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# America's Deadly Nuclear Deal With Iran

America's worst foreign-policy debacle ever just paved the way to a nuclear World War III.

**E**ARLIER THIS YEAR, THE UNITED STATES IMPLEMENTED ITS nuclear deal with Iran. “Implementation Day” fell on January 16, an interesting date on which several major world events have occurred.

On January 17, a day later, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani called the deal a “golden page” and “turning point” for his nation. How true that is! Iran was hemorrhaging financially because of Western sanctions. But the nuclear agreement gave Iran access to \$150 billion as the U.S. released its frozen assets.



**GERALD FLURRY**

The same day, President Barack Obama said, “This is a good day, because once again, we’re seeing what’s possible with strong American diplomacy.” He said, “[F]rom Presidents Franklin Roosevelt to John F. Kennedy to Ronald Reagan, the United States has

never been afraid to pursue diplomacy with our adversaries. And as president, I decided that a strong, confident America could advance our national security by engaging directly with the Iranian government.”

This nuclear deal did the *opposite* of advancing America’s national security! It didn’t make the world more secure, but far more dangerous!

“The real story of Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016—‘Implementation Day’ of the Iran deal—was that it marked a historic inflection point in the geopolitics in the Middle East,” wrote Charles Krauthammer. “In a stroke, Iran shed almost four decades of rogue state status, and was declared a citizen of good standing of the international community, open to trade, investment and diplomacy. This, without giving up or even promising to change its policy of subversion and aggression. This, without having fortified its status as the world’s greatest purveyor of terrorism” (*Washington Post*, January 21).

And who was it that made it possible, most of all? The United States of America.

For some reason, even though Iran is a sworn terrorist-sponsoring enemy, the Obama administration aggressively wanted this deal. To ensure nobody interfered with it, Mr. Obama and his administration used the National Security Agency to find out what members of Congress were thinking and saying and trying to do. They also spied on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. They wanted to make certain nobody stopped them from removing the crippling sanctions that were causing Iran such trouble and slowing down its nuclear activities.

Ben Rhodes, one of the president’s speech writers, bragged about how he had deceived journalists and policy wonks, whom

he called “the Blob” in an interview with the *New York Times*. The White House was determined to ram the nuclear deal through without Senate approval or even public support, and it devised and executed an elaborate propaganda campaign to do so. This all came to light months later, but people don’t seem to care just how deceitful and lawless this administration is!

President Obama also said in that January 17 speech, “Whereas Iran was steadily expanding its nuclear program, we have now cut off every single path that Iran could have used to build a bomb.” That is absolutely false. Since “Implementation Day,” Iran has accelerated its nuclear activities. The deal allows Iran to build a bomb openly within 15 years, and a *secret provision* actually opens the door even earlier than that.

But that’s not all this administration did around January 16. On August 3, the *Wall Street Journal* reported more shocking news about what the Obama administration did the very next day after implementing this disastrous deal.

## Hostages

On January 17, the Obama administration airlifted \$400 million in cash to pay Iran for the release of four innocent American hostages. On top of paying Iran cash, the U.S. returned to Iran seven CRIMINALS who were imprisoned or facing charges, and also stopped seeking 14 Iranians who are on Interpol’s watch list. The *Wall Street Journal* reported U.S. officials saying that “most of these cases were tied to violations of U.S. export laws and the sales of dual-use equipment that could be used in Iran’s military or nuclear program .... ‘This is a one-time arrangement,’ said a second U.S. official, describing the prisoner swap. ‘It’s not a precedent for the future’” (January 16).

January 17 marks yet another scandal to add to the administration’s growing list of scandals!

