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The Lord Our God Overrules All

Nothing can happen in any part of the universe without the knowledge of Him who is omnipresent. Not a single event of human life is unknown to our Maker. While Satan is constantly devising evil, the Lord our God overrules all, so that it will not harm his obedient, trusting children. The same power that controls the boisterous waves of the ocean can hold in check all the power of rebellion and of crime. God says to one as to the other, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther."

What lessons of humility and faith may we not learn as we trace the dealings of God with his creatures. The Lord can do but little for the children of men, because they are so full of pride and vain glory. They exalt self, magnifying their own strength, learning, and wisdom. It is necessary for God to disappoint their hopes and frustrate their plans, that they may learn to trust in him alone. **All our powers are from God; we can do nothing independent of the strength which he has given us. Where is the man or woman or child that God does not sustain? Where is the desolate place which God does not fill? Where is the want that any but God can supply?** *Signs of the Times*, July 14, 1881.

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Future for America seeks to supply meat in due season for God's flock. It is present truth that the flock needs now:

"God cannot display the knowledge of His will and the wonders of His grace among the unbelieving world unless He has witnesses scattered all over the earth. It is His plan that those who are partakers of this great salvation through Jesus Christ should be His missionaries, bodies of light throughout the world, to be as signs to the people, living epistles, known and read of all men, their faith and works testifying to the near approach of the coming Saviour and showing that they have not received the grace of God in vain. The people must be warned to prepare for the coming judgment. To those who have been listening only to fables, God will give an opportunity to hear the sure word of prophecy, whereunto they do well that they take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place. He will present the sure word of truth to the understanding of all who will take heed; all may contrast truth with the fables presented to them by men who claim to understand the word of God and to be qualified to instruct those in darkness." *Testimonies*, volume 2, 631-632.

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Mission Statement

The ministry of **Future for America** is to proclaim the final warning message of Revelation 14 as identified within the prophecies of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The end-time fulfillment of Bible prophecy is no longer future-for it is taking place before our eyes. The historic, prophetic understanding of Seventh-day Adventism is now present truth. We are the final generation. Our emphasis on the prophetic word includes all the counsel of God's Word. To know what lies ahead is useless if we do not possess the experience to stand during these solemn times. Through obedience to God's law, and faith in the promises of God's Word, we are to receive that experience.

Coupled with the prophetic message, **Future for America** emphasizes all aspects of the medical missionary work. The "entering wedge"-medical missionary work-must be practiced by those who are to finish God's work in these final hours.

During this time period, country living becomes more essential with each passing moment. **Future for America** upholds and promotes this end-time truth. God's people must prepare for the coming storm, and that preparation includes the experience of learning how to survive in a simple fashion, away from the great centers of population.

Future for America intends to print and distribute truth-filled literature, while helping to establish lay-printing operations in parts of the Lord's vineyard where faithful brethren do not have the means to raise up a printing operation with their own resources.

MINISTRY UPDATE

Preparation for our evangelistic effort in the Philippines is moving forward. We had estimated \$9,500 to cover the cost of the series, but we have reduced that figure by \$1,500 because the couple who will give the health presentations, Roger and Joyce Brown, are paying their own airfare. Our original budget allocated \$1,500 for airfare for the health speaker. We have received almost \$6,000 so far. We added \$500 to the budget in order to print some tracts in the local dialect where we will be speaking. This means we currently are looking for \$2,500. If you can help, mark your donations: "Philippines 2000." These meetings will have plenty of Literature. Praise the Lord!

🕒 02/23/00—**LEGAZPI, Philippines (AP)** A volcano in southeastern Philippines spewed lava and clouds of ash Thursday as officials stepped up evacuations, warning that a more powerful eruption could come at any time.

🕒 02/25/00—At least 44 people have been killed and more than 50 are missing in the southern Philippines, after two bombs exploded inside a crowded bus aboard a ferry.

LATTER RAIN

The Quiet Hour is sending out at least 175 evangelism teams to every place on the world; "from Siberia to Samoa, from Madagascar to Malaysia, teams from Adventist churches in North America are preparing to go out."

"What's truly amazing is not just the impact these teams are having overseas. It's a fact—thousands will hear the gospel for the first time through these teams. But as a wonderful bonus, churches that send teams from North America are being transformed from the inside out! Local evangelism efforts have sprung up. Volunteers have multiplied for teaching Sabbath School and other programs of the church. And giving has increased substantially."

"One conference in Canada has seen such a tremendous difference [in participating churches] that it is asking all its churches to send out at least one evangelism team through *The Quiet Hour*." *The Quiet Hour Newsletter*, February 10, 2000.

"But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it." *Testimonies to Ministers*, 507.

🕒 02/25/00—**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** Thirsty monkeys in drought-affected eastern Kenya stoned to death a herder watering his livestock, a local newspaper reported Thursday.

From Colombia

Last year we shared a story of a faithful brother in Colombia who was gunned down as he left a home where he had just been giving a Bible study. On a later trip to Colombia, I met his widow at a camp meeting in the country, near the small town of San Juan. I have visited this town a couple of times, and every time, the guerrilla warfare has escalated since my previous visit.

