



Forever Lost

by Mark Armstrong

Deny it if you like, but our American way of life is slipping away. And it is a matter of cause and effect.

The war against terror doesn't seem to be much of a war in the traditional sense. The U.S. has

weathered unending criticism for attempting to "fight" the war in Iraq. But Saddam was toppled in a few weeks in one of the fastest most successful military campaigns ever. Since then our soldiers have worked to create a secure environment for the Iraqi people. They've undertaken all

manner of projects to provide water, electricity and most importantly, security. Of course you know the rest from the sad reports that reach us almost daily. As I write, seven Marines reported killed yesterday and fourteen again today. Radical mullahs across the Middle East, and in the West for that matter, desperately want the U.S. to fail in Iraq.

For Iraq to emerge as a free and prosperous society amid the oppressive dictatorships of the Arab world would be a slap in the face to the ideology of Islam, and they're willing to sacrifice untold numbers of young men and or women as suicide bombers to insure the failure of the Iraqi experi-

Will al-Qaeda Target Germany?

by Michael Burkert

The past few weeks have shown us that Al-Qaeda, and numerous groups of fanatic Muslims continue to have very sharp teeth! Not only is the killing continuous in Iraq, but the terrorists have now shifted their murderous efforts with Iraqi MUSLIMS (both Sunni and Shi'ite) now the target of convenience. Americans and other foreigners have become very cautious and more protected.

In Germany, there's a revolution of police doctrine, investigative

techniques and methods underway. Muslim fanaticism has become extremely worrisome for the German Federal Police. The reason is that it's more and more ap-

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Twenty-First Century Crusades

by Chris Cumming

Beginning May 2nd of this year, the new Ridley Scott movie, "Kingdom of Heaven" depicting the twelfth-century Crusades was released in no less than 54 countries covering Europe, the Middle and Far East. In the few short weeks since this release, there have been published a number of books, news articles and editorial pieces covering both the movie and the impact of Crusades on current events. Just what do we know

about the Crusades? What was their purpose? Who instigated them? What prompted these military actions? Who was affected? How are the Crusades linked to events we see unfolding today in both Europe and the Middle East?

Could we see twenty-first century crusades in the near future that will mimic those crusades of almost 1,000 years ago? Could this be the incident that will fulfill the key prophetic event of armies around Jerusalem we read of in

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Germany's policemen

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World Opinion Trumps National Security

Are U.S. leaders prepared to stand by and allow a predictably devastating attack against our national infrastructure in order to placate world opinion? As it stands, American leadership exhibits an indefinable obligation to tiptoe around any potential for disapproval from Europe, Russia or the United Nations. Now the U.S. faces a danger far greater than anyone ever feared from Saddam Hussein. Worst-case scenarios regarding Saddam's capabilities speculated about the possibility of distributing anthrax, or smuggling primitive nuclear explosives into the U.S., maybe a dirty bomb. No need here to describe the measures taken to eradicate those threats. As everyone knows, the U.S. has suffered tremendous disdain from a great many of our traditional allies for the invasion of Iraq.

Why? Business! All manner of under-the-table arrangements with Saddam on the part of France, Germany, Russia, and high officials in the United Nations have been documented. But even in the face of all their self-righteous indignation over the U.S. invasion of Iraq, Washington has never rubbed their noses in the proof of their illegal arms trade or the cash kickbacks perpetrated under the "oil for food" arrangement. And yet, we live with the hatred and disdain of Europe for having taken military action on the basis of purportedly "flawed intelligence."

Now, credible and undisputed reports show Iran looming as a threat so much greater than any

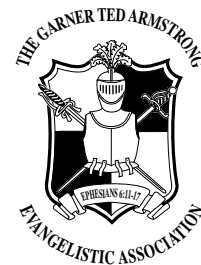


posed by Iraq that there is no comparison. Once again, we have the business interests of our "friends" to consider. Vladimir Putin is directly involved in boosting Iran's nuclear capabilities by supplying fuel for their primary reactors. Not to worry, he's assured President Bush. Iran will have to return the spent nuclear rods to Russia under some sort of honor system, which will ensure the mad mullahs don't use them to produce weapons, goes the rationale. And, based on responses to questions during his recent press conference, the President seems to have bought it. He said, "Vladimir understands that it would be dangerous for Iran to have nuclear arms," or words to that effect. But it is well known that Iran has access to other supplies of uranium, and is well along if not already in possession of the capacity to enrich it to weapons grade! If the television networks know it, so must the

President's advisors!

