



Prophecy Takes Shape *in the Middle East, in Europe and in the U.S.*

Americans have watched, dumbstruck, the U.S. administration praise and promote the so-called “Arab spring” overtaking nation after nation across the Middle East. Tunisia fell first, then Yemen and Egypt, cheered on by the White House and Department of State as a brilliant example of democracy in action. If it was democracy, it only lasted long enough to see radical Islamists take power and implement the

strictures of Sharia law in those nations while adopting postures hostile toward Israel and the West.

America then actively intervened militarily (under the guise of NATO) to topple Kaddaffi’s Libya, turning it into a hotbed of al Qaeda connected terrorist training camps as the final communications of Ambassador Stevens before they slaughtered him made clear.

The list of nations that have

seen similar attempts to rise up and overthrow governments are as long as your leg, but the one that’s been the bloodiest and is still ongoing is the situation in Syria. Again, America is on the side of those trying to topple the regime. If and when that happens, we’ll see Syria turned into another religious Islamic asylum with the destruction of Israel and the West its top priority. Maybe you can figure out how that ties in with American interests. Or for that matter, how any of this does.

When certain official representatives have questioned the influence of Islamic advisors in the White House, in the State Department, in Homeland Security and Federal law enforcement agencies,

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Scoffers in the End Time

by Jim Josephsen

Do you recall all the hype regarding the Mayan calendar and the ancient Mayan prophecy, predicting December 21, 2012 would be doomsday, the day the world would come to an end?

Cable TV programs like the History Channel gave this story extensive coverage. Newspaper and magazine articles, local television news reports, talk shows and radio reports—all gave this subject exposure. Some reports presented a humorous angle to the story; more or less mocking the prediction, while other reports elicited a sense of fear.

Prior to December 21, 2012, if you made a simple Google search, you would have found, and still can find, hundreds of websites

which discuss the Mayan calendar and Mayan end of the world predictions. Survivalist websites also provided those gullible enough to take the bait, a choice of the sus-

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The EU is an Empire, and Empires mean War

We are often told that the EU has brought peace to Europe. However, this view is not shared by historian Thierry Baudet who provocatively argues that a process in which nation states give up their sovereignty inevitably results in conflict. That is why he recommends dissolving the euro and restoring national borders.

by Thierry Baudet

Partisans of the European project invariably argue that nationalism leads to war and while the development of Europe will safeguard

peace—a noble objective that is more than sufficient compensation for any loss in democracy, sovereignty and transparency caused by Brussels. However, this theory is

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Christ is the Answer

(But what is the Question?)

Millions hear, monotonously, a familiar cast of characters on religious television who seem to have the same message. It seems that some religious telecasts attempt to mimic every other form of television: talk shows, game shows, entertainment and variety shows. All are represented by various formats of the electronic church. Also, there are the traditional church services televised from large church auditoriums, and the well-known evangelistic campaigns. Their message seems to revolve around one central premise: Christ is the answer. Endless happy testimonies with much joking and laughter portray various individuals' past problems with drugs, alcoholism, or divorce; how they found Jesus, and how Christ was the answer to each of their problems. They are correct; Christ is the answer, but *what is the question?*

by Garner Ted Armstrong

What American citizen owning a television set has not seen the kind of television programming illustrated above?

Television shows represent the widest possible variety. From heart-breaking soap operas showing the hand-wringing, breast-beating, hair-pulling anguish of love triangles, divorce and intrigue; game shows and sitcoms, jiggle shows and penetrating analyses; if entertainment television includes everything from an endless array of guests on the *Tonight* show to slap-stick comedy, so does religion.

Watching some of the hosts on religious television shows leaves one to wonder, Is he kidding? It seems impossible to believe that each of these would-be superstars of the electronic church has his following. Some may sound suspiciously like frustrated ham actors, given to presenting a wide variety of stars such as famous country-western singers, various lesser-known actors, or reformed Watergate characters who give testimony about how Christ is the answer in their lives.

The sameness of much of this is the central theme, *Christ*. But *which* Christ? Are they talking about Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Jesus of *your Bible*? And in what way is *Christ* the

answer? *Answer to what?*

Have you ever wondered *why* it is that much of the electronic church seems to fail to appeal to those of the middle or upper income level professionals, businessmen, people with college degrees, the intelligentsia of society?

How does it sound, for example, when an impassioned evangelist is pacing up and down on a stage, speaking in a nasal, pusillanimous, pouting and seemingly effeminate tone, with maudlin sobs, saying, Oh-h-h-h WON'T you come rat nayuh [meaning right now] and give your howahrt [meaning heart] to the Lahhrd [meaning Lord]?

When the evangelist says Chrahst [meaning Christ] is the awnsuh [meaning answer], what is the *effect* on millions in his audience?

To those who are accustomed to the sing-song monotony, the hypnotic effect, of repetitious southwestern evangelism, such sermons are reminiscent of childhood and the old time religion.

But to those of the social strata mentioned above, such performances on television must sound utterly meaningless if not downright ignorant, impractical, out of date, and even *fake*.

When it is all over when the programs have finished and gone off the air, when the last person has filed out

of the big outdoor arena, when the last individual has given his name at the counseling booth after coming forward at the impassioned plea of the evangelist *what has been accomplished?*

Thousands have made decisions for Christ. But what did they *do*? How long did it last? In what way were they benefited? Did they change their

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lives? Surveys have surfaced in the past which have given startling statistics to verify that not very significant percentages of those who have experienced momentary remorse at such an occasion have made decisions which truly *changed their lives*.

There are millions of people who believe they are backsliders and who go about their daily lives with a large share of *guilt* because of an early teenage religious experience which was later abandoned.

Under peer pressure, suffering from pangs of guilt over various personal sins, countless hundreds of thousands have made a decision for Christ in that carefully arranged environment of a revival or an evangelistic campaign, or even after being moved by a particular television performance. But how long did it *last*?

As the days and months went by, as they were wrestling with the hard realities of life going through marriage, the rearing of children, financial problems, sickness and disease, drug problems in the schools, and perhaps divorce large numbers of battered, enervated, tired people, whose religious experiences are only nostalgic memories of the past, drifted away from their earlier resolve; their *daily lives* do not show, in any essential way, that Christ is the answer.

They may have thought they found the answer to their difficulties when they went forward at an evangelistic campaign. They may have *thought* they were receiving Christ when they went through the ceremony of baptism or joining a church. They may have *thought* they were *all through sinning* when they experienced the euphoria of a decision for Christ at an evangelistic campaign.

But now, years later, they exist with an unhealthy feeling of *guilt*. (If you have not read my free booklet, *Forgiveness, Buried Sins, and Spirit-*

tual Graves Robbers, please write for it immediately.) Why? For the simple reason that they were not told about the *real Jesus Christ of your Bible*, not told about what it really *means* to accept Christ or to *become a Christian!*

The Common Belief

A foremost religious leader once said, First, let us understand what Christianity is *not*. It is *not a way of*



"Faith Healing Revival" (Is there a doctor in the house?!)

life!

But what does the newly converted Christian *do*, then, that *makes* him a Christian? Commonly, it is believed that the remorseful feeling of sorrow over past mistakes and misdeeds, plus the *acceptance* of Christ the *worship* of Christ is a saving experience. Hundreds of thousands of sincere, well-meaning, earnest people are content they are Christians satisfied they are headed toward eternal life *when they actually have never taken the first step toward becoming a true Christian, believe it or not!*

Christ Says REPENT!

Listen to what the Bible actually says!