About a month and a half ago Tico Retsrepo was here in the United States picking up supplies. We were with him a couple of days. During that time he told us of what had been going on with Roman Charre. Roman is a brother I have worked with many times in South America. He is married with a fourteen-year-old son and two other small children. He works with the Restrepos in their missionary endeavors. Several years ago we helped raise money to buy Roman an automobile, for one of the main services he accomplishes for the Lord is to enter into new fields, live there for a few months and prepare the local people for future meetings. When the people are prepared, he then helps coordinate the meetings. When Tico was last here, he informed us that recently, as Roman was travelling from his home in San Juan to the farm where we hold

our meetings, he was pulled over by the guerrillas who then placed a gun to his head. After the guerrillas had been talked out of killing him in front of his children—the guerrillas stole his car. Weeks later they returned his car, but troubles there are only escalating. In a recent email from Colombia I received this latest message about Roman and his family:

“Do you remember San Juan? The little town where Charre lives? It is difficult to forget it, right? This town is the battle field between military and guerrilla forces now. Last night the secret military forces killed 25 people who lived there. It seems they have some connections with guerrillas. But this happens every day. Many people are leaving town. Patricia [Charre’s wife] is in Supia, trying to get out of the terrible situation in the coast. And many Adventist brethren who attended the meetings are having a hard time already. Another motive of prayer. . .”

Colombian Pastor Murdered

Sisinio Bernal knew that to hold a crusade in Medellin, Colombia, he needed the support of pastor and evangelical leader Basilio Patino. So US-based Bernal flew to Medellin to see him. When Patino was delayed in Venezuela, Patino’s wife offered lodging to Bernal until her husband’s arrival the next day. The two never met. On December 15, outside Patino’s church, a gunman fired a shot into Bernal’s face, killing him instantly. Many—including Medellin police—believe that Patino was the hit man’s intended target. One Christian leader described him as the foremost spiritual warrior in Medellin. *Open Doors Newsletter*, March, 2000.

“It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy—the beast. . . . So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast.” *The Great Controversy*, 443–444.

REFORMATION UNDONE

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther almost single-handedly jump-started the Protestant Reformation. 482 years later, **to the day**, on October 31, 1999, as reported by the Washington Post, the leaders of the Lutheran and Catholic churches “signed a document that officially settles the central argument about the nature of faith that Luther provoked. The agreement declares, in effect, that **it was all a misunderstanding.**”

Were he alive today, this declaration would amaze Luther. It surprises many onlookers who wonder how Rome’s new “commitment” to salvation by grace through faith alone squares with its continued adherence to the dogmas of penance, purgatory, and indulgences. But **for lovers of religious freedom the declaration underscores the profound undermining of Protestantism’s legacy of religious freedom.**

The very name “Protestant” came from a civil “protest” lodged at the Diet of Spires by German princes loyal to Luther’s teachings. The princes refused to obey the edict of the ruling majority that his gospel teachings should spread no further. They said, **“In matters of conscience the majority has no power.”**

So at its heart and in its very name, the Protestant Reformation contains the basic principle of religious freedom—that the individual conscience should be respected by, and protected against, the will of the many. That principle has guided our country for more than 200 years.

In 1943, in *W. Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*, the Supreme Court ruled that “the very purpose of a Bill of Rights was to withdraw certain subjects from the vicissitudes of political controversy, to place them beyond the *reach of majorities* and officials and to establish them as legal principles to be applied by the courts. One’s right to life, liberty, *freedom of worship* and assembly, and other fundamental rights *may not be submitted to vote.*”

Based on this legal philosophy, Seventh-day Adventists had their Sabbath protected, Jehovah’s Witnesses were exempted from saluting the flag, and Amish children were freed from school attendance after the age of fourteen.

That changed about ten years ago. In the 1990 case of *Employment Division v. Smith*, the Supreme Court announced that “the *free exercise of religion is a luxury* that a well-ordered society cannot afford, and that the *repression of minority religions* is an unavoidable consequence of democratic government.” In refusing to protect the Native American religious ceremonial use of peyote, **the Court removed virtually all religious practice from the protection of the “compelling state interest” test.** The Court moved religious “accommodation to the political process” even though it recognized that this would “place at a relative disadvantage those religious practices not widely engaged in.” In other words, **the Court decided that even in matters of religious conscience, the majority will have the final say**, even though this will penalize minority religions.

This overt rejection of the Protestant principle that the conscience transcends democracy did not immediately plunge America into a new religious inquisition, but there were some notable exceptions, including prisoners denied religious papers and visits, home churches closed by zoning officials, and at least one Baptist pastor who was criminally convicted for aiding the homeless. But these exceptions are multiplying, and one day may become the norm.

History shows that periods of economic stability and growth, such as the 1990's breed tolerance, but times of social and financial unrest lead to greater targeting of unpopular religious minorities.

The first principle of the Reformation—liberty of conscience—is threatened because the second principle—the authority of the Bible—has declined.

In our secular, Bible-ignoring culture, many people no longer view religion as “special” because of its connection with the transcendent and the Divine. Rather, religion has become just another special interest lobby, along with environmentalists, feminists, labor unions, land-use groups, water quality advocates, big business, small cities and save-the-whale activists. Why should religious convictions receive special protection ahead of or instead of these other “equally worthy” causes?

[The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium. *The Great Controversy*, 588–589.]

The truth is that the Bible no longer has the influence that it once had in our communities, our churches, and dare we say it, our lives. In America, religious freedom is guarded by the First Amendment, which in turn is guarded by people's respect for conscience and the transcendent. The idea of the transcendent is guarded by a respect for a belief in God's Word, which is guarded by the faithful Biblical preaching and teaching of the churches. It is only because the churches have faltered that we find ourselves struggling to restore the First Amendment.

To be successful, that struggle must include a renewed focus by churches on the truth of God's Word—not just a wooden application of the letter, but a living, vital and refreshing proclamation of the spirit of the Word . . . one that will transform hearts, minds and lives in accordance with God's Word and the “perfect law of liberty.”

Notice that it is not the church's role to tell the state to believe in the Bible or to legislate Biblical morality. Rather, the church has a message that transforms and energizes its own members who then act as salt and light in the community, creating a political climate where the realm of conscience and the sacred are respected. Such a reenergized community of faith would quickly carry out the much-needed modern reformation and restoration of religious freedom.

