accomplished? It is apparent that they've only emboldened the Islamic attackers, and it's getting hard to believe that anybody in the State Department or anywhere else in the current administration can't see that. But that's the official American response, to sympathize with those who are attacking our people and facilities expressing outrage, not over the attacks, but over the supposed slight to their religion.

Before his death Garner Ted Armstrong said and wrote, "Islam is at war with the United States, but America is not at war with Islam." If that was clear ten years ago, it's completely undeniable now. He asked rhetorically, "What could bring about a religious revival in the largely secular State of Israel, leading to the fulfillment of prophecies about the rebuilding of a Temple in Jerusalem?" The two things he speculated about were the discovery of the Ark of the Covenant, or a massive loss of life due to a disastrous attack from an Islamic nation. Iran is, by all

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or—in reality—in Germany? What is the meaning of Greek freedom, the freedom Byron fought for, if Greece is returned to a kind of Ottoman dependency, but with the Sublime Porte now based in Berlin?

It won't work. If things go on as they are, we will see more misery, more resentment, and an ever greater chance that the whole

damn kebab van will go up in flames. Greece will one day be free again—in the sense that I still think it marginally more likely than not that whoever takes charge in Athens will eventually find a way to restore competitiveness through devaluation and leaving the euro—for this simple reason: that market confidence in Greek membership is like a burst paper

bag of rice—hard to restore.

Without a resolution, without clarity, I am afraid the suffering will go on. The best way forward would be an orderly bisection into an old eurozone and a New Eurozone for the periphery. With every month of dither, we delay the prospect of a global recovery; while the approved solution—fiscal and political union—will consign the continent to a democratic dark ages. □

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intelligence estimates, very near to achieving the ability to carry out its revolving threat of “annihilation,” but right now America doesn’t have time to discuss it with Israel’s Prime Minister.

GTA warned of Bible prophecies concerning a coalition of power in Europe led by Germany that he surmised would be brought about by a great economic calamity. That calamity is under way across Europe, and Germany will be the nucleus around which it will be resolved. As Greece, Italy, Spain and Portugal run out of money and credit, the German Constitutional Court is about to decide whether it’s even constitutionally legal for Germany to put its own economic health at risk by continuing to organize one convoluted bail-out scheme after another

for the socialist disasters across southern Europe.

All these events coincide with the warnings we’ve been issuing

ists just taking advantage of the current posture of American weakness, or is something more sinister afoot? In Germany, we’re hearing expressions of concern about U.S. economic prospects, as if they are on a par with the collapse



Islamic zealots at U.S. Embassy Cairo - identify themselves with “occupy” movement

for decades. The Middle East is more radical, and more dangerous to Israel and to American interests than ever before. Are the Islam-

stalking the EU. Once again, GTA regularly opined that the United States might well lose its influence

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This was 1979, when Carter’s “human rights” policy resulted in “death to America” doctrine

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against the Shah's regime lead to massive riots, the takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran, and the long running American hostage drama where 52 embassy personnel were held and abused for nearly a year and a half. Interestingly enough, they were released during Ronald Reagan's "swearing in" ceremony as president. What a coincidence!

But by then, the Islamic revolution in Iran was complete and since that time the rogue nation has been one of the foremost financiers of terrorism around the

world, and a destabilizing factor throughout the Middle East. Iran has run a brutal theocratic dictatorship domestically, attempting to cut its people off from all outside influence, forcing its citizens to live according to strict Islamic dictates, or else...

There you have it, in a nutshell. A weak, ineffective presidency more interested in promoting the perception of his own personal goodness rather than the greatness of the United States and the freedom and prosperity our God-given ideals could bestow on other na-

tions, resulting in one of the world's most dangerous entities. Not only has Iran wrought havoc throughout the Muslim Middle East, but now threatens to destroy Israel and defeat America. Their threats are on the verge of gaining credibility as Iran is now very close to achieving military nuclear capability.

Over the past two years, we've seen something very similar underway in Egypt. The pragmatic Egyptian presidency of Anwar Sadat forged peace with Israel and dramatically reduced the prospects of war in the Middle East. Ironically, that agreement was forged

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around the world due to an economic collapse from within. And that's just what we're up against in December or January when the

U.S. government will have once again exhausted its spending limits.

