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## One World Government

Is another Tower of Babel coming?

## Why Free Speech Matters

**T**he United States and many other Western nations are at a crossroads. Free speech is dying, and if it dies, so will many other things.

Kirsten Powers is a self-declared liberal. She became alarmed by what she saw and responded by writing *The Silencing: How the Left Is Killing Free Speech*. Another liberal, Juan Williams, describes the book this way: “Kirsten Powers explodes and skewers ‘The Silencing’—the demonizing and repression of different views, especially conservative views. Here is a liberal calling out other supposedly liberal people who claim to believe in free speech but tell all who disagree with them to shut up.” Powers calls these speech censors *illiberal*, to distinguish them from true liberals.

Earlier this year, Dennis Prager explained to attendees at the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Nashville, Tennessee, the difference between *liberal* and *leftist*—pointing out that liberals promote open-mindedness and compassion, while leftists preach tolerance, but only for their causes. *Left* and *right* are often political terms, but extreme leftists—who have taken over many universities—are totalitarians who suppress opposition by whatever means are at their disposal. It is important for all of us to understand these differences. Whether we speak of leftists or illiberals, we are not attacking liberals or promoting conservatives. Leftists, Marxists and anarchists are making huge inroads into our culture. This is a dangerous turn for Western nations and a frightening attempt at totalitarian *thought control*.

University of Toronto psychology professor Jordan Peterson burst onto the public square by refusing to use so-called “alternative pronouns” or refer to a single individual as *they*, as some gender-confused individuals demand. “I’ve been watching the rise of political correctness on campuses basically since the early 1990s’.... It seemed to go away for a while, he said, then ‘over the last five years, it has come roaring back’” (Tom Spears. “How controversial U of T prof Jordan Peterson became a lightning rod.” *Ottawa Citizen*, March 10, 2017).

When Britain’s former mental health tsar Natasha Devon told the head teachers of the country’s leading

girls’ schools that they should no longer refer to students as *girls* or *ladies* but should address them with gender-neutral terms, liberal-leaning Piers Morgan came unglued on *Good Morning Britain*: “It’s preposterous. Utterly preposterous. It’s over. No more boys, no more girls. No more men, no more women. The world is over,” Morgan said. He added that People who ‘agree with this garbage’ were ‘virtue signalling clowns’” (Luke Kinsella. “UK teachers told to use gender-neutral pronouns.” *News.com.au*, November 23, 2017).

Ben Shapiro is a conservative voice decrying authoritarian thought control. The titles of three of his seven books explain why the most leftist universities attempt to shut him up: *Brainwashed: How Universities*

*Indoctrinate America’s Youth;*  
*Bullies: How the Left’s*  
*Culture of Fear and Intimidation Silences Americans;*  
and *Primetime Propaganda: The True Hollywood Story of How the Left Took Over Your TV.*



Articulate voices—both liberal and conservative—are pushing back, but biased media and courts

seem to be, at this time, on the side of advancing behaviors and lifestyles contrary to biblical values and suppressing free speech.

### A Dangerous Impact

Some erroneously think we at *Tomorrow’s World* spend too much time talking about political correctness, LGBT issues, “bathroom bills” and the like—that we should only focus on the Gospel as they view it. They are naive. The Gospel of the Kingdom

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of God calls for people to repent of behaviors that are contrary to God's ways.

These issues should concern every morally sound person, and they affect our ability to preach the truth of the Bible to a chaotic world. Without freedom of speech, we cannot sound the alarm and call on people to repent. How right and wrong are defined is at the core of repentance.

The prophet Isaiah was instructed, "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up your voice like a trumpet; tell My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1). God told Ezekiel, "I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me... I am sending you to them and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse... yet they will know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezekiel 2:3-5).

Jonah told Nineveh that destruction was on the way in 40 days. Their king called for a city-wide fast and commanded everyone to "turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands" (Jonah 3:8). God responded to such heart-felt repentance.

The gospel of Mark reveals the beginning of Jesus' message. "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying... 'Repent, and believe in the gospel'" (Mark 1:14-15). Yes, Jesus commanded repentance—and people must know what sin *is* to be able to repent of it! Matthew 23 is a red-hot scolding of the religious leaders of His day for their hypocritical practices. In Matthew 5, He magnified the law of God, showing the spiritual intent: Hatred is the spirit of murder and lustfully looking at a woman is the spirit of adultery.

### The Truth Is Not Politically Correct

The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians that many of the sexual sins and perversions that our Western world is embracing would keep them out of the Kingdom of God: "Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, not thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). See Galatians 5:19-21

as well as Revelation 21:8 for two more examples out of many in God's word in which behaviors that will keep you out of God's Kingdom are explicitly listed.

The point is that behaviors that God calls abominations are promoted and leftist activists strive to

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silence any who disagree with their agenda. Dr. James Dobson laid bare their plan in his 2002 book, *Bringing Up Boys*, pointing out that "feminists and homosexual activists want to dissolve the traditional roles of mothers and fathers and, in time, eliminate such terms as *wife, husband, son, daughter, sister, brother, manhood, womanhood, boy, girl, masculine, and feminine*."

These references to sexual identity are being replaced with gender-neutral terms, such as *significant other, spouse, parent, child, and sibling*" (p. 17). Dr. Miriam Grossman explains their agenda this way: "Their goal is an androgynous culture, where the differences between male and female are discounted or denied, and the bond between them robbed of singularity" (*Unprotected*, p. xxi).

Their ultimate goal is to destroy the family! Any informed and thinking person can see this. They are out to destroy the very purpose for which God created mankind—a vain attempt to defeat God!

We are not the result of blind chance. We are part of a plan designed by a Being whose intelligence, power and love far surpasses ours. The difference is literally night and day.

I am amazed at how disinterested people are in discovering the very purpose of life—the reason why they were born. If you are interested, please call or write to the regional office nearest you, found on page 4, to receive a free copy of the booklet *Your Ultimate Destiny*. It tells you straight from the pages of the Bible what that purpose is, and it is likely not what you have assumed.



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# The Coming One-World Government!

*Bible prophecy tells us that an end-time world power will dominate world trade, international politics and military might, and will lead humanity to the brink of total self-destruction. But it will not be the sort of one-world government that conspiracy theorists expect—and it will be followed by an even greater government that will finally bring true peace to the entire world!*

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By **Richard F. Ames**

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**A**s far back as the Tower of Babel, mankind has dreamed of a one-world government. Mankind, commanded by God to diversify over the face of the earth, chose, instead, to remain together in one place, in defiance of their Creator's desire. Yet, it was not then God's will that humanity be united in one location under one human government, and He intervened to scatter humanity across the earth by dividing the languages of man (Genesis 11:1–9). Ever since, every kingdom of men to rise and seek such a level of power has eventually met its own end.

Will the world ever come under the control of a single, globe-spanning government? Should such a worldwide authority rise among men, what can we expect of it? Will it fulfill our hopes or our fears? Your Bible has the answers! God's word tells us not only of a coming tyrannical human government that will seek control over all the earth, but also of a successful global

government that will finally bring the peace mankind has long desired. You need to know the future of the world, and its coming one-world government!

## **A History of Failed Attempts**

World-ruling empires of the past reached a zenith in their power but eventually fell into ruin. The great Babylonian Empire, for example, conquered many nations, including the kingdom of Judah in the Middle East. This vast empire featured the famous hanging gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The ancient historian Herodotus wrote, "In addition to its size... Babylon surpasses in splendor any city in the known world." But its depravity and moral decline led to God's judgment. The handwriting was on the wall, and the Persian army captured the so-called impregnable city of Babylon.

Are such dreams of one-world government dead? Even today, voices cry out for a one-world government to solve our critical global conflicts and



problems. Some Europeans envision a revival of the old Roman Empire. The modern parliament building of the European Union in Strasbourg evokes this ancient tale of the Tower of Babel, visually mirroring its unfinished structure and representing the EU's hope to peacefully unite the many peoples and languages under its influence.

Such hopes for Europe spring from the continent's experience of two devastating world wars, which raged on its soil. But will such efforts succeed in the hands of nationalistic leaders? History teaches us what to expect.

At the end of World War I, President of the United States Woodrow Wilson proposed a league of nations that would work together for world peace. That institution failed, and the world saw another global war only one generation later. After World War II, in 1945, the United Nations was formed for the same purpose. And yet the turmoil in the world around us today is sobering evidence that the 193 member-states of the U.N. have not established the way to lasting world

Mussolini envisioned a revival of the Roman Empire. *History.com* accurately describes his ambitions:

Benito Mussolini's self-confessed 'thirst for military glory' battled his acute intelligence, psychological acumen, and political shrewdness for control over his military policies. Originally a revolutionary Socialist, he abandoned his party to advocate Italian intervention in World War I. Following the war, in which he served as a rifleman, Mussolini decided his destiny was to rule Italy as a modern Caesar and re-create the Roman Empire. He forged the paramilitary Fascist movement in 1919–1921, using it to march on Rome, become prime minister, and then to seize dictatorial power (1925–1926) (*History.com*, "Benito Mussolini").

Italy allied itself with Germany and their "Axis" power went down in defeat at the end of World

War II. But will there be another attempt for a Roman Empire revival? We've discussed that subject many times in the pages of *Tomorrow's World*. The book of Revelation in your Bible features a symbolic beast, representing a powerful

## SOME EUROPEANS ENVISION A REVIVAL OF THE OLD ROMAN EMPIRE. THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN STRASBOURG EVOKES THIS ANCIENT TALE OF THE TOWER OF BABEL.

peace. The European Union, as well, has struggled with the pressures of nationalism.

In a May 2015 encyclical, Pope Francis stated, "It is essential to devise stronger and more efficiently organized international institutions, with functionaries who are appointed fairly by agreement among national governments, and empowered to impose sanctions.... [T]here is urgent need of a true world political authority, as my predecessor Blessed John XXIII indicated some years ago" (*Laudato Si*, 175).

### Human Governments, Human Weaknesses

Who would be in charge of such a "true world political authority"?

Political authorities historically have reflected the selfish aims of world domination. Benito

military, political, and economic superpower that historically embodied the Roman Empire. Revelation predicts a final revival of that empire and its world governmental influence.

This superpower government that will rule worldwide is now in the formative stages. This prophesied end-time revival of the Roman Empire will be led by a powerful leader called "the beast." Notice we are told in Revelation 17 that ten kings or kingdoms, symbolized by horns on a beast, will "give" or yield their sovereignty to this dictator: "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast" (vv. 12–13).



The parliament building of the European Union in Strasbourg. Many have noted its uncanny similarity to Peter Bruegel's famous paintings of the Tower of Babel. In 1992, posters promoting the E.U. Council for Cultural Co-operation depicted the Tower of Babel as being rebuilt, with the slogan, "Many tongues, one voice."