From that time Jesus *began to preach* (Matthew 4:17). Jesus was a

preacher. Jesus Christ came with a *message* from God the Father and that message was what He preached! What was the *very first thing* He told His audiences to do? REPENT: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand (Matthew 4:17). Notice Jesus calls upon His audience to REPENT!

Later, the apostles Peter, James, John, Paul, and others preached the same message Jesus brought from His Father. When Peter stood up to ex-

plain the amazing events of the Day of Pentecost in A.D. 31, he said, "REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Later, Peter said, "*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of the refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord*" (Acts 3:19). Jesus gave stern warning that except ye REPENT, "ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 35).

Then there *is* something required *in addition* to the acceptance of Jesus as personal Savior! Jesus said so!

A CHANGE Required

Do you suppose it could be pos-

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Norway: *in bed with the enemy*

Hanne Nabintu Herland has published guest-posts in the space several times in the past, most recently, an essay on the failure of Multiculturalism. Her latest is a translation of an article written by her and published last Thursday in Norway's largest newspaper, *Aftenposten*. The author sends this introductory note about the piece:

This is a protest against the Islamists' harsh persecution of any minority in the Middle East—Christians, Jews, gays, anyone whom they don't like, which is everyone who is "not sufficiently Islamist." Not to mention Muslim minorities such as Alawites, Amadiyyah, etc.

The article also voices sharp criticism against the current Radical Leftwing Norwegian Government and its continuous friendship and dialogue with these terrorist groups in the Middle East whose goal is to eradicate unwanted minorities in the region. I was recently myself in the Middle East and held lectures and met with leaders for the Christian groups, diplomats, ambassadors and leading professors as well as a number of activists. What I saw, the degree of persecution against minorities, *shook me very much*.

Remembering that the intolerant Islamist movement also has a goal to push thier religion and dominance in Europe (and the USA), we should examine what they are actually doing in the Middle East as they gain power there. I watched the leaders of the Christian church in Syria prepare for the Christians there to be slaughtered as Islamists enter city after city.

Below is Ms. Herland's article, as translated by Lisa Bostwick:



Protest against christian persecution by Islamists.

by Hanne Nabintu Herland

Over the course of the last years Norway has developed an international reputation as a staunch supporter of several organizations despised by the international community.

This is a result of adhering to the proposition that the best way to counteract terrorism is to enter into a 'dialogue'. However there is every reason to question our mild-mannered conversations and generous monetary gifts to Islamists who promote religious ideologies that, among other goals, aim to eradicate minorities in the Middle

East.

According to the September 19th edition of the *International Herald Tribune*, the former president of Egypt, the secular-moderate Hosni Mubarak, warned that the alternative to an authoritarian system would release radical religious forces and result in chaos. He was correct, at least from the minorities' point of view. The Arab spring has become an Arab winter. According to, among others, the September 24th issue of *Time Magazine*, the region is far more unstable since Islamists assumed power in nation after nation. Conditions for human rights have

worsened, and democracy fares poorly as well.

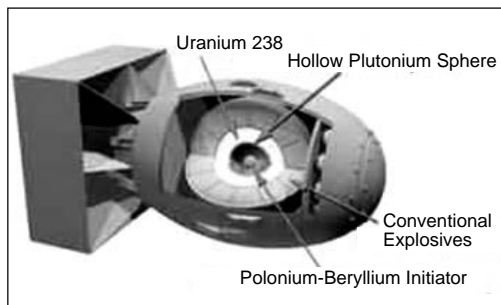
The belief that the introduction of democracy would automatically solve ethnic, religious and social challenges has in reality legitimized support of intolerant extremists whose goal is to use democracy itself to abolish democracy. Unfortunately, such disposable democracies flourish in Africa, where the first free election is often the last. Even so Norway presumed that Islamists would become secular when they assumed power.

Just one month after Tahrir Square, Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr-Stre expressed a definitive analysis in the *New York Times*. According to Gahr-Stre, it was essential to actively counter any perception that the rebellion could promote Islamist views, views that might lead to a new Iran 1979 or provide fruitful soil for Al-Qaida. The article stands as a symbol of Norwegian *naÔvetÈ* and as a memento mori over politicians more

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US-Iranian Nuclear Talks Fail

Iran has plutonium for 24 Nagasaki-type bombs



Fatman: Implosion-type nuke used at Nagasaki

Special Report by DEBKAFfile

The secret, one-on-one nuclear negotiations President Barack Obama launched with Iran have run into a blank wall. A senior Iranian team member, Mostafa Dolatyar, said Friday, Dec. 14 in New Delhi that the diplomatic process for solving the nuclear issue with Iran was in effect going nowhere, because the demand that Tehran halt its 20-percent enrichment of uranium “doesn’t make sense.”

He went on to say: “They [the world powers] have made certain connections with purely technical issues and something purely political. In so far as this is the mentality and this is the approach from 5 + 1 (the Six World Powers) - or whatever else you call it - definitely there is no end for this game.”

DEBKAFfile: The phrase “or whatever else you call it” may be taken as Iran’s first veiled reference to the direct talks with Washington that were launched Dec. 1 in the Swiss town of Lausanne.

Mostafa Dolatyar is not just a faceless official. He is head of the Iranian foreign ministry’s think tank, the Institute for Political and

International Studies, as well as a senior member of the Iranian team facing US negotiators in Lausanne. His remarks were undoubtedly authorized by the office of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who, through him, posted a message to Washington: If the enrichment suspension demand stands, the game’s over.

After more than 15 years of on-and-off, largely aimless, nuclear diplomacy with world powers and evasive tactics with the UN nuclear agency, Tehran is for the first time showing signs of impatience and not just its usual disdain. This is because two things have changed:

1. For all those years, Tehran availed itself of every diplomatic opening for protracted bargaining about its nuclear program for the sake of buying time, free of pressure, to push that program forward. Now, the Iranians are telling the US and Europe that they have arrived at their destination. For them, time is no longer of essence, as it may be for the West.

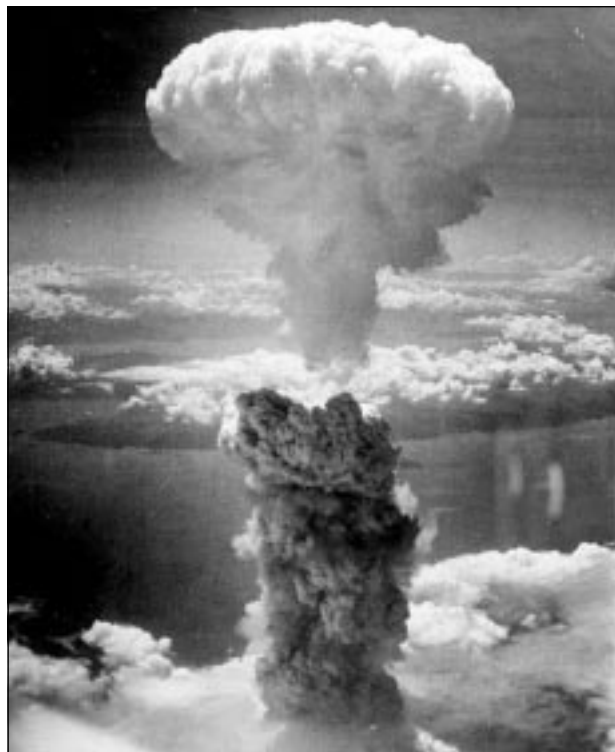
2. The second development was revealed on Dec. 5 by *The Wall Street Journal* in a short

leader captioned “From Bushehr to the Bomb.” This revelation was not picked up by any other Western—or even Israeli—publication despite its sensational nature.