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the cash payment was the first installment of a \$1.7 billion settlement that the Obama administration had agreed to pay Iran. The settlement was designed to resolve a dispute in the United Nations International Court of Justice over a failed arms deal that took place before the 1979 Iranian Revolution, when Iran’s current Islamic radical regime overthrew the regime of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. Iran had paid \$400 million for those arms, but the U.S. did not supply them because of the revolution. It also did not return the \$400 million. The Obama administration says the \$1.7 billion includes this \$400 million and \$1.3 billion in interest. It claims Iran initially demanded \$7 to \$8 billion in interest, but eventually settled for \$1.3 billion, thus making it a good deal for taxpayers. The Obama administration denied that the cash was a payment for the release of the four prisoners.

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This was hard to believe—but in August the truth came out. First, an interview with one of the hostages, Pastor Saeed Abedini, revealed that the plane carrying the Americans was not permitted to leave until another plane arrived. “We slept at the airport,” he said. “And when I asked them why [they] don’t let us go because the plane was there, [the] pilot was there, everyone was ready [to] leave the country, they said, ‘We are waiting for another plane, and [if that] plane doesn’t come, we [will] never let you go.’”

The plane they were waiting for was the one full of cash—the pallets loaded with Swiss francs, euros and a few other foreign currencies. U.S. law forbids any transaction with Iran in U.S. dollars. So the Obama administration used a mix of international currencies. If a corporation were to launder money this way, the CEO of that company would be put behind bars. And yet the U.S. government routinely commits these offenses and gets away with it.

Now, the Iranians are boasting about how the airlifted \$400 million was the ransom money for four Americans. “U.S. officials ... acknowledge that Iranian negotiators on the prisoner exchange said they wanted the cash to show they had gained something tangible,” the *Wall Street Journal* reported (op cit).

The U.S. government has had a no-ransom policy in the past. The Obama administration insisted this was not a ransom payment. But then a couple weeks later, it admitted that it delivered the cash only if and when Iran released the prisoners. It claims that this was not a ransom, but it is almost the dictionary definition of a ransom.

How can we consider ourselves a superpower when we make such a ridiculous deal? How can you explain America now being THE NUMBER ONE STATE SPONSOR OF THE NUMBER ONE STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM?

America continues to fund Iran’s nuclear aspirations—this time by secretly airlifting a cash payment in the middle of the night. One commentator said you could take that \$400 million ransom money and buy four atomic bombs!

### A Troubling Precedent

In 1994, President Bill Clinton dealt with North Korea under very similar circumstances to how President Obama is dealing with Iran today. At that time, North Korea and America had come to an agreement that was to establish, according to Mr. Clinton, “a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.” However, North Korea got the bomb 12 years later! It has tested four bombs in the past decade and is an unstable and dangerous regime that openly threatens the U.S. and its allies in the region with hydrogen bombs. We face the same situation today with Iran.

In 2007, a North Korean cargo ship traveled to Syria. The vessel’s cargo was successfully transported to a covert site in



RANSOMED Secretary of State John Kerry (right) visits with Jason Rezaian, one of the Iranian hostages released on January 16.

the Syrian desert. Three days later, the Israelis sent in F-15 jets and bombed the site. Why? What was the objective of this shipment? To deliver a cargo of nuclear material! IRAN WAS SETTING UP A NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INSIDE SYRIA. Syria is a surrogate of Iran, and North Korea is one of Iran’s partners in nuclear development.

Since then, Iranian leaders have attended meetings in North Korea regarding nuclear bomb development. In the January 21 *Jerusalem Post*, Melanie Phillips wrote that some people believe Iran already has a nuclear bomb, “or at least already has access to nuclear weapons having outsourced the testing of the bomb to North Korea. Iran is now pondering how to use the weapon to maximum destructive effect and without leaving its fingerprints on it.”

Iran has terrorists all over the world. It wants to find a way to explode a bomb but leave people wondering who did it! This nation that America is funding is aiming to cause nuclear terror and ultimately take over the world. It is run by MADMEN who think they know how to run the world!

Eighty-five percent of the 78 million Shiites in Iran believe in Twelver Shiism, an idea that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, leader of the Iranian Revolution, espoused. This is an ideology that embraces death. These people are dedicated to a cause. What motivates these terrorists to create chaos and violence?