This superpower will boast political, economic, and military authority. The global empires of the past used military might to achieve powerful control over nations. Hans Morgenthau, one of the foremost authors in his time on international politics, discussed "the struggle for power and peace," in his classic book, *Politics Among Nations*. Morgenthau summarizes what he calls a false solution for world conquest:

It follows that a world state created by conquest and lacking the support of a world community has a chance to maintain peace within its borders only if it can create and maintain complete discipline and loyalty among the millions of soldiers and policemen needed to enforce its rule over an unwilling humanity. Such a world state would be a totalitarian monster resting on the feet of clay, the very thought of which startles the imagination (*Politics Among Nations*, Fourth Edition, p. 496).

### **Ancient Prophecies of Our Time**

Your Bible *does* describe an end-time world power with feet of clay! The prophet Daniel describes symbolically four world-ruling empires ending with

the final revived Roman Empire. God had given Nebuchadnezzar, the king of ancient Babylon, a dream of successive global kingdoms. The Jewish prophet Daniel was called before the king to interpret the dream, and we read of his description of the image in Daniel 2:31–34:

You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

What empires or kingdoms did this image symbolize? Most reputable Bible scholars agree on their identity.

Daniel told the king that the head of gold represented Nebuchadnezzar himself and his empire of Babylon. This empire was replaced by the Medo-Persian Empire, represented by the chest and arms of



The inside of the parliament building in Strasbourg

silver. The belly and thighs of bronze represented the Greco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great, and the two legs of Iron represent the Roman Empire from 31BC to 476AD. Finally, the ten toes on two feet of iron mixed with ceramic clay represent a future revival of the Roman Empire.

Bible prophecy reveals that a great superpower will arise in Europe, and it will be a revival of the Roman Empire. This great power will be political, military and economic. You can read about its economic power in Revelation 18. God Almighty warns us not to participate in the sins of this carnal one-world government! The Apostle John writes in Revelation 18:4–5, “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.’”

This final end-time world-ruling Beast power will not be supported by Jesus Christ, but by a counterfeit power led by the “dragon,” Satan the devil. As Revelation 13:5–8 declares:

And he [the Beast power] was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name,

His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

### A Very Different World-Ruling Government

Returning to Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, we note that the statue that represented world-ruling powers—ending with the revived Roman Empire—was demolished. How? As Daniel explained to King Nebuchadnezzar:

You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth (Daniel 2:34–35).

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Lazarus and the Rich Man

**Question:** Doesn't the story of Lazarus and the rich man prove that people go to heaven or hell when they die?

**Answer:** This parable is frequently misunderstood. To comprehend what Jesus is teaching, one first needs to understand the clear teaching of God's word on the state of the dead.

The Bible says plainly, "The soul [that is, the individual] who sins shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4), and Jesus Himself said that he who believes in Him "should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Right here, the Bible again makes it very clear that the fate of the sinner is to *perish*—to die—not to live and suffer forever! And Ecclesiastes 9 says very clearly that "the dead know nothing" (v. 5) and there is "no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going" (v. 10). If the soul who sins dies, and if there is no knowledge or wisdom—no "consciousness" or "thinking"—for those who have died, then there is no way that the parable of Lazarus and the rich man can mean that the sinner is sent off to eternal torment in hell. So, what does it really mean?

When Jesus spoke the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, Jesus intended to illustrate an important lesson that most fail to understand. According to Jesus' story, Lazarus died and was carried by angels to "Abraham's bosom" (Luke 16:22). We must also understand that God gave Abraham and his "seed" the promise of the *earth* for an eternal inheritance (Romans 4:13). The Apostle Paul said if we are Christ's, we are considered by God as Abraham's seed—children—and are then also heirs with Abraham to receive this promise (Galatians

3:29). It is through faith that we may become "sons of Abraham" (Galatians 3:7).

Christians would have




an intimate relationship or a close bosom relationship with Abraham by sharing this promise. Christ likened it to being taken to Abraham's bosom. This is what happened to Lazarus in Christ's parable.

It is also important to understand that Abraham never received these promises and will not until a

future date (Hebrews 11:13, 39–40). He will inherit them at the resurrection of the just, when Christ returns to establish the Kingdom of God. At that time, *all* Christians, who have that intimate relationship with Abraham, spiritually speaking, will receive the promises at the first resurrection. Lazarus is a type of Abraham's children who, while often lowly and downtrodden in this life, are to receive the promises at that better resurrection (Hebrews 11:35).

But what about the rich man? Notice he died and was buried (Luke 16:22). He then lifts his eyes from the grave, not from a fiery hell of eternal torment. The word "hell" used here is translated from the Greek word *Hades*, which means the "grave." It was not translated from the Greek word *Gehenna*, which represents the future lake of fire that will destroy the wicked forever (Revelation 20:14–15). The rich man is pictured as coming up out of his grave—through a resurrection—heading for that lake of fire.

We must make note of important time frames referred to in this parable. When Christ comes, all the righteous will be resurrected to immortality (vv. 4–5). They will have been immortal for over 1,000 years before the rich man is resurrected to be burned up in the lake of fire (v. 14–15). He would have been in the grave, having no awareness of the passage of time (Ecclesiastes 9:5). At his resurrection from the grave, he sees the surrounding flames.

As immortal sons of God, Abraham and Lazarus were on one side of the "gulf" in the parable (Luke 16:26), and the rich man, as one who rejected God's way, was on the other side facing eternal death. Some look at the great "gulf" of the parable as the difference between heaven and hell, but that is not what the Bible teaches. This "gulf" signifies the difference between mortality and immortality. Again, "the soul who sins shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4), but those who will be made immortal in the resurrection will then never die because they will then be born of God by that future resurrection (Revelation 20:6). In the fate of the rich man, Jesus Christ was picturing the second and eternal death in the lake of fire—the final destination for those who refuse to accept and act on the good news of the Gospel. 

# h Canada!

## Winnie-the-Pooh: A Little Child Shall Lead Them



**As the story goes,** a young lieutenant travelled east from Winnipeg in August 1914, at the start of World War I. Harry Colebourn, a veterinary surgeon, was on his way to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force when he saw a young bear cub at a train station in White River, Ontario. The hunter who had killed the mother bear sold him the cub for \$20, and Colebourne named her Winnipeg, after his hometown.

Upon reaching Valcartier, Quebec, Harry embarked on a Royal Navy vessel and sailed across the Atlantic with “Winnie,” as the bear was affectionately called. Winnie was a female black bear and became known for her playful but gentle behaviour. Black bears, unlike grizzlies, are very timid in nature, lacking the territorial aggression of other bears. They tend to be curious and relatively quiet—which isn’t to say that wild black bears

should be considered cuddly and playful! Winnie was unique in that she was raised among humans, and it wasn’t long before she became the unofficial mascot of Harry’s regiment.

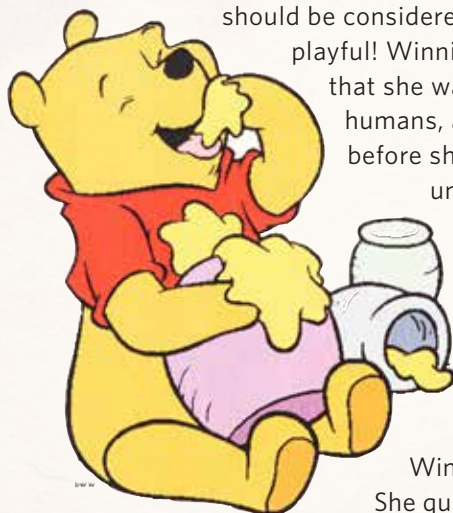
When Harry was informed he was to leave for France to serve near the front lines, he left Winnie at London Zoo.

She quickly became the

star attraction. When visitors knocked on her door, Winnie would come out. Children were permitted to ride on her back and she would eat from their hands. The zoo handlers had complete trust in Winnie’s gentle nature (“The History of Winnie The Pooh, White River Ontario.” *WhiteRiver.ca*, 2018). Initially, Harry intended to take her back to Winnipeg, but after his service in France and upon realising the public’s love for Winnie, he changed his mind and left her at the zoo. This is where Christopher Robin enters the story.

Christopher Robin Milne, the son of the famous author A. A. Milne, was born in London, England in 1920. On his first birthday he was given a teddy bear named Edward. After frequent visits to London Zoo, Christopher decided to rename Edward “Winnie-the-Pooh,” as both he and his father had great fondness for the playful bear.

On weekend trips to the tranquil surroundings of their country house, Christopher ventured from the garden at the family cottage to explore the woods beyond the garden gate. As an only child, his various stuffed animals were the friends who accompanied his explorations in what became known as the “Hundred Acre Wood.” In his book, *The Enchanted Places*, Christopher Milne later described how the bridge he played by was “Poohsticks Bridge” and a walnut tree was designated as “Pooh’s House.” His stuffed toy kangaroo became “Kanga” and his toy tiger became “Tigger.” Christopher’s father noted his son’s imaginative and joyful interaction with both the woods and his toys and was inspired to write his famous stories of Winnie-the-Pooh.





### **“It’s not much of a tale, but I’m sort of attached to it.”**

On the surface, the story and its background appear idyllic. However, over time, the publicity that came from



Harry Colebourn and Winnie, 1914

the overwhelming success of the Winnie-the-Pooh stories caused strife in the Milne family. A. A. Milne became indignant that *these* stories, out of all of his writings, received such acclamation. Christopher Milne reportedly came to resent his fictional namesake. When he went to boarding school, the other

children bullied and teased him, and the public wanted to know the boy behind the story, so his parents took him around the world to book signings and press conferences. An article in *The New Yorker* states that he “wanted an anonymous boyhood to play in the woods, free of the exploitative public appearances, whirlwind media interviews, and fan mail that followed him throughout his life” (Robin Wright. “On Christopher Robin, War, and P.T.S.D.” *NewYorker.com*, October 25, 2017).

Christopher became estranged from his parents, and after his father died in 1956, he never saw his mother again. However, over the many years that followed, he became more at ease with his part in the children’s stories. Though he had initially refused any royalties from the books, he eventually accepted them and, in his bookstore, would sometimes talk to customers about his childhood and fondness for Winnie-the-Pooh (Gyles Brandeth. “I knew Christopher Robin—the real Christopher Robin.” *Telegraph.co.uk*, October 14, 2016).

### **“I’m just a little black rain cloud.”**

Today, it seems almost impossible to have a good story without a dark underbelly, or to hear good news without also hearing the bad. Yet by now, generations of children around the world have enjoyed dropping Poohsticks from bridges and have been entertained by the illustrated and animated renditions of Pooh Bear

and his friends. Compared to most entertainment today, even children’s entertainment, the stories are harmless and innocent tales.

In 2014, Ryerson University in Toronto held an exhibition called *Remembering the Real Winnie*, noting that “The World’s Most Famous Bear” had turned 100. The four enduring and charming Winnie-the-Pooh books that A. A. Milne wrote reflected happy times in the lives of the real-life characters upon whom they were based, and the legacy of Winnie-the-Pooh was

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neatly summed up by exhibit director Doina Popescu when she was interviewed by *The Globe and Mail*. Popescu

said, “Winnie was a symbol of peace and love in a time of horror, a symbol of survival, and I think we still have a need to gravitate toward these kinds of mascots” (Mark Medley. “Remembering the real Winnie-the-Pooh.” *TheGlobeAndMail.com*, November 4, 2014).