Drawing on US intelligence sources, the paper suggested that the withdrawal of 136 fuel rods from Iran’s nuclear reactor at Bushehr in mid-October—on the pretext of wandering metal bolts—and the rods’ return in the last week of November “could have been a test run for the Iranians should they decide to reprocess those rods into weapons-grade plutonium.”

American, Russian and Israeli nuclear experts have always maintained that the technology for extracting plutonium from fuel rods

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Modern nukes 20 times more powerful than Fatman explosion at Nagasaki

WND EXCLUSIVE

8 DEADLY AGENTS 'TO BRING U.S. TO ITS KNEES'

Millions of lives at stake as Iran develops biological arsenal

by Reza Kahlili

Iranian scientists, working under orders from the radicals running the Islamic regime, have genetically altered microbial agents in a nightmarish scheme to bring the West to its knees.

According to a source in the Revolutionary Guards intelligence unit with knowledge of Iran's microbial research and development, the scientists, with Russian and North Korean help, currently possess eight extremely dangerous

that with work at two other plants, Iran has created a total of eight microbial agents, with research on insects to be used as the vector to infect the societies of its enemies.

The eight agents are anthrax, encephalitis (the blueprint of this virus, Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis, was provided by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in an agreement two years ago with the Islamic regime), yellow grain (developed with the help of North Korea), SARS, Ebola, cholera, smallpox and plague.

Middle Ages killed one-third of Europe's population, and it resurfaced in the 19th century in Asia, killing millions in China and India.

The radicals ruling Iran believe their planned microbial attacks cannot be traced to them, the source said. Through various commerce channels and trade with Europe and even through Mexico into the U.S., the regime could release the infected insects and small rodents into populated cities, causing an epidemic that could possibly kill tens of millions of people, he said.

"The most dangerous biological weapons agents today are genetically modified or even synthetically created in a laboratory in ways that not only make them more contagious, infectious and lethal, but also are intended to defy existing vaccine countermeasures," said Clare M. Lopez, a senior fellow at the Center for Security Policy, a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank based in Washington, D.C. "Among such (biological weapons) agents are (genetically-modified) strains of anthrax, plague and smallpox.

"The open-source literature consistently describes Russia and North Korea as sources of such strains and the scientific know-how to create and deploy them," Lopez said. "Likewise, Iran and Syria are reported to be among the recipients of such deadly (biological weapons) agents; each of these

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Shahid Bahonar Microbial Plant in Marzanabad—Iran (*DigitalGlobe Image*, May 2012)

microbial agents that, if unleashed, could kill millions of people.

As reported exclusively on WND on Dec. 16, the source revealed the existence of a plant in Marzanabad, Iran, where 12 Russian and 28 Iranian scientists are working on microbial agents for bombs. At that time, the source disclosed that Iran was working on 18 agents, with four completed. He has now provided information

Iran, with North Korea's help, has genetically altered the smallpox virus that makes current vaccinations useless against it. And research at two facilities that act as drug companies but are fronts for the deadly research shows insects can be used as the vector to carry plague, infamous as the "Black Death," according to the source.

The outbreak of plague in the

Deadly Agents

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countries also has an extensive medical and pharmaceutical research and development infrastructure within which to produce (and also conceal) its BW programs. Both Iran and Syria also have shared not only these pathogens, but the artillery, ballistic missile and munitions technology with each other and, likely, with Hezbollah as well, for delivery of such pathogens.”

Lopez said that insects such as fleas, flies and mosquitoes long have been recognized as natural vectors for the spread of deadly diseases and that disease-bearing insects have been used in warfare for centuries, perhaps most notoriously by the Japanese during WW II against China, causing the death of hundreds of thousands.

While cholera typically is not fatal if treated quickly, some strains can kill within hours. Bubonic plague has been the cause of some of the greatest pandemics in world history.

The Revolutionary Guards source added that the Islamic regime has already armed 37 of its ballistic missiles with microbial agents, which upon launch would spray targeted areas as opposed to an explosion. It has also armed cluster bombs with such agents, which could be dropped from fighter jets spraying an intended area.

What makes it worse, the source said, is that Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and other terrorist proxies of the regime have now been armed with microbial weapons. As reported in the *Washington Times* in August, chemical and microbial weapons have been transferred to

Iran’s proxies in the region.

The West, with its soft approach on the radical regime in Iran, has provided the needed time not only for it to arm itself with some of the most deadliest biological weapons but also, with the help of North Korea, to get the nuclear bomb, and, despite what the West believes, is now working to arm its missiles with such weapons of mass destruction, the source said. □

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sible that these many thousands of sincere, well-meaning people could actually be *trying* to gain eternal life, but are headed in the wrong direction? What does the Bible say? What did Jesus actually say?

He instructed, “Strive to enter in at the *strait* [difficult] gate: for *many*, I say unto you, *will seek to enter in*, and *shall not be able*” (Luke 13:24).

Diametrically *contrary* to what many thousands of people presently believe, and what is taught as an accepted standard of Christianity today, Jesus said, “Not *everyone* that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

Again, He said, “This people draweth nigh unto me with their *mouth* [by *professing* Christ by mak-

ing a decision for Him orally] and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But *in vain* do they *worship* me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Matthew 15:8, 9).

Do you see?

Jesus Christ the *Savior* (and He should be the One who really knows, shouldn't He?) tells us that it is possible to *worship* Him to *praise* Him and *believe on* Him *and be doing it all in vain!*

What was it Christ said to do?

REPENT! *That* was His cry. *That* was his message!

To repent and be converted is to *change*. That is the very meaning of the word convert. Just what *is* that change, then?

Change What?

I’m a changed man, said the reformed smoker. I have finally quit the

tobacco habit! This man felt, because he had dropped a bad habit, he was a *changed* man! But was he really?

What is it Christ wants you to change? Merely your way of thinking about Him? Do you change your outlook on religion? Do you change your church? Change your habits? Change *what*?

The apostle Paul explained that the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be (Romans 8:7). That *carnal* mind is the *natural* human mind the normal, sincere, natural, common way of looking at things that all of us were born with. It is the mind of every normal human being *prior* to this *change* that Christ was talking about. Paul went on to say, “Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, *he is none of His*” (Romans 8:9). Did you notice it? If a man have

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not the *Spirit* of Christ, he doesn't *belong* to Christ, and therefore IS NOT A CHRISTIAN!

This change has something to do with the carnal mind, and the Spirit of Christ. Let's notice another important scripture: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a *living sacrifice*, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *And be not conformed to this world*, but be ye *transformed* by the *renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2). Read that scripture again! *Study* it!

Study *all* the scriptures given in this article *in your own Bible*. None of them will sound *at all* like the usual run-of-the-mill old time religion ideas you've heard preached from so many quarters.

What you'll find here is the plain, straight-from-the-shoulder TRUTH you *should* have been hearing all your life the truth about *real* Christianity.

When you study the *literal* meaning of the scriptures just quoted, you'll see God says you must undergo a renewing, a transforming, a changing OF THE MIND!

This changing of the mind is a change of *human nature*!

The normal, natural way of human nature is the way of *selfishness*. The *self* is the entire motivating drive in human nature. It is the pleasing of the self, the satisfaction of the self the way of *getting* for the self that is the basis of human nature. *You* are extremely selfish! All human beings are selfish.

And behind the selfishness of every person lies the root cause of it all: *vanity*!

The desire of every person to be liked by others to be well thought of, to be *accepted* by the society, looked

up to, respected, admired, and loved by others, *all this is vanity*!

It is this vanity that leads a person to say "What will my friends say? or What will *people* think?"