Former Israeli Ambassador to the UN Dore Gold said that a nuclear Iran can’t be deterred like the Soviet Union was during the Cold War. The Iranians have a much more radical belief system. They think their savior—the 12th imam, or Mahdi—will return sooner if they cause more apocalyptic chaos and violence.

As Dore Gold pointed out in a 2008 Frontpage symposium, “[A]nyone who says with confidence that the West can get used to a nuclear Iran and rely on classic deterrence models has absolutely no idea of what he is up against.”

Referring to the January 16 deal, Melanie Phillips wrote, “Iran has now announced that it will build advanced nuclear centrifuges capable of enriching uranium, the key component in a nuclear weapon, faster than its previous models” (op cit). The U.S. government claims that it has slowed Iran’s nuclear development, but in truth, Iran is working faster.

Iran has already tested illegal missiles. According to the nuclear deal, it was to wait eight years before it could have



TESTING 1, 2, 3 Iran test-fires a surface-to-air Qiam missile.

anything to do with ballistic missiles. But it is test-firing ballistic missiles that are capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

As the Iranians violate even the few restrictions the deal does impose, America just watches, doing nothing.

Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif tweeted July 4, “There are no more red lines left for terrorists to cross. Sunnis, Shiites will both remain victims unless we stand united as one.” Iran has great ambitions. It controls radical Islam, it has received billions from the Obama administration. It is improving its nuclear enrichment process. It is testing nuclear-capable missiles that could wipe out Israel in an instant and could strike even Europe. It is showing that America has no power left in the Middle East. It is terrifying America’s allies in the region and its other neighbors into either allying with it or into building up alliances, weapons and nuclear bombs of their own.

Iran has received \$400 million from America for four hostages who weren’t even guilty. Would a real superpower let another nation treat it like that? Would a real superpower prop up a terrorist-sponsoring regime and help it obtain nuclear weapons?

Since that deal, Iran has taken more hostages. America’s weakness is exposed, and Iran will continue to capitalize on that. Where is the pride in our power? There is no fighting spirit in the American people. America has proved itself willing to be pushed around. It is faint of heart.

### Our Fearful Future

The fact that the nuclear deal was implemented on January 16 is a great warning to America. For decades, the *Trumpet* has been warning about a coming nuclear holocaust. With the recent deal, we are now closer than ever to this reality.

On January 16, we experienced the greatest physical disaster ever on this Earth: The United States of America accelerated nuclear tribulation.

The *Trumpet* has watched January 16 as a significant date for 30 years. It was on this date that the U.S. launched Operation Desert Storm (1991); the German parliament repealed the constitutional right to privacy, and U.S. law enforcement questioned White House intern Monica Lewinsky about her affair with President Bill Clinton (1998); the prosecution for the impeachment of President Clinton ended (1999); Space Shuttle Columbia was fatally damaged upon launch, 16 days

before disintegrating upon reentry and killing the crew of six Americans and one Israeli (2003); Germany announced the deployment of 250 combat troops to Afghanistan and Israel’s strategic affairs minister resigned over Prime Minister Ehud Olmert’s appeasement policies (2008); Israel agreed to unilaterally withdraw from the Gaza Strip, and Russia’s Vladimir Putin and Germany’s Angela Merkel met to discuss Ukraine and gas supplies (2009); President Obama announced one of America’s largest-ever rebuilding projects in Haiti, one year into the Great Recession (2010); Europe’s bailout fund was stripped of its AAA credit rating (2012); President Obama issued a series of executive orders on gun control after the Sandy Hook massacre, and Germany began withdrawing its gold holdings from Paris and New York (2013); and the U.S. Supreme Court announced it would hear arguments on same-sex “marriage” (2015).

But January 16 is a crucial date for another reason—because of another event that is actually connected to the Iran nuclear deal and to the chaos that these developments are plunging toward.