We live in a society full of corruption, struggle and disappointment. Yet, this magazine’s purpose is to focus not only on the challenges of today’s world,

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but also on the silver lining of tomorrow’s. The Apostle Paul wrote that “whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Philippians 4:8). In a world such as ours, this advice is essential if we are to rise above and overcome the negativity all around us.

The good news is that one day we will have uplifting stories without the sadness and turmoil of this present age. Christopher Robin’s happy childhood will not be the exception but the norm, as we are told that, one day, “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

—Jonathan Riley



# Abortion

## The *Real* Story

### Part 2

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By **Gerald E. Weston**

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**I**n the last edition of *Tomorrow's World*, we explored some of the complex issues regarding abortion. We read how Dr. Bernard Nathanson, Lawrence Lader and others deceptively sold abortion on demand to America and much of the world. We read Dr. Nathanson's confession, and how he and others fed falsely inflated statistics to the media about the number of backroom abortions and resulting deaths, to stir up sympathy for permissive abortion. We saw how the media distorts the truth, suppressing the fact that a high percentage of Americans are against abortion. This is especially true of millennials—those roughly between the ages of 18 and 35—but one would never know this based on the smoke screen of leftist media bias.

We also learned that some of the most outspoken pro-abortionists later changed sides to become leaders in the pro-life movement. Among them were Dr. Nathanson and Norma McCorvey—a.k.a. Jane Roe, of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Carol Everett, who at one time ran five abortion clinics, now speaks out against the abortion

industry; and former abortion doctor, Dr. Anthony Levatino, also changed sides.

We also noted that monetary profit is a driving force in the abortion industry, but also—and just as importantly—many are motivated by a misguided sense that they are helping women. And bias against God and religious people contributes to a distorted worldview.

Before exploring this subject in more detail, I want to remind the reader that neither this article nor the one that preceded it are intended to condemn anyone. Our purpose is to impart knowledge and show that there is hope. However, it would be wrong to say that abortionists, those who have had abortions, and those who support the practice or fail to speak up when it is appropriate to do so, are without guilt before God. Abortion is murder! But even murder can be forgiven, and there is hope and release from guilt, which we will see later in this article.

#### **Changing Sides**

Let us look more deeply into the stories of men and women who were once pro-abortion but who experienced an awakening and became pro-life. And let us see that there is hope for both the abortionists and



those who have made a decision they have come to regret, whether that decision was to perform abortions, have an abortion, or encourage an abortion. The stories of those who moved from killing lives to saving lives are all different, but all are compelling.

Linda Couri had an abortion at age 24 and was relieved that her problem disappeared—or so she thought. She went on to work for Planned Parenthood, thinking that she was doing the compassionate thing by counseling young women. However, when asked the question “Is it a baby?” by a frightened 16-year-old, there was a struggle within her. Should she tell the truth, “Yes, of course it’s a baby” (her words), or should she give a truthful, but misleading answer: “It’s the product of conception”? She gave the party line, but then needed reassurance from a colleague that what she did was right. There was a struggle within her. Other guilt-causing incidents occurred, and eleven years after her own abortion, she realized that she had made a terrible mistake.

Dr. Anthony Levatino was co-owner of what was at one time the only OB-GYN clinic in several counties in the state of New York that performed D&E (Dilation and Evacuation) abortions for second-trimester babies. His awakening came when his own young adopted daughter was hit by a car and killed. That terribly tragedy awakened him. He connected the dots between his work at the clinic and the value of a human life. He realized that he was going down the wrong road—so he stepped off of it.

These stories and those of others all seem to have a few things in common. For example, their worldviews on the matter of abortion were formed and shaped by the culture and media around them. As quoted in my previous installment on this subject, Levatino explained it this way: “Everybody in the abortion industry knows that everyone involved in the pro-life movement is a kook. I know, because CNN tells me so, and they would never lie to me.”

Many also deceive themselves into believing they are doing the compassionate thing. *ProLifeAction.org* reported Levatino’s testimony in this regard:

I’ve heard many times from other obstetricians: Well, I’m not really pro-abortion, I’m pro-woman. How many times have you heard that one? The women’s groups in this country,

they’re not alone, but they’ve done a very good job selling that bill of goods to the population. That somehow destroying a life is pro-woman. But a lot of obstetricians use that justification to themselves, and I can tell you, a lot of them believe it. I used to. It’s not hard to be convinced of it.

Linda Couri came from that worldview. We may abhor the destruction of human life in the womb, but we must understand how it is that many routinely participate in this activity during the day and still sleep at night. Their education from childhood included a strong secular value system. It is instructive to read how Ms. Couri described her early worldview at a 2012 conference called “**CONVERTED: From Abortion Provider to Pro-Life Activist**”:

As a young person I really valued freedom above all else.... And I also viewed religion, particularly Christianity... as being cruel, and stupid, really. I saw people on that side of the fence as being judgmental, boring, shallow, and anti-intellectual. So I didn’t want to be anything like them at all. I thought they were quite pathetic. And so I didn’t even want to consider their opinions. To me, religious people didn’t seem to be engaged in what I thought as “the real world.” Religious people were in some sort of weird fantasy world. Not just pro-life people, but all religious people were kooks as far as I was concerned. So that’s kind of the template that I’m coming from.

### Another Defector

Kathi Aultman, M.D., testified against abortion before a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on March 15, 2016. Dr. Aultman was not always against abortion. She personally performed first and second trimester abortions and she herself had one. She came into the abortion industry with a similar worldview to that of Linda Couri. Here is her recorded testimony:

At the time I entered medical school I believed that the availability of abortion on demand was an issue of women’s rights. I felt that a woman should have control over her body and not be

forced to bear a child she didn't want. My commitment to women's issues was strengthened as I was exposed to the discrimination inherent in medical school and residency at that time, and to the plight of the indigent women we served in our program. I also believed it was wrong to bring unwanted children into an overpopulated world where they were likely to be neglected or abused.

She went on to explain to the Committee how she received dilation-and-evacuation training to

working with a baby whose major organs are fully developed. Here is more of her startling testimony before the U.S. Senate:

After each procedure I had to examine the tissue carefully to account for all the body parts to make sure nothing was left to cause infection or bleeding. I was fascinated by the tiny but perfectly formed intestines, kidneys, and other organs and I enjoyed looking at their amazing cellular detail under the microscope. I realize it is hard to imagine someone being able to

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perform second trimester procedures. She explained, “the fetus is crushed and removed in pieces.” To fully understand what followed in her testimony, I will refer back to my previous article where I quoted from the *BabyCentre*, a popular U.K. website that describes, week by week, the development from conception to birth. It describes this for week ten:

Your baby is now officially a fetus! She's poised for growth and will more than double in size in the next three weeks. Your baby is now swallowing and kicking, and all her major organs are fully developed. More minute details are appearing too, such as fingernails and a little fuzz of hair on her head. Your baby's sex organs are beginning to show. At your dating scan, which should happen soon, you may be able to tell whether you're going to have a boy or a girl (“Your Pregnancy at 10 Weeks.” *BabyCentre.co.uk*, November 2016).

The tenth week is still first trimester, so when Dr. Aultman speaks of the second trimester, she is

do that and be so detached but because of my training and conditioning a human fetus seemed no different than the chick embryos I dissected in college. I could view them with strictly scientific interest devoid of any of the emotions with which I would normally view a baby. I wasn't heartless I just had been trained to compartmentalize these things. If I had a woman come in

with a miscarriage or a stillbirth and she had wanted the baby, I was distraught with her and felt her pain. The difference in my mind was whether the baby was wanted or unwanted.

However, as have others, Dr. Aultman ran into her own crisis of conscience: “I personally didn't have any concern or remorse about having had an abortion until after I had my first child. It was then that I mourned the child that would have been.” She lists three distinct incidents following the birth of her child that connected the dots for her between a fetus and a child. Only then did she come to value the human life involved.

These examples are not isolated. Dr. Aultman testified, “I found out later that few doctors are able to do abortions for very long.... Although many people view an abortion as just removing a blob of tissue, the abortionist knows exactly what he or she is doing because they must count the body parts after each procedure. Eventually the truth sinks in and if they have a conscience they can no longer do them.”

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# THE “THIS IS US” EFFECT

## “Toxic masculinity” or masculine leadership?

Over the last two years there has been an increased attack on the idea of godly masculinity. The idea of what masculinity is—and the need for it—has been constantly debated. The last presidential campaign highlighted this attack. Even simply *not voting for* former Secretary of State and U.S. presidential candidate Hillary Clinton was condemned by some as an assault against women. Since the election, extremism among many within the feminist movement has increased in strength and urgency. Many women are being taught that men are the reason for all of their problems. Universities are teaching classes on “toxic masculinity.” This is a lesson that has been preached for decades and, sadly, many women are being converted to this cause.

More and more women have grown up surrounded by influences suggesting that they don’t need a man in their lives. And, even if they *do* have a man in their

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lives, they are increasingly taught that they should not respect his masculinity and should do everything

to crush it. Many young men are even being discouraged from fulfilling their God-given role as protector and leader of their households.

### Off Script?

During this same time, however, there has been one TV show that has become a huge success among women. Ironically, this show isn’t about a female president, a female superhero or how evil men are. Though certainly not perfect (what TV shows are these days?), it endeavors to portray fathers and husbands as the very type of family pillars that many modern feminists seem to decry as unnecessary. “This Is Us” is an NBC drama series (its highest-rated show) chronicling the lives of three generations of the Pearson family. In an age when men—especially heterosexual, married fathers—are often portrayed as bumbling oafs or as abusive or emotionally distant figureheads, the program depicts the patriarch, Jack Pearson, as a devoted, loving husband and father who sacrifices everything

and anything for the well-being of his family. Jack is portrayed as the epitome of the masculine leader of a household. He’s loved, respected and adored by his wife and their three kids. We might even see Jack as an example of the father described by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians chapters five and six. He is a husband who is patient, “loves his wife as his own body” (cf. Ephesians 5:28–29), and does not provoke his children’s anger (Ephesians 6:4).

This portrayal of a healthy, loving, father-led family is welcome and refreshing to see. In our society, if all the “extreme feminist” rhetoric is to be believed, it would appear that the last thing that many American women would want in their lives is a man who actually leads his household. Ironically, in this age of anti-patriarchy, across the Twitter-verse and Facebook, millions of women post their admiration and love for the character of Jack Pearson.

This character appears to have appealed to a primal need of women to have a strong male figure

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in their lives—not only as a husband and partner, but also as a father. In one episode, Jack’s daughter pleads with him, saying “Don’t ever stop trying to make me see me the way you do.” One Twitter follower reacted to this scene by tweeting, “#thisisus nails the father daughter relationship in one sentence #yourfirstloveisyourdad.” The success of this show among women, and their adoration

of Jack Pearson, should be a clear wake-up call to the media, educators and politicians that women still want—and *even need*—a strong, loving husband to lead and protect their families.

