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LIFE IS CHEAP

INFANTICIDE-FOR-PROFIT

Life is cheap in Mexico, El Salvadore, Guatamala, and many of the home nations of millions of illegal immigrants coming into the United States. Until recently, life was considered precious in the United States. But how dear is life to those who insist that brutality against the unborn must be supported and financed by all of us? How dear is life to the “doctors” who carry out such inhumane actions with their own hands, one hoping that it will earn a Lamborghini? This doesn’t just besmirch the concept of humanity, it is a stain on the conscience of every American who’s heard of these practices.

The videos airing repeatedly, and even the spoken accounts are too gruesome to bear, especially for a family caring for a helpless little newborn infant. If these practices continue to be supported by U.S. leadership, and there is no outcry by the population to put a stop to it, then we are well on our way to becoming the kind of third-world quagmire that exists in Mexico and Central America, maybe worse. Has everyone’s conscience been calloused to the point that we are willing to co-exist with this kind of depravity?

Most of the country has bowed down to the filthy abomination of homosexuality, and stayed quiet while the practice has been not

just accepted but sanctified by the pretense of “marriage.” That fact alone will see our nation, our military and churches cursed. But the butchery of unborn babies for profit is about as low as it gets. It is on a par with Nazi experimentation that went on alongside their death camps. Presumably, the practice continues even as the wretched details spill out into our living rooms. But the current president has already vowed to veto any legislation that would curtail our taxes from supporting the organization that practices these heinous crimes against humanity. He’ll strut onto a stage somewhere in the days to come to throw his head around and tell us how narrow-minded we are and what valuable research is being accomplished.

This is the stuff of which curses are made. These are sins that should be abhorred by everyone with an ounce of human dignity. If they are not branded as such along with a large dose of humility and repentance, then we can expect defeat at the hands of our enemies. The communist saboteurs who have America by the throat can respect Islam, settling its foreign adherents in our cities and towns by the hundreds of thousands, sanctify sodomy, import diseased illiterates by the millions, while

calling us simple and stupid for believing in God but not global warming.

We keep thinking, surely Americans will rebel against such putrid tyranny. But few will make a peep because they’re so outnumbered in a society that can’t be disturbed from the pursuit of pleasure. But a disturbance that will demand everyone’s attention cannot be far off. With no shift in course, it is inevitable.

The first test has been failed. Reaction in the Senate to the hideous proof of infanticide-for-profit by the nation’s government-funded slaughterhouse for unwanted babies, was to continue to fund the institution that carries out the grizzly business. Yes, we know that none of the \$250,000,000 is actually supposed to pay for the “procedures.” Still, the government does fund the institution and it’s a stretch to believe that funding doesn’t make what they’re doing possible.

The interviews with “doctors” and employees, bargaining over the value of various internal organs and “tissues” were ugly enough. But if you’ve been unfortunate enough to have failed to turn your head or the channel quickly enough, you may have images stuck in your memory that will never fade away. Inhumane

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*One Incomprehensible***A B S U R D I T Y***After Another**by Mark Armstrong***Arming the Enemy**

Where should we start? And how many more actions, detrimental to Israel, destructive to the traditional citizenry of the United States will have been committed by the time you read this article? Should we begin with the insistence that a “deal” be signed with the recalcitrant Iranian regime, just in time for the next “Death to Israel, Death to America” rally? The enemies

of a U.S. president and his State Department that puts the president’s pro-Muslim ideology ahead of national security interests.

Iran has been caught violating existing agreements (as have some European concerns doing business with the ayatollah’s regime) as recently as last month, while the nuclear talks were in progress. The UN’s nuclear regulatory body caught Iran red-handed, time and again

deal they didn’t intend to break, or that they weren’t already breaking.

Surely the current U.S. administration knows the recent history of this situation far better than we interested observers. It is common knowledge, published everywhere worldwide, that Iran was lying constantly in its dealings with the UN’s International Atomic Energy Agency. The United States refused for decades to deal directly with the coat-and-tie buffoons who represent the Iranian regime diplomatically, because the whole world knows they lie casually, constantly, and there has never been any point in pretending otherwise.

But the transformational president of the United States knows better than the Israeli Prime Minister, and for that matter anyone with a smattering of knowledge about the criminal, radical terrorist regime in Iran. The only reason anyone can fathom for his stubborn insistence on making a nuclear agreement with this most dangerous of Middle East nations, is that this might be his last hope for some “legacy” relating to foreign policy. Everything else he’s touched in the Middle East has gone up in flames. And what a legacy this will be, if it cannot be quashed by Congress over the next couple



Secretary Kerry greets Iranian Foreign Minister Zarif.

of Israel and of the United States paraded in the streets of Tehran celebrating economic and potential military victory. Israel is shell-shocked by the betrayal

over recent years, ordering components and conducting work clearly designed to produce nuclear weaponry. The Islamic theocracy never entered into a

ARE WE ON THE THRESHOLD OF A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE?

by Matthew Del Santo

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Four days ago, French President François Hollande declared his in-principle commitment to the creation of a 'euro government, with the addition of a specific budget and a parliament to ensure democratic control.'

This is more an opening gambit in a debate about the terms of putative federalisation (a term Hollande was careful to avoid), than a statement of French commitment to it at all costs.

If some form of federalisation comes about, it will not be because the French especially desire it, but because the logic of the Euro ultimately demands it.

There has been talk of political and fiscal union since the crisis erupted five years ago. It was one of two options for resolving the Euro crisis that the German Government seriously considered, before ultimately rejecting it in favour of the inter-state negotiations that produced the treaties creating the European Fiscal Compact and the Single Supervisory Mechanism, or banking union.

But the Greek debacle has demonstrated the limits of the inter-governmental approach. In the final resort, enforcing Eurozone rules requires a form of political control over member-states.

Germany is also in a better

position to dictate the kind of federalism the Eurozone might adopt. Though German taxpayers have become more exposed to other Eurozone members' debts, Berlin has put that money to good effect, using it to extend its reach over afflicted countries' fiscal affairs.

In Hollande's formula, the emphasis lies on 'democratic control' of the 'common budget'. For Germany, however, the aim would not be to create a European 'demos', but to gain control of (wayward) members' fiscal policies.

Thus, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble - Germany's most popular politician - called a year ago for 'a European budget commissioner with powers to reject national budgets if they do not correspond to the rules ... jointly agreed' and 'a 'Eurozone parliament' comprising the MEPs of Eurozone countries to strengthen the democratic legitimacy of decisions affecting the single currency bloc.'

For Berlin, then, the ideal form of European political and fiscal union would offer indirect, but reliable, control over the fiscal policies of other Eurozone members to ensure their 'competitiveness' and the euro's long-term stability, but the retention of national control

over those issues that underpin Germany's position as Europe's paramount power.

Perhaps the jurisdiction of a Eurozone parliament could be limited to questions pertaining to the shared treasury (unless, say, a bill gained a super-majority of votes).

To make it an instrument for policies hatched in Berlin, Germany could write the rules of the 2012 Fiscal Compact into any potential Eurozone constitution that established the parliament: mandated balanced budgets, the elimination of structural deficits, maximum debt-to-GDP ceilings, etc. The same constitution could also empower a federal finance ministry to rewrite national budgets that fell short.

In return, a common Eurozone treasury, financed by indirect taxes - a classic compromise for nascent federations (for example, the 19th century US, the German Empire after 1871, and the Australian Commonwealth before 1942) - could issue common Euro bonds to mutualise a portion of member-states' debts.

With direct taxes still collected by national governments, and with Germany remaining the biggest of those, ultimate financial firepower would remain in the hands of the Bundestag, meaning the German chancellor

SOMETHING IS STILL MISSING

by Jim Josephsen

In 1776, the Second Continental Congress commissioned Thomas Jefferson, along with Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston, to draft what would become the seminal document in American history, the Declaration of Independence.

With the final wording approved on July 4, 1776, the direct objective of this document was to justify, enumerating the

and the pursuit of happiness.” The writing of this Declaration, which was a proclamation of independence, prepared the heart and soul of the thirteen colonies for their intended objective - severance from Great Britain.

Then in 1787 came the United States Constitution. “We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union ...” The Constitution was written in response to the

ingeniously crafted documents, masteries of statesmanship, political in structure and intent, specifically worded to justify a new form of government. Written by men educated under the philosophies of the Enlightenment, who were influenced by noble essays, treatises and writings of then modern-day political philosophers and theorists, along with historical philosophers of Roman and Greek persuasion, both of these two documents provided essential guidance for the governance of a new nation. Each document consisting of concepts which would ensure U.S. citizens’ “safety and happiness.”

New concepts of political thought were conceived, devoted specifically to ensure competent government and the protection of those who are governed. Consent of the governed; rule of law; republican form of Government; three co-existing powers; checks and balances; equal representation; supreme law of the land; voting rights. Freedom of speech; freedom of religion; freedom to assemble; freedom of the press; the right to keep and bear arms. Protection against self-incrimination, protection against unreasonable search and seizure, prohibition against double jeopardy. As the country matured, additional legislation was enacted. The 13th Amendment. The 14th Amendment. The

“Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” - John Adams

reasons why separation from the tyranny, abuses and usurpations of the King of Great Britain was necessary and inevitable. “... whenever any government becomes destructive ... it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it and to institute new government...”

In vindicating the right of the 13 Colonies to form a new government, these five individuals emphasized what they believed to be obvious facts. Who is not familiar with this resounding, definitive statement within the Declaration; “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty

discontent developing over the obvious deficiencies evident within the Colonies’ first attempt at centralized-government, as created under the Articles of Confederation. The purpose of the U.S. Constitution was to create a better government (a more perfect union) and to protect the concept of “self-evident truths” of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as contained in the Declaration of Independence. Notice the 5th Amendment to the Constitution, which protects our “life, liberty, or property,” indicating that citizens cannot be deprived of these rights without due process of the law.

Both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were

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Europe's Great Migration Crisis

by Soeren Kern

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Europe's migration crisis is exposing the deep divisions that exist within the European Union, which European federalists have long hailed as a model for post-nationalism and global citizenship. Faced with an avalanche of migrants, a growing number of EU member states have moved decisively to put their own national interests above notions of EU solidarity.

Hungary's parliament, for instance, has approved the construction of a massive border fence with Serbia as part of a new anti-immigration law that also tightens asylum rules.

The move is aimed at stopping tens of thousands of migrants from Africa, Asia and the Middle East from entering Hungary, which has become a key gateway for illegal immigration into the European Union.

Hungarian officials say drastic measures are necessary because of the EU's inaction in the face of an unprecedented migration crisis, which has seen more than 150,000 migrants cross into Europe during the first six months of 2015. More than 715,000 people have applied for asylum in the EU during the past twelve months.

Hungarian lawmakers on July 6 voted 151 to 41 in favor of building a 4-meter-high (13-foot) fence along the 175-kilometer (110-mile) border with Serbia. The measure aims to cut off the



In April of this year, 140 illegal migrants landed on the Greek island of Gavdos (population 152).

so-called Western Balkan Route, which constitutes the main land route through Eastern Europe for migrants who enter the EU from Turkey via Greece and Bulgaria.

More than 60,000 people have entered Hungary illegally during the first six months of 2015, a nearly 900% increase over the same period in 2014, according to Frontex, the European border agency. Approximately 95% of the migrants entering Hungary — most coming from Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia and Kosovo — cross into the country from Serbia, which unlike Hungary is not a member of the EU.

Hungary forms part of the EU's passport-free Schengen zone, which means that once migrants are inside the country, they can travel freely throughout most of

the rest of the EU without further border checks.

In 2014, Hungary received more refugees per capita than any other EU country apart from Sweden. Although most of the migrants entering Hungary continue onward to wealthier countries in Western Europe, a growing number of refugees are deciding to stay in Hungary. During the first three months of 2015, Hungary received the largest number of asylum requests as a share of population of any EU member state.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto has justified the moves as necessary to defend his country. "The Hungarian government is committed to defending Hungary and defending the Hungarian people

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from the immigration pressure,” he said. “Hungary cannot allow itself to wait any longer. Naturally, we hope there will be a joint European solution.”

Critics say the decision to build a fence evokes memories of the Cold War, when Europe was divided between East and West. “We have only recently taken down walls in Europe,” said the EU’s spokesperson for migration, Natasha Bertaud. “We should not be putting them up.”

An unnamed European diplomat told the *Telegraph* newspaper: “This is a scandal. Hungary, which was the first Communist country to dismantle the Iron Curtain, is now building a new curtain on its southern border.”

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has pointed to

the big picture consequences of untrammled immigration from Muslim countries. Speaking at a conference in honor of former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who recently turned 85, Orban warned that the influx of so many migrants was threatening “the face of European civilization” which “will never again be what it is now.” He added: “There is no way back from a multicultural Europe. Neither to a Christian Europe, nor to the world of national cultures.”