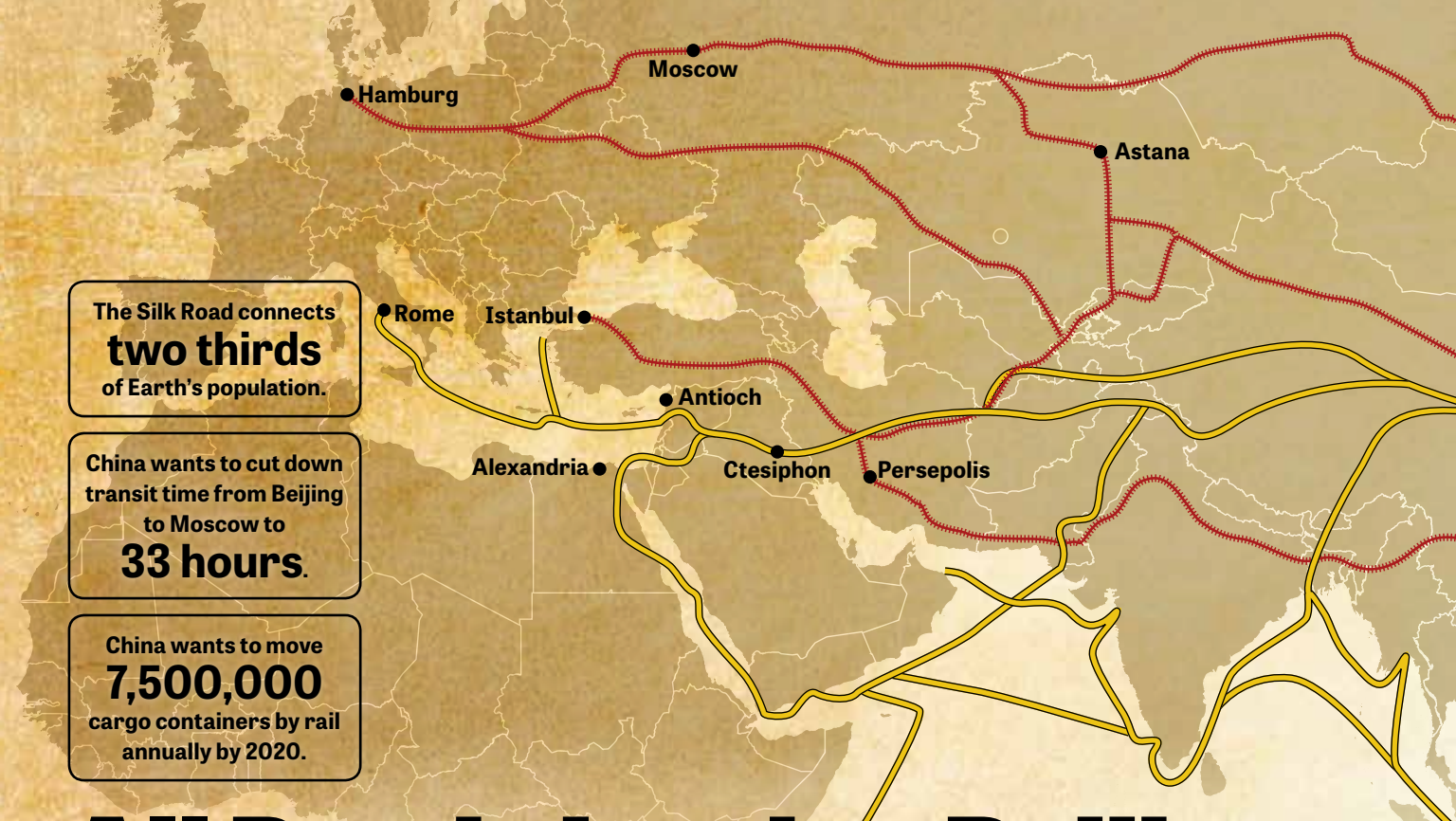
### He Was Right

Iran is pushing and pushing its foreign policy. It is about to push so hard and so aggressively that it will launch a massive war! But it won’t be with the United States, which is now too weak to even *fight* such a war. Instead, it will be against a new superpower with a fierce leader who will strike Iran and its radical Islamic allies like an overwhelming tornado.