Such reactions to “This Is Us” illustrate, unwittingly or not, the awesome truth that being an effective, loving husband and father isn’t merely desired—it is a God-ordained and vitally important duty.

—Lawrence Taylor

## A Better “Revolution”!



**T**wo centuries ago, on 5 May 1818, Karl Marx was born in Trier, Germany, to a Jewish family that had converted to Protestantism. He himself later became an atheist, and his claim to fame is *Marxism*, the revolutionary philosophy named after him and most often associated with *Communism* and its stablemate, *Socialism*.

In 1848 Marx, along with his longtime friend and collaborator Friedrich Engels, wrote *The Communist Manifesto*, in which he distilled the ills of society down to the antagonisms between two classes of people: those who ruled society and held the instruments of production (the bourgeoisie), versus those who provided all the labour (the proletarians).

To Marx, the only solution that would bring peace and lasting satisfaction was the forcible overthrow of the ruling classes. Marx concluded his manifesto with a rousing call to arms: “Let the ruling classes tremble at a communistic revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Working men of all countries, Unite!”

### **The Communist Manifesto**

Marx was a brilliant and farsighted man, well educated, widely read, erudite, passionate, highly skilled and relentless in debate. In later life, he lived in London during the first era of globalization, which was based on a growing industrialization centered on steam and then electricity. He believed he could see where it was leading.

Many workers had reason to feel exploited by low wages and poor working conditions, while they watched their employers and leaders growing fabu-

lously rich. Marx saw the historical working class as just another commodity to be exploited and misused by capitalists, a mere appendage and wage slave of the new machine age. He delighted in fanning the fires of conflict and violence, and wanted to turn what he saw as a perpetual civil war of antagonism between the proletarians and the bourgeoisie into a literal revolution by force. Then the proletarians would rule the world—but on what basis?

### **Ten “Unavoidable” Measures**

Famously, Marx laid out—in ten pithy manifesto statements—the methodology by which he would destroy the bourgeois class.

1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.
2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.
3. Abolition of all rights of inheritance.
4. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.
5. Centralisation of credit in the hands of the State, by means of a national bank with State capital and an exclusive monopoly.
6. Centralisation of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the State.
7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the State; the bringing into cultivation of wastelands, and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance [with] a common plan.
8. Equal liability of all to labour. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.
9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing

industries; gradual abolition of the distinction between town and country, by a more equitable distribution of the population over the country.

10. Free education for all children in public schools. Abolition of children’s factory labour in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production, etc., etc.

(From Engels’ own English translation, *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, published in 1906 in Chicago by Charles H. Kerr & Company.)

Marx planned to expand the role of trade unions to protect the proletarians. Even the institution of the bourgeois family was to be abolished, to prevent what he saw as the exploitation of children. He would also end the exploitation of women, which he saw as endemic within the bourgeois class. He even foresaw that his revolutionary ideas in the age of globalization would result in the abolishing of countries and nationalities.

### Return of Marxism?

It is said that there was no one more politically influential in the 19th and 20th centuries than Karl Marx, with his revolutionary ideas. Communism violently engulfed Russia in 1918 and spread to China and other nations in the 1930s. Marxist influence in various guises spread far and wide to a host of other countries, including Cuba, Yugoslavia and countries in Africa and Eastern Europe. For forty years the Cold War raged between the United States, champion of capitalism, and the Soviet Union, champion of Communism, and capitalism eventually won out.

Most people then concluded that was the end of Communism. Capitalism, with its own variations, instabilities and deficiencies, now had the field all to itself. Yet, after the disastrous 2008 Credit Crunch and resulting austerity, Marxist ideas, once thought to be defunct, are again on the rise. This is especially so among the disaffected and often unemployed younger generation. And here in the U.K., a Marxist Labour Party is poised at the brink of power, salivating at the prospect of governing Britain at the point of the nation’s maximum vulnerability, as the EU Brexit negotiations tortuously unfold.

Having abandoned and rejected Marxist thinking—consisting at best of half-truths and failing to work in

practice—are we about to make the same mistakes all over again? This time around it is *automation* and *artificial intelligence* in the *digital age of the Internet* that are looming as disruptive technologies. Will this lead to more Marxist-inspired revolutions and mayhem? Is there a different way to cope with our discomforts?

### A Personal “Revolution”

We’d like to recommend a far better “revolution.” It is found within the pages of your Bible and is called the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-15).

When all other philosophies fail, as they will, God will send His Son, Jesus the Christ, back to Earth to establish God’s own *revolutionary philosophy* (Acts 3:19-21), a radically more positive way of thinking. When He returns, He will establish God’s Kingdom over the entire earth and reign over all nations (Revelation 11:15). And those God invites to play a part in this Kingdom must accomplish their own personal “revolution” now (Acts 2:38-39). It is a revolution that is *not*

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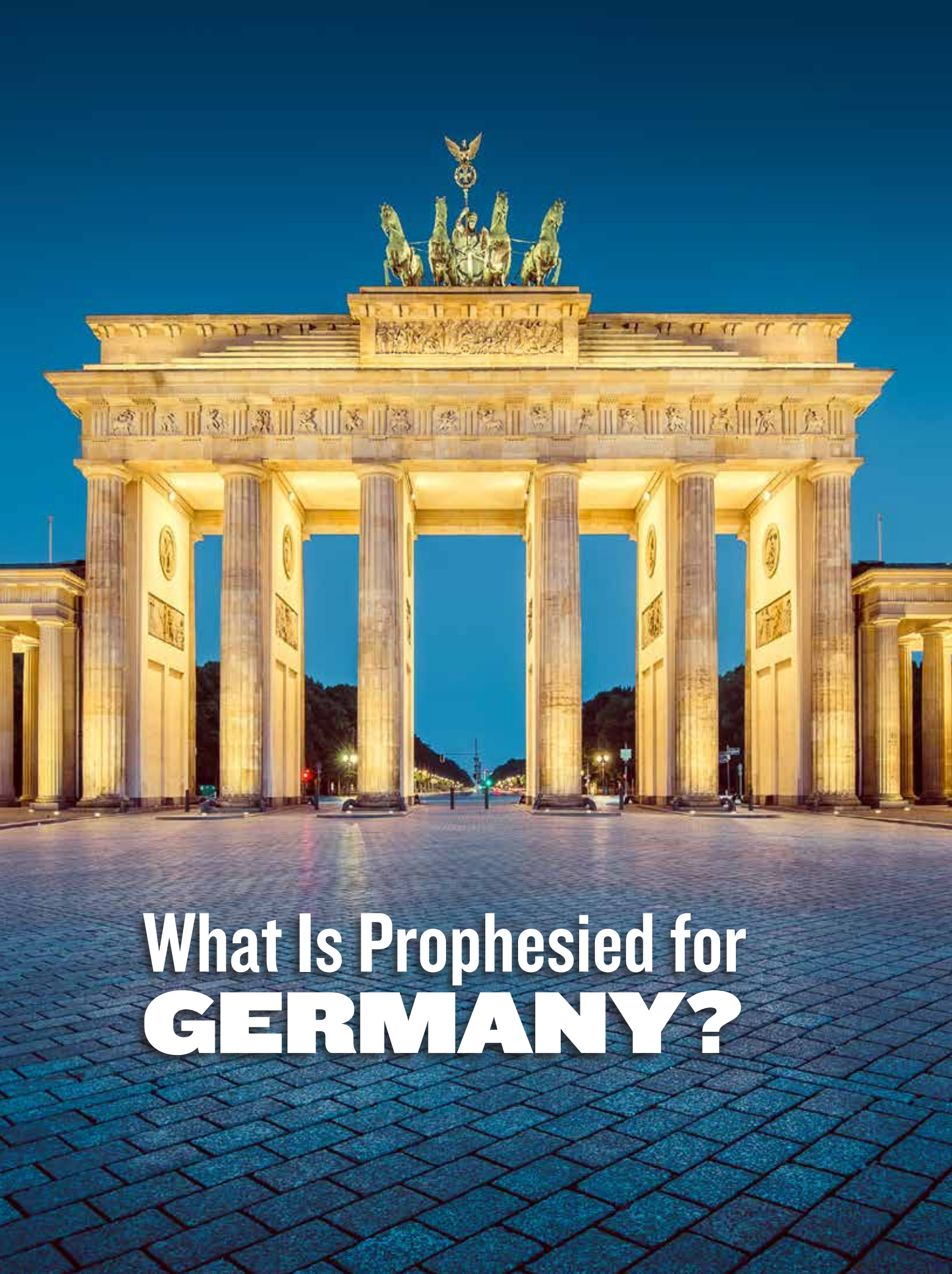
political, but spiritual and internal, of the heart and mind, and it has its own *manifesto* consisting of ten basic principles that govern our relationship with God and our fellow humans (Exodus 20:1-17).

The thing that is missing in human relationships is *love*, out of a pure heart, for all (1 Peter 1:22). Imagine a society where the evils of human nature progressively cease to exist. Marxism can never engineer such a morally *good* society by unleashing envy, hatred, division, violence, destruction and death. But God can by unleashing the means of transforming human nature to become like *His* nature (Romans 12:1-2).

God’s “revolution” will be built on a new personal relationship with Him (Hebrews 10:19-22), transforming human nature and replacing it with God’s divine nature (2 Peter 1:2-4). Now *that* is revolutionary. Its effect will be *extraordinary*! Could God be inviting *you* to be part of such a “revolution”? We invite you to read all about it in our free booklet, *Your Ultimate Destiny*, available at your request.

—John Meakin





# What Is Prophesied for **GERMANY?**

*Germany has arguably become the most influential nation in Europe and one of the most powerful nations in the world. As it turns from the shadows of its past to face the future, can Bible prophecy tell us what to expect? What is in store for this great nation? What role will it play in the end times? You need to know!*

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By **Rod McNair**

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**W**hat does the name “Germany” mean to you? Perhaps you think of German cars: BMWs or Mercedes-Benz roadsters, known around the world for their craftsmanship and engineering. Perhaps you think of Germany’s opening up her doors to immigrants in 2015. Maybe you think of the German national football team (soccer, for our American readers) winning the World Cup in 2014. For others, the name Germany might bring to mind Oktoberfest, famous for food, music and beer.

My great-grandparents came from Germany, migrating to America just before World War I. We loved our great-grandmother, and we have fond memories of visiting with her and other family members. She was always gentle and kind, with delicious treats ready whenever we came!

There are many things we can admire about Germany. And yet, there is a dark side, too. If you are a history buff, you might think of images of Adolf Hitler and the Holocaust. Images of death camps and swastikas will forever be a stain on the twentieth century. Some of you may have personally visited the Nazi camps or perhaps know of survivors who endured untold misery at the hands of the Nazis. Maybe some of you experienced that yourself. Unbelievably, there are some who deny the Holocaust, despite overwhelming evidence given by eyewitnesses who liberated the camps and those who survived the camps to recount the story. Truly, Germany has some horrific deeds in its past.