The nuclear arrangement between Russia and Iran amounts to

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Betrayed...By The French!

by Michael Burkert

Although politicians throughout the not-so united "European Union" are putting on the best faces possible, there is deep fear that the European Constitution is a dead document. Stillborn, is the term I heard today. That the Dutch may well vote no, the defeat delivered to the EU Constitution by the French electorate is looked upon as a betrayal. After all, France is a charter member of the European Union, and how could they possibly reject the very document that would create a more unified Europe, and once and for all seal the union? French rejection of the EU Constitution places the entire EU concept in jeopardy.

The French electorate overwhelmingly rejected the EU Constitution for a number of reasons. First and foremost, the EU Constitution did not have the backing of the Vatican. You won't hear this reported in the mainstream media, but trust me when I say that without the explicit approval of the pope, real European unity cannot exist.

The French are also upset with the failed liberal socialist policies that have created massive unemployment in France, exported jobs by French firms looking for relief from confiscatory taxes and liberal socialist labor laws that stifle growth. Immigration laws that have created a France with the largest alien Muslim population in Europe have outraged the French. They resent a largely hostile, unemployable, non-assimilating mi-



nority that perpetuates violent crime; rejects French culture, heritage and even the French language. Finally, the French are afraid of an empowered Germany. Oddly enough, the German people fear an empowered France.

Europe as a whole has sorely learned that Muslim immigrants, for the most part, have no intention of assimilating in any country where they have swarmed. They will always be Muslims first, and will never be Europeans. They expect the Europeans to become as they are. The Imams, the Mullahs and other Islamic "holy men" openly tell their followers that Europe will be Muslim, and Arabic will replace all languages.

It is most likely that the Dutch, then later the British will reject the European Constitution. The breakup of the so-called EU may not be far off. That is, the European Union as we know it today. This leads us to the question of the future for the euro, the single European currency. Can the demise of the euro be forestalled, if there is no official European unification document? Regrettably for the

Europeans, this is unlikely.

End time events are stacking up, and coming to pass at an accelerated pace. The French vote surprised many despite the poor poll figures indicating a "NO" vote for ratification. Most believed that Jacques Chirac would somehow pull a victory out of his hat. Many were actually shocked that the French voted down the EU Constitution despite Chirac

pulling out "all stops" in campaigning for a "Yes" vote.

My German colleagues were all teary eyed today. All voiced their resentment of "another French betrayal." Make no mistake about it, the majority of Germans continue to hold the French in contempt, and display antipathy for anything French. Jacques Chirac and Gerhard Schröder may appear on television as "best buddies," but the typical German man or woman on the street harbors no love for the French. One young German man that I know told me, "Sabotaging the EU Constitution is a serious betrayal to the German nation, and the whole of Europe. We won't soon forget this, but we should have known. After all, we are dealing with France here. The French are our traditional enemies."

Certainly not everyone in Germany feels the "betrayal" as hard as does this young German, but a serious tear in the fabric of the EU has occurred. More national referendums are in the works, and it will be most interesting to see how other EU nations vote. Some of course will not vote. The Germans

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parent that the Islamic MURDER BOMBER can no longer be targeted as some down and out son of a goatherd, recently arrived from a backwater location in the Middle East.

The Germans are witnessing a growing Islamic movement fomented by firebrand “holy men” imported into Germany, and in many cases PAID FOR BY THE SAUDIS. The radical mullahs, imams and other “holy men” preach hatred, destruction, murder, rape and general pillage of all “infidels.” The problem is that wealthy, upscale and privileged young Muslims are hearing the “Voice of Jihad!” In many Mosques the cry of “Islam above all,” has superseded the place of the old German nationalist slogan of “Germany above all.”

These young men have money, connections to the local Middle East business infrastructure, and influence amongst the nonprivileged and unemployable young Muslim community. They are creating strategic and operational plans as autonomous cells pop up in various German cities and towns. Because they are locally grown, legitimate citizens of the German republic, these Muslim fanatics are nearly impossible to monitor.

According to Herr Otto Schily, the Federal Minister of the Interior, “It’s a mistake to believe that all terrorists come from the slums.” In a recent interview on *Deutsche Welle TV*, the “Herr Minister” elaborated on many problems facing German law enforcement in preventing the inevitable

attacks that are forthcoming in Germany.

What Herr Schily failed to say in his interview, is that liberal socialist immigration and welfare policies have had much to do with the creation of the current prob-



Herr Otto Schily, the Federal Minister of the Interior

lems facing Germany. The Social Security system created a cradle to grave “Nanny State” that benefits a multitude of Middle Eastern immigrants who do not choose to work.

The German welfare system continues to pay for near unlimited immigration from Turkey, and the Arab nations. As the money is no longer there, primarily due to a staggering SIX MILLION people being unemployed, here and then severe cuts in benefits have already begun to affect the *ARBEITSLOS* or unemployed segment of society. Young Muslims are becoming angry!