Hungary is not the only EU country that has been building or fortifying walls and fences to keep migrants out.

Bulgaria has built a 33-km (21-mile), three-meter-high (10-foot) barbed wire fence along its border with its southeastern neighbor Turkey in an effort to limit the influx of migrants from Syria and other parts of the Middle East and North Africa. The Interior Ministry has also deployed more

than one thousand police officers to patrol the Turkish border.

Greece has erected a 10.5-km, four-meter-high barbed-wire fence along part of its border with Turkey. The Greek wall is said to be responsible for diverting migration routes toward neighboring Bulgaria and, consequently, for construction of the wall there.

Spain has fortified fences in the North African exclaves of Ceuta and Melilla as record numbers of migrants are jumping over the barriers from neighboring Morocco. Border police registered more than 19,000 attempts to jump the fence at Melilla in 2014, up 350% on 2013, according to the Interior Ministry. Nearly 7,500 migrants successfully entered Ceuta and Melilla in 2014, including 3,305 from Syria.

The UK is setting up more than two miles of nine-foot-high security fencing at the Channel Tunnel port of Calais in northern

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- In 2014, Hungary received more refugees per capita than any other EU country apart from Sweden. Asylum requests for Austria rose nearly 180% in the first five months of 2015, to 20,620, and were on track to reach 70,000 by the end of the year. It recently emerged that three out of four refugees who came to Denmark in the early 2000s are jobless ten years later.
- “The face of European civilization... will never again be what it is now. There is no way back from a multicultural Europe. Neither to a Christian Europe, nor to the world of national cultures.” — Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary.
- The European Commission announced a controversial “relocation plan” that would require EU member states to accept 40,000 over the next two years. This is in addition to a separate “resettlement plan” to distribute 20,000 refugees currently living in camps in the Middle East.
- “The proposal on the table from the European Commission is absurd, bordering on insanity. It is an incentive for human traffickers and will simply tell people: yes, try to cross the Mediterranean at all costs.” — Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary.

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The Economic And Financial Problems In Europe Are Only Just Beginning...

by Michael T Snyder

Right now, the financial world is focused on the breathtaking stock market crash in China, but don't forget to keep an eye on what is happening in Europe. Collectively, the European Union has a larger population than the United States, a larger economy than either the U.S. or China, and the banking system in Europe is the biggest on the planet by far. So what happens in Europe really matters, and at this point the European economy is absolutely primed for a meltdown. European debt levels have never been higher, European banks are absolutely loaded with non-performing loans and high-risk derivatives, and the unemployment rate in the eurozone is currently more than double the unemployment rate in the United States. In all the euphoria surrounding the "deal" that temporarily kept Greece in the eurozone, I think that people have forgotten that the economic and financial fundamentals in Europe have continued to deteriorate.

Whether Greece ultimately leaves the eurozone or not, a great financial crisis is inevitably coming to Europe. It is just a matter of time.

In many ways, the economy of Europe is in significantly worse shape than the U.S. economy. Just



recently, the IMF issued a report which warned that the eurozone is "susceptible to negative shocks" and could be facing very tough economic times in the near future. The following comes from the Guardian...

The International Monetary Fund has warned the eurozone faces a gloomy economic outlook thanks to lingering worries over Greece, high unemployment and a banking sector still battling to shake off the financial crisis.

The IMF's latest healthcheck on the eurozone found it was "susceptible to negative shocks" as growth continues to falter and monetary policymakers run out of ways to help. It called for an urgent "collective push" from the currency union to speed up

reforms or else risk years of lost growth.

"A moderate shock to confidence – whether from lower expected future growth or heightened geopolitical tensions – could tip the bloc into prolonged stagnation," said Mahmood Pradhan, the IMF's mission chief for the eurozone.

But even if there are no "shocks" to the European economy in the months ahead, the truth is that it is already in terrible shape and much of the continent is already mired in an ongoing economic depression.

Today, the official unemployment rate in the United States is just 5.3 percent, but the unemployment rate for the eurozone as a whole is

What the Bible Really Says About “Gays”

by Garner Ted Armstrong



“Two, four, six eight! Gay is just as good as straight!” chant militant gays on the warpath for full legal acceptance of their life-style. Some homosexuals carry placards declaring, “God Loves Gays,” and claim the gay life-style is neither deviant nor immoral. One gay activist recently said it was all right to be a “gay Christian” because Jesus Himself never spoke out against homosexuality.

While most churches and pastors still hold to the opinion that homosexuality is a sin and offense against God and society, growing numbers of clerics feel “new insights” might compel a reexamination of this view. A Jesuit priest, speaking at a conference on the church and the homosexual said, “There is no clear condemnation of the

homosexual condition, and no universal condemnation of homosexual activity to be found anywhere in the Bible.” Another priest, an admitted homosexual, said on another occasion, “I see my homosexuality as a gift from God.”

It makes one wonder how long it’s been since these “men of the cloth” last opened a Bible. To anyone who can read and understand simple language, the real truth about “gay rights” is clearly and unmistakably revealed in the inspired scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments.

The judgement against the gay societies of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19) is a clear condemnation of homosexuality. Other judgements against the abomination of “mankind lying

with mankind as womankind” are abundantly clear throughout the pages of the Old Testament (see Leviticus 18:22; 20:13, Deuteronomy 23:17, Judges 19:22; I Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46, II Kings 23:7)

The New Testament is no less explicit in its judgment. “Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind {homosexuals}... shall inherit the kingdom of God” (I Cor. 6:9–10).

In the first chapter of Romans, the apostle Paul explains that when nations turn away from God, many of their inhabitants are given up to what he labels “vile affections.” As has happened so often in the past to sin-ridden societies, “women exchanged

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U.S. STATE DEPT. BARS CHRISTIANS FROM TESTIFYING ABOUT MUSLIM PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

by Raymond Ibrahim

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- “This is an administration which never seems to find a good enough excuse to help Christians, but always finds an excuse to apologize for terrorists ... I hope that as it gets attention that Secretary Kerry will reverse it. If he doesn’t, Congress has to investigate, and the person who made this decision ought to be fired” — *Newt Gingrich, former Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives.*
- “The U.S. insists that Muslims are the primary victims of Boko Haram... The question remains - why is the U.S. downplaying or denying the attacks against Christians?” — *Emmanuel Ogebe, Nigerian human rights lawyer, Washington D.C.*
- “Stop building churches. Convert to Islam, which is the true religion. Otherwise we will make a horrible example of you.” — *Javed David, head of Hope for the Light Ministries, threatened by bikers.*
- The Free Front of Algeria demands that all Christian churches remaining in the North African nation must be closed and reopened as mosques.
- A Muslim mob in Deder, Ethiopia attacked a Christian man and forced him out of his home on pain of death in an effort to appropriate his land and build a mosque on it -- despite recent court rulings confirming the Christian man’s property rights.
- Accounts of Muslim immigrants taunting and even assaulting Christians in Italy are increasing.
- “We are a poor nation. These people [Christian captives] have not done anything wrong and won’t harm anyone. We as Assyrians do not have this amount of [ransom] money you are asking for” — *Bishop Mar Mellis, Syria.*

During the height of one of the most brutal months of Muslim persecution of Christians, the U.S. State Department exposed its double standards against persecuted Christian minorities.

Sister Diana, an influential Iraqi Christian leader, who was scheduled to visit the U.S. to advocate for persecuted Christians in the Mideast, was denied a visa by the U.S. State Department even though she had visited the U.S. before, most recently in 2012.

She was to be one of a delegation of religious leaders from Iraq

-- including Sunni, Shia and Yazidi, among others -- to visit Washington, D.C., to describe the situation of their people. Every religious leader from this delegation to Washington D.C. was granted a visa -- except for the only Christian representative, Sister Diana.

After this refusal became public, many Americans protested, some writing to their congressmen. Discussing the nun’s visa denial, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said:

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good enough excuse to help Christians, but always finds an excuse to apologize for terrorists ... I hope that as it gets attention that Secretary Kerry will reverse it. If he doesn’t, Congress has to investigate, and the person who made this decision ought to be fired.”

The State Department eventually granted Sister Diana a visa.

This is not the first time the U.S. State Department has not granted a visa to a Christian leader coming from a Muslim region. Last year, after the

BIBLE STUDY

by Dr. James Ricks

“SHOULD A MAN SUCH AS I RUN AND HIDE?”
NEHEMIAH, A COURAGEOUS LEADER OF MEN

Read Nehemiah 9:5-37, for a background of the repentant history of Israel.

The name Nehemiah means “Jehovah comforts.” Nehemiah traveled from the luxury of a lavish palace to a war zone. He was also a man of prayer and compassion, for he wept for Jerusalem. His prayers were the catalyst for the return of Israel from the Godly punishment they deserved as described in II Chron. 6:36-39 and Deut. 30:1-6.

Israel had a disappointing history that was summarized in the book of Nehemiah. They had 120 years as a united kingdom. Then the nation divided into two kingdoms. The southern kingdom of Judah had 20 kings, out of which only eight were Godly and good. The other twelve ranged from bad to evil. The northern kingdom of Israel had twenty kings also, but none were Godly. Out of 40 kings there were only eight good ones in the lot.

Nehemiah was born and raised in Babylon. Though he had never been to Jerusalem, we believe his family had taught him to have a heart for the Holy City. The Jews that wanted to return to Israel had been allowed to do so about 90 years prior, but the kingdom of Judah was in terrible shape. The Jews that had remained in Jerusalem were

hostile to the newly arrived Jews, perhaps thinking that the new arrivals would want to regain their former territory. God’s Temple was in poor condition. The wall and gates of Jerusalem were destroyed. The people had taken on the pagan practices of the Samaritans, Ammonites and Arabs living in the region.

Nehemiah and many of the Jews who remained in Babylon were doing well financially and much better spiritually than those who had returned to Judah 90 years earlier. Hanani, Nehemiah’s brother, took a trip to Judah and was amazed and shocked at how truly horrible the conditions were. Everything was in ruin and the people were intermarrying with the pagans and BECOMING PAGANIZED.

Nehemiah was not of royal blood nor was he a priest. He was a regular guy. He had a somewhat prestigious position as cup bearer for the King and it is also thought that he was the night watchman as the King slept. His duties included tasting the wine that King Artaxerxes was about to drink to make sure that it was not poisoned. Poison was a weapon of choice for some palace intrigues. Nehemiah had a good position but with scary finality in regard to retirement benefits.

Nehemiah used both sacred and secular leadership to

establish Israel. He led the people in rebuilding the physical walls of the city and with Ezra they rebuilt the spiritual walls that defined and strengthened God’s people. His story is very exciting.

When Nehemiah arrived in 444 BC, he did his work unannounced. He knew that he would experience stiff opposition, but he had a heart like God’s and would not give up because he knew that he was doing God’s will.

Nehemiah realized that his first job was to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. This was a monumental, seemingly impossible task, but in order for the people to protect themselves from their enemies, they had to have a wall to keep intruders out. He quietly got things moving and developed a cadre of really good workers to help him supervise. He used limestone, which is a soft rock that gets really hard after it is exposed to sunshine, for the walls and gates, with no mortar. Each block was perfectly cut to fit.

He had tremendous strength of character and was a great motivator. In fact, most of the people were so happy to have some good leadership that they went above and beyond the call to help. They were sick of corruption and abuse, just as we are today. Amazingly, Nehemiah was able to rebuild the wall and gates in

EXPLODING MUSLIM IMMIGRATION OVERWHELMS FBI

by Leo Hohmann

The FBI failed to stop another terror attack, this time in Chattanooga, and the pressure building on the bureau from President Obama's reckless immigration policies may be reaching a boiling point, say security experts.

And the problem goes far beyond a loose border, where some 400,000 illegal aliens enter each year.

It's also the ease with which someone from a hostile Middle Eastern country can get a visa.

Under current U.S. immigration policy, an ISIS terrorist doesn't need to hop a fence or swim a river to reach America. He can enter the U.S. legally as a student, as a skilled guest-worker, as a refugee, as an entrepreneur, or as a tourist – and fly here in the comfort of a jumbo jet.

According to U.S. Census data, the U.S. welcomes about 100,000 Muslim immigrants legally each year. This represents the fastest growing segment of immigrants coming to America.

While some may enter with questionable backgrounds, the chances are greater that they will get radicalized after they arrive.

Take the case of Chattanooga terrorist Youssef Mohammad Abdulazeez.

He arrived with his parents from Kuwait in 1996 at the age of 6. He attended U.S. schools, and by all

accounts was a fully assimilated U.S. naturalized citizen.

Abdulazeez was a success story just waiting to be told by Obama's newly created White House Taskforce on New Americans, which collaborates with community-organizing groups like Welcoming America to convince Americans that expansive immigration brings only good things to their cities and towns.