Why should we discuss Germany today, in the twenty-first century? Because, for all the progress

over the last 70-plus years, for all the safeguards of personal freedoms enshrined in German law, some are deeply concerned about Germany. We should be.

After World War II, Germany was split apart, partitioned into West Germany and East Germany. It was that way until October 3, 1990, when the two countries were unified. But the reunification was not a foreordained fact, nor was it met with favor everywhere. Note this comment from the 1992 book *The Germans, Who Are They Now?*: “[When unification came] no one had expected it. Few had anticipated it and abroad it was not greeted with universal acclaim. In the United Kingdom, the then Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher had grave reservations. She feared the power of a united Germany and said so... Margaret Thatcher was clearly concerned and called a conference at Chequers to discuss the German national character, but neither she nor any other Western leader had any power to alter events” (Alan Watson. *The Germans: Who Are They Now?* 1992, p. 11).

Is it true that “no one had expected” the unification of Germany? No! In the early twentieth century, Herbert W. Armstrong—our predecessor in this Work—was writing about Germany and how it would again rise as a united, powerful juggernaut. How could he know? *It was revealed in Bible prophecy!*

The ancient nation of Assyria was the precursor of the modern Germans. So, while you won’t find the name “Germany” in your Bible, you will find many things prophesied for Assyria. The purpose of this article is not to prove the origin of the modern Germans—for further study into that topic, you can write for our special free offer, “Resurgent Germany: A Fourth Reich?” But in the following pages, we will



examine four prophecies that Germany will fulfill in the end-times.

### Prophecy #1: Germany Will Dominate Europe

Back in 2011, former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder made a remarkable statement. He said: “The current [economic] crisis makes it relentlessly clear that we cannot have a common currency zone without a common fiscal, economic and social policy... We will have to give up national sovereignty” (Brian Rohan. “Former German leader calls for “United States of Europe,” *Reuters.com*, September 4, 2011).

This is now beginning to happen. Nations in Europe are today giving up their sovereignty to make the European Union work. The British left the EU in 2016 because some didn’t like that fact! But when all give up their sovereignty, *someone is in charge*. Who will that someone be? As the *Irish Independent* newspaper stated, also in 2011, “[Since Germany] is providing the [financial] safety net for the whole euro zone, no one is going to argue with them running everything...” (“Deutschland uber alles, we are all Germans now.” *Independent.ie*, August 21, 2011).

In the years since, we have seen Germany consolidating its power at the center of the European Union. Chancellor Angela Merkel has been called

Germany most popular country in the world.” *BBC.com*, May 23, 2013). In January of 2016, a *U.S. News & World Report* poll analyzed countries according to 75 criteria. Once again, Germany took the top spot, named, “the best country in the world” (Jonathan Chew. “This Country Was Named the Best in the World.” *Fortune.com*, January 20, 2016).

Germany is becoming a central figure in Europe, and the world. Are we seeing the rise of the super-power spoken of in the Book of Revelation by the Apostle John? In Revelation 17, John described a span of centuries, from the Middle Ages to our time, during which successive empires rose and fell. Here is how it reads: “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time” (Revelation 17:9-10). John was saying there were to be seven leaders over seven successive kingdoms. Who were those leaders? Justinian, who united the eastern and western sections of the Roman empire in 556AD; Charlemagne, who was crowned in 800AD; Otto the Great, crowned as Holy Roman Emperor in 962AD; Charles V, in 1530AD; Napoleon, whose empire began in 1804; and the German-Italian alli-

ance, which led to the Hitler-Mussolini Axis Powers of World War II. These are the first six of the seven kings. The final king will reign over ten other kings just before Jesus Christ returns, and will attempt to fight against the Son of God. “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as

yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.” (Revelation 17:12-13).

These ten kings—or ten political leaders—will voluntarily give their authority to one powerful leader the Bible calls the *beast*. Are we seeing the beginnings of that taking place today? Certainly, we don’t see the Beast power in its final form, but are we seeing the initial stages of the foundation being laid?

You might ask: what’s wrong with Germany taking a more dominant role on the European continent? After all, isn’t Germany one of America’s closest allies?

## THE UNITED STATES IS CHEERING GERMANY’S NEWFOUND WILL TO REARM AND EXERT ITS MILITARY POWER!

Europe’s most impressive politician, and the most powerful woman in the world. She has also been described as a political mastermind, who, “using the European Union as her vehicle... has succeeded where Bismarck, Kaiser Wilhelm II and Hitler failed—turning an entire continent into a greater German Empire” (Dominic Sandbrook. “Angela Merkel has made Germany master of Europe in a way Hitler and Kaiser Wilhelm only dreamt of. The implications are frightening.” *DailyMail.co.uk*, April 19, 2013).

Germany’s power and prestige is growing all over the globe. In a May 2013 poll, Germany emerged as “the most popular country in the world” (“BBC poll:





Absolutely! The Germans are the friends of the Americans—for now. But it's good to stop and ponder the fact that *just 70 short years ago, Britain, France, America, Canada and a whole host of other nations were locked in a bitter, life-and-death struggle with Germany and Italy.* Your Bible says it will happen again.

### **Prophecy #2: Germany Will Rearm**

Since World War II, Germany has had a definite anti-war mood and posture, as it seeks to shake off the horrors of its past. However, that mood is changing. Back in 2014, the German Minister of the Economy called for “the establishment of an EU armament industry with a strong German base, independent of the USA” (“Driving Force for the EU Army.” *German ForeignPolicy.com*, December 8, 2014).

The United States is cheering Germany's new-found will to rearm and exert its military power! On June 22, 2015, at the Allianz forum in Berlin, United States Defense Secretary Ashton Carter praised Germany's steps in taking on a greater military leadership role. He urged the Germans to invest even more money into defense, saying that Germany should “bolster its defense spending to ‘ensure that Germany's defense investments match Germany's leadership role’” (Sheryl Pellerin. “Carter Praises Germany's Security Role, NATO Unity.” *Defense.gov*, June 22, 2015).

Of course! Why wouldn't the Americans want Germany to share more of the burden of her own defense? The United States can't police the world. And America, frankly, is saddled with her own staggering

debt. The Germans know they can't depend on the United States long-term. And so, Germany is sliding toward a stronger military.

But how is this taking shape? Again, European nations are giving up national sovereignty, and a vacuum of power will always be filled. A 2017 report published by *Foreign Policy* magazine explained how a growing number of European countries are integrating some of their own brigades into Germany's military, the Bundeswehr:

Romania's 81st Mechanized Brigade will join the Bundeswehr's Rapid Response Forces Division, while the Czech 4th Rapid Deployment Brigade, which has served in Afghanistan and Kosovo and is considered the Czech Army's spearhead force, will become part of the Germans' 10th Armored Division. In doing so, they'll follow in the footsteps of two Dutch brigades, one of which has already joined the Bundeswehr's Rapid Response Forces Division and another that has been integrated into the Bundeswehr's 1st Armored Division (Elisabeth Shaw. “Germany Is Quietly Building a European Army Under Its Command.” *ForeignPolicy.com*, May 22, 2017).

The article notes, “According to Carlo Masala, a professor of international politics at the University of the Bundeswehr in Munich, ‘The German government is showing that it's willing to proceed with

European military integration’—even if others on the continent aren’t yet.”

Merging—but *someone* is in charge. Guess who? The Germans. Do you see what’s happening? It’s all so slow and so peaceful, and for peaceful aims—such as fighting terrorism. But, little by little, Germany is coming to dominate Europe politically and militarily.

If we had nothing to guide us, not understanding prophecy, we might see Germany’s rearming as a good thing. What could be better than a powerful ally on the other side of the Atlantic? Especially one that is committed to democratic principles, personal liberties and fiscal responsibility. The problem is that prophecy speaks of the final resurgence of an ancient European nation that leads the world in a military buildup like we have never seen before. Daniel chapter 11 details 2,500 years of prophecy, from the time of the Persian Empire to the return of Jesus Christ. One of the major themes of the chapter is the ongoing conflict between the “king of the North” and the “king of the South.” The coming Beast power of Europe will fill that role as the “king of the North.” And this is how Daniel describes him: “He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things” (Daniel 11:37–38).

arms race that will leave the United States, Britain and their allies woefully behind.

Why is this important? Because the balance of power is shifting. Our world is changing, and the norms of the last few decades are going to disappear!

### Prophecy #3: Germany Will Go to War

As stated above, Germany will rearm—in a terrifying way. And those arms will be used in horrifying wars in the future. Notice in Daniel 11:39–40: “Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain. At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.”

Daniel explains that the king of the North—the European Beast power, with Germany at its core—will go to war. It will invade the Middle East, overwhelm an Islamic confederation—the king of the South—and occupy Jerusalem. There will be war. The tension that is building now between north and south, Europe and the Muslim world, will erupt into flames.

What will happen to the United States? America will also be overwhelmed by this European juggernaut. Isaiah records that God will use Germany—modern

Assyria—to punish America for our sins. Isaiah 10:5–6 states: “Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire

of the streets.” Anciently, that’s what Assyria did. They conquered the northern kingdom of Israel in 721BC and removed the whole nation into captivity.

But there is a dual fulfillment. The ancient tribes of Israel are today located in America, the British Commonwealth and northwest Europe—nations increasingly filled with sinful, immoral behavior. God will use a terrifying, warlike nation to correct them, just as He did in ancient times. Germany—modern Assyria—will

## AFTER GERMANY VANQUISHES THE ISRAELITE AND ISLAMIC NATIONS, IT WILL FIGHT AGAINST A MASSIVE HORDE FROM THE EAST. THIS IS THE DREADED WORLD WAR III.

Daniel is saying this European king of the North would actually worship a “god of fortresses”—of “forces” or “strongholds.” This empire will be so intent on obtaining and developing the most powerful weapons on earth that the Bible describes it as virtually *worshipping* its own military prowess. Who is that going to be? Not the United States. Not with its staggering debt. Rather, it will be a coming German-led Beast power leading the way in a global



do that. How can we be so sure? Follow the prophecy. Read in Isaiah 27:13: “So it shall be in that day: the great trumpet will be blown; they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria... and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.”

At the time of the end, in that day, at the last trumpet, there will be a regathering of people. They will be regathered from captivity in the land of Assyria. Clearly this is talking about the second coming of Jesus Christ. It could not be talking about ancient Israel—they never returned from Assyria. It has to be a prophecy of a yet future event.

Germany will rearm. Germany will dominate Europe. And Germany will fight. That’s the warning for the Germans—and the warning for those who will be overrun by them. But there is good news as well!

#### **Prophecy #4: Will Repent and Rebuild**

After Germany vanquishes the Israelite and Islamic nations, it will fight against a massive horde from the East. This is the dreaded World War III, and the fallout of this military clash will kill one-third of humanity (Revelation 9:12–19)! However, the armies will eventually join forces for what is popularly called the “Battle of Armageddon” and will gather at Megiddo, north of Jerusalem, to battle against a third force—the returning, glorified Jesus Christ. But it won’t be much of a fight. He will vanquish them, utterly destroy their armies and cast the Beast and the false prophet into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20).