Masses of young uneducated, unskilled and unemployable youth are just hanging around on the streets in Berlin, Frankfurt,

Munich, Leipzig, Dresden and other locations. The radical Islamist “holy men” have willing recruits, and many have already been trained in the Al Qaeda camps in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq.

Young Muslims are taught that it’s America’s fault and Germany’s fault that they’re poor, have no opportunities and can’t find jobs. The “holy men” know that the real reason is that young Muslim men have only been trained in the Koran, and as German is no longer mandatory in school, their young candidates for “martyrdom” can’t speak the language of the nation where they were born.

A change that’s coming soon to Germany, is a policy from Third Reich days. The term “protective custody,” an old Gestapo buzzword for detaining potential enemies of the state, is now floating around Berlin.

The idea was developed for people who the Germans know are dangerous. “Political correctness” forgoes the most logical course of action, that being to deport dangerous persons.

In the “touchy feely” PC world of modern Europe, dangerous Muslims simply can’t be deported. They might be locked up in their home countries! Such a detainee might not be allowed a Koran, a prayer rug, and three meals per day, as they are today in U.S. custody!

The question in Germany is growing in volume, “Should we allow such highly dangerous persons, those who openly call for the killing of German women, children and old people to be loose on society? Can we afford to allow these violent Muslims to walk

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about freely? After all, the majority of Muslim fanatics are too radical for their own countries. So they come to Germany to foment trouble.

Already there is a plan to arrest and detain potential terrorists in Germany. However, it may be too late. The Germans know fully well that they are already a target of Islamic terrorism. After all, they continue to have troops in Afghanistan, where German forces have been particularly effective at ferreting out Taliban holdouts, and killing them, as only Germans can. German police are in Iraq, training police recruits along with American and British police. German involvement in the War on Terror is well known. Unlike their French neighbors, the Germans have to a great extent, stepped up to the plate to fight terrorism much more than our partisan press has given them credit for.

German authorities may soon begin Protective Custody operations in efforts to sweep up the more radical, hatred-preaching elements of the Islamic community in Germany. They may once again establish LAGERS or holding areas for Islamic militants and terrorists, and may CONCENTRATE them in one confined area. All it will take is one bomb, one horrible "Jihadist" assassination or murder of a well-known person, and the police will act!

The Germans will rapidly overcome the preposterous "political correctness" that allows vicious, radical and hate-filled "holy men" to radicalize the local Muslim population into societal weapons of mass destruction! The unfortunate reality is however, that the most radical of the radical have

already departed for Bin Laden's training camps, and will one day return to put into practice what they've been trained to do. The German authorities are well aware of what awaits them.

The realization that the news media has done much to spread radical Islam is also beginning to wake-up the Germans. They see that a



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passing comment. *Deutsche Welle* TV in Germany carried the story for two days. Yet the false Koran flushing, and of course Abu Ghraib continues to be a mainstay of anti-Americanism in European media outlets!

As the WAR WITH ISLAM continues, the "infidel world" will either surrender or finally stand-up and refuse to take it any longer. Your Bible does not predict the ultimate outcome of events in favor of the ISLAMIC TERRORISTS who would enslave the "infidel world," or kill everyone for Allah!

Daniel, Chapter 11 is a good source if you are interested in the ultimate outcome for Islam and the Arab world. Couple that with the

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phony story drummed up in an American magazine which falsely alleged that a Koran was flushed down a commode at Guantanamo Bay caused OUTRAGE in not only the American media, but in the World media. They fully realize that there is morally selective outrage against America.

Only months prior to the phony Guantanamo story, the Taliban in Afghanistan BURNED 300 ANCIENT KORANS after setting fire to a MOSQUE that housed them! There was no outrage, no 24/7 worldwide coverage on CNN International or any other anti-American news outlet. The partisan press essentially "spiked" the story.

In Germany, CNN International reported the Taliban atrocity as a

Book of Obadiah. The Bible does not predict that Islam will overcome all. Quite the contrary! As we continue into the time your Bible refers to as the Latter Days, or the End Times, more and more Prophecy recorded in Scripture will come to pass.

More than ever, the Christian world needs to unify in order to defeat the many threats facing our very existence. Yet it's doubtful that we will. Only the direct intervention of the Eternal God, into our daily lives will result in the peace and tranquility we all desire. Only by the return of Jesus Christ, and the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth, can we ever achieve the ultimate goal of WORLD PEACE. □

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Luke 21:20: "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh."

Reasons for the Crusades

The most immediate cause for the Crusades was Muslim incursions into previously Christian lands. The crusades were mainly directed toward Jerusalem and the Christian shrine of the Holy Sepulcher. In the movie, we see 200,000 Muslim warriors surrounding and overcoming Jerusalem. The Catholic Church in Western Europe fought the Crusades against heretics or in other words, Muslims because their belief differed from that of the official church. At this time in Europe was a feudal society controlled by the monarchy, clergy and the knights. The church had the utmost authority. The pope was the head of the church and carried the most religious and political power and influence over the land. The Crusades were part of the church's wish to expand its empire.