Until then, we don't really need a statement by the Catholic and Lutheran leaders to know that **the Protestant Reformation is over**—we can see its demise in our lives and our laws. And that is truly worth protesting. *Freedom Alert*, Volume 15, Issue 4, Winter, 1999.

“It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light and encourage others to follow his example. We should day by day study the Bible diligently, weighing every thought and comparing scripture with scripture. With divine help we are to form our opinions for ourselves as we are to answer for ourselves before God.” *The Great Controversy*, 598.

🕒 02/25/00—San Jose, California, (Bloomberg) EBay Inc., an Internet auction site, banned a California man from **selling his soul** to the highest bidder because there was no proof the item for sale actually existed, Deutsche Presse-Agentur reported. The man's asking price of \$5,000 wasn't matched with a bid before being removed by the auctioneer.

No Forgiveness Directly From God

Rebutting a belief widely shared by Protestants and a growing number of Roman Catholics, Pope John Paul II dismissed Tuesday “the widespread idea that one can obtain forgiveness directly from God, and

exhorted Catholics to confess more often to their priests." *Los Angeles Times*, December 12, 1984.

Quote: It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties. James Madison, *Memorial and Remonstrance*, 1785.

From Project Restore

Help send *America Superpower of Prophecy* magazine to every address in Greenville, South Carolina, the home of Bob Jones University. Recently this conservative school has received extensive notice in the public press. While the issues are complex, we believe there is currently a heightened interest in Bible prophecy and the role in it of the Roman Catholic Church. Now seems a moment of opportunity to share the truths contained in the colorful magazine that contains carefully selected portions of *The Great Controversy*.

Someone has pledged some funds for this project, and we are looking for matching funds. Time is of the essence. If you would like to help, please contact Project Restore at 540 672 4549.



Dear Brother Jeff,

We listened to your tape J57 yesterday on the way to (and from) church, and were thrilled. I believe the Lord is leading you in every step of your searching of the Scriptures, and that yours is the message for our time.

This letter is my attempt to help you in your study; you mentioned in this tape that "where there is no vision the people perish," and took the word vision to mean farsightedness, having eternal goals. As a matter of fact, the word is *chazon*, means **the kind of vision the prophets had**. I believe that the verse says to us that those who reject Ellen White as a prophet in these last days have no prop of truth to carry them through. This thought (if I am correct) only adds strength to your message. God bless and strengthen you in your mission. Your friend in Christ, CT—CA

SABBATH TRIAL CHALLENGED

State of Missouri v. Pride, 1999: Seventh-day Adventist Farrel Pride was accused of forgery while working on a contract project for the City of Columbia. His trial began on a Friday, but the judge announced that it would carry over onto Saturday. Pride informed the judge that secular activities on Saturday would violate his convictions regarding the Seventh day Sabbath. The judge ruled that, under the Supreme Court's ruling in *Boerne v. Flores*, the schedule of **the court was entitled to more legal weight than Pride's religious beliefs**, and denied his request for a continuance.

Since then, a court of appeals has said that it was not prejudiced in his case by the lower court's refusal to respect his religious belief. *Freedom Alert*, Volume 15, Issue 4, Winter, 1999.

The court is entitled to more legal weight than Pride's religious beliefs.

Quote: I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute . . . where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference. John F. Kennedy, *Address*, Houston, Texas, 1960.

Mitchell v. Helms: A View from the Council's Table

At stake is the role of the state in funding and monitoring religious schools and other religious entities.

Most accounts agree that the case is too close to call, although several reports stated that the Court was leaning towards allowing the aid. Virtually all accounts agreed that Justice O'Connor was likely to be the deciding vote in the case, with some reporters suggesting that Kennedy may also be a swing vote.

The opposing counsel, Professor Michael McConnell, who has taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago, is highly experienced, knowledgeable and articulate. However, he ran into a challenging line of questions from the liberal justices, then even from the conservative justices, his natural allies on the Court. Then his time was cut short to allow the attorney for the federal government, Assistant Solicitor General, Barbara Underwood, to have ten minutes to present the government's case.

The Council on Religious Freedom, a Seventh-day Adventist organization, was represented by its vice-president, Lee Boothby. Boothby stuck to the twin themes of preventing taxpayer compelled funding of religion and preserving the religious autonomy of church institutions from state intrusion. He methodically and carefully fielded a wide range of questions, displaying a broad grasp of both the facts and the field of law. He often answered a question by quoting from an earlier decision of the Court.

We believe that the Court will not accept Professor McConnell's radical proposal to **essentially dismantle the wall of separation between church and state**, and will be cautious in accepting the government's invitation to be more liberal in allowing state aid to go to religious schools.

We invite your prayers for the Court as the Justices wrestle with formulating its opinion over the next few months. A decision is expected by June. *Freedom Alert*, Volume 15, Issue 4, Winter, 1999.

In respecting religious liberty and the common good of all, Christians should seek recognition of Sunday and the Church's Holy Days **as legal holidays**. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1994 edition, 528.

"Persecution always follows religious favoritism on the part of secular governments." *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 279.

PESTILENCES

⌚ 02/23/00—HUNDREDS of people bathing on British beaches declared clean by the government have contracted virulent and sometimes fatal illnesses, a new study shows. The infections range from stomach upsets to respiratory diseases and the deadly E-coli bacteria.

⌚ 02/25/00—**CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP)** Homophobia, sex tourism, infidelity and poverty are major factors causing a rapid spread of AIDS and increasingly infecting women in the Caribbean, international and regional health officials said Friday.

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) Panama declared an epidemic alert and canceled traditional Lenten carnivals in a central province after the country's first outbreak of the deadly hantavirus killed three people.