Ensnared in Society

Having been reared in a world that measures everything by *what people think*, you probably are *quite concerned* about the opinions of your friends, neighbors, and relatives. You are wrapped up in this age, this society! Whatever is the standard, whatever is looked upon with approval by these people, whose acceptance you covet, *that* becomes the standard of

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your life! If you're like most people, you live in the way which is *most* likely to *gain* for you the acceptance and approbation you seek. You are a *part of this world*. Your life is regulated by this world, its customs, its holidays, its practices.

Most people are ensnared by it, trapped into *conformity* with whatever is the way of the majority following like blind *sheep* wherever society leads, never questioning whether it is right, but simply conforming to the ways of others.

This is just so much vanity!

It is to *release* us from these shackles of tradition and society that Jesus calls us out of this world (I John 2:15).

Jesus Calls You OUT of Society

Jesus said, "My Kingdom is NOT of *this world*" (John 18:36). He was the Messenger from God the Father

of a *better* Kingdom the world-ruling Kingdom of God! When Christ walked this earth *as a man*, He spoke to His disciples of a soon-coming WORLD GOVERNMENT that would supersede and *put down* all opposing, man-made governments and *rule this world*! (Revelation 2:26, 27).

He prayed that His disciples would be *separate* from this world. "I pray for *them*: I pray *not* for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine" (John 17:9).

Did you know Jesus Christ Himself said that if you are a true Christian you will find opposition in this world, and that your relatives and former friends may actually *hate* you?

Listen!

"If the world *hate* you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If you were *of* the world, the world would love his own: but because you are *not of the world*, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world *hateth* you" (John 15: 18, 19).

Jesus said that *your own family* may begin to look down on you if you are willing to obey Him. "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matthew).

If you are *really following Christ* living as He lived, doing as He did, keeping God's law as He did this society, even your own relatives, may begin to *resist* and *persecute* you.

"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles wherein *they* [former associates] *think it strange* that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, *speaking evil of you*" (I Peter 4:1-

4).

Notice *how strongly* God impresses on every Christian that they must discontinue their relationships with the sinning society. “Love *not* the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, *the love of the Father is not in him*. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that *doeth the will of God* abideth forever” (I John 2:15-17).

But *this* is not the message of religious entertainment on television! Those who speak of having found the Lord do not quote the scriptures you have just read. In most cases, religious moderators, evangelists, and lecturers do not sternly call upon their viewers to REPENT of their sins! They do not explain *what sin is* FROM THE BIBLE!

They not only very rarely ever mention the Ten Commandments, but if they do, it is only a broad, general sense, and they never get specific about how, or even whether, each commandment is to be *obeyed*!

And most of them *never* mention the Fourth Commandment!

A survey some years ago in *Christianity Today* indicated that, although a significant percentage of Americans believe the Ten Commandments ought to be kept, fewer than half of those surveyed could name *more than five*.

Are viewers of the average Sunday morning television shows told that they are *sinners*? Are they told *what sin is*? Are they then told to REPENT in brokenhearted remorse and sorrow over having committed those sins?

Is it painstakingly explained to them that their sins *took Christ's life* that Jesus had to pay the penalty for each of our own sins with His own

life blood?

Is the need for *baptism* and the receiving of God's Holy Spirit explained?

Is each expectant viewer led, carefully, through the dozens of scriptures that have to do with the biggest questions of all of our lives *what it means* to become a Christian?

You know the answer!

They appropriate the person of Jesus Christ. They talk about His name, and they chortle, gabble, gurgle, laugh, chuckle, sometimes cry and endlessly testify about all the various lovely things that allegedly have taken place as a result of their

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walk with Jesus.

But when it is time for the professional announcer, the crescendo of music, the address and the appeal for *money*, what has really been accomplished? What has been built into people's lives?

Is it not, after all, only another form of entertainment?

The real *truth* about accepting Jesus Christ is *vastly different* from the way it is portrayed by most of the electronic church.

A Choice to Make

Rather than becoming a *more respected part* of this society when you accept Christ, Jesus Himself, *your Savior*, said you would be persecuted by it, *scorned* and *rejected*, even HATED by it! Had you realized that?

Notice that even in His parables He spoke of those who will covet the *well-wishes of their friends* more than they will desire the approval of Jesus

and of God!

“Hear ye the parable of the sower. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the Word; and the *care of this world*, and the deceitfulness of riches, *choke* the Word, and he becometh unfruitful” (Matthew 13:18-22).

Many thousands of sincere people who watch the possibility thinkers, the prosperity and positive confession preachers, and the religious variety and entertainment shows, do not realize they have been hearing a message *of this world* that they are hearing a *worldly* gospel that does not require the heart-rending CHANGES Jesus Christ commands in the Bible!

Notice: “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37, 38).

Jesus plainly said that anyone who would rather be conformed to this world than to serve Him and obey Him is not worthy of Him *and is not a Christian*!

“If any man come to me and hate not [love not less by comparison] his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:26).

In this section of Luke the 14th chapter, Jesus sternly warns every prospective Christian to *count the cost* of being a true follower of Him! How many people are being told to count the cost or even told *what* the cost is?

Are they being told what it really *means*? Are they being told *how to give* themselves to God *how* to serve Christ, *what* to do, *what* it means? Are they being told to *come out* of this society, and *not* be conformed to the world?

No! They most decidedly are not!

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The Answer

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What IS the Cost?

Remember, Jesus *tells* you what you must *do* to become a Christian!

“Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that *doeth the will of my Father* which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). REPENT! said Christ. DO THE WILL OF GOD!

God’s will is expressed in His Word. “Thy Word is truth” (John 17:17). It is the *truth*, the *Word* of God, that will set you free.

Here, then, is what it really costs to become a true Christian, and to become a begotten son of God!

IT COSTS YOUR LIFE!

Does that shock you? Perhaps it does, unless you think I mean that statement as a kind of spiritual phraseology.

God’s Word tells you that you must *literally* LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE for Christ.

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

After you have been *broken up*, after you are *disgusted* with yourself filled with *abhorrence* at your own actions, your own way of life, your own SELF, which is the *vanity* within you *then* you should be *baptized*!

What Baptism Means

Immersion into a watery grave is a deep spiritual symbolism which signifies the actual *burying* of the *old self*. YOU the way you have been, and the *resurrection* of a *new you*, now conquered by God, surrendered to God, meekly and humbly *childlike* in your obedience and trust in Him as your living Savior.

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were *baptized* into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? There-

fore *we are buried* with Him by baptism *into death*: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so *we also* should *walk in newness of life*. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: Knowing this, that our *old man is crucified* with Him, that the *body of sin* [the former you] might be *destroyed*, that henceforth *we should not serve sin*” (Romans 6:3-6).

Paul explained this principle further when he said, “For I was alive without the law one [without knowledge of the law]: but when the commandment came [to his consciousness so he became *aware of what sin is*] *sin revived* [he was able to see clearly that he was a *great sinner*] and *I died!*” (Romans 7:9). Paul said, “For sin, taking occasion by the commandment [being brought to light for what it was by the law of God] deceived me, and by it *slew* me. *Wherefore* [because God’s law had shown him he was a sinner] the law is *holy*, and the commandments *holy*, and *just*, and *good*” (Romans 7:11,12).

A Change of Mind

The apostle Paul was a true Christian. He had the Spirit of God, which is promised to everyone who will *literally lay down his life* and surrender the *self-will*, performing the ordinance of baptism, and coming to God’s throne of grace as a meek child. Paul said, “I am *crucified* with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

After *repenting*, and *being baptized*, which symbolizes the *burying* of the old carnal self, which was formerly *hostile* toward God, the Holy Spirit is then implanted within your mind, and *changes* your mind. Jesus

Christ begins to motivate your thoughts, guide and direct your every action, live His life over again, *within you!*

And he does it through the power of God’s Holy Spirit!