But what happens next is a vital key that gives hope to the German people! After this horrific battle—after rebellious mankind has been humbled and corrected—there will be survivors. Jesus Christ will gather the survivors from the land of Assyria, and other places as well. They’ll be given food and water. They’ll be healed from their wounds and injuries. Jesus Christ will start a reconstruction effort across the globe. People will be given homes and lands and a chance to start afresh. But this time they will know the true God and His truth, and they’ll have access to His Holy Spirit. Things *will get better*.


Notice a startling prophecy in chapter 19 of the book of Isaiah. The timing is during the early portion

of the thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ, after He has returned to Earth. Isaiah 19:22–23 states: “And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal it; they will return to the LORD, and He will be entreated by them and heal them. In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians.”

This is an astonishing prophecy! It foretells a time of peace after World War III. There will be peace between the nations that fought one another and who fought the returning Jesus Christ! There will be peace. Not only that, but the Germans, Arabs, Americans, British and others will serve together in rebuilding society. As Isaiah states: “In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, ‘Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance’” (Isaiah 19:24–25).

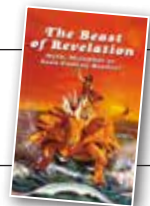
What a wonderful picture of the future! This happens at the beginning of the Millennium, when Christ has put down all resistance. God does not hate Germany—He loves the German people! And the Bible shows that He will use the tremendous strengths and talents of the Germans to help rebuild the world, after they repent.

The warning today is for modern Israel, but also for the German people. They are warned not to be pulled into a system that will raise its ugly head one more time, with disastrous results. The message is also that, when it’s all over, God is a loving God, and He will draw all people to Himself. The nations will begin to rebuild, and that effort will be led by Israel, Egypt and Germany—enemies at the end of this age but allies in the one to come next.

God’s plan is tremendous, and Bible prophecy lines it all up. It’s so plain to see when we let God lay it all out, and we can accept it with a willing heart and mind. Let’s thank God for His mercy, strength, power and wisdom. He will let the powerful nations of the world learn vital lessons. And in the end, He will extend mercy to all who want it, who accept His way and who obey Him. That’s what we can look forward to: a day of prophesied peace for all nations, including Germany. 

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# The High Cost of High Intensity

Entertainment is not what it used to be. But are we paying a price for the “upgrade”? For example, compare the recent DC films to the 1960s “Batman” television series. Some modern superhero ensembles such as “Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice” and “Justice League” differ dramatically from the campy shows of yesteryear. While the 1960s television series’ tone was brightly colored and intentionally goofy and fun, the more recent films are dark and brooding, and, in the case of “Batman v Superman,” criticized as humorless.

The portrayal of violence has dramatically changed, as well. In the 1960s “Batman,” there were only three deaths portrayed in all 120 episodes. In contrast, there are often more than three deaths in a *single scene* of a modern superhero movie!

In addition to the darker tone and increased violence, technological advances such as computer-generated imagery and vastly improved sound and presentation methods have ratcheted up the overall potency of the cinematic experience.

## More than Movies

The video game industry reflects the same trajectory as we see in our theaters. As our computers (including the ones in our pockets) and game consoles become more powerful and sophisticated, game play becomes more realistic. Recent best-selling games such as “Far Cry 5” and “Call of Duty: WWII” reflect the same preoccupation with extremely intense action and violence as the movies, but with the added dimension of allowing the player to participate in some way in the mayhem.

Ultra-violent and gritty story-driven “games” such as “Grand Theft Auto V” also include graphic elements of sex and drug use—all to supposedly make the experience more intense and “lifelike.” The use of Google Maps recreates actual locations around Los Angeles. “It’s a world with which you interact and exist, it doesn’t feel like a facade that’s created around you” explains Aaron Garbut, Rockstar North’s art director (“The Tech That Built an Empire: How Rockstar Created the World of GTA 5”, *Techradar.com*, September 16, 2013).

## Here Comes VR

As if increased intensity in traditional entertainment isn’t enough, expect it to explode with the growth of virtual reality (VR). According to *Common Sense Media*, “Everything in VR is more intense. Because the brain processes virtual reality experiences similar to how it processes actual experiences, it can provoke feelings of fear, anxiety, disorientation—as well as joy and excitement” (“What Parents Need to Know About Virtual Reality”, *CommonSenseMedia.org*, April 3, 2018).

VR is an emerging market that can be experienced using a variety of devices. A *CommonSenseMedia.org* report cited Jakki Bailey of Stanford University’s Virtual Human Interaction Lab as saying that “the effects of VR tend to be magnified compared to those of traditional media such as television. An experience in VR—which perceptually surrounds people and for which people use natural body movements to interact with the scene—tends to be more impactful than a similar experience using other media” (“Virtual Reality 101: What You Need to Know About Kids and VR,” April 4, 2018).



Like most technologies, VR will have both good and bad applications. For instance, you can use a smartphone to identify the constellations in the sky, or virtually “tour” the world’s best museums. However, the big sellers are many of the same titles “ported” from video games, that include themes of sex, drugs and graphic violence. Instead of sitting in a chair playing a game, participants are more engaged as they act out the scenes in which they find themselves virtually immersed.

Because VR is relatively new, researchers admit that they don’t have enough experience to understand the long-term effects, especially for children. According to the same report by *CommonSenseMedia.org*, Jeremy Bailenson, the founder of the Stanford VR lab, said, “The truth is, when it comes to VR and kids, we just don’t know all that much.” But don’t expect such concerns to slow down the entertainment industry.

### Potential Problems

Maybe as you read this article you are thinking, “What’s the big deal?” Many teens are very familiar with this hyper-intense entertainment and see it as “normal.” However, those who have lived long enough to see the trajectory from the 1960s “Batman” to modern superhero movies, along with other broad societal trends, may see potential problems from consuming a steady diet of such entertainment. Here are two:

1) *Desensitization*: Think back to the first time you were shocked by something on television or in a movie. Perhaps it was a scary scene in a children’s movie, or someone



getting shot in a western. Witnessing such acts for the first time can be traumatic, but over time the shock wears off.

Researchers estimate that the average American youth sees 150,000 violent acts on television by age 18 (“Television Watching Statistics,” *StatisticBrain.com*, May 23, 2017). Experiencing *anything* 150,000 times will desensitize you! Is this what we *want*?

Because we *are* so desensitized now, media creators must look for ways to intensify the effect, portraying them in ever-increasing graphic detail, with realistic sounds and accompanied by dramatic music. This leads to the next associated problem.

2) *Craving more intensity*: As one becomes desensitized to what was once thrilling, the intensity must be increased. We see this phenomenon in extreme sports and substance abuse, for example. Reproducing the “rush” requires increasingly more stimulation.

Hollywood knows this as well as any industry, which is why intensity through technological advancements has increased—and will continue to do so. And the tech industry is in an arms race to make those virtual experiences increasingly and more intensely “real.”

It’s impossible to say where all this will lead, but every potential consumer of this entertainment needs to decide *how much is enough*.

### It’s Your Choice

With this rush to increase intensity unfolding before us, a good question to ask is, “Do I need to take part?” It’s important to analyze what is missing in our lives that compels us to pursue artificial intensity. If we unplug and move away from the ceaseless treadmill of stimulation, we may find that there is more than enough intensity in the world around us.

For example, when was the last time you camped outside under the stars, or stood in front of a thundering waterfall, or just stretched out on the grass under a tree and absorbed the many sensations that come with such a simple act? No, this isn’t the same as watching the latest Avengers extravaganza in IMAX 3D or dueling Darth Vader with a lightsaber in virtual reality—but it is learning to appreciate God’s marvelous creation without “enhancement.” In time, and with true appreciation for all the works of Almighty God (Psalm 143:5; Revelation 15:3), reality may be all the intensity you need.

—Phil Sena



The Millennial Generation is currently the most pro-life of all groups, according to a number of surveys, but they are not looking at this from a religious perspective. Thanks to technology that allows us to look inside the womb at an early stage, they have, without realizing it, come to the same conclusion as an ancient king who credited the Divine for the marvel of life: “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well” (Psalm 139:13–14).

### **Dealing with the Trauma**

The Bible does not sanitize the lives of its heroes—it displays them on its pages honestly. We learn about the mind of God and His compassion for us through their lives. Two individuals stand out as examples of God’s love, compassion and willingness to accept anyone who truly repents of past mistakes. The first

is a man named Saul, who severely persecuted the fledgling Christian Church.

Saul, whose name was eventually changed to Paul, confesses the kind of man he was prior to his moment of truth. “[M]any of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities” (Acts 26:10–11). What caused the transformation that took place in Saul’s life?

Saul was struck down and blinded by a great light on his way to Damascus. He could not see for three days. At the end of that time, God sent Ananias to pray and lay hands on him, and “Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized” (Acts 9:18). He stopped persecuting the Church from that day forward and became a zealous servant of Christ.

Israel's ancient king David also stands out as one who committed grievous sins. He allowed himself to become caught up in adultery, and then tried to cover it with lies and murder. His moment of truth came when the prophet Nathan confronted him regarding this despicable behavior (2 Samuel 12).

David came to grips with the depth of his sins, confessed them and deeply repented of them. Psalm 51 contains his prayer of repentance to God. He recognized that nothing he could do would alter his past deeds. He realized that sacrifices and penance as a means to wipe the slate clean of sin would mean nothing to God. He wrote, "For you do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:16–17).

David realized how helpless he was and that only God can remove the stain of sin. Another of his psalms makes the point: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity" (Psalm 32:1–2).

Ultimately, God gave us the gift of His Son, providing a clear path to freedom from the guilt of sin. As the Apostle Peter explains, "you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18–19). And the Apostle John tells us, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Bernard Nathanson was a prime instrument in selling permissive abortion to America. He was on the ground floor, building a financial empire in a killing industry, directly or indirectly responsible, according to his own reckoning, for some 75,000 tiny lives snuffed out prematurely. Yet he spent the last years of his life trying to accomplish the reversal of the

decision he was so instrumental in bringing about—a decision he confessed was based on lies and deception that he had a part in spreading. Nathanson grew up Jewish and described himself as an atheist Jew. He was a man wracked by guilt, and ten years after he became a pro-life advocate he sought forgiveness in professing Christianity.


Carol Everett, Norma McCorvey, Linda Couri, and many, many others have seen the light. Doctors Nathanson, Levatino and Aultman have had the "scales fall from their eyes." Women have come to regret past decisions. Men also regret their part in pressuring women to destroy the lives they were carrying. Setting abortion aside, it is important for all of us to recognize *our own sins* and to know that a loving God is *willing to forgive*.