Waves of disease spread after cyclone flooding Cases of malaria—in normal times the biggest killer in Mozambique—have tripled since record rainfall and the violent onslaught of Cyclone Eline caused massive floods in the country, health experts said yesterday.

The Whole World Wonders

Holy Father receives President Kim Dae-jung of Korea on his first official visit to Holy Sec. *L'Osservatore Romano*, March 8, 2000.

ANGLICANS: POPE TO HEAD GLOBAL CHURCH

In a document titled *The Gift of Authority*, the Archbishop of Canterbury and a joint Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission call upon all Anglicans to recognize the Pope as the supreme authority if a new global church were created. The document describes the Pope as a "gift to be received by all the churches." The statement (not currently binding), released by Lambeth Palace in May, accepts that in a new united church it would be the Bishop of Rome who would exercise a universal primacy. *Christian News*, July 26, 1999.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings **one hour with the beast**. Revelation 17:12.

"As we approach the last crisis it is of vital moment that harmony and unity exist among the Lord's instrumentalities. The world is filled with storm and war and variance. **Yet under one head—the papal power—the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses.** This union is cemented by the great apostate." *Testimonies*, volume 7, 182.

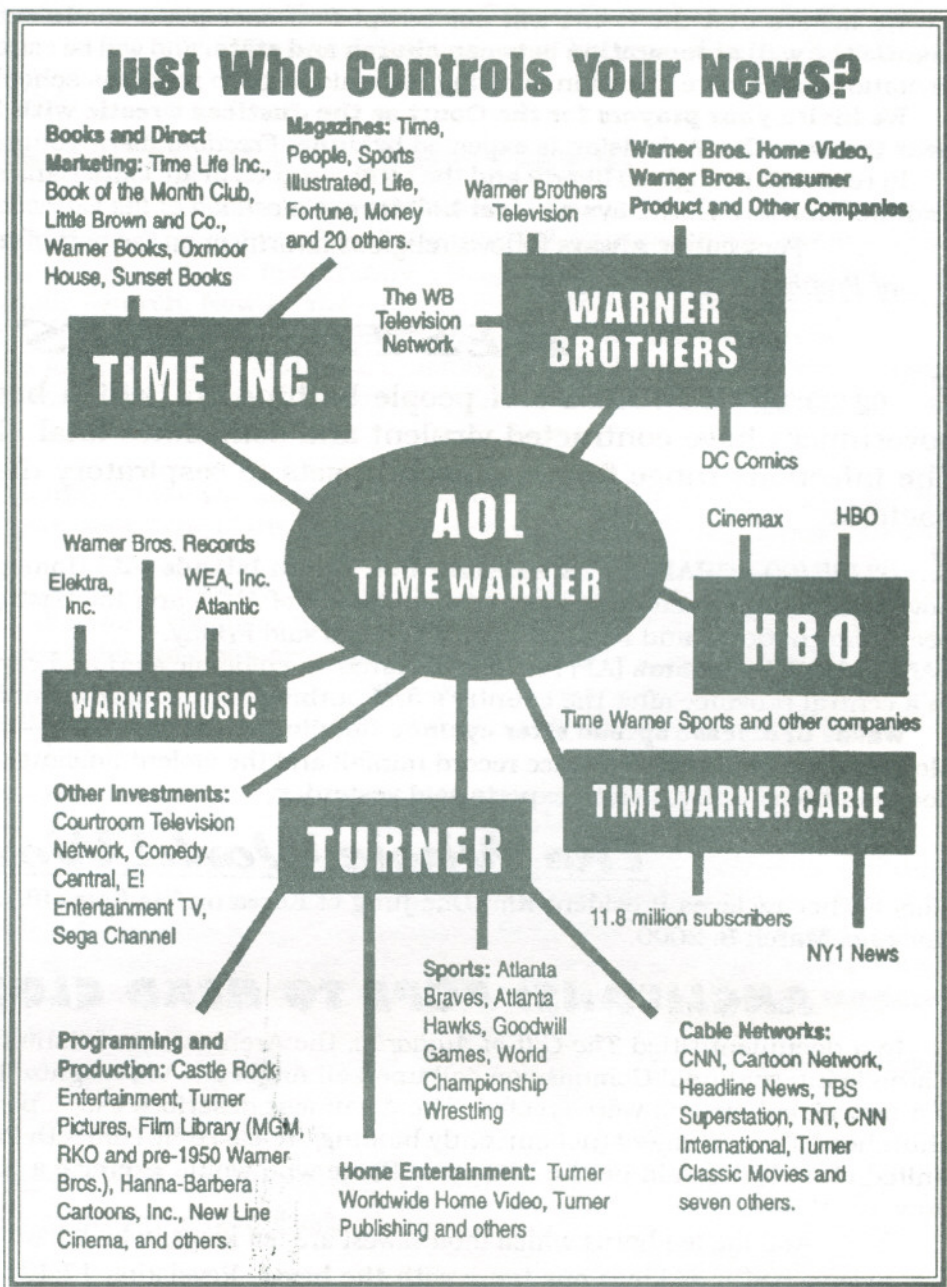
"Now, however—after what was arguably the very pointed events that had taken place in Saint Peter's square; after exhaustive examination of the documents and living witnesses and participants connected with Fatima events themselves, and after nothing less than a personal communication from heaven during his long convalescence—Pope John Paul II . . . came face-to-face with the realization that, far from pointing to some distant future time, the contents of the famous Fatima message—and, specifically, the secret contents directed to papal attention—amounted to a geopolitical agenda attached to an immediate time table. . .

"Clearly, the new agenda—heaven's agenda; **the Grand Design of God for the new world order**—had begun." *The Keys of This Blood*, Malachi Martin, 48, 50.