This is a great mystery to most human beings and yet the Spirit of God *must* enter our carnal minds to *change* those minds and make them yielding, humble, and obedient to God, where they had been hostile, antagonistic, resentful, and bitter toward our Creator.

The receiving of God’s Spirit to *change* human nature is the receiving of an outside POWER a *begettal* which makes us His sons!

A Changed Attitude

If you are a true Christian, you will not be able to blindly follow the customs and practices of this society any further. Instead, you will begin asking, What is *God’s* will; what does *God* say about it? And you will begin to *search the Bible* to get to *know* the will of God.

Your outlook and attitude will gradually become Christ-like. You will begin saying, with Christ, Nevertheless not *my* will, but *thy* will, be done!

Where you formerly, went along with the crowd in social activities, in customs of dress, in business practices, you will then begin to *question* the ways of the crowd. You will want to first ascertain *what God’s will* is concerning these ways of life!

That is the definition of a Christian!

A Christian is a person who *lives by every word of God!*

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). So said your Savior! But are most professing Christians really *living* by every word of God?

No! *Most professing Christians do not even know a small portion of what*

the Word of God says! It is because they don't *study* the Bible, and begin to *drink in* the Word of God, that they gullibly swallow and accept whatever others say and believe!

What it Means to You

A Christian, then, is *conquered* by God. His carnal will is *broken!* He realizes he has sinned! Sin is any action contrary to the laws of God (I John 3:4). He then *cries out* to God and asks for forgiveness for those sins, and a lifting of the death penalty, which every sin brings (Romans 6:23). He accepts God's promise *on faith*, by accepting the sacrifice of Christ, accepting Jesus' death *in place* of his own. The Christian then takes the ordinance of *baptism* which shows God *he really means it*.

He expects God to stand back of His promise to give him the Holy Spirit, as a result of the repentance and the baptism which God demands.

Then, and never until then, will you become a *true* Christian.

Finally, you will begin to *practice* as a habit the very life of Christ. "He that saith I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4). He that saith he abideth in Him [is a

Christian] *ought himself also to walk* [live], even as He [Christ] walked (I John 2:6).

The true Christian, who has *really* repented, will live as Christ lived! He will keep the laws of God, being obedient to God in every way, and becoming recipient of the great *happiness* and tremendous *blessings* that come with that obedience!

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should *follow His steps*" (I Peter 2:21).

Check up on yourself!

Study these scriptures in your own Bible. Many of you *think* you are already saved and that you are already good Christians! "*But* let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Corinthians 10:12).

Remember to *examine* yourselves, *whether* ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. "Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is *in* you, except ye be reprobates?" (II Corinthians 13:5).

In this way, and in this way *only*, is Christ truly the *answer!*

But now you know the *questions*.

The biggest questions of our lives are: Why are we on this earth in the first place? What is human life all

about? What is death and what happens next? What is the *requirement* to be *saved*? Is there anything we must *do* as Christians? Where is God's true church? What will the church be doing; what is its calling and commission? And should we personally be involved?

What about you? Are you diligently searching the Scriptures? Has God given you understanding? Has He led you to see for yourself what He requires for salvation, what this life is all about, *why* you must repent and be baptized?

Has He made you deeply realize that you are a sinner, that you have broken His law? And finally, have you repented of your sins, and turned to God through Jesus Christ, asking for forgiveness, asking that the sacrifice of Christ be applied to your life?

If so, if you have a full understanding of what sin is and have thoroughly repented of your sins and accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior then you are ready for the next step: "*be baptized* every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." To request the FREE DVD *Baptism 1, 2 & 3*, call (903) 561-7070. □

Nuclear

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was too expensive and complicated to be practical - and certainly beyond Iran's capacity.

The *Wall Street Journal* begs to differ: "...experts tell us that the rapid extraction of weapons-usable plutonium from spent fuel rods is a straightforward process that can be preformed in a fairly small (and easily secreted) space."

This means that Tehran can easily manufacture plutonium bombs without building a large plutonium reactor like the one under con-

struction at Arak.

The paper goes on to reveal that, by this method, Iran could extract 220 pounds (just under 100 kilos) of plutonium, enough to produce as many as "24 Nagasaki-type bombs"—a reference to the World War II bombing of the Japanese city on Aug. 9, 1945.

One of those bombs—nicknamed "Fat Man" (after Winston Churchill)—is equal to 20 kilotons.

DEBKAF's military and intelligence sources note that if this disclosure represents the true state

of Iran's nuclear program, the game really is over. The diplomacy-cum-sanctions policy pursued by the West to force Iran to abandon enrichment and shut down its underground facility in Fordo has become irrelevant. So, too, have the red lines Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu drew so graphically before the UN Assembly on September 27.

What Mostafa Dolatyar was saying in effect is that Iran has outplayed its adversaries up to the game's finishing line. □

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Egypt's envoy to Lebanon

Cairo will work with Hezbollah, 'a real political and military force'

by Michal Shmulov,
Times of Israel

Egypt's ambassador to Lebanon said his country will pursue a relationship with Hezbollah, a "real political and military force," *The Daily Star* reported Saturday. If implemented, the decision would constitute a dramatic policy shift from that of the former Hosni Mubarak administration.

Egypt's relations with Hezbollah, a Shi'ite Islamic group that is considered a terror organization by the United States, have been strained, in large part, by Cairo's 1979 peace accord with Israel. The ambassador's comments on a possible Hezbollah-Egyptian rapprochement came on the heels of the passage of the controversial Muslim Brotherhood-

backed constitution by President Mohammed Morsi last week.

Morsi is proving himself a force with which to be reckoned, in both the region, and the world.

That being said, however, I wish he had used the word "peacefully" somewhere in the sentence when he talked about "...Trying to regain land occupied by Israel is legal and legitimate." □

War

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fundamentally flawed.

Nationalism does not lead to war. Attempts to build European empires lead to war. The urge to impose a straitjacket on the will of people's will leads to war. In short, the European project will lead to war.

Fascism and Nazism were both focused on the creation of Europe. As early as 1933, Mussolini declared that Europe could once again exert its power in the world if it succeeded in establishing a certain political unity.

Mussolini's new Roman Empire

The Norwegian collaborationist Vidkun Quisling argued that we should create a Europe that does not waste its blood in murderous conflict, but one that is solidly united. And on 11 September 1940, Joseph Goebbels affirmed: I am certain that 50 years from now, we will no longer reason in terms of countries.

On 28 November 1941, in the

course of a conversation with the Finnish minister of foreign affairs, Adolf Hitler remarked that the countries of Europe should obviously be together, like the members of a big family. In his authoritative study, "Nations and States" (1977), historian Hugh Seton-Watson, of the University of Oxford, concludes that Hitler's intentions were not confined to what could be described as German nationalism.

His goal was to conquer all of Europe as well as a vast territory further afield. For his part, Mussolini wanted to found a new Roman Empire centred on the Mediterranean, while the Japanese were intent on building a Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere.

German racism was not an expression of nationalism. On the contrary, race transcends the national borders of the state, and racist theories are thus by definition international-rather than national-doctrines.

EU founding fathers

It is worth noting that until 17

July, 1940, Robert Schuman, one of the founders of the European project, was a Secretary of State for the Vichy regime which collaborated with the Germans.