We all make bad decisions, but what we do after we recognize our errors is what is most important. When Paul realized that the direction he took was, in

fact, the wrong way, he repented and was baptized. The Biblical record shows us that his past guilt was removed. Likewise, King David, in spite of his

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horrendous sins, repented and was forgiven. God will do the same for any of us. No matter how awful our choices may have been, God *will* forgive us if we seek His solution to the problem!

If you would like counseling, write or call your regional office found on page 4, and we will put you in touch with a caring minister. Don't live with unresolved guilt when there is a solution. Learn about the great potential that God has in store for you. And, whether or not abortion has been a part of your past, we have three free resources that you may find helpful: two booklets, *Christian Baptism: Its Real Meaning* and *Your Ultimate Destiny*, and our telecast titled "Tiny Fingers and Toes." All can be found at [TomorrowsWorld.org](http://TomorrowsWorld.org). You can also order copies of our booklets from your regional office. Everything we offer is free of charge. 

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# THE Works OF HIS HANDS

## Octopus: An Alien in Our Oceans?

In August 2015, the prestigious science journal *Nature* published an account of the first sequencing of an octopus genome—specifically that of the “two-spot octopus” species. Sequencing an animal’s genome means examining its DNA in a complete manner to learn the details of its genetic “code,” and what they found of the octopus’ code surprised them with its complexity and arrangement. As one of the study’s scientists joked, “It’s the first sequenced genome from something like an alien.”

But fast-forward three years, and a surprisingly large group of scientists—no less than 33, from many different nations, disciplines and respected universities—have turned the joke into a serious scientific claim.

In the journal *Progress in Biophysics and Molecular Biology*, these scientists claim that the best explanation for the existence of the octopus is an extraterrestrial one. They suggest one of two possibilities: either that simpler squid-like ancestors received additional, fully functioning genetic material from “extraterrestrial viruses” or else that the creatures themselves arrived as a population of “cryopreserved [frozen] octopus embryos” carried to Earth in icy meteors (“Cause of Cambrian Explosion—Terrestrial or Cosmic?,” August 2018, pp. 11-12).

As foolish as the “alien octopus” hypothesis may seem to most, the more this astonishing and exotic animal is studied, the more wonder it inspires. Let’s spend some time with the fascinating octopus and appreciate how God’s glory is on display in this work of His hands.

### A Remarkable Design

The most striking and obviously unique feature of the octopus is its appearance. While different species of

octopus vary in many details, they tend to share many characteristics.

One half of the octopus’ body is its bulging mantle, which is a muscular, bulbous area that contains the animal’s organs. The other half is composed of the octopus’ eight, tentacle-like arms, each lined with two rows of suckers. Between these two portions of its body lie the animal’s remarkable eyes, among the most sophisticated of the underwater kingdom and similar to our own in their camera-like structure.

These are the parts of an octopus you would see on an underwater dive, yet actually *seeing* one at all might be quite a challenge! The octopus possesses one of the most intricate and advanced camouflage systems in the entire natural world. Its skin features tens of thousands of specialized cells called *chromatophores*. Each chromatophore contains three sacs of color pigment, and each is finely and directly controlled by the octopus’ nervous system, giving the creature an amazingly precise degree of control over the appearance of its skin. An octopus is able to mimic the appearance of sand, coral, rock and even the colors and patterns of other animals. Additional skin structures, called *papillae*, enable the creature to imitate the very *texture* of the surrounding area, as well, making the octopus almost indistinguishable from its surroundings.

Compared to the camouflage abilities of this eight-armed wonder, the chameleon is a mere amateur!

These abilities make the octopus a capable and deadly hunter. Enveloping its prey in a net-like fashion with its arms, the aquatic carnivore brings its meal—perhaps a crab or crayfish—to the mouth that lies where the arms come together below its head. Waiting there is one of

the few hard parts the soft-bodied creature possesses: its parrot-like beak, which can crack open its prey's shell, exposing the inner body to its barbed tongue.

And escaping the grip of the octopus would be no small feat. The arms and suckers of the octopus are a wonder of design! Scientists have measured some larger suckers and found that a single sucker is able to lift 35 pounds (16 kilograms). The muscular arms themselves, each of which possesses 200 to 300 of these suckers, are able to pull hundreds of times the animal's own weight. Every single sucker can be manipulated and controlled *individually*, and each has the ability to "pinch" closed, just as two human fingers might do. The suckers also serve as sensory organs, detecting subtle chemical signals in the octopus' surroundings.

And while octopuses tend to rely on their arms to move about the ocean floor with ease, they are also able to flee quickly from predators, like an underwater jet! Collecting water in their mantle, they have the ability to force that water through a tube-like funnel, propelling themselves at speeds up to 25 miles per hour (40 kilometers per hour). As an octopus does so, it can expel ink—both in small bursts to create distracting "decoys" or in one large burst, creating a dark cloud in the water. In addition to obscuring the vision of a potential predator, the ink also contains chemicals that confuse its senses of smell and taste and irritate its eyes.

All of these features make the octopus one of the most formidable creatures of the sea. Yet, when we dive beneath the surface of its mere appearance, we find additional remarkable features.

### Highly Intelligent and Complex

While humans enjoy the benefit of one heart, octopuses possess *three*. Two are responsible for moving blood through the gills, while the central heart pumps blood



to its organs. And if three hearts weren't enough, the octopus has essentially *nine* nervous system centers!

In proportion to its body size, the octopus has one of the largest brains of the underwater world. However, 60 to 70 percent of the octopus' neurons are not in its brain but are distributed amongst its *arms*! The brain itself is the center of executive functions and is involved in overall coordination, decision-making, memory and learning. However, because each of the eight arms can also act independently, the octopus is able to "delegate" solving a problem to one or more of its arms—say, opening a resistant clam—while it focuses its brain on other matters entirely, such as finding additional prey or looking for predators.

The organized and complex nervous system of the octopus makes it a remarkably intelligent creature. Octopuses have been observed playing with objects and seem to find a sort of satisfaction in solving puzzles and taking things apart, including child-proof pill bottles. They are capable of solving mazes and remembering solutions to apply later. Placed in a jar with the lid screwed shut, they are cable of unscrewing the lid from the inside to let themselves out. They have even been seen using simple tools. One species of octopus—the blanket octopus—has been observed collecting the stinging tentacles of Portuguese man-o-wars and using them like weapons!

### A Creation, Not an Alien

Are octopuses aliens to our planet? Certainly not. Many have noted that, as singular as octopuses may seem, they share the basics of their genetic chemistry and broad biological themes with the rest of life on earth. However "otherworldly" it may appear, the octopus is clearly a creature of our world, and not another.

Perhaps some of the scientists who authored the "alien octopus" paper will one day be inspired to rethink their hypothesis and consider a far more inspiring explanation. Rather than put off the design of the octopus to some hypothetical, faraway world, we should recognize that life has a Designer of vast intelligence—a Creator who seems to find great joy in filling His creation with diversity and variety. Let's hope that these scientists come to see that the octopus and its collection of startling abilities and characteristics is a living tribute to the ingenuity and genius of that Designer and Creator—the God to whom their own lives bear witness, as well.

—Wallace Smith



# TURNING POINTS *in* WORLD HISTORY



## “A Blessing to All Nations”

**W**hy did some nations emerge and thrive at a specific point in time, while others remained quite primitive and mired in poverty? How did tiny Britain manage to assemble a global empire, and why did America become the greatest nation on the face of the earth? Why is Australia called the “Lucky Country” and why did South Africa and other British territories develop and prosper, while other nations are still struggling to develop?

Questions like these have long puzzled leaders and scholars—such as historian Davis Landes, whose work *The Wealth and Power of Nations: Why Some Are Rich and Some Are Poor* focuses on the mystery. However, the Bible contains important answers to these intriguing questions, answers that are largely absent from academic textbooks and little understood by world leaders. The rise of what has been called “the Anglosphere”—Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and America—*was no accident*. The Bible reveals that God is working out a divine plan on this earth (Daniel 2:21), and these British-descended nations were prophesied to play an important role in this God-ordained plan that would have a powerful impact on the entire world.

### God’s Divine Plan

The beginning of that plan is found in the book of Genesis, in a remarkable series of prophetic promises that God made to Abraham and his descendants. In Genesis 12:1-3, Abraham was told that if he obeyed God, he would become a great nation and be a blessing to all nations. In Genesis 17:1-8, Abraham was promised to be the father of many nations, and, as a result of his obedience, these promises became *unconditional*

and were expanded. Still later, he was told that his descendants would multiply “as the stars of heaven” and possess the gates of their enemies (Genesis 22:16-18; 24:60). They were prophesied to spread around the world, and Abraham was told that “in his seed” all nations would be blessed (Genesis 28:14-15). In Genesis 35:9-10 the name of Abraham’s grandson Jacob was changed to Israel (his descendants would be Israelites), and in Genesis 48:14-22, Joseph’s two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, Jacob’s grandsons, were prophesied to become a great nation (Manasseh) and a great company of nations (Ephraim). Our free booklet *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy* explains how the peoples of the “Anglosphere” have fulfilled these amazingly specific prophecies and are the modern nations that have descended from Abraham through Joseph.

### The Impact of the “Anglosphere”

But *why* did God record these ancient prophecies about the future of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? While the Apostle Paul mentions that the nations of the world will be blessed *spiritually* through Abraham’s seed, Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:8, 16), history records how Abraham’s other descendants have been a blessing to many nations of the world as well, and in many ways.

In Exodus 19:5-6 we read that the Israelites (descendants of all twelve sons of Jacob) were to be a “special” people because they were given the laws of God that would set them apart from other nations (Exodus 20-23). God intended the Israelites to be a *model nation*, benefiting from the blessings that would flow from Him in the areas of health, prosperity, peace and happiness when they obeyed His laws—showing them to be “wise” in the sight

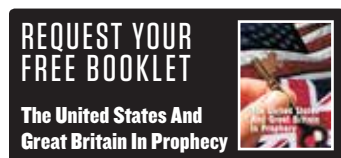


of other nations (Deuteronomy 4:1-9; 6:17-18; 7:12-15). Jesus gave similar instructions to His disciples—to be "lights" to the world (Matthew 5:14-16). Although the ancient Israelites eventually turned away from God and His laws and disappeared into captivity, this did not invalidate the prophecies and unconditional promises of future greatness and future blessings for other nations.

Numerous ideas have been advanced to explain the so-called "miracle of the West"—an event that includes the rise of the British-descended nations, particularly Britain and America. Historian Jonathan Daly catalogues these ideas in his work *Historians Debate the Rise of the West*. While these speculative ideas credit the role of geography, climate and even luck, what is largely overlooked today are the biblical prophecies that foretold the rise of the Israelite nations to global prominence after a lapse of 2,520 years (see *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, p. 29). What is also overlooked by most progressive scholars is the role of the Judeo-Christian ethos in molding and fashioning the unique culture of the British-descended nations.