Billy Graham picks pope for man of the century. *National Catholic Register*, January, 2000.

ONE WORLD BACKERS GOING PUBLIC

Globalists have become more brazen in their shameless promotion of one world government. . . President Clinton praises efforts to achieve a world government. . . Walter Cronkite calls for a world government in a speech, which he followed with an interview with the BBC calling for, "an international rule of law." . . The World Affairs Association recently honored deputy secretary of state Strobe Talbott for advocating world government in *Time* magazine. He wrote—"Nationhood as we know it will be obsolete; all states will recognize a single global authority." . . Former editor of *Time* magazine Henry Grumwald writes in the *Wall Street Journal*, "The idea of the nation-state is in for some profound changes. The nation-state will undergo sharp limitations of its sovereignty. Just as the old, petty principalities had to dissolve into wider structures. [It] will be increasingly difficult for the future nation-state to argue that its treatment of its own citizens is a purely internal matter." *Spotlight*, 3-10-00, adapted.



THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR

02/23/00—BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) A US led communications monitoring network is intercepting "billions of messages per hour," including telephone calls, fax transmissions and private e-mails, according to a European Parliament report made public Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, DC, (ENS) Atmospheric scientists are warning that accelerating global warming could produce an increase in the number and severity of hurricanes and other hazardous weather. New weather modeling systems may be able to predict storms about 25 percent more accurately than programs now in use, helping to save property and lives. Other effects of climate change may be more difficult to resolve.

WASHINGTON, (Reuters) Global warming is not only real but it is accelerating, US government researchers say. Researchers at NOAA's National Climate Data Center (NCDC) have found evidence that the rate of global warming is accelerating and that in the past 25 years it achieved the rate of two degrees Celsius (four

degrees Fahrenheit) per century. This rate had previously been predicted for the 21st Century.

The end of February could mark another good weekend for aurora watchers, thanks to a large coronal hole currently straddling the visible disk of the sun. High speed solar wind particles streaming out of the hole reached the Earth today and began to buffet our planet's magnetosphere.

🕒 02/25/00—There is fresh evidence that the ozone layer is thinning over the United Kingdom and northern Europe.

Worldly plans and devisings and strange sentiments and principles will be put forth by **the prince of the power of the air**, which are directly opposed to the law of God. *Testimonies to Ministers*, 334.

The propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions.

“By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When **Protestantism** shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the **Roman power**, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with **spiritualism**, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the **propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions**, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

“Pope John Paul II is waiting, rather for the event that will fission human history splitting the immediate past from the oncoming future. **It will be an event on public view in the skies, in the oceans, and on the continental land masses of this planet.** It will particularly involve our human sun, which every day lights up and shine upon the valleys, the mountains and the plains of this earth for our eyes. But on the day of this event, it will not appear merely as the master star of our so-called solar system, rather it will be seen as the glory of the woman whom the apostle describes as ‘clothed with the sun’ and giving birth to ‘a child who will rule the nations with a rod of iron.’

“Fissioning it will be as an event, in John Paul's conviction of faith, for **it will immediately nullify all the grand designs the nations which are now forming and will introduce the Grand Design of man's maker.** John Paul's waiting and watching time will then be over. His ministry as the Servant of a Grand Design will then begin. . . . John Paul is and will be the soul possessor of the keys of this blood on that day.

“John Paul's second reason—the more cogent one for him, personally—is drawn from the Fatima message. That message that a catastrophic change will shortly shatter any plans or designs that men may have established. This is the era of the Fatima ‘or.’ Men have abandoned religion. God does not intend for human affairs to go on for a long time in that fashion, because this is his world. . . .

“This is why John Paul is waiting. **God must first intervene before John Paul's ministry to all men may start.**” *The Keys of This Blood*, Malachi Martin, 639, 656.

FROM THE MOUTH OF THE BEAST

Earth Changes TV, Mitch Battros.

What I am about to tell you may shock you, or it may leave you with a feeling of exhilaration. I have no doubt it will send a chilling shock wave through some in our society and perhaps that of other countries. For others, it is a time of celebration. I urge you to take caution with this content and remember what I have said all along. “Follow Your Truth, Not Mine, Or Anyone Else. Seek And You Shall Find. Find What? Your Truth!

I have wrestled with the idea of “if, when, and how,” to disclose the information that has been bestowed upon me. I cannot tell you how humbled I feel, and I must say somewhat fearful. I want to present this in the most honored, respectful and selfless way. I cannot deny the turning of events that have occurred over the last few weeks have given gravity to my motivation. My decision in part, is related to the “secret meeting” between NASA and Russian space experts. I have come to the conclusion, now is the time for disclosure.

I have received information from someone who is somehow close to the Vatican. The less I know, the better. He has pleaded to remain anonymous for fear of being thrown out of the clergy. He came to me because he was aware of my request of information from the Vatican over a year ago, asking for information on the *Third Letter of Fatima*. What I received back was more than I had hoped for.

I re-posted this letter last month:
<http://www.earthchangesTV.com/breaking/December/1224fatima.htm>

Again, I want to reiterate, I believe all science, and in this case prophecy, should be held to the test of "subject conjecture" and should be seen as an interpretation of material. Having said this, I will disclose what has been sent to me.

Over 30 years ago, Conchita of Garabandal said the "Warning" will happen on a Thursday in April between the 8th & 16th of the month, within the lifetime of Joey Lomangino (now 65) [and before the end of the century according to many sources], on the feastday of a young martyr of the Eucharist & on the day of a great event in the Church. Our Lady of Emmitsburg Message states, "This is a rejuvenating time but a time of cleansing from the ways of your self."