In 1938, as an MP representing Lorraine in the French parliament, he actively supported the Munich betrayal thus facilitating the annexation of part of Czechoslovakia by Hitler's Germany. At the time, he also recommended that Mussolini and Hitler develop closer ties. On 10 July, 1940, Robert Schuman was among the MPs who supported Pétain when he took power.

Jean Monnet, another one of Europe's founders, spent the war years in London where he attempted to prevent the broadcast of De Gaulle's daily radio news bulletins (something he succeeded in doing on 20 and 21 June, 1940).

Setting aside the Second World War, "nationalism" is also blamed for starting the First World War. However, Germany's goal in the the First World War was to impose the authority of a German empire

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over regions that were not German. It is also important to bear in mind that this particular war first broke out in the pan-national powder keg that was Austria-Hungary—a forerunner of the EU which refused to grant independence to Bosnian Serbs, which is why a group of “young Bosnians” plotted to assassinate Archduke Franz Ferdinand in June 1914.

Political unity—a major source of tensions.

Oppression exerted by a centralised regime is a source of tension, and one of the major lessons of the First World War was the “principle of self-determination”—most notably promoted by Woodrow Wilson, who advocated respect for different nationalities, arguing that they should not be dissolved and integrated in larger entities.

If we look further back in history, once again we see that it was not “nationalism” but imperialism and the desire to unify Europe that led to wars. Take for example the Napoleonic Wars. For the well-being of Europe, Napoleon wanted the same principles to apply throughout the continent: a European law, a high court of European justice, a common currency, the same units of measurement, the same laws, and so on. Napoleon expected that thereafter Europe would rapidly become a single united nation.

The idea that nationalism leads to war while European unification

promotes peace is therefore false. And let’s not forget that Europe has not been at “peace” over the last 50 years. During most of that period, the countries of Europe were engaged in a fight to the death with the Soviet Union, which was once again the expression of yet another anti-national philosophy—in this case communism. As the Communist Manifesto insisted, “Working men have

should seek to create a Europe that is radically different to the current EU.

What we need is a Europe without a central regime: a Europe comprised of nation states, which are not afraid of national differences, and willing to cooperate with each other. The authority of nation states over their own borders should be restored, so that they themselves can decide who

they want to allow in their territory.

In the service of their economic interest, they should opt for flexible visa regimes, which will nonetheless allow them to keep control of crime and immigration. We will also have to dissolve the euro to give nation states some monetary breathing space so that they can once again set



Roundtable meeting of EU.

no country.”

As you might expect, today’s attempt to bring about political unity in Europe is a major source of tension. The political landscape in virtually every country in Europe has now been marked by the emergence of increasingly powerful parties that are opposed to the established order.

Nationalism makes democracy possible

Distrust of the South is increasingly prevalent in Northern Europe, and vice-versa. Here again, it is not nationalism but the European project which is the source of the conflict. It follows that we

their own interest rates in response to local conditions. Finally, we will have to get rid of harmonization which undermines diversity.

Far from being a source of conflict, nationalism is the force that makes democracy possible. Without this unifying force, parliaments would be unable to make legitimate decisions. As the example of Belgium has shown, a lack of national unity can make the administration of a country extremely difficult. The irrational fear of nationalism could ultimately result in the establishment of a restrictive empire in Brussels. The time has come to call a halt and restore the nation state. □

Enemy

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concerned with ideological control over the description of reality than dealing with actual reality.

What we see now is a significant increase in attacks on minorities throughout the Middle East. Hundreds of thousands of Coptic Christians have fled Egypt. In addition, Druze, Sufis, Assyrian Christians living in Iraq for two thousand years, Kurds, Turkmens, homosexuals in Iraq alone nearly a thousand homosexuals have been killed since 2004, according to the September 13th edition of *The Observer*. It is worth noting that homosexuality was not criminalized under Saddam Hussein. Huge numbers of Jews, another minority that has lived in the Middle East for several thousand years, have emigrated from Arabian countries. Today it is estimated that there are only 18,000 Jews left in these countries, and absolutely no Jews in Libya, according to *Standwithus*.

And finally, what of the Christians in Syria? I recently returned from a trip to the Middle East where I gave several lectures, had an audience with the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, Theophilos III, and had discussions with several diplomats, ambassadors and leading professors. I also visited the Golan Heights and spoke with one of the top leaders of Christians in Syria. This conversation provided an unpleasant confirmation. Tens of thousands of Christians are fleeing in the wake of Islamic rebel armies supported by the West. These rebels assume control of cities and

villages proclaiming "Christians are not welcome in the new Syria." Rebels go from door to door killing people because they are Christians. Inhabitants of the region are preparing for yet more carnage. Many millions of people in Syria belong to minorities. Should the present regime fail, where the President himself is Alawite, an Islamic minority, the danger for genocide is imminent.

A quick glance at, for example, the bylaws of Hamas reveals a litany of illiberal, anti-democratic

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and minority-hostile ways of thinking: outright genocide of the Jewish minority is encouraged and civilians are urged to commit suicide for the sake of Allah. Sharia law must be introduced in all countries that Muslims have conquered, and every suggestion from the international community for peaceful solutions should be rejected. Secular solutions are not acceptable and it is the duty of all other religions to bend to this decree without opposition.

Thus Norway's present official policy acts as an ideal cooperative partner for Hamas. Little or no protest is expressed from our flank. Hamas and other groups hostile towards humanity have successfully obtained political

support in the West while they persecute minorities at home. We attempt to influence extremists from within, but we are silent about known facts: innocent people are being killed. And our silence acts as consent.

Norway's foreign policy is a checkbook diplomacy. Over the last years Norway's uncritical financial contributions have amounted to billions. We were the first Western country to invite Hamas in from the cold, and we have consistently refused to follow the condemnations of this organization by the USA, the EU and the UN. Delegates from Hamas regularly visit Oslo to partake in festive dinners and receive "democratic training." All for an organization that has definitively stated that they will never agree to peaceful solutions from the secular international community. Gahr-St̄re has scurried from Islamic group to Islamic group, relishing secret conversations with Hamas' leader, Khaled Meshaal. Gahr-St̄re later denied these conversations on TV2 and was forced to admit to them when confronted with the facts by the journalist. The number of friends Norway's money has managed to buy is impressive indeed.

We are in bed with the enemy, and proud of it. Here, hatred of Jews and anti-Israelism stroll hand in hand while studies show ever-increasing anti-Semitism. The use of photographs in the last conflict between Israel and Gaza illustrate unilaterally biased media coverage. Nearly all the photographs show wounded in Gaza. There are few photographs from Israel, of people killed and wounded, of

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tenance and implements necessary for survival after the dreaded event occurred; all, of course, at a cost.

Some of the Mayan calendar “end of the world” scenarios were somewhat ludicrous. On December 21st, a galactic alignment was supposed to produce a gravitational effect between the sun and a black hole called Sagittarius resulting in chaos on earth. Yet another scenario suggested a polar shift would occur, resulting in the reversal of the magnetic poles. Simple science reveals this scenario unrealistic. Another postulated giant meteors pummeling the

earth.

Never missing an opportunity, Hollywood has produced several doomsdays, 2012 end of the world

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movies. NASA was flooded with phone calls, as anxious callers inquired as to the validity of the world coming to an end on De-

cember 21, 2012.