The pope was able to grip the whole of Europe with "Crusade fever." Part of his propaganda was to attack the authenticity of the *Qur'an* and the Prophet Muhammad, who were both tagged imposters, sorcery, evil, satanic and pagan. The church actually had citizens believing they could pay their penance for their sins by going off and slaughtering believers of other religions. History records at least nine crusades during the 11th, 12th and

13th centuries. Several see direct linkage between those Crusades and current events affecting most of the world.

Today's Events Seeded by Crusades

In a recent article in the *Los Angeles Times*, "Blame the Crusades," they begin by speaking of the movie itself. "From swords to



suicide bombers, the West's relationship with the Middle East hasn't changed much in the past millennium. That's why the film, 'Kingdom of Heaven' struck such a chord. "It rams home the notion that events during the Crusades eerily parallel current world affairs. The movie ends by noting that in modern times there is again conflict in the Middle East. That misses the point. The Crusades aren't just a true-life allegory of current world conflicts. In various ways, they're a major part of the reason those conflicts exist."

Later in the article one reads, "The Crusades created a mind-set in which Muslim presence would not be tolerated in Europe, which played out violently when Spain expelled its Muslims in 1492. Popes had long exhorted European Christians to sever all relations

with Muslims, a call that echoes to this day. Newly elected Pope Benedict XVI opposes allowing Turkey into the European Union, saying it runs counter to history; he also deplores European multiculturalism as 'fleeing from what is one's own.'" Our staff writer, Michael Burkert speaks to this in his Word From, "Europe's Tolerance May Soon End." Will these events of old be played out again? In his commentary, Mr. Burkert states:

"Muslim hatred for the European countries and peoples, who have welcomed them over the past fifty years, may soon bring about a reaction that will rock the western world.

"There are indications that the breaking point may come soon."

"European Muslims, through their refusal to assimilate and adopt European customs and traditions, are rapidly setting the stage for a backlash movement that may well see the majority of Europe's indigenous peoples turning against the Muslim foreigners."

Matein Khalid, a Dubai-based investment banker just published an editorial piece on the Crusades. In it he says, "The Crusades changed both Europe and the Middle East and their echoes, nine centuries later, still resonate in Arab politics.

"The modern Arab world was shaped by the Crusades as surely as the West was. While the Frankish knights and feudal lords squandered fortunes in the Holy Land, the kings of Europe became stronger, the genesis of the rise of the nation state in France that culminated in Louis XIV, Napoleon's

conquest of Egypt and, later, Algeria Francals. The concept of Arab nationalism was unthinkable without the Crusades.”

Not just Muslims But Jews

When the popes across the centuries of the Crusades whipped the populace into a murderous frenzy, other non-Catholic groups were targeted. Jews were killed in both Europe and the Middle East. Going back to the *Los Angeles Times* article, “Crusaders often wondered why, if they were fighting Muslims in far-off lands, they should leave unmolested other “infidels” closer to home—Jews. Thus the Crusades gave rise to the first big waves of violent anti-Semitism in Europe, which would flare for centuries and eventually feed the Nazi Holocaust. This in turn gave birth to modern Zionism, seen by Muslims as another European imperialistic attack.”

Alan Woods in his recent article, “George W. Bush and the Crusades” quotes the crusaders themselves regarding the Jews:

“We have set out to march a long way to fight the enemies of God in the East, and behold, before our very eyes are his worst foes, the Jews. They must be dealt with first.” And again: “You are the descendants of those who killed and hanged our God. Moreover [God] himself said: ‘The day will yet dawn when my children will come and avenge my blood.’ We are his children and it is our task to carry out his vengeance upon you, for you showed yourselves obstinate and blasphemous towards him ... [God] has abandoned

you and has turned his radiance towards us and has made us his own.” (N. Cohn, *The Pursuit of the Millennium*, p. 70.)

Economics and the Crusades

As the Crusades got underway, European merchants saw an opportunity to get rich by linking up and taking advantage of Middle Eastern trade routes. Clearly Europe has a strong economic interest in Israel and the Middle East



today. Quoting from the Alan Woods article again:

“The merchants were even more interested in the success of this venture. The Turks now controlled the lucrative trade routes to the East, like the famous Silk Road. The most Christian merchants of Venice, Genoa and other European ports were completely shut out, and they wanted to get a share of the action. The Crusades were their best chance to do this, moreover under the banner of the Almighty. This was an opportunity not to be missed.”

Recent events have shown us Europe’s keen interest in Middle Eastern oil and arms trade. As world tensions increase, we will see this repeated and may include Europe having to interject itself politically and militarily into Israel and the Middle East.