These nations’ fearsome ballistic missiles and their horrifying payloads are finally going to be *used*. Huge explosions will scorch entire cities, right down to the blades of grass in the parks. The ground will be trembling beneath, and the sky will be dark above. You see America’s pitiful weakness; you see it aiding and abetting an ideological terrorist empire; you see Iran pushing aggressively at America and also very forcefully against Europe; you see Europe suffering economic danger, mass immigration, terrorism; you see Europeans crying out for unity and a strong leader; you see the very real threat of war; you see the very imminent threat of nuclear bombs eliminating millions of people. You can *see* these things on your nightly news!

And what is truly astounding is, you can see these *same events* in your Bible! The Bible specifically prophesied Iran’s aggressive, terrorism-empowered foreign policy. It prophesied Europe’s need for a strong leader. It prophesied Islam’s clash with Catholic Europe. It prophesied America’s shameful weakness. It prophesied that our people’s sins are leading directly to weapons of mass destruction striking our populations, and survivors being deported as slaves (e.g. Daniel 8:23; 11:40; Leviticus 26:19; Joel 2:3).

Through the pages of the Bible, God revealed these prophecies to a man who died on Jan. 16, 1986. You need to prove for yourself whether or not this man was a prophet. You can compare what this man wrote to historical facts that have occurred since he died, and to events you are seeing on the news every day. Our free booklet *He Was Right* will help you see what this man wrote about the prophecies of the Bible, and you can then prove the truth for yourself. ■



The Silk Road connects **two thirds** of Earth's population.

China wants to cut down transit time from Beijing to Moscow to **33 hours**.

China wants to move **7,500,000** cargo containers by rail annually by 2020.

# All Roads Lead to Beijing

How China is trying to remake the world **BY RICHARD PALMER**

**C**HINA AIMS TO POUR \$1 trillion into an ambitious project to remake the world. Its goal is a revolution in trade, the likes of which the world has seldom seen. It seeks ultimately to make the Chinese culture and language as dominant and widespread as the English language is today.

In a project more ambitious than even the \$120 billion (in today's money) Marshall Plan, China aims to restore trade routes between Europe and the East, collectively known as the Silk Road. This would transform not only the global economy but also global power. The decline of the Silk Road was one of the most important events in history. In rebuilding it, China aims to forge a new economic system.

China is building a "geo-economic empire." "China's mammoth initiative ... appears as the creation of a new world order that challenges the existing status quo of the United States-dominated Western global order," wrote Amrita

Jash, editor in chief at IndraStra Global and senior research fellow at the Center for East Asian Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University (International Affairs Forum, Winter 2016).

Once "it was possible to sail from Southampton, London or Liverpool to the other side of the world without leaving British territory," writes Peter Frankopan, a senior fellow at Oxford University, in his book *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World*. "Today, it is the Chinese who can do something similar."

This is far from a niche subject of trade policy. It is about global domination.

## Columbus's Revolution

For thousands of years, flourishing trade routes linked Europe and the East. Over 2,600 years ago, silver from Egypt, cedar from Lebanon, ivory from India and turquoise from Khwarezm near the Aral Sea all traveled along Persian roads—roads that were the envy of surrounding nations. Hundreds of years *before* that, some of the oldest empires known to history—ancient

Egypt, the Akkadian Empire and the Indus Valley civilization—almost certainly had some trade with each other through this region.

Roman coins have been found as far away as China and Korea. Pliny the Elder complained that Rome spent 100 million sesterces a year on goods from the East. "This astonishing sum represented nearly half the annual mint output of the empire, and more than 10 percent of its annual budget," writes Frankopan. "But remarkably, it does not appear to have been wildly exaggerated."