But something happened over the last two years of Abdulazeez's life that changed him. Last year, at the age of 23, he traveled to Jordan and Yemen for seven months, and U.S. intelligence agencies aren't sure who he visited or what he may have been taught while visiting the Middle East.

When he returned home, he grew his beard out and started writing a Muslim blog in which he made philosophical statements that could easily be interpreted as anti-Western. His father was also investigated for a questionable donation to an Islamic charity a few years ago and placed on a watch list. Abdulazeez Sr. ended up being cleared of any wrongdoing.

A PROPHECIC STATEMENT

FBI Director James Comey's dire warning to Congress several weeks before the Chattanooga attack now

seems prophetic because it applies perfectly to young Muslims like Abdulazeez.

The message of ISIS to Western recruits is this: "Come to the so-called caliphate, and if you can't, kill somebody. Kill somebody where you are," Comey said.

"He told them, with obviously deep concern, that his agency is simply incapable of managing the threats now proliferating across the entire country," said Clare Lopez, vice president of research and analysis for the Center for Security Policy and a former CIA analyst.

"Even there, Comey was holding back on what he must know is the reality of this situation:



Middle East analyst Clare Lopez

Persecution

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United States Institute for Peace brought together the governors of Nigeria's mostly Muslim northern states for a conference in the U.S., the State Department blocked the visa of the region's only Christian governor, Jonah David Jang.

According to a Nigerian human rights lawyer based in Washington D.C., Emmanuel Ogebe, the Christian governor's "visa problems" were due to anti-Christian bias in the U.S. government:

The U.S. insists that Muslims are the primary victims of Boko Haram. It also claims that Christians discriminate against Muslims in Plateau, which is one of the few Christian majority states in the north. After the [Christian governor] told them [U.S. authorities] that they were ignoring the 12 Shariah states who institutionalized persecution ... he suddenly developed visa problems.... The question remains -- why is the U.S. downplaying or denying the attacks against Christians?

The testimony of another nun, Sister Hatune Dogan, also made in May, indicates why the State Department may not want to hear such testimonials: they go against the paradigm that "Islam is peace." According to Sister Hatune:

"What is going on there [Islamic State territories], what I was hearing, is the highest barbarism on earth in the history until today... The mission of Baghdadi, of ISIS, is to convert the world

completely to the Islamic religion and bring them to Dar Al Salaam, as they call it. And Islam is not peace, please. Whoever says ISIS has no connection to Islam or something like this is, he's a liar. ISIS is Islam; Islam is ISIS... We know that in Islam, there is no democracy. Islam and democracy are opposite, like black and white. And I hope America will understand. America today has the power that they can stop this disaster on the earth, with other Western countries."

The rest of May's roundup of Muslim persecution of Christians around the world includes, but is not limited to, the following accounts, listed by theme.

Muslim Attacks on Christian Churches

Pakistan: Three separate incidents involved attacks on churches:

1) On May 28, in the city of Chakwal, south of Lahore, Muslim men destroyed a Protestant church and beat six Christians, including the pastor. Some of those wounded had to be hospitalized. A few days earlier, Pastor Suhail Masih and his companions had been accused by local Muslims of carrying out "proselytism and conversions of Muslims," according to a preliminary report.

2) Javed David, head of Hope for the Light Ministries in Lahore, and his associates, have been receiving death threats since February. The latest incident occurred in April, but became public knowledge only in May. According to David:

I had been to church in

Sheikhupura to attend a meeting with colleagues. It was 8 o'clock in the evening when we left to return to Lahore. We were about to reach the main road when a motorbike drove up and blocked the way. Maybe they were following us. The two bikers were wearing a helmet (sic). One of them came up to my window and spoke to me. "We know what you are doing here," he said. "Stop building churches. Convert to Islam, which is the true religion. Otherwise we will make a horrible example of you"... [On another] occasion too, I was going home when a motorcycle stopped in front of me. The driver knocked on the window and threw in a piece of paper. I did not open it before I got home. It said, "This is an Islamic nation. We cannot allow church building. Either you convert to Islam or you leave this country! Stop building churches or you'll pay the consequences!"

3) On May 29 in Faisalabad, around 2 a.m., a gang of Muslims on motorcycles attacked a church near the Sadar police station. They opened fire on the church and set its main gate on fire, damaging its windows. According to church cleric Dilawar Masih, "Though no human loss was reported in this incident, attackers gave a clear-cut message that Christians and their places of worship are not safe and they may be attacked any time by the terrorists."

Egypt: Two churches were attacked:

1) On May 16, a homemade explosive device planted next to a Coptic Christian church was detonated around sunset. As the

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St. George Church in Tamiya (Fayum governorate) was mostly empty at the time, there were no casualties. However, the church's administrative offices and second floor windows were shattered, creating chaos and panic in the area. Church security cameras captured the two men on a motorcycle, who stopped at the church. One of the men dismounted and placed a bag containing the bomb next to the church, and they then sped off.

2) On Sunday morning, May 31 in Senoras city, Fayum, masked men on motorcycles opened fire on an Evangelical church. Security forces guarding the church briefly exchanged fire with the masked men before they fled on their motorcycles. No one was reported hurt.

Canada: On May 26, a 22-year-old man of Muslim background was charged with alleged hate crimes committed against the St. Catherine of Siena Church and its neighboring elementary school in Mississauga, Ontario. Iqbal Hessian faces five counts of mischief, and over \$5,000 in fines. On May 20, the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue that stands in front of the church was covered in black paint and the fingers of its outstretched arms were broken off. Behind the church, graffiti with the words "There is no Jew God" was scrawled across the brick wall along with a drawing of a face labelled "Jewsus." That vandalism was the fourth time the church was targeted. On April 9, surveillance cameras caught a young man breaking into the church, ripping pages of the Sacramentary book on the altar, throwing them at the tabernacle,

and then stealing one of the church's sound-system speakers. On May 17, a drawing of a hand gesturing with the middle finger was found spray-painted on the front steps of the church. And on May 25, graffiti was sprayed on the school walls.

Algeria: According to Abdel Fattah Zarawi, the Muslim leader of the Salafi party, also known as the Free Front of Algeria, any and all Christian churches remaining in the North African nation must be closed and reopened as mosques. Although the transformation of Christian churches into Muslim mosques is nearly as old as Islam itself -- Algeria was Christian-majority and even gave the world St. Augustine before Islam invaded and conquered it in the seventh century -- the Salafi leader tried to portray his proposal as a "grievance" against rising anti-



The St. Catherine of Siena Church and its neighboring elementary school in Mississauga, Ontario were vandalized this year by Iqbal Hessian, a 22-year-old Muslim man.

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would remain Europe's de facto leader for long as Germany remained Europe's strongest economy.

For the same reason, the independent European Central Bank would also be beyond the control of the Eurozone parliament, but not much less heedful of the German chancellor than today.

This might sound like an odd form of federalism (and such a Eurozone would still be more a con-federal than fully federal state).

But Prussia's leading role within the post-1871 German Empire - an 'emphatically devolved' 'confederation of sovereign principalities' that left the sovereignty, parliaments, armies and diplomatic corps of the smaller German kingdoms and duchies intact - offers a historical

again take a leaf out of Bismarck's book. Indeed, perhaps she already has.

19th century Germany and federalism

In 1859, Germany was a collection of some 39 sovereign states, loosely gathered in a "German Confederation" (like the EU, a customs union but not a state). Helped by an economic boom from 1850, Bismarck united them by demonstrating the indispensability of Prussian leadership of a nascent but disunited German nation in Europe that had never before existed as a political entity.

In the Danish War (1864), the Austrian War (1866) and the Franco-Prussian War (1870), Bismarck ensured that each crisis drew the minor German states into closer political and economic dependence on Prussia, until in 1871 a federal German Empire with Prussia as its largest state was at last proclaimed.

By design or default Germany

population).

But it has the support of a larger block of friendly states tied more or less economically to it: the Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland. And as the German economy has stood firm while other big countries (France, Spain and Italy) have wilted, the 2010-15 European sovereign debt crisis has amplified Germany's political influence disproportionately.

Indeed, when Paris emerged as Greece's defender in Brussels 10 days ago, it was partly replaying Vienna's (ultimately doomed) attempt to thwart Prussian dominance over the minor German states in the 1860s. What France was really defending was not Greek sovereignty, but its own.

Perhaps all that stands between Germany and a Eurozone federalised on German terms is a French debt crisis - and Paris hasn't balanced a budget since the 1970s.

Nationalism, the missing ingredient

But no iron law says a federal, or more federalised, Europe must come into being. By comparison with the 19th century, the essential ingredient of nationalism is missing.

Yet, while anti-EU sentiment has grown, what has been remarkable during the crisis are the sacrifices that European peoples have been prepared to endure in the name of the common currency.

Greeks (so, at least, it seems for now) preferred capitulation to being cast out of the euro,

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model. (Since the foundation of Imperial Germany's power was the Prussian army, Chancellor Otto von Bismarck was often more powerful as chancellor of Prussia than of Germany.)

The trick would be in getting the rest of the Eurozone to agree to it.

Here, Chancellor Merkel could

has followed a similar path today, using its economy - the world's fourth largest - rather than its army.

Germany represents somewhat less than 25% of the population of the Eurozone and about one third of its economic output, making it less hegemonic than Prussia was in Imperial Germany (62% of the

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partly suggesting their hard-won identity as modern 'Europeans' was dearer to them.

A majority of Germans might believe the latest bailout 'bad' or 'very bad' for Germany. But if the government will not fall over it, it's partly because Germans have learned to see their future as bound up, for better or for worse, with Europe's. The only long-term alternative to federalisation, Germany's departure from the euro, attracts little support.

Of course, learning to live in a

federal Europe won't be easy for anyone. Though it would now be cloaked in the greater legitimacy of federal structures, southerners would still resent the intrusions of federal supervisors and agents.

But they would at least feel that northern Europe finally stood behind them, come what might economically in the 21st century. Europe's 'new normal' - a chronic squabble over the redistribution of fiscal revenues that a federal state could effect without so much controversy - would be over.

And it would be difficult, not least, for Germany. The creation of the German Empire made Germany, and its Prussian core,

one of the world's great powers.

But as Australian historian Christopher Clark writes in his award-winning *Iron Kingdom: The Rise and Downfall of Prussia 1600-1947*, Prussia 'had to learn to inhabit the large and ponderous body of the new Germany.' He continues that, 'Perhaps the most striking thing about the new political order was the weakness of the central authority.'

In the long run, even Germany might find such a federal Europe frustratingly limiting. Like every federal venture before it in history, Europe's would doubtless grow more adventurous with time. □

About Gays

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their natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one," being consumed with lust for their own sex, (verse 26, The Amplified Bible). "And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman {meaning heterosexual relations}, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly..." (verse 27).

The result? They "suffer{ed} in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences of their wrong doing..." (The Amplified Bible). Those consequences are not only a whole host of mental and emotional problems, but hideous venereal diseases as well.

So what is God's judgement

against homosexuality? Verse 32, "...They which commit such things are worthy of death..."

But the Bible also says that Christ died for sinners - gays included. He died in order to bring them to repentance of their sins and give them the spiritual power to change their perverted life-style and substitute for it a right way of life, a new life in Jesus Christ.

But most gays are not going that route today. Instead, they rationalize and justify their continued wallowing in perversion. Today the gay community is coming out of the closet in militant action to demand its "rights." And if they succeed in forcing laws to be passed forbidding all discrimination based on sexual preference or life-style, then there will be no stopping this or any

other form of sexual deviancy. What an awesome effect that will have on our children and on the very fabric of our society.

When will we learn that our society cannot cure its social sicknesses by legalizing them?

Do we think God is going to bless us for our continuing moral toboggan slide into sexual licentiousness? Will our "new Sodom" escape its fiery date with death at the hand of God any more than its ancient namesake did?

God created mankind for a fantastic purpose. He made us male and female and instituted the God-planned relationship of marriage (Gen. 2:18, 24; Eph. 5:31 - 32). The God ordained family unit is the basic building block of a strong society. Homosexuality is a grave distortion and perversion of the righteous spiritual character God wants mankind to develop. □

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Muslim sentiment in Europe, especially France. Launched on social media and networks, the Salafi campaign against Algerian churches even calls for the transformation of the nation's most important churches into mosques -- including the Church of Notre Dame d'Afrique in Algiers, the Church of St. Augustine in Annaba, and the Church of Santa Cruz in Oran -- since "they have no relation whatsoever to the religion of Algerian Muslims," in the words of the Free Front.