This Jubilee year seems a perfect time. The Warning would be April 13, 2000. Mirjana of Medjugorje said her first secret, will not be worldwide, but will nonetheless serve to "shake us up". This "secret" might concern some catastrophic event prior to the "Miracle" as described at Garabandal (2nd secret?). Seemingly, the first three secrets and the Warning/Miracle must tie-in. It has been prophesied John Paul II will be the last Pope before the end of time (as we know it) or "transition" is another specific and spectacular promise made at Garabandal.

At the time of the apparitions of Garabandal, Paul VI was the pope. Our Lady told the visionaries that, including the present Pope, there would be only three Popes until the end of time (the end of the Marian age, climaxing with the Miracle). John Paul II, who despite all sorts of problems besetting the world and his Church seems to be quite optimistic about the future. He has repeatedly said that the Great Jubilee year will mark the beginning of a "springtime for Christianity". But how can he be so optimistic and so apparently certain of the future? Since he is a deeply prayerful man—he opens his day with up to two hours of individual prayer then celebrates Mass and prays throughout the day—and he is Jesus' vicar on earth, so he is guided by the Holy Spirit the source of his certainty may be supernatural in nature.

Further, if persistent rumors that emanate from the Vatican are correct, he is also a visionary, purportedly receiving his own visions of his beloved 'Markka'—the Blessed Virgin Mary. In addition, he has read and evaluated Fatima's famous third Secret, yet to be revealed to the world, and may also be guided by its contents. In short, he has guidance that no one else possesses—and he is optimistic!

Fatima's Third Secret appears to involve a supernatural event as inadvertently disclosed by one of the few people alive who have read it—Archbishop Loris Capovilla. Moreover, the Pope has told his close

associates not to plan his 2001 calendar implying that he won't be alive by then.

[Editor's note: Or, perhaps he will be in exile?]

It is possible that he believes Fatima's Third Secret will come to conclusion during the Great Jubilee celebration in the Catholic Church. Year 2000.

A star, the Asteroid, will illuminate the earth causing it to appear to be surrounded by flames during a period of some twenty minutes, an event which will spread panic everywhere. This will occur in the near future. When the Asteroid lights up the earth making it appear that the whole world is in flames, many people will wish to die at that shower of fire.

In all prophecies, Jesus says that Divine events will be explainable scientifically for the spiritually weak. So even though God may act through nature, many will attribute these events to "nature" alone. According to NASA the Sun has been entering a very unusual cycle in which it is expected to have unusually large solar storms. Around April 2000 will be a "solar maximum or peak" period of flare activity.

The Garabandal visionaries referenced a bright light in relation to the Warning, and Jacinta (of Fatima) supposedly told a Mother Godhino that a time would come when a warning would be sent to the whole world in which the skies would light up with a bright light shocking the world with its suddenness and magnitude.

Before the "Miracle" will come the "Warning" (the original Spanish term was "Aviso", which translates as "Announcement", "Warning", or "Notification." It will precede (by between eight days and one year) the Miracle prophesied by Our Lady at Garabandal, which will in turn precede the chastisement.

A flash of brilliant white light (obviously bright enough to attract the attention of the third of the people in the world who will presumably be sleeping) will occur, "like 2 stars that collide and make a lot of light, but don't fall down." (Conchita's description).

Summary: According to the information above, I would suggest we may very well experience the "Warning" in April 2000. I would also state that it appears it will come from the sky. I would suggest the "Miracle" will occur one year later in April 2001. The synchronicity of so many events converging at this time is nothing less than astounding.

A reminder to all, follow the direction of "your" heart, not that of this writing or its author. I would like to state that Earth Changes TV remains open to ALL beliefs and spiritual pathways. NEVER before have so many spiritual disciplines and prophecies come together—than at this very time. *Earth Changes TV*, Mitch Battros, Producer.

Editor's note: In the final book authored by Malachi Martin, *Windswept House*—we find his first novel. The book portrays endtime events from the

perspective of what the Virgin Mary has been telling her followers. Evidently there is to be a large visible miracle in the sky which will signal Pope John Paul II that it is time for him to step down and let the wicked pope have the church and whose papacy ushers in the great chastisement of Fatima's messages. Describing a dialogue when the current pope is going into exile Martin states this:

"Resign if you will, Holiness. But not yet! For the fate of your own soul, you cannot leave us naked and unprotected to face that Fallen Archangel who, in Peter's very words, seeks to devour us all like a ravenous lion. You cannot think that you can leave us in this lurch of Evil. You cannot walk away from this papacy knowing you have left that supreme enemy in charge" *Windswept House*, 644.

"In any event by the year 2000, or thereabouts, we will have the second Pentecost, the *Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*, and the return of Jesus in glory as we enter the *New Era of Peace*, sin will be no more, an era when heaven and earth will be joined and we have a new heaven and a new earth." Larry Flynn, *Catholic Prophecy Update*, page 2, January-February, 1997.

Dear Friends at FFA, On October 1999, I got the booklet *Sin Shall Not Have Dominion Over You*, by Charles Fitch. I thank you very much for the prompt delivery. Included you'll find an unrestricted donation.

I have already begun to study the booklet and I must say that the topic Fitch was writing about is of **the most serious matter**. I have never before read a book, which so clear answers the question concerning sinning or not sinning any more. This little work encourages me to speak more certain about this subject. In a most wonderful way Fitch shows how we can stop sinning, by taking God at His word and fully leaning on His promises.

Some time ago I had come to the conclusion that Jesus will not come the second time to save sinners but to save those who have been freed from sinning in their life by Christ's grace. See Isaiah 13:9, and Psalm 1:5. Now I am very glad to have the booklet which confirms my conclusion. It also gives me great joy when I read in *Early Writings* page 17 that the author of *Sin Shall Not Have Dominion Over You* will be among those who live throughout eternity with the lovely Savior Jesus Christ, a fact that places a high value on the arguments we find in the book.