This enormous economic exchange continued for centuries. Various Persian empires, Muslim empires, the Mongols, Tamerlane and the Ottomans grew rich from this trade. So did the Vikings, and then Venice and other city-states. Control of trade routes between Europe and China meant wealth and power. Crusaders preferred to conquer cities that controlled trade with the East even more than they cared about conquering Jerusalem. The flow of money and goods—and people—was



vast: Frankopan estimates that around A.D. 1000, at least half a million slaves were traded along these roads annually.

For a huge portion of history, the Middle East and Central Asia housed the world's greatest empires.

Then came the Age of Exploration.

This age, typified by the voyages of Christopher Columbus, literally changed the world. The discovery of a continent generally unknown to Europe was revolutionary. But so was the discovery of oceanic trade routes to the East. Adam Smith wrote in *The Wealth of Nations*: "The discovery of America and that of a passage to the East Indies by the Cape of Good Hope are the greatest and most important events recorded in the history of mankind."

The Portuguese, then the Dutch and the English, set sail for India. Trade with the East shifted from the Silk Road to European shipping routes. Flows of money in Central Asia dried up. Opu- lent cities became backwaters. Empires atrophied. Controlling the Silk Road no longer meant wealth and power. The

way to world domination was through the new trade routes: the open ocean.

This shift led to two centuries of Anglo-American domination. Britain first dominated global trade and economics and became the greatest empire in history. After the Age of Empire ended in the 20th century, it was America's turn to become the superpower.

But today China wants to return the world to the pre-Columbian days of the Silk Road. It aims to rebuild the global economy around trade between Europe and the East to bring back the Age of the East.

### Roads of Iron

These ideas are not new. They formed the key theory of Sir Halford Mackinder, the founder of the subject of geopolitics. His "Heartland Theory" revolved around a technology that would, he believed, reverse Columbus's revolution: the railway.

"Transcontinental railways are ... transmuting the conditions of land powers, and nowhere can they have such effect as in the closed heartland of Euro-Asia," he wrote. Goods and men would travel through Central Asia faster than ever. A network of iron Silk Roads would dominate trade between East and West. Controlling Central Asia would again win wealth and power. Whoever controlled this "heartland" would control the world, he believed.

Mackinder published his theory in 1904. By then it was clear that the railway was as world-changing as Columbus's voyage.

Describing early America in his book *Undaunted Courage*, Stephen Ambrose wrote, "A critical fact in the world of 1801 was that nothing moved faster than the speed of a horse. ... Nothing had ever moved any faster and, as far as [Thomas] Jefferson's contemporaries were able to tell, nothing ever would." Few men of Jefferson's day believed the new U.S. could rule from the Atlantic to the Pacific. "The distances were just too great," wrote Ambrose.

Jefferson was an exception. Despite never having seen a steam train, he wrote that "the introduction of so powerful an agent as steam" to a carriage "will make a great change in the situation of man."

Sixty years later, Jefferson had been proved right. "This great leap forward in transportation—by a factor of 20 or more—in so short a space of time must be reckoned as the greatest and most unexpected revolution of all—except for another technological revolution, the transmitting of information," wrote Ambrose.

When Mackinder surveyed the world, he saw that railways had made possible a new continent-spanning nation, a nation that was not simply a core dominating a hinterland but a nation with power matching its great size. Some of the top international controversies of the era revolved around the Cape to Cairo and Berlin-to-Baghdad railways. Why couldn't the same technology transform Asia?

But it didn't. During the Cold War, Russia controlled much of the old Silk Road. Mackinder had forecast that control of this region would mean control of the world. But the Soviet Union lost.

Mackinder probably underestimated the enduring importance of sea power. But most importantly, the Cold War meant that the large-scale rail links upon which his theory depended were never built.

At one end of the Silk Road, an Iron Curtain cut off trade. Meanwhile China and Russia were enemies. Rather than facilitate new trade links, Russia's dominance of the heartlands shut down the Silk Road.

### The Silk Road Is Back

The end of the Cold War allowed the Silk Road to regrow. Frankopan wrote that "today the Silk Roads are rising again—unobserved and overlooked by many."