Saudi Arabia: Sheikh Adel al-Kalbani, former Imam of the Grand Mosque in Mecca and current prayer leader of Muhaisin Mosque in Riyadh, issued a tweet from his personal Twitter account, saying, "My beloved nation: It suffices me that you shelter me from hearing church bells ringing in you." Due to his importance, the New York Times once issued an entire spread about al-Kalbani. The "hopeful" theme is how al-Kalbani managed to rise to the top in Saudi Arabia by becoming the first black Imam of the Grand Mosque in Mecca. No word in any English language media, however, about his abhorrence for Christian churches and their bells.

Turkey: A 900-year-old Christian church in Turkey is to be renovated into a functioning mosque -- despite previous governmental assurances that it would be renovated into a

museum. Enez's Hagia Sophia, the name of the ancient church, is located inside the city of Ainos, along the border with Greece and stationed atop a hill, visible to all. Another centuries-old church, Hagia Sophia in Trabzon, along the Black Sea, was reopened in 2013 as a mosque, although it was a museum for many years. Meanwhile, a majority of Turks await the re-transformation of the greatest Hagia Sophia (Constantinople's) into a mosque.

Yemen: A Catholic church was seriously damaged during a Saudi bombing raid around mid-May. The church of the Immaculate Conception in Aden had earlier been occupied by Houthi rebels who had vandalized its interior. The airstrike by Saudi bombers -- in support of the Yemeni government in its struggle with the rebels -- did further damage to the structure. Only one Catholic priest remains in Yemen. Two priests fled the country to escape the violence, while another, who was out of the country when the fighting began, has been unable to return. Twenty members of the Missionaries of Charities have chosen to remain in the war-torn country, tending to the sick and the poor.

Muslim Attacks on Christian Freedom

Pakistan: On Sunday, May 24, a Christian man in the Sanda neighborhood of Lahore was accused of blasphemy when some Muslims saw him burning newspapers that reportedly contained Arabic verses from the Koran. After the accusation, a Muslim mob caught the

Christian, severely beat him, and even attempted to set him on fire. A few months earlier, another Muslim mob burned a Christian couple alive inside a kiln after they, too, were accused of insulting Islam. The Christian youth -- named Humayun Masih, said to be "mentally unstable" -- was imprisoned and charged under section 295-B of Pakistan's penal code, which prohibits the desecration of the Koran. After the attack on the Christian youth, the Muslim mob, reportedly thousands, rampaged through the neighborhood and set fire to Christian homes and a church. Christians in the region were attacked, and most fled the region; some of the mob was armed and gunshots were heard.

Egypt: On May 5, another Coptic Christian was convicted of blaspheming against Islam: "ridiculing or insulting a heavenly religion" in violation of Article 98 (f) of the Egyptian Penal Code. A judge in Daqahliya sentenced Michael Munir Beshay to one year's imprisonment and a fine of one thousand Egyptian pounds. As International Christian Concern puts it: "Despite steps taken by the Sisi-led government to bring about greater tolerance and reforms, the conviction of Beshay is just another of many recent incidents highlighting the continued persecution of the country's Christian minority." And Bishoy Armia Boulous -- formerly known as Mohammed Hegazy, an apostate from Islam to Christianity -- has remained imprisoned now for approximately a year, well past

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would be an understatement. What these people are doing in the name of “science” or “research” is as unconscionable as Nazi medical experimentation.

Is there any wave of national outrage? Maybe it’s too soon to tell. Much of the uninformed population may still not be aware of the truth that has been exposed about “abortion.” The mainstream media made the killing of “Cecil the lion” a national sensation, and hundreds of thousands responded by demanding the

hunter be punished. But proof of the dissecting of aborted babies for profit didn’t receive a fraction of the publicity and hasn’t generated near the public outrage. Maybe we don’t have the power to stop it, but we can help inform others, we can commit the matter into God’s hands, and we can certainly tell local and national representatives that this is a crime against human dignity. This is after all, at least for the time being, the United States of America where citizens’ heartfelt concerns are supposed to count for something.

Under current circumstances though, it is hard to know how

long business as usual can go on. Many of our founders knew that God’s blessings were dependant on being in harmony with His Laws and His Will. Some of us still believe that to be the case, even though the sentiment has all but disappeared from discourse in the nation’s capitol. Lately we seem to have reached a point where neither the truth nor logic carries any weight. There’s logic ok, but it is nearly always based on false alternatives designed to play on ignorance, to confuse and to divide. Maybe we can’t repent on behalf of national sins, but we’d better try. □



Day 1: fertilization: all human chromosomes are present; unique human life begins.
Day 6: embryo begins implantation in the uterus.
Day 22: heart begins to beat with the child’s own blood, often a different type than the mother’s.
Week 3: By the end of third week the child’s backbone spinal column and nervous system are forming. The liver, kidneys and intestines begin to take shape.

Week 4: By the end of week four the child is ten thousand times larger than the fertilized egg.
Week 5: Eyes, legs, and hands begin to develop.
Week 6: Brain waves are detectable; mouth and lips are present; fingernails are forming.
Week 7: Eyelids, and toes form, nose distinct. The baby is kicking and swimming.

Weeks 9 and 10: Teeth begin to form, fingernails develop. The baby can turn his head, and frown. The baby can hiccup.
Weeks 10 and 11: The baby can “breathe” amniotic fluid and urinate.
Week 8: Every organ is in place, bones begin to replace cartilage, and fingerprints begin to form. By the fifth week the baby can begin to hear.



Week 11: the baby can grasp objects placed in its hand; all organ systems are functioning. The baby has a skeletal structure, nerves, and circulation.
Week 12: The baby has all of the parts necessary to experience pain, including nerves, spinal cord, and thalamus. Vocal cords are complete. The baby can suck its thumb.

Week 14: At this age, the heart pumps several quarts of blood through the body every day.
Week 15: The baby has an adult’s taste buds.
Month 4: Bone Marrow is now beginning to form. The heart is pumping 25 quarts of blood a day. By the end of month 4 the baby will be 8-10 inches in length and will weigh up to half a pound.

Week 17: The baby can have dream (REM) sleep.
Week 19: Babies can routinely be saved at 21 to 22 weeks after fertilization, and sometimes they can be saved even younger.
Week 20: The earliest stage at which Partial birth abortions are performed. At 20 weeks the baby recognizes its’ mothers voice.

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France, in an attempt to stop thousands of illegal migrants breaking into trucks bound for the UK. Currently, more than 3,000 migrants are camped in and around Calais hoping to make it to Britain. More than 39,000 would-be illegal immigrants were prevented from crossing the Channel in the 12 months prior to April, more than double the previous year.

EU member states are implementing other emergency measures to halt the flow of immigration.

Austria has stopped processing asylum claims as of June 13, in an effort to make the country “less attractive” for migrants relative to other EU countries. According to Austrian Interior Minister Johanna Mikl-Leitner, Vienna was “stopping the Austrian asylum express,” whereby applications are processed within an average period of four months, faster than in any other EU country. Asylum requests for Austria rose nearly 180% in the first five months of 2015 to 20,620, and were on track to reach 70,000 by the end of the year.

Denmark on July 1 announced that it would slash benefits for asylum seekers to bring down the number of refugees coming to the country. It recently emerged that three out of four refugees who

came to Denmark in the early 2000s are jobless ten years later.

France and Italy have sparred over who is responsible for hundreds of African migrants stranded at Ventimiglia on the France-Italy border after French police refused to let them in. France accused Italy of failing to respect the so-called Dublin Regulation, a law that requires people seeking refuge within the EU to do so in the first European country they reach. Italian officials argued that the migrants see Italy as only a transit country.

Hungary on June 23 suspended its adherence to the Dublin Regulation, which requires Hungary to take back refugees who have travelled through the country to reach other EU countries.

Meanwhile, the European Commission, the EU’s powerful bureaucratic arm, on May 27 announced a controversial “relocation plan” that would require EU member states to accept 40,000 Syrian and Eritrean asylum seekers from Italy and Greece over the next two years.

This is in addition to a separate “resettlement plan” to distribute 20,000 refugees, mostly from Iraq and Syria, who are currently living in camps in the Middle East.

The proposal to “share” migrants among EU member states is aimed at easing the growing burden on Italy and Greece, two countries that — in addition to Hungary

and Spain — have emerged as the main gateways for migration into Europe.

Many say that decisions about the granting of residence permits should be kept at the national level, and that by unilaterally imposing migrant quotas on EU member states, unelected bureaucrats in Brussels are seeking to force the democratically elected leaders of Europe to submit to their diktat.

European leaders meeting in Luxembourg on July 9 were unable to reach a consensus on the quota proposal. They will try again on July 20.

Austria, Germany and Sweden, which together take in the largest share of the refugees along with Italy and Greece, are in favor of the quota plans. Belgium, France, Spain and the countries of Eastern Europe and the Baltics are opposed. The UK, Denmark and Ireland are exempted from the plan.

Hungary’s Prime Minister Orban summed it up this way: “The proposal on the table from the European Commission is absurd, bordering on insanity. Quotas are only going to bring more people to Europe. It is an incentive for human traffickers and will simply tell people: yes, try to cross the Mediterranean at all costs.”

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of months. We can only shudder to fathom what Iran will do with the hundred fifty billion dollars released to them as sanctions are lifted, or what it will ultimately do with nuclear weapons and ICBMs. That will make for quite a legacy alright.

So the deal with Iran is done. Iranians took to the streets to celebrate. Syrian President Assad is praising it. As an ally of Iran, he and his rogue regime stand to profit from Iran's windfall of hundreds of millions of dollars released along with other economic sanctions. Putin is happy, because the arrangement with Iran sets up countless opportunities for Russia to profit from dealings with Iran as well as other Arab nations who have turned to Russia after having been snubbed by the current U.S. administration. Here at home, we have nothing to celebrate. Iran got everything it wanted out of the diplomacy charade. Israel got the back of Obama's hand, and is in a state of shock. The moderate Arab kingdoms have been betrayed by the arrangement, and are wondering what they'll have to do to match the might of a nuclear Iran. Savvy political prognosticators say that the U.S. Congress has virtually no chance of striking down the "treaty" with Iran, because the "deal" has been classified as something other than a treaty.

Bill Clinton's former CIA

director, James Woolsey called the agreement, "Worse than worthless." He said, "The United States had a reasonable position two years ago, and for the last two years we have caved and caved and caved and caved."

The current president himself, having crowned himself with

and has lots of room for dispute over what is and isn't allowed under the terms. No doubt there will be the same kind of nonsense nuclear inspectors experienced previously in Iraq, with Iran refusing to allow access. It is claimed that nuclear facilities on or near Iranian military

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-Former CIA Director, James Woolsey

what he's touting as a great accomplishment in the interest of peace, admits that the "deal" does nothing to require that Iran cease and desist with its export of terrorism. Nor did it require Iran to do virtually anything, other than promise to proceed somewhat more slowly. No one who's followed Iran's record in dealing with the United Nations during the years before Obama decided direct negotiations were advisable, has the least bit of confidence that Iran will make good on whatever lame promises they've made.

What the "deal" does do is legitimize Iran's nuclear program intact. It releases hundreds of millions of dollars that have been frozen by sanctions. It allows Iran to import or export weaponry after five years. It puts Iran in a position where they can complete nuclear weapons on short notice. More details will be forthcoming, but some who've seen the written text say the whole thing is squishy

installations are not covered by the "deal" anyway.

Some say that the diplomatic "breakthrough" is the spark that will ignite a nuclear arms race in the Middle East with several Arab states realizing they have to match Iran's capabilities. Others say Obama's mystical achievement will usher in World War III. Wagers, anyone?

Sanctuary Nation

We've learned that anyone in the public eye daring to make observations critical of the lack of cleanliness, honesty or good intentions of illegal aliens will be subjected to a crushing wave of derision. They'll be blackballed by networks, scorned by the PGA, boycotted by department stores and ignored or dismissed by competitors, as was Donald Trump when he dared to accurately (if "inartfully") describe hordes of bad actors from Mexico and beyond who

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We have living among us some percentage of a sub-set of Muslims, who may be legal or illegal immigrants, refugees or, like Abdulazeez, a naturalized American citizen, who feel zero allegiance to this country – and instead identify above all with the global Islamic ummah,” Lopez told WND.

And with the U.S. so liberally allowing more Muslims into the country – about 800 new refugees a month come from one country, Somalia, arguably the most jihadist-rich country in the world – there is no telling how many have become radicalized or are in the process of being radicalized.

“We have no idea if there are hundreds, thousands or hundreds of thousands across America today who decide to pledge their allegiance instead to the Shariah doctrine of jihad,” Lopez said.

And where do they go to feed on the poison of Islamic jihadism?

“Family influence, Muslim Brotherhood-dominated mosques, Islamic centers and online indoctrination all play some role,” Lopez said. “But neither Comey nor the FBI nor local law enforcement currently has the legal or investigative tools to identify and stop such individuals before they take the next step on the pathway to violent jihad.”