Maybe we'll see another lull in

developments, but then again every one of the aspects of world events that we believe are pertinent to end time prophecy are moving rapidly. Watch with us.

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Now "Social Justice" foreign policy has emboldened anti-west zealots in Egypt

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during the Carter presidency, and was perhaps one of the very few positive developments of those years. Sadat even maintained a close friendship with the Shah of Iran, and both maintained friendly relations with the United States. Anwar Sadat was murdered by Islamic zealots, furious that he'd agreed to peace with Israel. Nevertheless Egypt continued to honor the treaty with Israel under his successor Hosni Mubarak, and has been a bastion of relative calm in the volatile region. But lately, even that has been undone.

With encouragement from radical revolutionary groups in the United States, and the tacit approval of the current U.S. administration, another revolution toppled the Mubarak regime just last year. That revolution may not have occurred as an Islamic religious exercise, but that's nevertheless how it's turning out as Mohammed Morsi, formerly an official with the Muslim Brotherhood, is appointing his peers to every important post in Egypt.

And here's an irony for the ages. The leaders of Egypt and Iran are friends once more. But they are hardly working for peace and prosperity in the Middle East and certainly are not dependable friends of the United States, to put it mildly. Morsi recently traveled to Tehran at Iranian president Ahmadinejad's invitation to award the presidency of the Non Aligned Movement to none other than Ahmadinejad himself. There, they postured about "human rights," nuclear disarmament and the Pal-

estinian cause.

Meanwhile, a harsh exchange broke out between Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu and the U.S. ambassador to Israel. After three years of Israel having been lectured and warned against any attack on Iran's dangerous nuclear program, Netanyahu reportedly

velopment sites and moved most of its centrifuges to hardened facilities deep underground. Experts estimate that Iran might be able to complete an operable weapon within eight to ten weeks. Israel suspects that Iran may already have enough enriched uranium for a nuclear device or two, and with everything going deep underground, the opportunity to knock out their capacity is fleeting.



Egypt: Stable ally becomes dangerous enemy

barked at the U.S. ambassador saying that urgent pressures should be applied against Iran to halt its uranium enrichment rather than the constant harangue leveled at Israel, America's long-standing friend and ally. The U.S. ambassador reportedly snapped back, that Netanyahu didn't understand U.S. policy on Iran.

The best available intelligence from numerous sources, including Israel, the U.S. and even the UN now maintains that Iran has cleansed some of its nuclear de-

There is hot debate in Israel over the prospect of attacking Iran, and representatives of the current U.S. administration are adamant that nothing transpire until after the upcoming U.S. presidential election. Israel is in an untenable predicament, not knowing how or whether the U.S. will react if action against Iran becomes unavoidable for its survival.

This is but a precursor to the trouble that lies ahead, but one thing ought to be abundantly clear

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front page of *The Road to Serfdom*. It perfectly illustrates the threat to the destruction of freedom in Europe after World War II.

Although seven decades have passed, the warning has not been heeded. Economic freedom in Europe has been largely abolished as month after month, regulations emanating from the unelected, self-appointed, technocratic Brussels Commission continue to multiply.

Political freedom has also been confiscated as key decisions between heads of state are made — behind closed doors — by the equally unelected, self-appointed, technocratic European Council.

It now looks as if intellectual freedom is about to be eradicated as well.

In almost all European coun-

tries, only monolithic thought is allowed to be actually spoken. Many of the elites seem to think of themselves as The Bequeathers of Absolute Truth — proud, self-righteous, totalitarian antagonists to any contrarian thought or

speech — and they have seized power in universities, in the media and in nearly all political parties.

In Europe, defending free market ideas and Judeo-Christian values has become almost impossible. When European journalists report on the debates between Re-

publican candidates during the primary elections in the United States, what they hear is so strange to them that they need to invent new words. “Conservatism” is not enough; they speak of “ultra conservatism,” implying, of course, that anyone “ultra conservative” must be an insane extremist.

Evoking the contributions of

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Western civilization, or saying that these contributions are worthy, leads immediately to harsh criticism. Silvio Berlusconi, a few weeks after the September 11 attacks on the US, said, “We must be aware of the superiority of our civilization, a system that has

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by now. When America is apologetic for the great good its done around the world; when we snub dependable allies and engage in “good faith diplomacy” with Islamic zealots, the Middle East begins to spiral out of control. It’s happened before, and it’s happening right now.