I hope that the money will reach its destination. I wish you God's blessing. Please pray for me that God may open ways and opportunities to spread this blessed message in connection with the three angel's messages. Your Brother in Christ, JC—Switzerland

Dear Jeff, I would like to have my name placed on your mailing list. Also please send me your study on Daniel 11:41-46. I heard a brief summary on the subject on the tapes made on 9-18-99. Having read *Keys of This Blood* some nine-ten years ago, I have been interested in following news as prophecy is unfolding. Sincerely, AD—WA

Future for America, I do appreciate your newsletter and tapes. I want them. Right now I have a lot of things to pay, with property taxes in December after that it should be better. But after that who knows? I will be 83, two weeks on the "other side." Never been that way before, just another year. I am on Social Security, my husband's now; I never had much. I own home, small farm outside a small town that calls itself a city. I'm not in debt, have garden, wood, a son in trailer here for my "fixer." So I'm usually all right. I joined one church 30 years ago. It has been fruitful and multiplied 'til now it's close to a dozen. I give two times a year to three veteran groups. Their country doesn't do much for them. So far I have been enjoying the freedom they won for me. We should be more remote. We don't know what to do with what we have, or where to go. The family, as many, is divided. We have a new, retired pastor that I think is a "plant" from the other side. Said no difference in Catholic and Protestant Bibles except language translation forms. Said Luther translated his from the Vulgate. Doesn't encourage much "overcoming." Has Bible marking class, giving NKJV to win church over. Have some old folks with old Bibles. Started over second time to let them use KJV. Now about 45 classes. He "corrects" KJV as he goes. He ordained woman elder during church with no discussion with the church. That lady elder had sermon about fanatics. Must have meant my son and I. We're the only ones. Women's ordination and Bible versions were trivial issues; maybe she said side issues. We have quite a new member, found Sabbath on Internet. Had to get another job. I have been giving him good SDA stuff, mostly SOP, ever since he "landed." He's eating it up. Gave him my 2+2=4 explanation of Ellen White and Prophet of the End. He believed it. Now he's buying them from me. Now he has had four sermons, brings those big three volumes SOP right to the pulpit! Kind of like Bible study but better than anything we have had for a long time. He's wonderful; Don't know how long the church can stand anything so good! My prayers for him keep him safe from the pastor, the church. Donation balance is listed below. I give books and literature all the time, flea market in summer. If I give you some of your own, just be glad I'm using it. DP—MI

GIDEON CALLED

A Test of Faith

Gideon's courage was greatly strengthened by the tokens of divine favor vouchsafed to him. Without delay, he went out with his forces to give battle to the Midianites. But now another severe trial of faith awaited him. With the immense host of invaders spread out before him—the thirty-two thousand of the Hebrews seeming, in contrast, like a mere handful—the word of the Lord came to him: **“The people that are with thee are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against Me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from Mount Gilead.”**

It had been made a law in Israel that before they went to battle, the following proclamation should be sounded throughout the army: “What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not yet eaten of it? let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it. And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another

man take her. And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.” What a striking illustration is this of the tender, pitying love of Christ! He who instituted the relations of life and the ties of kindred, made special provision that these be not too widely broken. He would have none go forth to battle unwillingly. This proclamation also sets forth in a forcible manner the influence which may be exerted by one man who is deficient in faith and courage, and further shows the effect of our thoughts and feelings upon our own course of action.

“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.” The thoughts and feelings cherished give direction to the conduct, and thus determine the character. A strong, well-balanced character is built up by faithfulness in all the smaller as well as the greater acts of life. A man is measured, not by the power put forth in some one great effort, but by the zeal and integrity which he brings to the daily round of cares and responsibilities.

True Christian character is marked by a singleness of purpose, an indomitable determination, which refuses to yield to worldly influences, which will aim

at nothing short of the Bible standard. If men will permit themselves to become discouraged in the service of God, the great adversary will present abundant reasons to turn them from the plain path of duty to one of ease and irresponsibility. Those who can be bribed or seduced, discouraged or terrified, will be of no service in the Christian warfare. Those who set their affections on worldly treasures or worldly honors, will not push the battle against principalities and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

All who would be soldiers of the cross of Christ, must gird on the armor and prepare for conflict. They should not be intimidated by threats; or terrified by dangers. They must be cautious in peril, yet firm and brave in facing the foe and doing battle for God. The consecration of Christ's follower must be complete. Father, mother, wife, children, houses, lands, everything, must be held secondary to the work and cause of God. He must be willing to bear patiently, cheerfully, joyfully, whatever in God's providence he may be called to suffer. His final reward will be to share with Christ the throne of immortal glory.

Because of the weak condition of the armies of Israel, in contrast with the numbers of the enemy, Gideon had refrained from making the usual proclamation. He was filled with astonishment

at the declaration that his force was too large. But the Lord saw the pride and unbelief existing in the hearts of this people. Aroused by the stirring appeals of Gideon, they had readily enlisted; but when they saw the multitudes of the Midianites, their courage failed. Yet, had Israel triumphed, those very men would have ascribed the victory to their own skill and valor, rather than to the mercy and power of Jehovah. As a people, they had little faith in God. Many were suffering the reproaches of a guilty conscience.

Instead of being too many, the Israelites felt that their numbers were too few; but Gideon made the proclamation as the Lord had directed. With sinking heart he saw twenty-two thousand, or more than two thirds of his entire force, depart for their homes.

Again the word of the Lord came to his servant: "The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there; and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go."