BURDEN FALLS TO LOCAL COPS

Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke Jr. is one of the local law enforcement officials that Lopez says will have to take



Sheriff David Clarke Jr of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

up the slack from a White House administration that shows no interest in seriously addressing either the immigration issues or the national security problems related to Islamic terrorism.

“I can’t go through an airport without getting pulled aside for pre-check scans and searches. And while they’re doing that to a guy in law enforcement they can let a guy like Mohammad Abdulazeez spend seven months traveling the Middle East ... are you kidding me?” Clarke told WND. “That’s a red flag. Just like the Boston bombing, the older guy was traveling through Chechnya before the attack. That’s a hotbed of terrorism, Chechnya, so you see why I say we suck at intelligence? We don’t have a strategy.”

Clarke said immigration must be cleaned up and specifically Muslim immigration.

“We have got to force this issue. That’s why I’m glad Donald Trump is in the race. He’s probably not going to win, but he’s going to make this Republican field talk about

some issues they would rather not discuss,” Clarke said. “Our immigration policy is a disaster. Multiculturalism is a disaster, and it failed miserably when European countries all opened their borders and now they’re all tightening up. France demands assimilation now. So now, yes, we do have to look at immigration as a national-security threat.”

MORE ATTACKS PREDICTED

Clarke said he fully expects that Obama will continue to do everything in his power to muddy the waters and disassociate the Chattanooga killings from Islamism.

“You see where this is going to go with this administration for the next 72 hours,” he said. “We’ll hear from him that it has nothing to do with Islam when it has everything to do with Islam.”

Clarke, who recently earned his master’s degree in security studies from the Center of Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School, said the Obama administration has

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are committing hideous crimes against American citizens.

When the president held his victory-lap news conference celebrating the agreement to give Iran everything they wanted, while giving Israel NOTHING it wanted, and patriotic Americans NOTHING they wanted, nobody dared mention the illegal alien who murdered Kathryn Steinle in San Francisco. That murder only gained national attention because of the sheer beauty and kindness of that wonderful girl whose life was senselessly, and needlessly snuffed out because of the idiotic policies of the current administration, the City of San Francisco and its Sheriff.

The Sheriff refused to acknowledge any personal or professional responsibility for Miss Steinle's death. In fact he insisted that San Francisco is a safer place because of the city's sanctuary policy toward illegal aliens. Everybody with eyes and ears knows that the filthy n'er-do-well murderer had a rap sheet full of felonies, and was released because officials declined to prosecute the drug distribution charge for which he was apprehended. But city officials declined to recognize this murder, and were unmoved during a hearing where speakers tried to call their attention to the matter.

Only one network saw fit to report on the murder, and that was the hated Fox News. Even

the head of Homeland Security, the flippant, arrogant Jeh Johnson said, "Who?" when asked about Kathryn Steinle's murder before a Congressional hearing. His defenders claimed he couldn't hear well enough to recognize her name when asked. But circumstances of the crime were spelled out in detail, and he still claimed no knowledge. The head of Homeland Security had NO KNOWLEDGE of something for which he bares indirect responsibility? That's as absurd as it gets. His only defense might be that every mainstream news network ignored this news. But in his position, that won't fly either.

The president himself has never spoken of the Kathryn Steinle murder, or his policy that facilitated it. If anyone dares ask him about it in public, they'll be scolded or worse, and it probably won't happen. When upper echelon White House officials were asked why the president had chosen to ignore the atrocious facts of the murder, they responded by saying, "Can you imagine if the president addressed every victim of crime? There wouldn't be time to do anything else," or words to that effect.

But he had time to insert himself in the Trayvon Martin case, sending Justice officials to involve themselves with protesters. The president made public statements about the death of Michael Brown, encouraging protesters to "Stay the course," just before they burned and looted Ferguson, MO. He saw

fit to weigh in on Eric Garner's death, but said nothing when two police were gunned dead sitting in their patrol car in New York. He's had time to rouse the rabble in every racially-charged case exploited by mainstream media that seems to help provoke violent demonstrations and burning of buildings. They must think it makes for great television, and somehow furthers the agenda of the current administration.

The crime statistics relating to illegals' offenses against citizens' property and persons in Texas alone are absolutely staggering. But all that changes nothing. Another crime against the safety and security of the United States and its citizens is the LEGAL importation of Muslims from terrorist countries. One hundred thousand are allowed to immigrate here annually, and another seventy thousand are being settled as refugees. Polls of foreign Muslims already residing here indicate that more than fifty percent want Sharia law established universally in the U.S., and some twenty percent believe that terrorist violence is acceptable in order to implement it. What kind of environment will be left to the next generation?

Bankrupting the World

Once again, we find ourselves asking, "Could this possibly be unintentional?" There has been a creeping socialism in the United States for decades, but nothing to compare with the economic redistribution under the current administration. Social

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sitting at 11.1 percent. That is an absolutely terrible number, but most Europeans have come to accept it as “the new normal”. The following are some of the prominent nations in Europe that currently have an unemployment rate of above 10 percent...

France: 10.3 percent

Italy: 12.4 percent

Portugal: 13.7 percent

Spain: 22.37 percent

Greece: 25.6 percent

And remember, these unemployment numbers often greatly understate the true scope of the problem.

For instance, in Italy the number of people “willing to work but not actively searching” is much higher than the number of Italians that are officially unemployed...

For every 100 working Italians, there are 15 people seeking a job and another 20 willing to work but not actively searching, the

highest level among the 28 EU countries, according to statistics agency Eurostat.

So would the true rate of unemployment in Italy be greater than 30 percent if honest numbers were being used?

That is something to think about.

Meanwhile, debt levels in virtually all European nations have shot up substantially since the last financial crisis. Just consider the staggering debt to GDP ratios in the following nations...

France: 95.0 percent

Spain: 97.7 percent

Belgium: 106.5 percent

Ireland: 109.7 percent

Portugal: 130.2 percent

Italy: 132.1 percent

Greece: 177.1 percent

Greece is not the only debt crisis that Europe is facing by a long shot. All of the other nations on that list are going down the exact same path that Greece has gone down.

So whether or not a “permanent

solution” can be found for Greece, the reality of the matter is that Europe’s debt problems are only just beginning.

Meanwhile, the economic crisis in Greece continues to become even more dire. At this point, nearly half of all loans in the country are non-performing, authorities are warning that bank account holders may be forced to take 30 percent haircuts when the banks are finally “bailed in,” and it is being reported that Greek banks may keep current restrictions on cash “in place for months”...

Greek banks are set to keep broad cash controls in place for months, until fresh money arrives from Europe and with it a sweeping restructuring, officials believe.

Rehabilitating the country’s banks poses a difficult question. Should the eurozone take a stake in the lenders, first requiring bondholders and even big depositors to shoulder a loss, or should the bill for fixing the banks instead be added to Greece’s debt mountain?

Answering this could hold up agreement on a third bailout deal for Greece that negotiators want to conclude within weeks.

The longer it takes, the more critical the banks’ condition becomes as a 420 euro (\$460) weekly limit on cash withdrawals chokes the economy and borrowers’ ability to repay loans.

Nothing has been “solved” in Greece. The only thing that has been accomplished so far is that Greece has been kept in the euro



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no strategy for protecting the homeland against Islamic terror.

The FBI notoriously scrubbed its training manuals of all reference to Islam and terrorism in 2011. That concession was made in response to complaints by the Council of American-Islamic Relations, or CAIR, to then-National Security Adviser John Brennan, who is now in charge of the CIA.

“And that’s why it’s just going to get worse,” Clarke said. “You’re going to see more attacks, where they target two different sites and expand across the nation in different states. I think we have to find a role for U.S. citizens in this as well but until we get a strategy, that’s not going to happen.”

Sen. Jeff Sessions issued a statement Friday that connects the growing threat of terrorism to record levels of legal immigration.

“More details will need to be collected in coming days, but from what we know so far the (Chattanooga) terrorist in question appears to be an Islamist radical who immigrated to the United States from Kuwait, and who reportedly later applied for and received U.S. citizenship,” said Sessions, chair of the subcommittee on immigration and the national interest.

“THE VISA CLEARINGHOUSE OF THE WORLD”

Sessions cited a recent warning by the Citizenship and Immigration Council that declared, “Our government

cannot effectively track these foreign visitors and immigrants ... Applications for entry are rubber-stamped. We’ve become the visa clearinghouse for the world.”

Sessions provided a list of 21 terrorist attacks and foiled attacks involving immigrants allowed into the United States from hostile Islamic countries such as Somalia, Afghanistan, Syria, Morocco, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

The list includes the two Boston Bombers from Chechnya in 2012, the six Somali-Americans from Minnesota charged in April this year with trying repeatedly to leave the country to join ISIS, an Uzbek refugee in Idaho arrested for planning an attack on military installations and recruiting others to make bombs, an immigrant from Syria who applied for and received U.S. citizenship and was accused of planning to “go to a military base in Texas and kill three or four American soldiers execution style.”

And the list goes on. WND has reported on many other cases of Muslim immigrants and the children of immigrants who went on to commit terrorist acts or provide material support to terrorist groups, including a Somali cab driver in Washington, D.C., who recruited members for al-Shabab in Somalia and now sits atop the FBI’s “most wanted terrorist” list. There is also the case of Hoda Muthana, the 20-year-old Yemeni-American, daughter of immigrants from Yemen, who left her comfortable life in her parents’ suburban Birmingham, Alabama, home in November

2014 to become an ISIS bride in Syria.

Lopez said that with so many Islamic immigrants in the U.S. and the Obama administration not taking the threat of Islamic terrorism seriously, more of the burden will fall to state and local law enforcement.



Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala

“To meet this threat, our security and law enforcement officers need better and more honest leadership from the top,” she said. “We are engaged in a great civilizational jihad with the forces of the global jihad movement.”

LOCAL COPS “MUST UNDERSTAND WHAT JIHAD IS”

Local sheriffs and police chiefs are in desperate need of information that will help them understand the growing threat of Islamic terrorism, but they’re not going to get it from Obama’s Department of Homeland Security, the FBI or any other federal agency.

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15th Amendment. The 19th Amendment. The 27th Amendment. Affirmation of equal rights for all citizens to be recognized by all states, due process, an equal protection clause, privileges and immunities clause - these and other opinions and laws derived their authority from the principles fundamental to the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

At the heart of it all is a self-evident truth; “the unalienable right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” This is the cornerstone of American life, of what defines America. These are the promises which those who desire to come to this country seek, while more so these days, these rights are what many, especially those in academia and government, seek to abuse, distort and limit.

fear, captivity, indebtedness, subjugation, confinement or enslavement.

The “pursuit of happiness” - the founding fathers believed this to be an unalienable right, endowed by the Creator. The pursuit of happiness is understood to be a fundamental right for humanity.

Today, what it means to be happy runs the gamut; and a wide, seemingly endless one at that. Library and bookstore shelves are lined with books, self-help tapes and CDs elucidating the keys to happiness this and the secrets to real happiness that. What about the quest to acquire the things that make you happy?

Happiness is subjective, based on a perspective, which is self-defined. Happiness is an emotional response. What makes one person happy does not necessarily make someone or anyone else happy. The mysteries of achieving happiness may work well for one group of people but may cause discontent and disappointment, sorrow and

of universe and of the mystery of human life.” Now if that judicial opinion does not leave wide open the door of personal interpretation and self-definition, what else could?

It seems the rights granted American citizens have found unlimited self-expression today. Certainly, the right to pursue happiness and to define happiness is solely up to the individual to determine. The average American is no doubt cozy with the common opinion promoted today that Americans are at liberty to follow their heart’s desire and pursue whatever it is that makes them happy.

Do a Google search on the subject, “the pursuit of happiness” and among the “hits,” you will find the following: “The pursuit of happiness is defined as a fundamental right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence to freely pursue joy and live life in a way that makes you happy, as long as you don’t do anything illegal or violate the rights of others.”

Just do what makes you happy and fills you with joy. So American citizens have that right! Simple enough.

Money? A House? 50 acres? A job? Owning a company? An education? A Car? A Corvette? A BMW? A Mercedes? A Horse? 50 Horses? Clubbing? Dancing? Comic-con? Fast foods? Being a workaholic? Living as a vagabond? Being a millionaire? Going to church, synagogue, or mosque? Engaging in occult or Wiccan rituals? Raising a family? Having a wife? A Husband? OK –

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Life and liberty are concepts understood, having definitive, unambiguous, factual, objective meaning. Life as opposed to death. Life as opposed to loss, ruin, lethargy, disillusionment or demise. Liberty as opposed to slavery, suppression, domination,

melancholy for others.

An interesting statement, written in the Supreme Court ruling of the 1991 Planned Parenthood vs. Casey case is as follows: “the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning,

what about no wife or husband, rather living with a partner; a lover; a mistress? Engaging in fifty shades of gray? How about producing television programs like “Naked Dating” or “Bad Girls Club” or “Mountain Men?” How about having a friend with benefits? OK – let us get down to the reality of today; how about a significant other; a same-sex partner, a same-sex spouse? How about same-sex marriage?