When it was all said and done, December 21, 2012 came and went. In reality, the Mayans never predicted an end of the world. For the Mayan people and their Mayan calendar, December 21, 2012 was nothing more than what any December 31st is for those who commonly use the Gregorian calendar; a last day on the yearly calendar. To explain further, we naturally saw January 1, 2013 as the day following December 31, 2012. A new year commenced after the last day of the old year. However, for the Mayans and the Mayan calendar, there would be no December 22, 2012. December 21, 2012

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heavily damaged houses. Thus far this year Hamas has fired over 2200 rockets into Israel. We see no photographs of the many “spies” that Hamas summarily executes without trial. Influencing Western journalists and photographers is, according to the November 19th edition of *The Wall Street Journal*, a conscious public relations strategy on behalf of Hamas, accomplished by the placement of military infrastructure below and in proximity to the civil population. Hamas is internationally recognized for using the civil population as living shields by locating militant jihadists and weapon stores in densely populated areas. Of course Israel is then perceived as “evil,” and this is exactly what Hamas and others want to achieve; the demonization of the liberal democracy of Israel, the only

country in the Middle East that offers Christians and Muslims equal rights and religious freedom, and the only country where religious minorities are increasing, according to the Jewish Virtual Library. In nations like Norway, biased media coverage leads to hate, as exemplified by the recent statement of a Hamar AUF politician: he wished that Hitler could return and continue the Holocaust.

Norway’s international reputation as a trustworthy and fair-minded peace negotiator in the Middle East has unfortunately lapsed into history. The Oslo Accords of 1993 represented one of the few really great events that established Norway on the international map. During the Oslo Accords Norway played a leading role in guiding the negotiations towards a two-state solution. The agreement states specifically that the two parties together will agree on borders and the division of land

areas. No other country is referred to in the agreement, not even the USA. But only a few years later the Oslo Accords were impatiently tossed aside and promises and commitments abandoned. Palestinians were encouraged to side-step the agreement and, based on the boundaries that existed prior to 1967, apply directly to the UN for observer status. An interesting fact is that Norway was selected to negotiate the Oslo Accords in place of a more probable actor, Sweden. However, Israel reacted to Sweden’s pro-Palestinian bias by denying Sweden a place at the table before the negotiations even began.

Today Norway has forfeited any role as a credible peace negotiator by judging Israel and Islamists according to two different scales. We have silently accepted the Islamist persecution of Christians, Jews and homosexuals. This is a disturbing fact. □

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would simply be the day the Mayan calendar quit; the last day of the Mayan calendar.

Despite all the clamor, the sun rose on Saturday December 22, 2012, on schedule and as impressive as usual. The world did not end on December 21, 2012 and now for many, skepticism has become more prominent.

End time scenarios are not at all uncommon. Once again, cruise through a Google search to find hundreds, if not thousands of web sites, blogs, tweets; the cacophony of opinions, ideas and speculation surrounding the concept—the end of the world. As related to eschatology, practically every culture and religion has its say as to end time events and the culmination of man's history.

A recent Reuter's survey revealed that "whether [people] think it will come to an end through the hands of God, or a natural disaster or a political event, whatever the reason," nearly 15 percent of people worldwide believe the world will end during their lifetime.

The hundreds of "end of the world," "doomsday," "end time" scenarios we have been subject to of late are only adding to the cynicism and disbelief so evident today. Whereas some 15 percent believe the world will end in their lifetime, a much larger percentage believe no such thing will ever occur. For most citizens of planet earth, to think that the world will end is pessimistic, foolish and simply a waste of time. Thinking of the end of the world is simply put-

ting too much trust in the stuff of religion and God; and who trusts that anymore?

Only some 20 months ago, a televangelist from California, Harold Camping, predicted the world would end on May 21, 2011. Wrong about that date, he tried again for October 21, 2011. The results of that prediction, yet again, egg on his face. The result of both predictions—yet another false prophet was exposed.

Predictions about the end of the world are not something new.

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Wikipedia, under the search title: "List of dates predicted for apocalyptic events," reveals some 150 false predictions. Other web sites emphasizing end time, apocalyptic predictions, still provide many more failed prognostications. There are hundreds of books available today, which take a cynical, supercilious look at the idea of the end time. There are books that take a comical look; and there are those, which take the end time seriously. Again, a Google search will avail much.

Like the many other botched attempts at predicting the end of the world, this recent Mayan calendar debacle has done nothing more than raise suspicion and scoffing. Yet another failed prediction, producing more doubt. However, let us not be fooled; there is

more going on here than what meets the eye.

The Mayan calendar debacle and all the false prophecies being hurled at us of recent date have done nothing more than denigrate and mock the very truth of God. The actual truth of God; the actual realities, which God has declared will take place, as relating to the end time and the last days have been weakened, convoluted and distorted. Certainly, God and His truth have been given less credibility.

With the negative exposure provided these days to all these false predictions and all the various scenarios not coming to fruition, we can understand why the Apostle Peter was inspired to write, telling us that there will be those who will ridicule the truth. First, I want to remind you that in the last days there will be scoffers who will laugh at the truth and do every evil thing they desire (2 Peter 3:3).

The apostle Paul portrayed the character of the end time generation when he wrote: "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. Having a form of godliness but denying its power—always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:1-7).

A knowledge of the truth of God, as revealed in the Bible, absolutely declares the reality of an

end time; or as also called, the last days. The Bible reveals the world will not come to an end as a result of the earth being completely destroyed and blasted away. Rather, when the Bible speaks of the end time or the last days; or the time of the end, it refers to the end of man's governments, of man's religions, of man's cultures and life styles, as they are experienced on the earth. The Bible speaks of the end time and not the end of the earth or world. Yes, wars, famine, drought and such will affect the topography of the earth during the end time; but the world will not be eradicated.

The societies, cultures, governments and nations, economies, businesses and religions that we are accustomed to will all soon cease. The time before that, the events to occur on the earth and to the people on the earth is what is called the end time. The events to occur in the end time are the culminating events of man's ways of life, before all governments of man are conquered, seized and controlled by God. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

As the Bible reveals, the end time of man's behavior, government and culture will be so catastrophic and destructive, that unless God intervenes to stop man's insanity, there would simply be no human being left alive. Jesus Christ prophesied that God will step in and cut the end time short, in order to save humankind from complete extinction. "And except that the Lord should shorten those days, no flesh should be saved

[alive]: but for the elect's sake whom he hath chosen, he shall shorten those days" (cf. Matthew 24:22; Mark 13:20).

Rather than being a time of complete and cataclysmic destruction of the earth, with no life left; the time of the end will get mankind's attention, stopping their foolishness in its tracks. God will intervene and the world will not be destroyed; all this done just prior to the second coming of Jesus Christ, to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth; as Jesus Christ

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rules the world from Jerusalem.

The end time is real and its countdown has already begun. Rather than depending on a Mayan calendar or Nostradamus or any of the scores of Christian false prognosticators, we must depend on the Word of God and the very prophecies of Jesus Christ to know for sure what to look for, signaling the end of this age, the end time, the last days.

The 24th chapter of Matthew bullet points some of the events to occur in the end time. In particular, Jesus Christ said, "when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know that the abomination of desolation will quickly follow" (Luke 21:20). In conjunction with these events, once great nations like the United States of America, Great Britain,

Canada and Australia will crumble by internal strife, civil unrest and economic collapse; eventually weakened by nuclear war attack; the survivors subjugated to European nations, Middle Eastern and Asian countries. Once these events take place, you will know all things that were written in the Bible by the prophets of the Old Testament are true and of God (cf. Luke 21:22).

Rather than trembling before foolishness like December 21, 2012, you need to look at world events as Christ and His prophets declared they would occur. Look especially at the Middle East, Egypt and Jerusalem. Watch Europe and the rise of Germany, leading a desperate and beleaguered Europe. Given the tension rife within the Middle East, occurring even as you read, the evidence is clear, the writing is on the wall; armies can quickly encompass Jerusalem, Israel. Once that happens, watch how quickly a religious leader will sit in a newly constructed Temple in Jerusalem, setting himself up as god, deceiving the world with lying signs and wonders (Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:4-9).