The people were led down to the water-side, expecting to make an immediate attack upon the enemy. A few hastily took a little water in the hand and sucked it up as they went on, but nearly all bowed upon their knees, and leisurely drank from the surface of the water. Those who took of the water in their hands, were but three hundred out of the ten thousand; yet these were selected, and the great body of the army were

permitted to return to their homes.

Here we see **the simple means by which character is often tested**. Those who in a time of great peril were intent upon supplying their own wants, were not the men to be trusted in an emergency. The men of God's choice were the few who would not permit their own wants to hinder them in the discharge of duty. Not only did they possess courage and self-control, but they were men of faith. They had not defiled themselves by idolatry. God could direct them, and through them He could work deliverance for Israel. The Lord designed to show His people that He was their source of strength. By the simplicity of the means employed, He designed to rebuke their pride and self-exaltation.

As with ancient Israel, so it is with the people of God at this age of the world. The Lord can do but little for the children of men, because they are so ready to esteem themselves wiser than their Creator. If blessed with a measure of success, many become elated and self-confident, and forget their dependence upon God. There is too much reliance upon human plans and methods, and too little faith in the mighty God of Jacob; too much machinery, and too little of the life-giving Spirit and power of the Most High.

Christ is the light of the world. All wisdom and all knowledge flow from Him who is the fountain of wisdom. He bids His followers, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your

Father which is in Heaven." It is when reflected in His disciples, that the divine loveliness of Christ is revealed to the world. Those who depart from the simplicity of the gospel, have gone on in advance of their Leader; but Christ says, "Follow me."

All who indulge pride and self-importance, "vaunting themselves against God," He will separate from His work; and, in their stead, will choose those who will walk in the path of humility and obedience, acknowledging that all their success comes from God.

All the wonders which God has wrought for His people, have been performed by the most simple means. When the people of God are wholly consecrated to Him, then He will employ them to carry forward His work on the earth. But we should remember that whatever success may attend us, the glory and honor belongs to God; for every faculty and every power is a gift from Him.

God will test, to the utmost, the faith and courage of those to whom He has intrusted responsibilities in His work. Appearances will often be forbidding. Although God has given repeated assurance of His help, yet faith will almost stagger. "Thus saith the Lord," must be our firm reliance, independent of human reasonings, or apparent impossibilities.

The experience of Gideon and his army was designed to teach a lesson of simplicity and faith. The leader whom God had chosen occupied no prominent position in Israel. He was not a ruler, a Levite, or a priest. He thought himself the least in his father's house. Human wisdom

would not have selected him; but God saw in Gideon a man of integrity and moral courage. He was distrustful of self, and willing to listen to the teachings of God, and carry out His purposes. The Lord is not dependent upon men of high position, of great intellect, or extensive knowledge. Such men are frequently proud and self-sufficient. They feel themselves competent to devise and execute plans without counsel from God. They separate themselves from the true Vine, and hence become dry and fruitless, as withered branches.

The Lord would put to shame the vaunting of men. He will give success to the feeblest efforts, the most unpromising methods, when divinely appointed, and entered upon with humility and trust. God will not test our faith beyond endurance. He will give us sufficient evidence, that we may, in our weakness, lean upon the arm of His strength, and trust wholly in His power. Talents, education, and influence, may, under the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, be employed in the service of God; but Satan is more often served by them, than is Jesus Christ.

The Majesty of Heaven walked among the children of men with the dignity of a king; yet He preserved the simplicity of a little child. He was never known to boast of superiority, to exalt His own power, ability, or attainments. Christ was the Creator of the earth; He was the king of glory; yet His life of meekness and humility put to shame the proud boasting of men. He was the embodiment of wisdom, the foun-

tain of knowledge. Let those who would pride themselves upon their superior abilities, learn of the great Teacher. Jesus invites all, "Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." He said to his disciples, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven."

How does God look upon men who cherish pride, and boast of their superiority, when they are dependent upon him for every breath they draw, for the food they eat, the clothing they wear, and, above all these, for the precious gift of reason—the power of thought? Let the hand of God be laid upon man, let the mind be clouded, and what then would he have whereof to boast?

Success does not depend upon strength or numbers. God can deliver by few as well as by many. A large church is not necessarily a strong church. Some of its members may be cherishing selfishness, pride, or unbelief; some may be dishonest, others corrupt in heart and life. All these are a source of weakness to the church. They bring the frown of God upon His people, and the great adversary will work through them to advance his own cause.

Anciently, those whose worldly interests would draw their hearts from the work of God, were bidden to return to their homes. It were better for the cause of truth today, if those whose attention is absorbed with their own private interests, would separate from the work of God, and give themselves to the things in which their hearts delight. Then

they would not, by their wrong example, exert so dangerous an influence upon others.

God is honored, not so much by the great number, as **by the character of those who serve him**. He appreciates moral worth. He draws the dividing line between those who bear His name by profession, and those whose character shows them to be His children. Those who have the fear of God will listen to His counsels, and obey them. They will not be content with spurious theories, nor build upon false principles to secure the friendship of the world. Yet, at the same time, they will cherish and exemplify those virtues that promote the happiness of the family, the church, and the community.

Many who occupy responsible positions in the church of God, are sacrificing their integrity to secure the favor of the ungodly. A strong current is sweeping downward, and they decide that it is easier to float with the tide than to row against it. Like the children of Israel, they sacrifice the blessings of God by their indolence and spiritual sloth. Many set up idols in their hearts—idols of selfishness, idols of pride, and love of display. Eternal things lose their value. Withdraw the influences which God has provided to preserve and strengthen our spirituality, and it decays and dies. We must be continually seeking to draw near to God, and to learn His will. We must become more unlike the world and more like Christ in character. *Signs of the Times*, June 30, 1881.

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