If any of these and a litany of other pursuits makes one happy, then he or she “American citizen” has the unalienable right to that happiness, to pursue it and obtain it. More so than ever these days, if what one does goes against the law, well - file a lawsuit; go to court and get the law changed. Happiness!

During the 18th Century, the concept of happiness had a much different meaning than what is perceived today. The authors of the Declaration of Independence did not consider happiness in terms of a subjective, emotional state of mind, to be determined from a self-point of view. The pursuit of happiness was not a quest to seek whatever could give one pleasure, joy, tickles and bliss, nor the increase of one’s material possessions.

In the 18th Century, the term “virtuous felicity” was very much associated with happiness. Happiness was equivalent to activities which would contribute to the overall well-being of the person and the community. Happiness had a significant ethical dimension relating to social as well as personal betterment.

Happiness assumed a moral and virtuous order of things.

Seventeenth century political philosopher, John Locke had this to say about happiness in his 1690 essay, ‘Concerning Human Understanding.’ No doubt, Locke’s words influenced Jefferson. “The

If government violated these rights, then the governed could rise up and rebel.

necessity of pursuing happiness [is] the foundation of liberty. As therefore the highest perfection of intellectual nature lies in a careful and constant pursuit of true and solid happiness; so the care of ourselves, that we mistake not imaginary for real happiness, is the necessary foundation of our liberty.”

Locke goes on to explain that happiness is not simply sensual or hedonistic, self-defined, self-pursued, materialistic. Rather happiness is established in the engagement of intellectual pursuits, which requires assiduous discrimination between imaginary happiness and true and practical, functional happiness. True, genuine happiness, which Locke believed is the “foundation of liberty,” releases us from the captivity of mundane physical, carnal yearnings and aspirations.

Garry Wills, writing in his book, ‘*Inventing America*,’ (1978) stated: “When Jefferson spoke of pursuing happiness, he had nothing vague or private in mind.

He meant public happiness which is measurable; which is, indeed, the test and justification of any government.”

The concepts of happiness back then are very different from what the “average American” believes today. Today Americans

believe “the pursuit of happiness is defined as a fundamental right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence to freely pursue joy and live life in a way that makes you happy.” Moral virtues are not so much, if at all, considered today.

“That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” was a statement written to identify what good government was responsible to protect. If government violated these rights, then the governed could rise up and rebel. The Declaration was just that simple. However, over the past two centuries, this statement has been reinterpreted and misconstrued to justify behaviors, pleasure pursuits and (now considered) acceptable lifestyles, which are simply pernicious and detrimental to life, family, society and the nation.

That life, liberty and the pursuit

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the legal six-month investigation period. All this time, he has been subject to physical and verbal abuse, from both prison guards and fellow inmates, on account of his “apostasy” from, and “blasphemy” against, Islam. He has been denied a Bible and has not had eyeglasses since they were intentionally broken some time ago.

Iran: Ibrahim Firouzi, a Muslim convert to Christianity, was sentenced to the maximum five years in prison for “action against national security through collusion and gathering.” After Firouzi converted to Christianity, he was arrested on August 25, 2013 and convicted of evangelizing, colluding with “anti-regime” foreign networks, launching a Christian website, and working against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Although his prison term was supposed to end on January 13, 2015, authorities continued to hold him illegally, and on March 8 they sentenced him to serve another five years “in very difficult conditions.”

Dhimmitude

Syria: After failed negotiations, the Islamic State (IS) refused to release 242 Christian hostages captured during a late February raid along the Khabur River. On May 1, the IS demanded \$242 million USD for the release of 93 women, 51 children, and 98 men taken captive. The Assyrian church, family and friends, unable to raise such a large sum,

made a lesser, undisclosed offer, which IS rejected, saying it would no longer negotiate concerning the fate of the captive Christians. Based on Islamic law, their fate will now likely be slavery (especially women and children) or execution (especially men).

Ethiopia: A Muslim mob in Deder attacked a Christian man and forced him out of his home on pain of death, in an effort to appropriate his land and build a mosque on it -- despite recent court rulings confirming the Christian man’s property rights. “Their first plan was to kill my husband,” said Fikere Mengistu’s wife. “Now, he has escaped from the area. We are fasting and praying for God to rescue us from this forceful action.” She remains with her five children, elderly mother-in-law and 30 other Christians, praying on the property. “We did our best try to defend our faith based on the law of the country... Muslims are out of the control of the government and the law. What can we do?” said Mengistu.

Iraq: Juliana George, a 16-year-old Christian girl living in Baghdad, was abducted from her home. According to her family, a person knocked on the door of their home and when she answered, she was seized by four men who forced her into a waiting taxi and sped away. Her grandfather, Joseph, a priest, chased the taxi on foot and grabbed its door, but eventually fell to the side as the vehicle sped away. She was eventually released after her family paid a \$55,000 ransom to the abductors for her

return. Juliana’s father, George, said that she has been traumatized by the experience: “I fear for her and my two other daughters... There is no reason to believe that we will not be targeted again. I don’t see how we can stay in Baghdad after this.”

Turkey: On the same year that millions around the world commemorated the centennial of the Armenian Genocide, Turkish authorities started the demolition of Kamp Armen, an Armenian orphanage in the metropolitan district of Tuzla, despite the attempts by some political representatives to intervene. The orphanage was built in 1962 on the initiative of the Armenian Protestant community. A brief historical recap of the orphanage follows:

Thanks to its activities, the institution has helped 1,500 children to grow up in an environment based on the spirituality and culture of Armenian Christianity. There was also Hrant Dink among its students, the Armenian Turkish journalist, founder of the bilingual magazine *Agos*, killed in 2007 after being repeatedly threatened with death for his positions on the Armenian Genocide. The Turkish State had expropriated the orphanage in 1987, and all legal attempt (*sic*) by the Armenian Protestant communities to regain control of the building fell on deaf ears.

Italian Dhimmitude

Accounts of Muslim immigrants taunting and even assaulting Christians in Italy are increasing. Earlier this year, a

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crucifix was violently destroyed in close proximity to a populated mosque, and a statue of the Virgin Mary was destroyed and urinated on by a group of North Africans in Italy. In addition:

A Muslim schoolboy of African origin beat a 12-year-old girl at a school because she was wearing a crucifix around her neck. The boy, who had only started to attend the school a few weeks earlier, began to bully the Christian girl -- "insulting her and picking on her in other ways all because she was wearing the crucifix" -- before he finally assaulted her. Italian police did not charge the boy with any offense; they said he was a minor.

On Sunday, May 10, after church mass, a group of young Muslim immigrants from the Islamic Center interrupted a Catholic procession in honor of the Virgin Mary. They shouted verbal insults and threats as the group passed in front of the Islamic Cultural Center in Conselice, a small town in lower Romagna. Approximately 100 Catholic Christians, including several small children, were preparing to receive their first Holy Communion. They were reportedly stunned and confused and halted the procession before regrouping and hurrying past the Center.

Egyptian Dhimmitude

On Sunday, May 24, in the village of Kafr Darwish, just south of Cairo, a Muslim mob attacked Coptic Christian homes by throwing stones and Molotov explosives at them. More than 10 homes were torched and damaged. This attack was apparently

prompted by a familiar narrative: one of the Coptic villagers, Ayman Youssef, was accused of posting cartoons offensive to Muhammad on his Facebook account. Youssef is illiterate and says he lost his mobile phone a few days before the alleged Facebook posting. Village elders and security representatives held a "conciliation session" and decreed that Youssef's entire family -- including the 80-year-old father and 75-year-old mother -- must leave the village if angry Muslims were to calm down. The Christian family was told by the village mayor Ahmed Maher that police "cannot guarantee their safety if they remained in the village."

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Dr. Khaled Montaser, an Egyptian intellectual and frequent critic of the Islamization of the country, discussed how discrimination against Coptic Christians is widespread in certain medical professions. He said during a televised program that, although the pioneer of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Egypt was a Coptic Christian (Dr. Naguib Mahfouz), his grandson is banned from entering these professions because he is a Christian. Montaser confirmed that this policy, even if not a formal law, has caused Christian students increasingly to continue their studies abroad. He pointed

out that this "policy" has become a norm -- one of many that discriminates against Copts.

In a 25-minute interview on Arabic satellite TV with Dr. Mona Roman, Coptic Christian Bishop Agathon fully exposed the plight of his Christian flock in Minya, Egypt -- a region that has a large Coptic minority that is steadily under attack. It was pointed out that the Egyptian state itself is often behind the persecution of and discrimination against Christians. According to the bishop, local governmental authorities -- including the State Security apparatus -- do not just ignore the attacks on Copts, but are often the very ones behind them.

During a recent interview on Egyptian television, Dr. Yunis Makioun, head of the Al-Nour Party, the political wing of the Salafis, insisted that Islam commands Muslims to "protect" the nation's Christian minority -- a reference to their "dhimmi" status -- and treat them properly. Even so, said the Salafi spokesman, Muslims, according to Islam, are forbidden to offer greetings or congratulations to Copts on any Christian holiday.

Coptic Kidnappings

Since the "Arab Spring" came to Egypt, the kidnapping of Coptic Christians has been on the rise. In Nag Hammadi alone, 77 persons

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have been abducted, and two killed.

Makram Nazir, a 55-year-old Coptic Christian man was kidnapped and killed. Nazir was returning home from his second job in the middle of the night on April 26, when he was seized. His abductors called his brother and demanded a million Egyptian pounds (equivalent of \$131,000 USD). As it was an impossible amount to raise, the Coptic man's family negotiated a significantly reduced price by phone with the abductors. The brother went to the local police station, provided them with all the information, including recordings of the phone calls, but, according to Watan News, "no one made a single move or took the matter seriously." After paying the ransom, three days passed before Nazir's family found the Coptic man's corpse in a canal. Killing Christian hostages even after being paid the ransom is not uncommon in Egypt. The same happened to 6-year-old Cyril Joseph: on May 2013, it was reported that his "family is in tatters after paying 30,000 pounds (about \$4000 USD) to the abductor, who still killed the innocent child and threw his body in the sewer system, where the body, swollen and moldy, was exhumed."

Armed gunmen seized an 8-year-old Coptic Christian child, Antonious Zaki Hani, who was walking with his mother to school in Nag Hammadi. Four

armed gunmen appeared, forced the child from his mother on the threat of death, and fled in a car. The kidnapers demanded two million Egyptian pounds (\$262,000 USD) in ransom. Police eventually released the boy 17 days after he was kidnapped, although some activists say police knew earlier where the boy was being held.

On May 2, another Coptic Christian girl, Marina Magdi Fahim, 17, vanished after leaving her home around midday in the Hanofil region of Alexandria. Her family reported her disappearance to the authorities. Human rights activists say the girl was not reported injured at any hospital -- a sign that she was kidnapped. She has not been seen since.

A few days earlier, another 17-year old Coptic Christian was kidnapped in the village of al-Kom al-Qibliyya in Samalout. An eyewitness said he saw a Muslim neighbor named Ahmed Khalifa seize the girl. Although the family planned to organize a protest, the village elders counseled against it, lest it backfire by provoking more of the area's Muslims to retaliate against the Christian minority of the region, as often happens whenever Copts ask for their human rights.

About this Series

While not all, or even most, Muslims are involved, persecution of Christians is expanding. "Muslim Persecution of Christians" was developed to collate some — by no means all — of the instances of persecution that surface each month.

It documents what the

mainstream media often fails to report.

It posits that such persecution is not random but systematic, and takes place in all languages, ethnicities and locations.

Beshay's case is only one of several concerning Christians accused of, and punished for, insulting Islam. In April, Gad Yunan, a Coptic Christian teacher, and some of his Coptic students, were arrested on the charge of insulting Islam. Their crime was to have made a 30-second video on Yunan's iPhone mocking the Islamic State -- which Egypt's Muslims and authorities apparently equate with mocking Islam, even as Muslims in the West insist ISIS has "nothing to do with Islam." Last year, Kerolos Shouky Attallah, a young Coptic Christian man accused of blaspheming Islam for simply "liking" an Arabic-language Facebook page administered by an anonymous group of Christian converts, was sentenced to six years in prison. The Copt did not make any comments on the site, share any of the postings or upload anything to it, and removed his name from the page once he realized that it might offend Muslims. In the hours preceding the sentencing, a rioting mob burned down several Christian-owned shops. He remains in hiding.

According to lawyer Karam Ghobrial, the reason his client is being held and tortured in prison has to do with what made Bishoy notorious some years back in the first place: his audacity not only to convert to Christianity, but to try

formally to change his religious identity from Muslim to Christian on his ID card -- prompting much public animosity and death threats against him at the time.