Twenty-First Century Crusades?—What to Look For

My original question was, “could we see events in Europe that would mimic the Crusades and result in a political, religious and military incursion into Israel and the Middle East?” As with the Crusades, there are many elements, each of which could act as indicators that such an event might take place.

In Europe:

- 1) Continued tension and backlash against Muslims in Europe. [reference “Euro Intolerance” Word From]
- 2) Acts of terror increasing throughout Europe.*
- 3) An increase in anti-Semitism. [reference “New Anti-Semitism” Word From]
- 4) Growth and increased political power in the Neo-Nazi movement. [reference “Nazi” Word From]

From the Vatican and the Pope:

- 1) The Vatican becoming involved in the political affairs of the EU, including a new constitution that will be embraced by what German chancellor Gerard Schroeder is calling his “inner circle” of fast-track European Union member states [reference “Power of the Pope” Word From]
- 2) The Pope laying even greater emphasis than John Paul II on both doctrine and authority of the Church.
- 3) The Pope taking radical steps to bring all sheep back into the fold and filling the currently empty pews of the Catholic Church.

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will do as their government directs. After all, I've been told, you have to do what the government says...don't you?

The breakup of the European Union is a foregone conclusion. You don't have to believe me. It's going to happen. Read it for yourself in your Bible the book of Revelation is the best source, if you really want to know what the "end game" is. When Jesus Christ revealed to John the events to occur prior to His return to this earth, He never spoke of a 25-nation amalgamation of nations. Jesus specifically stated that the end time "Beast Power" would consist of 10-nations. Actually, a

10-nation coalition held together by both a super dictator and a false prophet.

Garner Ted Armstrong was a firm believer in the demise of the EU, as we know it because he



knew what the Bible clearly reveals. He told me once that he believed that the EU would probably come to a crashing halt at

some time in the not so distant future. I never doubted his belief was correct, and as I live in Europe, I am seeing the shakiness of the so-called European Union, and realize as Mr. Armstrong did, that the "union" is not cemented together very well. It is a most fragile union.

Last June, I witnessed the final signing of accords in which the heads of 25 European nations approved the concept of a European Constitution. They approved living documents, which were intended to become the law of Europe. I observed long faces that day. It's obvious that the leaders of Europe

suspected then, that the secular constitution they had agreed on would be a hard sell to the peoples

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4) The Vatican demonstrating intolerance for the Muslims in Europe. Possibility of the pope speaking negatively toward the Muslim faith, its beliefs and the *Qur'an*. He could conceivably call for a new "crusade" against Islam.

5) The Catholic Church getting directly involved in the "Road to Peace" process.

6) A call by the Vatican for Christians throughout the world to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem. This may or may not be coupled with increased persecutions and attacks against Christians in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East.

7) The Vatican expressing special interest in the Temple Mount and other holy sites in Jerusalem.

8) A visit by cardinals and/or the Pope himself to Jerusalem.

Military Movements/ Build-ups:

1) Continued build-up of the EuroArmy despite initial rejection of the constitution [reference "Euro Army" Word From].

2) News stories speaking to possible EU troop movements to Israel and/or the Middle East* [reference Two-Key Prophecies—Armies Around Jerusalem].

3) The EU taking political and even military steps to insure the flow of oil to Europe* [reference United Europe section].

In Israel and Middle East:

1) Destruction of Arab mosques either by Israel or some other catastrophic event such as an earthquake coupled with walls falling

on the Temple Mount* [reference Two-Key Prophecies-Temple Mount].

2) King of South to push against Europe, possibly in the form of oil embargo or other means* [reference Will Mubarak Emerge As The "King Of The South"? Word From].

The *Los Angeles Times* article ends with a haunting question as it ends its discussion of the movie depicting the Crusades: "In effect, 'Kingdom of Heaven' asks the insipid if sincere question, 'Can't we all just get along?' The more pertinent question is: How do we change the ending of a story whose plot was cast nearly 1,000 years ago?"

*from Garner Ted Armstrong's list of what to look for in World events [stated 13 April 2002]. □

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very big business, no doubt about it. The EU also has major trade arrangements with Iran, which would be interrupted if Israel or the U.S. took military action. The UN is engaging Iran in "negotiations," arranging for inspectors and so forth. Does anybody have *deja vu*?