A "region and a series of connections" are "reemerging in front of our eyes," he wrote. "Major new urban centers have been founded, even including a new capital city—Astana in Kazakhstan, which has risen from the dust in less than 20 years."

"Transport links as well as pipelines have expanded dramatically in the last three decades," he wrote. "Major investment in transcontinental railway lines has already opened up freight routes along the 7,000-mile Yuxinou International Railway that runs from

China to a major distribution center near Duisburg in Germany.”

China is now dramatically expanding these routes. In 2013, President Xi Jinping announced the “One Belt, One Road Initiative”—though there were Silk Road-related initiatives before then. China is expanding rail links and ports and gaining greater control over all routes between East and West.

The *Diplomat* noted the similarities with Mackinder’s ideas, writing that the strategies China is “pursuing are more or less in line with the British geographer’s theories” (Feb. 7, 2015).

China is also building the infrastructure of the 21st century. Companies like ZTE and Huawei are bringing 3G phone reception and superfast broadband to the steppes of Central Asia.

China has committed nearly \$1 trillion to rebuild the Silk Road, nearly eight times what America spent on the Marshall Plan, adjusted for inflation. “It just might shape the 21st century as much as the Marshall Plan did the 20th,” wrote Vikram Mansharamani, a lecturer at Yale University.

Funding the New Silk Road will be a major task of the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB). The bank was created by China last year. America opposed it, seeing it as a rival to the World Bank, but many U.S. allies, especially in Europe, signed up.

Chinese leaders are devoting a lot of time to the project. The president himself often travels around the world promoting it. “For China, it’s a top-level issue—all government departments are focused on this,” said Zhai Kun, professor of international relations at Peking University.

Currently, it takes six days to get from Moscow to Beijing by rail. China aims to cut that down to 33 hours.

These faster links open up new possibilities for trade. For many foodstuffs, for example, sea trade is too slow and air travel too expensive. The success of Amazon.com shows that if you deliver more quickly, you sell more. The rise of rail means a computer manufacturer could build a laptop to custom specifications in China and ship it to Europe in just days. Hewlett-Packard has already relocated its production from Shanghai, on China’s coast, to

Chongqing, a major rail hub, and is sending its products by train. Rail has also changed where your iPhone or Android device is manufactured.

This is about more than economics. The think tank Russian Council wrote that China’s investment is motivated “not only by its future economic benefits, but also geopolitical calculations.” China “hopes to create in Eurasia a ‘growth base’ for a future great Eurasian power,” it wrote (January 22).

“It is not an economic project, it is a geopolitical project—and it is very strategic,” wrote Nadège Rolland of the National Bureau for Asian Research.

China aims to shift the world away from the dollar-denominated, U.S.-reliant trade system. The Council of Foreign Relations wrote that China’s new trade network “would also expand the international use of Chinese currency, the renminbi, in transactions throughout the region.” If Beijing gets Europe involved, it would be possible to switch a whole swath of world trade from the dollar to the renminbi and/or euro.

“China, with its ‘One Belt, One Road’ initiative, plans to negotiate free-trade agreements with 65 countries along the One Belt, One Road periphery,” wrote Amrita Jash. “In addition, [the] China-led AIIB is seen as the Chinese effort to undercut the dominance of Western economic institutions like the World Bank and the International Monetary

and 80 percent of gas within its reach. Just as importantly, this region contains 70 percent of the world’s rare-earth minerals, metals needed in almost all modern electronics. An economy that connects all of this could easily become the world’s dominant power.

China also aims to strengthen its overland trade routes. Today, if you cut off China’s access to the sea as Japan did during World War II, the nation is crippled. By building pipelines and railways inland, China reduces this vulnerability.

China is creating a “geo-economic empire” that will “be largely impregnable to hostile U.S. interventions, should a grave crisis occur in Sino-American relations,” wrote the *Diplomat* (op cit).