According to Bishop Mar Mellis:

We tried many times to negotiate with the people that captured them and for their release.

We offered them an amount of money in accordance with the law of jizya but sadly after a week the negotiator between us returned and told us that ISIS wanted \$100,000 for each person. They were asking for over \$23 million.

We are a poor nation. These people [Christian captives] have not done anything wrong and won't harm anyone. We as Assyrians do not have this amount of money you are asking for. We offered an amount of money that we cannot disclose at this time. With the amount we offered, we thought it was acceptable, to have the return of the 230 people.

After two days, they [Islamic State] told us: "The amount the church offered was not acceptable. From now on, we will no longer negotiate with you." We then thought we would wait, hoping they would come back to talk. Sadly, we received word that the 230 kidnapped people will be sent to the Court of Sharia in Raqqa, where a Muslim judge from Mosul will deliver their fate.

In the context of these ongoing attacks that the ancient Assyrian Christian community has been exposed to, particularly at the hands of IS, Archimandrite Emanuel Youkhana of the

Assyrian Church of the East declared before a European parliament on human rights that "Assyrian Christians are facing a danger that threatens their existence in their historical regions."

According to International Christian Concern:

Fikere Mengistu's family has owned their land for more than 90 years, but a mob of more than 20 Muslims in Kufanzik village remain intent on forcibly building a mosque on the Mengistu farm in defiance of the law. Muslims make up the religious majority in the area. They have destroyed

one family member to protest against the proposed building of a church -- so that security can then point to the mob and, as usual, just tell the Copts, "Sorry, no can do."

Other times, State Security is complicit: Male and female Christian minors -- currently 21 from just Minya alone, said the Coptic leader -- are habitually abducted by surrounding Muslims. At the moment, the youngest Christian girl abducted had just started elementary school. Whenever any of these attacks occur, Copts, working with the church, prepare

Armed gunmen seized an 8-year-old Coptic Christian child who was walking with his mother to school.

his fence and have looted his possessions. In addition, the local police are complicit in these attempts to steal his land.... The authorities are letting it happen. In the past, he has faced threats from local police officers, has been forced to pay bribes, and has been imprisoned simply because he is a Christian.

For example, when the Copts were having a serious council meeting with government officials about the possibility of building a church, one of the authorities actually contacted the Islamic sheikhs of the village asking whether they "stand with the Coptic church or with the State?" If the latter, each Muslim household was instructed to send

bundles of documents, including photos and other verifications, incriminating the culprits. These then are placed into the hands of top officials, to make sure they don't get "lost" or "misplaced" by underlings. The bishop named many of these top people -- at no small risk to himself -- and said he even put such proofs and documents into the hands of the Director of Intelligence himself. "Absolutely nothing was done," said the despondent Christian.

He discussed the difficulties that Copts encounter whenever they want to build a church -- due to their dearth, some of the current churches serve tens of thousands of Christians -- or even make simple repairs. By

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way of example, he explained how the Virgin Mary Church in Safaniya village has no bathrooms or running water. Christians “tried time and time again to get approval to build bathrooms, to no avail.” The bishop lamented how elderly and sick people sometimes urinate on themselves during service, while mothers must change their crying babies’ diapers right on the pews.

In response, authorities told the bishop to “Go and ask the Muslims of your region if they will approve the building of a church, or bathroom, or anything -- and if they do, so will we.”

It should be noted that Islamic law specifically bans the construction or repair of churches.

Clearly frustrated, the bishop added: “We as Copts are human beings. And envy takes us when we see our Muslim brothers

build mosques where they will, how they will, at any place and at any time. And the State helps them! But as for us, we cannot build anything and that which is already open is being closed.... We, the Copts, are citizens with rights; and we see Muslims get whatever they want, while we are always prevented.”

The Coptic bishop also said that sometimes Christians are punished whenever they go and “bother” authorities about their treatment. For example, when a Coptic delegation went to make a formal complaint, one of them was immediately kidnapped. His kidnappers demanded and received 120,000 Egyptian pounds for his release. Police were notified -- even told where the exchange of money for hostage was to take place -- but did absolutely nothing. The bishop referred to this incident as a “punishment” while Dr. Roman, the Coptic hostess, called Minya, Egypt a “State of Retribution” against those Copts who dare refuse to suffer quietly,” adding, “Al-Minya is apparently not an

Egyptian province; it is governed by ISIS.”

Finally, Bishop Agathon made clear the despondency he and the average Christian in Egypt feel, repeatedly saying that, no matter which official they talk to, “nothing will change.” If anything, the plight of Egypt’s Christians has gone “from bad to worse,” said the bishop: “We hear beautiful words but no solution.”

Dr. Roman concluded by imploring Egyptian President Sisi, saying: “I’ve said it before: President Sisi is very meticulous and aware of the nation’s issues. Why, then, is it that the Coptic plight in Minya is being ignored? Why is he turning a blind eye toward it?”

Bishop Agathon concluded by saying that “Copts are between a state anvil and aggressor hammers,” meaning that, the state serves only to keep its Christian citizens in place while Islamic radicals pound away at them. □

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just 52 days!

Nehemiah got things settled and working well, and served as Governor of Judah for about 12 years. But guess what? When he returned to his home in Babylon, Judah fell apart again. It was like he hadn’t even been there! The Jews were not keeping the Sabbath, were marrying pagans and had returned to their former

corruption. Tobias the Ammonite even moved into the courtyard of God’s Temple! The presence of a strong leader, or lack thereof, makes all the difference in a country. Some time around 432 BC Nehemiah returned to Judah. He chased Tobiah out of the temple area and threw out all of his things, just like Jesus would one day do.

We, also, must not fall into spiritual paralysis like the 50,000 that lived in Jerusalem when Nehemiah first arrived. We must

all learn to truly believe in the power of prayer, as Nehemiah did. Do we care enough to pray for God’s work and His people?

Nehemiah was a wonderful leader. He had all the princes and Levites sign a covenant to promise that they would not return to their former ways and activities. The people also agreed. His final words at the end of his book are, “Remember me, my God, with favor;” We are sure that he doesn’t have to worry. □

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM NEHEMIAH

• BE PRAYERFUL

He began with prayer and fasting (Neh 1:4). He was humble and repentant (Neh. 1:6-8).

• BE A RISK TAKER FOR GOD

He took a risk by approaching the King (vs2:1-4, 15-16) while praying simultaneously.

• BE SMART AND CAUTIOUS

He got the facts before speaking (2:15-16) and was very cautious and wise.

• BE BRAVE AND BOLD

He was bold and brave and full of faith and asked for action.

• BE COMPASSIONATE

He had a heart for God, the Jewish people, the city of Jerusalem and the Temple services.

• GOD DETESTS COWARDS

He was not afraid of his enemies (2:19-20). God does not want cowards. (Rev 21:8).

• REMAIN HUMBLE

He got things done and was not too proud to do the dirty work, like some of the nobles (3:5).

• BE DETERMINED IN THE FACE OF HATRED AND OPPOSITION

He met anti-Semitism and hate with prayer, determination & preparation (4: 1-5, 13-18).

• BE SELF SACRIFICING FINANCIALLY

He sacrificed to serve others and forced the greedy to help the needy (5:1-16).

• BE HEROIC IN THE FACE OF PRESSURE

He was wise and bravely avoided a trap: "But I said, Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!" (6:11).

• MAINTAIN SUSTAINED FOCUS

He was focused and did not let enemies distract him and hinder the work (7:2-3).

• KEEP GOD'S HOLY DAYS

He and Ezra led the greatest Feast of Tabernacles. (See Ch 8:14) They ordered people to rejoice during the Feast regardless of the need to repent (Mark 2:26-27).

• CELEBRATE GOD'S BLESSING WITH MUSIC AND JOY

He used music to dedicate the walls using dual choirs and bands (Neh. Ch 12).

• BE FULL OF RIGHTEOUS, BUT CONTROLLED, ANGER

He cleansed the Temple of ungodly activity similar to what Jesus did (13:7-9).

• LOVE AND ENJOY THE SABBATH

He stopped their Sabbath breaking, including treading grapes on the Sabbath, and closed the shopping bazaars on the Sabbath.

• STAY PURE OF PAGANISM

He stopped the marrying of pagans since it was undermining the faith. Those who are single need to remember this rule and not marry outside of true Christianity (1 Cor. 7:39). Try hard to save all marriages that already exist when called into the truth. (Neh. 13:23-27).

Still Missing

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of happiness are an unalienable right granted by the creator may be debatable; however, that is not the point. There is still something missing in the whole conversation.

Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a disgrace to any people.
-Proverbs 14:34

What was missing then and still missing today, are the Laws of God. But alas and alack, this country is not willing to listen to any dialog when it comes to the Laws of God.

Without over-simplification, yet in its simplest form, if the Laws of God are not the foundational, fundamental, guiding laws of a nation, then it is rather immaterial and irrelevant as to what that nation's founding documents intend, promise or legislate. In the end, that nation loses.

God's laws are relevant and universal, pertinent, appropriate and applicable for all peoples, cultures, nations, generations, epochs and times.

The founding fathers spoke of an unalienable right of life. God certainly endows life; after all, He is the creator of life, having also created the birth process. However, as God sees it, you have a "choice" in the matter.

"See, I have set before you this day life and good and death and evil; in that, I command you

this day to love the Eternal thy God, to walk in his ways and to keep his commandments and his statutes and judgments, that you may live long and prosper and the Eternal God shall bless the land you possess. But if your heart turn away that you will not hear but will worship other gods, I tell you, you shall perish ... I

call heaven and earth to record this day against you; I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and the children that come after you may live" (cf. Deuteronomy 30:15-19).

Obedience to God's laws is equivalent to choosing life. Choice is the right God has given you and all men.

"Blessed (translated from the Hebrew word *esher* meaning happy) is everyone that reverently respects and honors God and walks in His ways. For you shall eat of the produce that you harvested and prosper by the things you produce and happy you shall be and it shall be well with you" (cf. Psalm 128:1-2).

"Blessed, happy is the individual who does not keep company with the ungodly and unrighteous; nor stands with the sinners, nor sits with ridiculer, mocker or the impertinent. Rather happy is that person who delights in the laws of God and in God's laws meditates night and day. This individual will

be like a tree planted by the river, always having water and nutrients right there at their feet. And being nourished, will always bear fruit and will not be deprived. And whosoever loves and obeys God's laws, will prosper" (cf. Psalms 1:1-3).

God's laws are righteous, holy, just and good, providing a path of longevity, health, happiness and profitable living. God's laws, when kept, produce good and successful results, not only for an individual but also for an entire nation. If a nation were to embrace God's laws as its legislative foundation, like a Declaration of Independence, that nation would be stable, prosperous, providing equity and justice for all its citizens. That nation would be acceptable to God.

Of course, that seems hard to believe given the fact that Christian churches preach the laws of God were nailed to the cross and were done away. The laws of God, many a Christian minister will say, no longer need to be kept.

"Righteousness (living a right life in respect and obeisance to God and His laws) exalts a nation: but sin (the breaking of the law 1 John 3:4) is a disgrace to any people" (cf. Proverbs 14:34).

Is it possible that Christianity today is contributing to the demise of the United States?

Speaking of the end time children of Israel, of whom the United States is comprised, God says: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you ... you have

Absurdity

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programs have exploded, from nationalized health care to food stamps to Obamaphones, to vast sums spent on transport and settlement of illegals. Add to that the enormous sums spent on one “green” boondoggle after another, not to mention the lost jobs and lost productivity from the flurry of regulations that keep coming down from on high. The current administration is spending one trillion dollars per year more than the government takes in. But we are not paying for any of this, yet. It is being added to our national debt.

China was considered the savior of the world economy at the time of the 2008 U.S. economic bust driven by bad loans for over-inflated real estate. That too was a symptom of political correctness and the “anti-discrimination” policies that drove banks to make cheap and easy loans to people that had no hope or intention of ever repaying them. Since those loans were largely backed by the U.S. government, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac had to be restructured while all the bad loans were added to our national debt, and the government printed an unprecedented volume of unbacked currency to boost the economy. China was booming at the time, buying up raw materials for its manufacturing sector and bolstering commodity values.

Now, the analysts say, China has hit the wall. It’s currency has been devalued time and again of late, sending shockwaves

through international markets. Commodities prices are down by an average of nearly fifty percent. Stock markets the world over are considered over-valued, with much of the money invested now at risk of being totally lost.

Recent years have seen governments all over the world pull every trick in the book to try to keep economies afloat. We’ve seen the U.S. debt bomb rolled down the road a ways every time a spending reauthorization came due before Congress. The Fed has held interest rates at near-zero for years.