War and armies surrounding Jerusalem and a religious holy man ruling from Jerusalem; watch for this. The reality of this happening is more certain than any Mayan predictions. When these things happen, then the end has come. Then Jesus Christ will return from His Father's throne to the Mount of Olives with His saints, to save His creation, this world, from the absolute chaos and deception by which it is now held captive. □

Prophecy Takes Shape

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advisers with specific Muslim Brotherhood affiliations, they've been accused of "Islamophobia" with all the dark racist implications that accompany the manufactured politically correct lingo they've created. However, there's no further reason to malign those who've dared express their concerns. On December 22, Egypt's very own *Rose El-Youssef* magazine has specifically named several of the Muslim Brotherhood operatives boasting that they've played a role in turning American policy "from a position hostile to Islamic groups and organizations in the world to the largest and most important supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood."

Seems like they may be giving these guys a little more credit than they deserve, and not enough to the current occupant of the Oval Office. There is also something afoot that most probably know nothing about. That is the scheduled delivery of a squadron of 20 of America's sophisticated fighter aircraft to the Muslim Brotherhood rulers of Egypt in order to make good on a previous arrangement with former President Mubarak. Can that possibly happen? Is there any blinding outrage capable of shocking our sensibilities any further? The mainstream media will probably make certain that this little detail never penetrates the consciousness of most of the population.

Internal reports on German foreign policy reveal that Germany is working on alliances with the Arab League, which has fallen

largely under the influence of the Gulf kingdoms, in an effort to strengthen a united bulwark against Iran. Part of that effort includes the manufacture and export of arms to the predominantly Sunni nations which have managed to put down the kind of mass protests that have dominated the so-called "Arab Spring." Obviously, there is a major divergence in approach between the U.S. and the EU at this very dicey stage of

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the game. We have to wonder if it's not the beginning stages of what will ultimately become a clash between a king of the North and a king of the South.

Aren't you glad they made that last minute deal to circumvent the financial catastrophe they created? Certainly it means at least a couple of months more employment for thousands working in the defense and military arena. It also means another unemployment extension for many who've already been drawing the benefits for three years. Who knows all the short term ramifications? What we all

know for certain is that the insane spending sure to bankrupt our economy and plunge much of the rest of the world into crisis as we'll continue on. Never mind the size of the debt now being laden on every innocent newborn, the price of this administration's political support is out of this world.

Of course the little deal they just had to cut will take a chunk out of everybody who works, and a couple hundred thousand per year out of the hide of high rollers. Meanwhile spending has not been cut at all, and is instead increasing! We'll get another high drama dog and pony show here in just a matter of weeks when we reach the "debt ceiling" the maximum amount of debt Congress has previously approved. It's another bad joke. What good is a debt ceiling when they just keep increasing it every time its hit without taking any measures to correct the problem?

So here we are, strangers in our own country. We're told we have to accept, if not support this "gay marriage" catastrophe as state after state makes it lawful. Our leadership is in bed with our most dangerous enemies, promoting them and arming them. They're working overtime to make sure the last mass murder doesn't represent a lost opportunity to disarm law abiding citizens, which has been proven time and again to be the best deterrent against crime.

Maybe they're not trying to destroy the only nation built on a foundation of God's laws, recognizing Him as the basis of all our freedoms and blessings. Strike that. It's not possible. The evi-

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Letters

Dear Mark:

Thank you so much for these CDs! I began studying with the WCG in 1967, was baptized in 1973, and have never given up on the truth. But I did not realize how much spiritual truth I was missing while attending with other WCG branches until I made a commitment to seriously dig into GTA's teachings. Now I just want to catch up with the time I have lost. Wish I could help but other groups took my life savings. Now I am poor, but spiritually rich! Thanks,
S.B., Knoxville, TN

Dear Sir,

I thought your letter was outstanding and well spoken. God help us to have eyes to see, ears to hear what the spirit sayeth unto us. Thanks,
E.H., Nixa, MO

Dear Mark,

Thank you. We so look forward to Sabbath. It's just my husband

and I and the tape program, what a blessing.

S. & J. B., Irving, IL

Dear co-workers,

Since I am requesting a free CD entitled "Faith Once Delivered," I have taken the opportunity to also enclose a donation (to save on mail and postage.) I look forward to your Sunday morning broadcast here in Springfield. When I listen to your "sound reasoning" program it is a mystery to me how so many churches seem to be so confused about what the Bible really says.

Thank you, JF

Dear Sirs:

I wrote and told you I have all the sermons by Garner Ted, because I have been dealing with him before he died, for about 25 years. You then sent me a five pack CD package by other speakers. I don't want to be greedy, but you said to feel free to ask for more if I want. You can send me five CD packages as often as you can without hurting

others who want them. Send as many five packs as you can for I love your sermons, especially prophecy.

J.L., Youngstown, OH

Good Day at GTA:

If anyone wants information on how to survive the current economic storm we are in, I have just one word for them: TITHE. I was a tithing member of the WWCG in the 1980s until the church broke up in the 1990s. After some time I found GTA and sent in monthly contributions. Earlier this year something hit me to give the full 10% which I immediately did.

The past few months has been such a dramatic change, it could only be a blessing from God. More work than I can handle and my books (and other items) are selling like hot cakes. With each amount of income, I mark off what is to be tithed. No more worries about the economy!

Cheers, C.P., Willow, AK



Prophecy

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dence is overwhelming. Our leadership flaunts its arrogance while promoting a wide range of issues that defy God and His Word. You simply cannot ignore it unless you tune out completely. Would that it were possible. Instead, we'd better brace ourselves against the evil our nation promotes in the name of good. The wrecking crew is just getting started, and it aims to finish the job. It's just not that hard to contemplate an eventual break-

down of order. Who are we going to call then?

We've included a smattering of articles in this issue that illustrate many of the things we've been warning about for decades. Each one has been published with permission, and vindicate our own warnings and expectations from professional writers that have no ax to grind concerning our beliefs and teachings whatsoever. In short, we are watching a litany of prophetically important developments take shape. Even though the information is available, it is

mostly not considered important enough, or politically correct enough to merit attention or distribution by the mainstream media. We hope to inform our readers on many of these important matters by including material from research and first-hand knowledge of credible authors who write without any bias or knowledge of our prophetic expectations. We hope you'll find this issue informative, interesting and motivating as we proceed toward some very great, world-changing events.

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From the Mailroom:

We saw a wonderfully busy year in 2012 and we're looking forward to making 2013 even bigger. By the end of 2012 we mailed over 209,000 items, an increase of 20,000 over the previous year. We have started this year using some new mailing strategies that are designed to expedite shipping and reduce postage costs.

Last year, with help from our generous donors, we were able to purchase a new addressing machine. This machine allows us to print our automated mail pieces with the newly mandated barcode and receive the best possible postage discounts that the post office has to offer.

It's hard to believe, but the spring Holy Days are just around the corner! With Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread quickly approaching, we'll be sending out Holy Day DVD's to our fellowship groups. If you are unable to attend with a group please call the main office at (903) 561-7070 and request a copy of these sermons. We will try to have these out the door by the last week of February to allow time for replacement discs to be sent if necessary.

That brings us to the only bad news we have, with the cold winter months, we tend to see more CD and DVD breakage. We've done what we can, working within the confines of rather strict postal regulations, to try to reduce breakage, but it still happens. If you receive a damaged CD or DVD please call us at our main office and we'll have it replaced as soon as possible.

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