Fox News recently aired a documentary detailing the extent of what is known about Iran's nuclear program. It demonstrated how Iranian theocracy has been working feverishly to acquire uranium, develop facilities capable of enrichment and ultimately, weapons production. Intelligence on the ground and from satellite surveillance shows that Iran is operating no fewer than twelve nuclear facilities. The documentary also featured interviews proving that Iran's diplomats have routinely lied to the UN's nuclear regulatory body in Vienna, about their operations and their intentions, over a period of many years. The ongoing "negotiations" between Iran's

forked tongued diplomats and the UN's nuclear regulatory officials are just as useless as all the UN inspections, negotiations and bogus posturing that preceded the war with Iraq. Unless Washington knows for sure that Iran is not right on the brink of the ability to deploy nuclear weapons, we're making a huge mistake by playing good-ole-boy with "Vladimir" while we let the United Nations "do its job." And here's the rub, involving shocking reports hardly any mainstream outlets seem inclined to publicize.

Senator Jon Kyl wrote an article some two weeks ago, carried by the *Washington Post* which told of a hearing held in a Senate Judiciary subcommittee he chairs "on a major threat to the American people..." It involves the threat of a high altitude nuclear detonation that would create an "electromagnetic pulse" devastating to all manner of electronic chips and circuitry within line of sight to the explosion. That means cars, telephones, computers, televisions, and the supply of electricity. "Few if any people would die right away," Kyl writes. "But the loss

of power would have a cascading effect on all aspects of U.S. society. Communication would be largely impossible. Lack of refrigeration would leave food rotting in warehouses, exacerbated by a lack of transportation as those vehicles still working simply ran out of gas (which is pumped with electricity). The inability to sanitize and distribute water would quickly threaten public health, not to mention the safety of anyone in the path of the inevitable fires, which would rage unchecked. And as we have seen in areas of natural and other disasters, such circumstances often result in a fairly rapid breakdown of social order." He goes on to paint a picture so bleak, you don't even want to imagine it. He also points out that "hardening" measures to protect military and key infrastructure systems are not in place!

If Iran acquires a nuclear weapon it can pull this off with relative ease! Both Jon Kyl and a follow-up article carried on *World Net Daily* report that Iran has conducted successful high-altitude missile detonations, launched

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of Europe. That fear had great foundation. The French have proven this to be the case.

The French rejection of the EU Constitution will no doubt result in a reshaping of European governments. Shake-ups in France and Germany are already underway. If the euro crashes and the economies of Europe crumble, even more startling changes will happen, and fast! Failed liberal

socialism will no doubt facilitate the rapid economic crash that may result in drastic changes in governments. It was after all, economic depression that ushered in the National Socialists under Hitler. History may well repeat itself. Many indicators point in that direction. The successors to the old Nazis are alive and thriving. They call themselves "National Democrats" these days. Will they rescue a sick German nation? They most certainly intend to do just that.

The "Last Chapter" of Euro-

pean history is being written now. There will no doubt be a new attempt at a constitution to rule the European Union. Indications are that Pope Benedict will play a much larger role in the formation of a new constitution for Europe. A constitution that will reflect the influence of nominal Christianity in Europe and that will stress the importance and power of the church of Rome! It is simply not possible to unite Europe without the Roman Catholic Church. THE POPE WILL HAVE HIS DAY. □

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ment. All too often America's sons and daughters fall victim to an invisible enemy who hides among civilians. Aside from raids on known concentrations of the would-be bombers, our war has turned reactive. This is certainly not a criticism of our forces there, it is simply the kind of kinder, gentler police-type action that's been commissioned.

Here in the United States, and in Britain for that matter, we also have to wait for the terrorists to act before launching into action. Hopefully our law enforcement agencies have infiltrated some of the most radical extremist groups, and know what they're planning. But it's not easy to take comfort

in that hope. This seems to be a situation that has been allowed to develop right under our noses over a very long period of time, as it has in Britain and to an even more alarming degree across Europe. Surely it's not been lost on authorities here that the recent bombers in London were British born citizens. So it's not just a matter of keeping track of visas and passports, which they've not been able to do anyway. It turns out the west is facing a threat from individuals who are not foreigners but young adults who speak the language without the accent, know their way around, and move confidently through society.

How long can the west play these politically correct games? When you see a dozen or more "officers" working an airport gate,

frisking old men, little old ladies, (I've seen them get real suspicious about a new mother's baby bottle) you wonder, how is this advancing the war against terror? What a ridiculous charade! Now the outrage is being expanded to include bus terminals and rail stations. And now they're telling us that the greatest threat we face is not related to public transportation at all, but is rather the prospect of nuclear terror!

Frankly, if the war on terror has to be conducted as a politically correct exercise, it cannot be won. As my dear departed Dad said, if we're counting on winning the hearts and minds of the Islamic world, forget it! We've gone into the war on terror with at least one arm tied behind our back, and

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from vessels in the Caspian Sea! "Scientists, including President Reagan's top science adviser, William R. Graham, say there is no other explanation for such tests than preparation for the deployment of electromagnetic pulse weapons – even one of which could knock out America's critical electrical and technological infrastructure, effectively sending the continental U.S. back to the 19th century with a recovery time of months or years."