Europe has a Greek debt crisis that has been hanging fire for several weeks without resolution. Four or five other southern European nations are expected to be unable to continue servicing their debt. Central bankers are said to be losing control. They’re out of room to maneuver. Interest rates in the United States and in the UK are slated to begin to climb in the months ahead.

Those who chart current U.S. spending and debt acquisition into the years ahead find that current spending policies have us on a path to eclipse gross national product in only a matter of years. That has already happened in Greece, which is why the whole world is waiting and watching to see what Germany will do to try to save Greece, save the euro and save the European Union.

The pope seems to think he’s some kind of expert in these matters. He’s traveled the world, issuing statements lauding socialism and castigating capitalism. It seems he’s all in favor of developed nations accepting

vast numbers of refugees and immigrants of every description. And here they come. They’re flooding across the U.S. southern border in record numbers. They’re flooding into Europe by the hundreds of thousands, adding to the millions of unassimilated already there. Already enough Europeans seem to have figured out what is happening to their societies and their economy, at least enough that the political equation has already been altered at the margins.

Not to worry though, *il papa* will be visiting the United States this fall with solutions for everything. He seems to see nearly everything through the same lense as our current dicatorial president. Settle, feed and support all the world’s poor in Europe and America. Free everything for everybody, that’ll fix it.

But that is the policy that led Greece into the abyss, and threatens the nations of southern Europe. It is the same ideology that has bankrupted Central and South America. It is the ideology that will ultimately take down the world’s currencies, including our own. The grand and final solution might just be the Mark of the Beast. □



CURRENT EVENTS, BIBLE PROPHECY, AND THE END OF THE AGE

What could the Bible possibly have to say about current world events? What place does the news have in church? Isn't it enough to "accept Jesus just the way you are" and go about your business? And who can understand prophecy anyway?

Many "Christians" have no interest in the machinations of world governments, yet they effect us individually and define us collectively. Many have no interest in Bible prophecy, yet it is 1/3 of all scripture and essential to understanding the times in which we live. There is no disagreement among Christians that in the future Christ will rule the earth, as the Bible plainly states, but

how do we get from here to there?

Christ's own disciples asked Him "when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the age?" (Read the book of Matthew Ch. 24 & 25) In His lengthy response He mentions "great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world" and instructs them to "watch therefore, for you know not what hour your Lord comes." Perhaps the most obvious text dealing with this is the book of Revelation. Also notably addressing the "time of the end" is Daniel the 12th chapter.

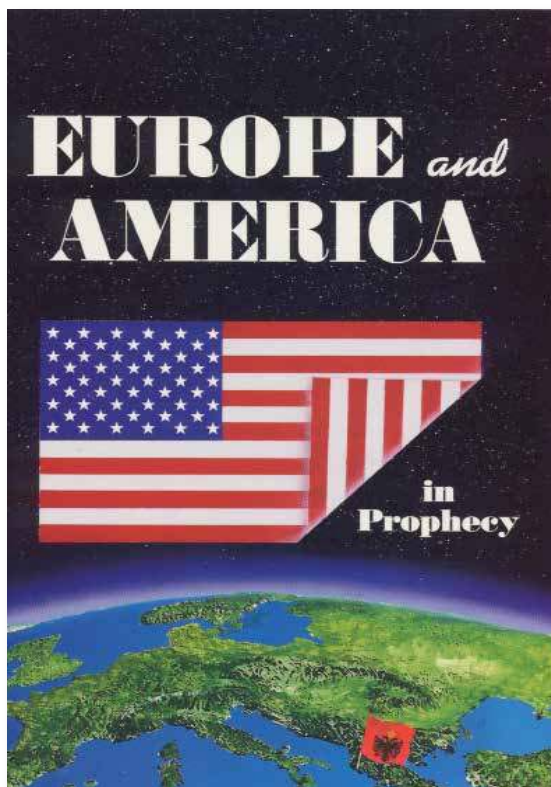
In attempting to decipher these cryptic passages it is important to understand who is being spoken of or addressed. How else can we know where to look, how to "watch" as Christ commanded? Revealingly, after His resurrection, Christ's disciples asked, "Will You at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6) In Jeremiah 30:7 the tribulation is referred to as "the time of Jacob's trouble;" but who is Jacob or Israel anyway? Where can we find him today? Are we to believe that all of these numerous passages refer

only to the tiny nation of modern day Israel on the coast of the Mediterranean? Or is that nation only a small part of the seed God promised Abraham would be beyond numbering like the sand of the sea or the stars of the sky?

Request your free copy of *Europe and America in Prophecy* today! Discover the identity of Israel! It is the key to unlocking much of Bible prophecy as well as what's happening in our world today. Learn of the nations and kings God promised would proceed from Abraham (Genesis 17), of David's throne (II Sam. 7) which He established for ever!

Does God speak idle words, issuing empty promises and prophecies willy nilly? Is the Bible just so much poetic hyperbole, a tool used by hypocrites to delude the simple? Or is it a fount of verifiable history, an inspired record we can turn to for personal and collective guidance? It is the (former) moral textbook of western society, illuminating past, present and future. Isn't it time you understood who Israel is? Isn't it time you understood how the present will mesh with the future, understood who the major players will be at the end of this age?

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Economic Problems

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(at least for the moment). But for the average person on the street things continue to go from bad to worse.

How soon will it be until we see similar scenarios play out in Italy, Spain, Portugal and France?

As things in the eurozone continue to deteriorate, nations that were planning to join the

euro are suddenly not so eager to do so...

Poland will not join the euro while the bloc remains in danger of “burning”, its central bank governor said. Marek Belka, who has also served as the country’s prime minister, said the turmoil in Greece had weakened confidence in the single currency. “You shouldn’t rush when there is still smoke coming from a house that was burning. It is simply not safe to do so. As long as the eurozone

has problems with some of its own members, don’t expect us to be enthusiastic about joining,” he said.

Yes, definitely keep an eye on what is happening in China. Without a doubt, it is very big news.

But I believe that what is going on in Europe will ultimately prove to be an even bigger story.

The greatest financial crisis that Europe has ever seen is coming, and it is going to shake up the entire planet. *Michael Snyder, author of “Get Prepared Now.”* □

Still Missing

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forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget your children. ... As they were increased, so they sinned against me; therefore I will change their glory into shame” (cf. Hosea 4:6-7).

There is an irony about the founding documents of this country. Both documents were structured, written in order to and for the purpose of, establishing a vigorous, rational and unbiased form of government. A government considerate of, providing equity for all those governed, new to the world, a first of its kind.

However, to control every nuance of behavior of its citizens; to control or regulate the lifestyles, actions, choices, idiosyncrasies and character of people; to promote obedience to God and His Laws – this was never the intention of the Declaration of Independence or the US Constitution.

Today, many preach that this nation was founded on Christian principles. In the background of these founding documents, no doubt there were people who believed in the Lord Jesus. However, were they obedient and faithful to Jesus Christ, His words and the scriptures? Or were they obedient to the doctrines and principles, the interpretations and teachings of men, of the Catholic and Protestant churches at that time? What is unmistakably obvious, evident and clear is the fact that this nation was not founded, purely or directly, on the Laws of God or the truths of God.

Still today, the Laws of God are not promoted or honored in this nation. The government cannot promote or endorse them and the churches across this land will not advocate the Laws of God. As a result, the people are perishing for lack of knowledge. The people, like lost sheep, are not being guided by the honorable, life preserving and life protecting laws of God. As a result, the

country is fast decaying and its glory is changing to shame.

Sorrow fills the hearts of those who understand and appreciate the great blessings the God of Israel endowed this land and its people with, all a result of the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (later named Israel). Seeing this country led by deceived leaders and its people disobedient to righteousness brings lamentation.

The Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution are suitable documents when it comes to regulating government. However, without the Laws of God as the fundamental and foundational laws guiding the United States, or any nation for that matter (laws which are the true source and guarantor of life, liberty and happiness), the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution have a limited life. Like the United States of America, these documents will soon become obsolete. □

FBI Overwhelmed

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“Local police and sheriffs need to understand for themselves what jihad is, where it comes from, and what indicators and warnings they must look for to keep their communities safe – because this jihad is asymmetric, decentralized, and dependent on jihadis who already are living among us, just like Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez,” Lopez said.

The Abdulazeez family weren’t refugees from a war zone on whom a proper background investigation might be very difficult, if not impossible. This was a family with a known history, proper documents, and presumably Americans who could vouch for them when they came to the U.S. in 1996.

“The problem is the refusal of this White House and our national security leadership more broadly to confront the reality of the global jihad movement,” Lopez said.

She said State Department officials are forbidden to even query an immigrant’s ideological position on jihad and Islamic law before approving his visa application.

“They are not allowed to find out whether they are good fits to live in our Republic, to pledge unreserved allegiance to our Constitution, to live under rule of man-made law, and to assimilate into our Judeo-Christian-based society,” she said.

Then, when events occur that

should raise red flags – like the father’s possible financial donation (zakat) to a questionable Islamic entity, the shooter’s trip to Jordan, or his visibly increased Islamic devotion – they just don’t. Our federal officials are forbidden to know the meaning of the indicators and warnings like these – they will lose their jobs if they even suggest such obvious signals ought to constitute probable cause to trigger an investigation.

Clarke said U.S. taxpayers are not getting a lot of bang for their buck in the way of effective intelligence gathering. That’s because too much is wasted on non-threats.

“This country spends an estimated \$58 billion a year on our intelligence services. They missed 9/11, they missed Fort Hood, they missed the Boston bombing and what I think we’ll find here with this one (in Chattanooga) is that they missed some red flags, too.”

BACHMANN’S VOICE ECHOES FROM HALLS OF CONGRESS

Former Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., has long been concerned by the developing trend: Rising immigration from hostile countries and rising incidents of Islamic terror. When she served in the House, few listened to her warnings.

“Terrorism is real, barbaric and will continue on American soil until the U.S. determines to get serious about prevention,” she said. “Across the world, wherever Muslim immigration has been allowed to flourish, a connection to terrorism has flourished also.

“No one has a right to immigrate to America. It is our choice as to who we allow to gain entrance to our great land.”

Bachmann lays much of the blame for today’s failed immigration system at the feet of former Sen. Ted Kennedy.

His “devious experiment” with the 1965 Immigration Act “fundamentally transformed” America’s immigration system into one that now allows 1.1 million immigrants to enter the U.S. legally each year, far beyond the scope of what any other country would consider wise.

“America is our country. It is time the politicians listen to



**Former Rep. Michelle Bachmann,
R-Minn.**

us, the people who support this nation,” Bachmann said. “Not to the international business conglomerates who demand a continuous supply of cheap labor and pass on the true negative social costs to us.”

And those social costs, as America is now finding out, extend well beyond the cost of providing welfare benefits. Sometimes, those costs can be paid in blood. □

LETTERS

Dear Mark,

Your monthly letter is so enlightening! You tell the TRUTH! Most people in the USA don't want to hear it, but it needs to be told & you do it.

May our Lord Jesus bless you over and over!

J.M., Wareham, MA

GTAEA,

I want to thank you for sending me your WATCH magazine. It's like food for my soul. I thank you so very much for the CDs and all the other literature I read.

I hope there will be a Third Quarter for the Twenty First Century WATCH and I thank you so very much for the Magazine.

W.B., Wilson, NC

Dear Mark,

Thank you for the Twenty-First Century WATCH. I've learned a lot from the DVDs and Audio CDs I receive from you all. GTA was a great speaker.

I just recently learned about the history of the cross. I went to different websites on the computer and they all say the same thing about the cross

predating Christianity. What a shock! I just felt compelled to write and say "Thank you."

R.K., Columbia, LA

GTAEA,

Please continue to tell it like it is from a Biblical perspective.

Thank you so much for all the CDs and booklets and the magazine. I have received it for so many years.

Please continue to send me the Twenty-First Century WATCH!

J.C., Paris, KY

Mark,

I thank God for you and the church. Your parents would be so proud of the letters you have been composing to the brethren to keep us on our toes as to what is happening in this crazy world.

I can only say "thank you" for your wisdom - it surely encourages all who read them to stick with it and remain faithful to the end, whenever that may be.

I, for one, don't know what I'd do without the support from Tyler that comes every week.

J.G., Vancouver Island, BC

GTAEA,

Thank you for all the great sermons. Mr. John Mitchell's "Listen, America" is one I may pass along to my son.

It's good to know others are feeling the same as to what's going on in our contry.

I've been doing what I can to get out a few dozen of the WATCH magazines.

May God be with you and strengthen you.

E.R., Olympia, WA

GTAEA,

The sermon I received this week was one of the best I have gotten. John Mitchell did a great job describing our time and what is coming on our world. We need more sermons like this to keep us centered on our present time and dangers that are coming.

The magazines are looking great and a joy to read.

Mark does a very good job with the news as it applies to the Bible also. I enjoy his updates and honest comments.

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