So, who will emerge as the Biblically prophesied king of the south? Likely candidates have been identified as Iran or Egypt. But with Iran and Egypt becoming very friendly of late, does it matter?

Late Developments: Egypt has

just allowed another Iranian warship passage through the Suez Canal. This can only bode ill for the cause of peace in the Middle East, which frankly now will not happen during the present age. Iranian warships will support terrorist proxies in Lebanon, and menace Israel. Having access to the Mediterranean also gives greater credence to Iran’s threat to sail its warships off the shores of the United States, which is the recently stated intent.

And if you thought this was all starting to feel a lot like 1979, consider the storming of the U.S. em-

bassy in Cairo, and the desecration of the American flag by a rampaging Egyptian mob. It was supposedly a choreographed response to a Dutch film, financed or supported in some way, by some unknown preacher in the United States. The film purportedly insults Mohammad, thereby justifying all manner of mayhem. The U.S. response under present leadership is just all too predictable; condemn the movie! Even the embassy’s statement condemned the insult to Islam, but not those who stormed the sovereign embassy grounds and tore down the American flag. It’s Jimmy Carter *deja vu*, and then some. □

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guaranteed well-being, respect for human rights.” Faced with the unanimous indignation of his peers, he had to declare a few days later that he was withdrawing his remarks.

When the French Interior Minister Claude Gueant recently declared that “not all cultures are of equal value,” a socialist deputy publicly expressed outrage, and added that sentences of this kind

tred against Muslims.” Although he was acquitted in June 2011 by a Dutch court, those who sued him brought the case before the European Court of Human Rights. Final judgment has not yet been reached. The plaintiffs said they felt “humiliated and threatened” by Wilders who, unlike them, must live in safe houses, under police protection. The film director Theo van Gogh was murdered for hav-

when she was nine, “liked young girls,” and one month later found herself charged with “denigrating the teachings of a recognized religion.” In February 2011, she was sentenced to a heavy fine, which she paid; she nevertheless lives under constant threat.

Lars Hedegaard, President of the Danish Free Press Society and the International Free Press Society, affirmed in a December 2009 interview, that Islam treated women in a “degrading manner.” He was immediately convicted of “inciting hatred” and of “racism.” In May 2011, he too was sentenced to a heavy fine.

When two Frenchmen, Pierre Cassen and Pascal Hillout, created a secularist movement, Riposte LaÔque, [Secular Reply] in 2007, and published several articles against the Islamization of France and Europe, they were charged with “inciting racial hatred” against Muslims. It should be noted that Cassen is a trade-unionist and belongs to the left, and that Hillout was born a Muslim. Complaints against them were filed by the League against Racism and Antisemitism (LICRA), the Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples (MRAP), and the League of Human Rights (LDH) — three organizations that used to fight to defend human rights but that now pursue very different goals and act only when Islam appears “threatened.” On February 3, 2012, the prosecutor requested a jail sentence of two months for Hillout, a jail sentence of three months for Cassen, and a crippling fine of 150,000 euros (\$200,000) for Ri-

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European courts sympathise with “insulted” Muslims

had “paved the way for the Third Reich;” the French National Assembly has envisioned legal action against him.

Criticizing Islam is even more dangerous. This apparently marks you as an “Islamophobe” and a “racist.” Complaints are filed, and courts impose heavy fines, sometimes prison sentences.

The prominent Dutch politician Geert Wilders, who expressed the opinion that Islam was “fascism,” was prosecuted in the Netherlands in January 2009 for “inciting ha-

ing made a short film, “Obsession,” about the treatment of women in Islam. The Dutch Parliamentarian, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, who had worked in women’s shelters, was threatened with death for having written the script for it; she eventually fled to the United States.

An Austrian woman, Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff, gave a private lecture in Vienna in November 2009, during which she remarked that the prophet Mohammed, who married one of his wives, Aisha,

Letters

Mark,
The book "The Answer to Unanswered Prayer" is superb. I received it some time ago but recently located it again under some piles of books. There is no better book on the subject of prayer and the fundamentals of christianity. Thanks so much.