"Iran will have that capability – at least theoretically – as soon as it has one nuclear bomb ready to arm such a missile." And the missiles are already out there in large numbers, and would not require a sophisticated guidance system to carry out such an attack. The "Commission to Assess the Threat

to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack" issued a report that opened with the warning that this scenario "might result in the defeat of our military forces."

You might think that a very real threat of this magnitude would be the subject of intense mainstream media coverage. But no, there's been almost none. The talk circuit is in hot pursuit of the "rationale" for the runaway bride's irrationality, now in its second week of LIVE coverage.

We see no discussion of any immediate concern over Iran's imminent ability to explode a nuke high overhead. The issue was not even raised during the President's recent press conference. There's no sign of it on round-the-clock cable news. It seems that political correctness and the opinion of fickle former allies hold hostage the really big concerns over national security.

Washington's most visible domestic response to 9-11 was to treat every airline traveler as a potential terrorist. It just wouldn't be right to "discriminate." If Middle Easterners get frisked, we all get frisked. What would the UN say? What would the Muslim world think? What would the mainstream papers write?

But it doesn't seem logical that our leaders would stand by and wait for Iran or their terrorist buddies to knock out the underpinnings of U.S. society on account of world opinion and political correctness, does it? Surely Russian and European business interests or the pompous posturing of UN negotiators couldn't rate as more important than the threat of radical Islam destroying the American way of life!

You'd think this would cause at least as much consternation as Y-2K! □

we're rapidly giving up some of our basic rights and freedoms in an attempt to blunt the criticisms of those who hate everything this country was supposed to stand for, both here and abroad!

We're only holding on to any pretense of national sovereignty by a thread as it is, apologizing as we go. At this rate, Osama and the mad mullahs will take us down eventually. Unless the radical Islamic movement can be somehow crushed during Bush's second term (fat chance), we're likely to see "leadership" elected in '08 that will lurch into the arms of the corrupt, anti-American UN and relinquish what's left of U.S. sovereignty to global opinion and international law. Our citizens are so caught up in materialism and entertainment, with the entertainers themselves largely pushing that very notion, the odds may well favor that very scenario.

There was no doubt that our very survival as a nation was at stake in the Second World War. Our forces crushed Germany and Japan, left what was left of them destitute and staggering to ensure our future of freedom. America knew when she had won and welcomed her soldiers home to victory parades. That simply is not going to happen this time around. We are engaged in a war without end, at least the way it's being "fought." Many of our enemies are within our gates and more are on their way. The way of life we seek to preserve is corroding as we meekly submit to politically sensitive, economically wasteful "security measures" which are gradually expanding. Where does it end? Will we end up with a full-blown police state where we're all

treated like prospective bombers so as not to offend the terrorists?

How far these policies, already in place, will expand is hard to predict right now. But, even with our nominally conservative administration in office, the caste is set and we won't be going back. Is our beloved America forever lost? The threat of terror will be with us from now on, and the policies that treat us all, including our mothers, grandmothers and children, as potential bombers and hijackers look to be here to stay. The rights guaranteed under our Constitution and Bill of Rights are be-

enjoyed.

I think it appropriate at this point to quote from a Garner Ted Armstrong commentary written just a matter of months before we lost him. Although much has transpired since he wrote it, our plight remains the same. It expands on this theme, that America simply cannot prevail and return to the carefree pursuit of prosperity and happiness without God's favor, quoting several exhortations to ancient Israel that certainly apply to our nation today.

Mark Armstrong

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ing denied those for whom they were intended, and applied to foreigners and captured terrorists! Judges and political activists are insisting they be afforded our constitutional rights, provided with legal representation paid for by us! As GTA so aptly put it, "Islam is at war with America, but America is not at war with Islam!"

Has God, once and for all, turned His back on this great nation? Will a corrupted false religious ideology succeed in bringing down the greatest nation in world history, one that once claimed God's promises and sought His favor?

Clearly, America has turned it's back on Him! The U.S. has put all it's reliance in our government's ability to negotiate, backed up with our financial and military might. It is simply not enough. It will not return us to the status and the freedoms we once

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America is not a God-fearing country. We are not a Commandment-keeping people.

We give lip service to God, but as a nation we will not OBEY Him! Those clergymen who should be in the forefront proclaiming God's laws and obedience to God are instead the chief proponents of no law; they claim the "law was done away." But it is only ONE of the Ten Commandments they hate! If you need a clue, it is somewhere between the third and the fifth commandment.

Paul wrote, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

"Without natural affection,

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trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

“Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (2 Timothy 3:1-5). Our leaders have a form of godliness. They mention God frequently in statements like “God bless America,” or “May God continue to bless America.” This enrages many Americans who have gone to court to expunge all mention of any deity from the Pledge

mandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

“And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

“Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

“Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

“Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

“Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt

“And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

“The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

“And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

“And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them” (Deuteronomy 28:1-14).