### Innovations, Concepts and Values

Some researchers believe that the burst of scientific and technological progress in the West was the result of a way of thinking fostered by a unique approach to the Scriptures in northwest Europe, where the influence of Judeo-Christian culture prevailed: that God, "the Intelligent Designer of a rational universe," created the universe to operate on laws that were discoverable,



and that the duty of "Christians" was to learn to apply the discoveries to improve the lives of people (see *How the West Won*, Rodney Stark, pp. 5, 315-317). This approach, and other vital factors, launched the Industrial Revolution in England. That "revolution" brought many difficulties to families and society, to be sure, but also many startling benefits, and began "an era of immense and stunningly rapid progress" with the unprecedented development of labor-saving technologies. Innovations that followed include power looms, steamboats, railroads, electric lightbulbs, telephones and, eventually, computers, medicines and advances in understanding the transmission of disease, which have benefitted peoples all over the earth—and, in a real way, have created

our modern world (Stark, pp. 325-337; Daly, pp. 23-26). Interestingly, 80 to 90 percent of all Nobel prizes in science and other fields for work that has improved the lives of millions have been awarded to individuals in the United States and the United Kingdom.

While the nations of the "Anglosphere" share a common language and similar institutions, many of their *common cultural values*—similar ideas of right and

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wrong, individual liberty, the rule of law, secure property rights, respect for human life as a creation of God, a biblical approach to marriage and family, the importance of God-centered education, the ideas of progress, freedom to innovate, and concern for others as for self—have roots in biblical ideas and have been fundamental aspects of Western Civilization. As the influence of the British-descended nations spread around the world (including through the translation and distribution of Bibles), these values also influenced the civil laws and cultural values of many other nations in beneficial ways (Daly, pp. 7, 13,

25; Stark, pp. 339-355). And it was the "Anglosphere" nations that led the effort to eliminate the global slave trade, liberated Europe and nations of the Pacific from tyranny during World War II, and helped lift the "Iron Curtain" from Eastern Europe.

The rise of the British-descended nations around the globe fulfilled ancient Bible prophecies and was a *turning point* that dramatically altered the course of world history. The nations of the "Anglosphere" were able to positively influence the health and prosperity of untold millions of people all over the earth—both through generously sharing their material blessings, and through spreading certain Judeo-Christian moral and cultural values. In spite of their many imperfections, the evidence of history indicates that these nations have played a significant role in physically fulfilling God's word to Abraham that "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3)—a promise that will soon see its *complete* fulfillment in the return of Jesus Christ.

—Douglas Winnail

The stone that struck down the carnal empires represented the coming Kingdom of God. As Daniel proclaimed, “And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (v. 44).

This final government to come, pictured by the stone, will not merely be one more of man’s many, many experiments with self-rule—whether it be socialism, communism, fascism, monarchy, democracy or any of the other varieties of governance humanity has devised.

Whatever their form of government, today’s nations are living the way of selfish power that will lead to World War III and the Great Tribulation Jesus spoke about in Matthew 24:21–22!

## THE NATURAL WORLD ITSELF WILL BECOME MORE BEAUTIFUL IN TOMORROW’S WORLD, WHEN EVEN THE VERY NATURE OF ANIMALS WILL CHANGE.

The good news is that the coming one-world government, pictured by that stone “cut out without hands,” will benefit *all* people and nations. That government is called the Kingdom of God! The ruler of that kingdom will be Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the One who knows what it’s like to be human. The One who shed His blood so that we may be forgiven of our sins.

Recall how John the Baptist testified of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, in John 1:29, “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’” Yes, this coming world ruler will be a loving, compassionate King. But He will also possess the power to stop oppression, rebellion, injustice and war. The prophet Isaiah gives us this inspiring message concerning the coming one world government: “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end” (Isaiah 9:6–7).

### A Government of True Peace

Thank God for His kind of loving government that will ensure world peace for all nations! The world will have a universal system of laws to ensure godly liberty and godly freedom. Notice that in Micah 4:2, “Many nations shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”

Jerusalem, the city of conflict in our day and age, will eventually live up to its meaning as city of peace. Around the world, former defense industries manu-

facturing military weapons will be transformed into industries of peace. Christ will rebuke warlike peoples and nations. The weapons of war will be turned into instruments of peace and productivity.

Some of you reading this article may have seen the sculpture outside of the United Nations in New York, depicting a man beating a sword into a plowshare. Imagine how the world will be transformed from

destructive methods to productive methods, as we read in Micah 4:3, “He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Who will be assisting Christ in ruling the nations and establishing that peace? The Apostle Peter once asked Jesus what responsibilities he and his fellow apostles would have in the coming age. In Matthew 19:28, we read of the Messiah’s reply, “So Jesus said to them, ‘Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’”

God’s government will be organized with faithful governors, kings and priests. Who else will be assisting Christ in governing the world? In our inspiring free booklet, *The World Ahead: What Will It Be Like?*,

Dr. Roderick Meredith wrote this concerning the organization of God's Kingdom:

Who will rule under Christ? God certainly trained Abraham for a top position of high responsibility in the world ahead. Scripture calls Abraham 'the heir of the world' (Romans 4:13). Yes, God will reward Abraham for his faith by giving him a position of service over the whole earth!

In Ezekiel 37:15-28, God shows that He will reunite Israel and Judah. Regarding these two nations, He says: "And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again" (v. 22) (p. 6).

Ancient King David was a man after God's own heart, as we read in Act 13:22. David ruled over the combined kingdoms of Judah and Israel, and he will have that responsibility in the coming one-world government (Ezekiel 37:24). If you do not have a copy of this free resource, *The World Ahead: What Will It Be Like?*, please contact us at the Regional Office nearest you, listed on page 4, and request your own copy.

### Your Part in Tomorrow's World!

So, we can expect biblical luminaries such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and David to have positions in the coming one-world government of God, but what about you? Will today's Christians also inherit the Kingdom? What will their role be in that government?

Jesus Christ told His faithful followers that they could inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5) and inherit the Kingdom (Matthew 24:34).

Where will the saints, faithful Christians, serve and rule in the Kingdom? Revelation 2:26 tells us that those who overcome sin with Christ's help in this life

will be given authority over the nations in the world to come. And Revelation 5:10 bears witness that God will make us "kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Yes, you can have a personal and intimate part in God's Kingdom! God is calling people to Christ from all nations to be in His Kingdom. That one-world government is coming soon. You need to prepare for it. Study your Bible. Visualize the transformed world under the King of kings.

The glorious Kingdom of God on earth will produce beauty and productivity the world has never known. God has blessed the earth with awesome, majestic mountains, fertile valleys and productive plains. We marvel at pristine lakes and churning oceans.


We appreciate the variety of flowers, plant life, birds, animals and sea life.

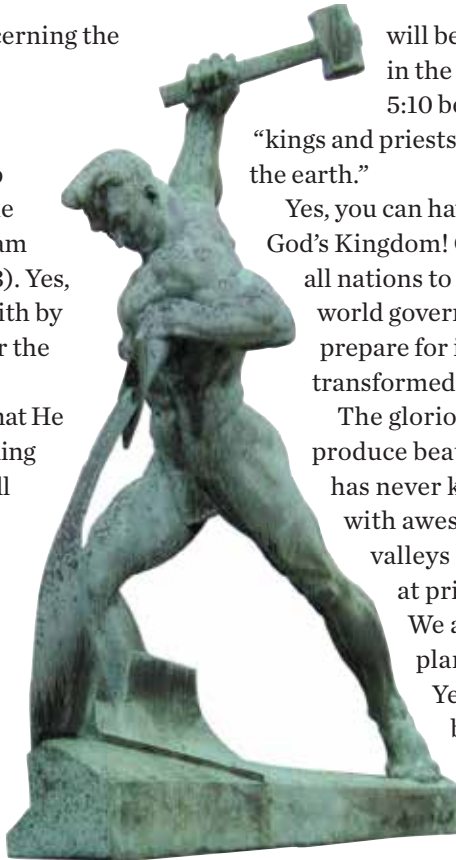
Yet even the natural world itself will become more beautiful in tomorrow's world, when even the very nature of animals will change.

Isaiah gives us this vision of the future 1,000-year period of

Christ's reign with the saints:

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:6-9).

That new world is coming soon! You need to pray, "Your Kingdom come!" And you need to be watching the prophetic trends and signs heralding Christ's return! 



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# LETTERS TO TW

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK



Thank you. I was asking God to reveal to me the one true church that leads to Him. I never asked Him this before now. Here you are as an answer. [Written in response to the free booklet, *Where Is God's True Church Today?*]

*Email from Reader*

*Editor's Note: We are delighted to hear that you believe you have found God's true Church. For those interested in contacting one of our ministers to ask about attending a Sabbath service, an interactive map of our congregations is available on our website. Simply go to [TomorrowsWorld.org](http://TomorrowsWorld.org) and click on the "Find a Congregation" link near the bottom of the page. Or you can contact us at one of our Regional Addresses on page 4 of this magazine.*

I wish to thank the *Tomorrow's World* TV programs and literature for helping me come back to God's word after thirty-odd years of giving away God and Christ. Thank you for the bi-monthly *Tomorrow's World* magazine. Your explanations on disturbing world events have opened up my mind as to why these events are happening and where they and mankind are leading. Thank you also for the literature and CDs that I had requested and received to date, as the information is helping me find an inner peace that I have not experienced in over thirty years.

*Reader in Victoria, Australia*

I received your magazine, and I was truly amazed as I read "A personal message from the Editor in Chief" in this month's issue [May-June 2018]! It is something that I have been having an inner turmoil with. I've been really questioning why we celebrate Christ's birth on the 25th of December, knowing that it was

a pagan holiday. And why do we hold the Sabbath on Sunday, when it actually should be on Saturday? Thank you so much for bringing this subject up. I was having a hard time trying to decide how to handle these questions, but it is becoming [clearer] to me! How are we to know God's time if we are so deceived by these pagan traditions? Thank you.

*Reader in New York*

*Editor's Note: We are glad that Mr. Gerald Weston's article has helped you! If you are still in need of answers to your questions, we gladly suggest our free booklets, The Holy Days: God's Master Plan and Which Day is the Christian Sabbath? They are available from the Regional Offices listed on page 4 and also from our website at [TomorrowsWorld.org](http://TomorrowsWorld.org).*

I am writing to let you know that I have received three booklets: *God's Church Through the Ages*, *God's Plan for Happy Marriage* and *Does God Heal Today?* I am really thankful for these resources and hope they will profit us spiritually.

*Reader in Rwanda*

For the last two or three years, I have been saying the same things this article ["Tame the Social Media Monster," March-April 2018] says, though Mr. Weston is so much better at presenting the information than I am. I, too, have been urging my friends with children to follow the examples of the people at the top of these tech companies, who *know* how much damage their so-called products and services are doing to our youth, and to protect them from these dark forces. *Be parents!* Don't let anyone or *anything* usurp your duties and responsibilities to your own kids.

*Reader in Alberta, Canada*

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Manhattan MNN  
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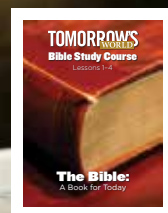
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