T.P. Glendeden Beach, OR

Staffs,
Thank you for many booklets/tapes that you send not only to us, but also to anyone requesting them. We share your messages with our children, family, and friends, as well as encouraging them to watch your weekly program and order materials for themselves. Again, thank you, and God bless your ministry. I am aware Mr. Armstrong is deceased, but the ministry remains in his name. Sincerely,

M.S., Nixa, MO

Mark,
I am glad that I found you and your organization again. It's been a lot of years and I was deeply saddened to find out Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong had passed away. I enjoy your CDs, booklets and website and find I am understanding it much more now than when I first was introduced to the truth. All good things come with age I guess. Keep up the good 'work' and I will be keeping in touch. Thank you again,

S.F.

Dear co-workers,
Thank you so much for the booklet and two CDs of "The Bible, Fact or Fiction." No one can explain a subject as GTA could do. Thanks again,

M.H., Clarksville, GA

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate your insight into Bible prophecy and how it

relates to world news. Best wishes,

A.L., Esparts, CA

Dear sir,
Please send DVD of Mr. Armstrong's "Soul Sleeping." Thank you for the work you do for God — and people like me. Much love,

H.C., Moulton, AL

Hi Mark,
Your last two letters are even more awesome than usual...keep it up! I enjoyed our phone conversation so much and I hope we can do it again, (our minds have the same grey matter). I know you are busy and I don't want to intrude...too much! You're doing a great job, and such a great continuance of your dad, and even your gramps, though I loved your dad best!!

W.H., Overland Park, KS

Mark,
Thank you for every CD and

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poste LaOûque. The verdict is to be delivered in a few weeks.

For a book about Islam in 2004 (Who's Afraid of Islam?), that criticizes Islam and defends Israel, I also have been attacked by the MRAP and still receive frequent explicit death threats — anonymous letters and e-mails, and pictures of slit throats — and copies of The Invention of the Palestinian People, my latest book, have been destroyed by organized gangs raiding bookshops.

The list of examples could be

long; all who dare to criticize Islam, defend Israel, or even speak of "Western civilization" in Europe live in a situation of provisional freedom, and face increasing risks. The situation resembles nothing so much as that of dissidents in the former Soviet Union, who risk harassment, fines and even, as we have seen, incarceration. Newspapers and magazines no longer feel free to publish their writings; large publishing companies refuse their books.

Muslim imams in mosques all

over Europe feel free to preach hatred for the West and to call for "War against Christians and Jews," while mainstream politicians and journalists hear nothing, and judges see nothing.

What happened to Europe needs to be a warning to the American people; it needs to be urgently known and explained. The loss of freedom can occur gradually. It can also be brutal. A ban takes hold, then another, and another and another. And nobody pays attention until it's too late. □

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DVD. Thank you, God bless everyone. R.K., Lodi, CA

Workers:

Thanks so much—these sermons always encourage my spirit. Love, J.H., Pierre Part, LA

Mark,

I have had it in mind to send this note for quite some time—today I'll get it done. I want you and all the others, that are working on God's behalf, to know how very much I, and I'm sure many others, appreciate the timely news and services all of you create for the ICG membership. The CDs being sent out by you is one of my

highlights in life; I put them in the car and listen to them often when driving, I listen to them over and over. I enjoy the material very much! Will look forward to seeing and talking with you and listening to your verbal presentation. Until then... A.G., Marion, OH

Mr. Armstrong,
Words cannot express how grateful I am for the sermons. This is the faith once delivered. It has renewed God's spirit within me. Thank you!

D.S., Riverside, CA

Dear friends,
I just completed another of your booklets and I must say it was very good and so informative. The

scripture references that you use are so real. Thanks for all you guys do. I am sending you another donation to help pay for some of the material that you continue to send out free of charge. Please keep me on your mailing list.

W.S., Westminster, SC

Dear Mr. Armstrong,
Thank you for all CDs and DVDs that you sent to me. They are all deeply inspirational. And your personal letters are very informative of the conditions this country and the rest of the world finds itself in. And things are getting worse. Well you, your family and all the brethren are in my prayers. Thank you again, sir. Yours truly, G.G., Akron, OH

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