Such fabulous blessings cannot be imagined. Rain in due season? That would mean no deserts, no droughts, no crop failures — huge WEALTH for farmers. Obedience to God would mean no infant mortality (and no abortion!), no crib death, no childhood disease or any other kind of disease; it would mean an end to heavy taxation and the introduction of God’s tithing system; a ten percent “flat tax” across the board; every laborer would keep NINETY PER CENT of his or her earnings! It would mean no crime, no divorce, no pornography, no kidnapping, no child molestation! It would mean happy, healthy families; long marriages, full lives!

What, instead, are we reaping?

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of Allegiance or public buildings.

Millions of those who use the generic title “God” neither know the true God, nor obey Him. How do we deny the power of God? By failing to rely on Him, and Him alone, for our protection and our salvation as did Jehosaphat and all his people (2 Chronicles 20).

David’s greatest sin was depending upon the size of his army, and forgetting to depend instead upon God! Read the account in 2 Samuel 24:2-10. Because of his lack of trust and faith, thousands of his citizens died!

If we DID rely solely on God, and if we were an obedient people, here are His promises to us:

“And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his com-

mandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

“The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

“The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

“The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

“And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

And what is the underlying CAUSE?

“But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

“Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

“Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

“Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

“Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

“The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

“The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

“The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

“And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.

“The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

“The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

“And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.

“The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

“The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

“And thou shalt grope at noon-day, as the blind gropeth in dark-

in thine hand.

“The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:

“So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

“The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

“The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

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ness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

“Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

“Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them.

“Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might

“And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

“Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.

“Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.

“Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.

“Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

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LETTERS:

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I was just flipping thru the TV channels this morning, as I do almost every morning, seeking to hear a little word before I start my day, when I caught the tail end of your program. Well needless to say, it stopped me in my tracks. You've got some awesome message! Thank you so much. I'm looking forward to receiving your free booklet and one hour audio cassette on *Christmas—The Untold Story*. I am also looking forward to watching your program on a regular basis now.

D. S. in West Virginia

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

[after answering a Bible question]

Thank you once again for this amazing email. I'm in constant awe of how God works. I love God so much and my trials have been many. Thanks for all your effort and love.

R. W. in Alberta, Canada

Dear Mark,

Hi and howdy from Madison, WI., I'm awfully glad to see the work you're doing on the T.V. program and the results we're getting. Thank you very much! The programs you're doing from your Dad's personal appearance campaigns and sermons are awesome!

Also, enclosed for your consideration, is a short article I wrote you may find interesting. Maybe I'll

need to develop this whole concept of "layers of deception" more fully for my own growth. Do with it as you like, I found it worth my time either way. Take care always and may our Father continue to bless all of you there in Tyler. Your brother in Christ,
T.W., Madison, WI

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I just felt like sending you all a quick hello and saying "Thank you" and how much I/we appreciate GTA and HWA and now Mark and all the work being done. I am part of the Gold Coast group in Queensland Australia and thank GOD for the word we receive each week and through mail. All in all I just wanted to send a big hello and thank you, being part of the truth is certainly a

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"All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

"The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

"He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

"Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee" (Deuteronomy 28:15-45).

God also said, "And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

"And I will break the pride of your power..." (Leviticus 26:18, 19).

Today, America stands at the pinnacle of her power. Our

POWER, represented by our panoply of military weapons, is the source of both resentment and jealousy around the world. Because we rely on that power, instead of God's power, we can expect to experience a series of the horrible curses which God says will descend upon us.

Will God allow us a time of respite? Will we win, and win convincingly, in Iraq?

Even if we do, as I have portrayed in earlier commentaries, the entire balance of power in the world is now being forever changed. NATO is divided. Europe is divided. Europe and Britain are hurling accusations. France is deeply anti-American and anti-British.

A United States of Europe will emerge which will SHOCK AND AWE America and Britain when it reaches the zenith of its military and economic power.

It sounds impossible to most to think that Europe could eventually

emerge as America's most dangerous enemy. Tragically, events taking place right now are contributing to that very scenario in the future.

It is not too late for America to REPENT both individually and collectively.

But it is much later than you think.

It is time and past time for Americans to heed the words of the Apostle Peter who said,

"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 Ghost.

"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

"And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:38-40). The best advice I can give.

Garner Ted Armstrong □

Blessing and an amazing gift from
GOD. All the best. GOD bless you all.

L. H. in Australia

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Just a short note to say that I am
very pleased that Mr. Armstrong's
TV program is now available for
download in a video format from
your website. I get the program on

WGN up here. I am going to
download more in the near future.
All of you keep up the Good Work
and God Bless!!!!

G. R. in BC, Canada □

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