Paul Lacourbe, a professor in Hungary, gave a TEDx Talk in 2013 as the Silk Road initiatives began. He asked why he, a Chinese, was speaking English to Hungarians. “If you look at the origin of this phenomenon, it is in fact the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805,” which “established the dominance of the Anglo-Saxon sea power,” he said. “This dominance actually has such a profound effect on the language we speak, the money we use, the films we watch, the food and drink we consume .... It is really amazing that a single naval engagement could have so much impact on people’s daily lives.”

Then he asked, “Could this all change?” He answered that China’s building of railways does just that: It

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Fund, thereby defining new rules in the international system” (op cit).

The “grandiose vision” behind the Silk Road “holds a greater potential of strengthening China’s growth model and providing an alternative to the existing Western economic model,” he continued.

The Silk Road connects two thirds of the world’s population and vast amounts of raw materials, with 60 percent of the world’s proven oil reserves

“reduces the Anglo-Saxon dominance of the sea, which has such a profound impact on our daily lives.”

Really, this is about China’s work to boost trade between Asia and Europe and to bring this trade under Chinese control. The land route to Europe is easiest to dominate, so China is expanding that while simultaneously buying up ports and sea gates worldwide. China aims to send millions of shipping containers by rail to Europe

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each year, but its ports send and receive well over 100 million containers.

## New Alliances

The New Silk Road is helping to connect a new system of alliances in Asia. Most importantly, this plan requires Russia and China to work together, since many of these connections travel through Russia.

Other routes travel farther south, passing through the Middle East en route to Europe. Here, potential profits prompt long-time rivals to set aside their differences. Alyssa Ayres wrote for the Council on Foreign Relations that the Silk Road was helping “an unusual work in progress, the relationship between China, India and Pakistan.”

America backed India to try to create a rival Silk Road network. But India chose to work with China instead and became a foundational member of the AIIB.

“One of the unstated purposes of China’s entire Silk Road program is to buy political goodwill from countries along the way,” wrote *Foreign Policy* (June 1). The Silk Road entails massive investment in Central Asia. But, as *Foreign Policy* noted, “the ultimate prize in the Silk Road plan ... is someplace else: Europe.”

Germany is by far China’s biggest trade partner in Europe and its fourth-biggest overall, excluding Hong Kong and Taiwan. Only the Netherlands sells more goods to Germany than China does. In Hamburg, home to Germany’s busiest port and the second biggest in Europe, one in three shipping containers comes from China. The first authorized yuan trading center outside mainland China, which began last November, was in Frankfurt.

It’s important to note that the German-Chinese relationship is balanced. America trades much more with China, but America imports far more than it exports. In February, Germany exported slightly more to China than it imported.

This hints at the most important part of this relationship: its potential. Germany and China are both export powerhouses. Trade with each other and German trade with Central Asia has great potential for growth. By improving the Silk Road, Germany and China can both profit.

TRANSCONTINENTAL  
A freight train from China arrives in France on April 21, after traveling more than 7,000 miles in 15 days.



This is partially why Germany is joining the New Silk Road project. In June, the two governments promised to support cooperation between German industrial giant Siemens and the China Railway Rolling Stock Corp., as well as between China Railways and Deutsche Bahn. These companies, they agreed, would work together in China, Europe and “third countries.” The new iron Silk Road will be built by Germany too. Dagmar Engel wrote in *Deutsche Welle* that this relationship “means a market power of entirely new dimensions” (June 14).

Germany and China also agreed to work together in countries across the world. “If we join forces and get active in markets such as Asia or Africa, we can all benefit from our combined strength,” German Chancellor Angela Merkel said in June.

This was a key theme of Merkel’s June visit to China. The second chapter of the joint statement produced at the end of her stay was titled “Cooperation in Third Countries and on Third Markets.”

Some have called the growing German-Chinese friendship a “special relationship.” The nations’ two cabinets meet together every year. “Not even Washington enjoys this sort of special status with China,” wrote *Foreign Affairs*, May 3. Merkel is greeted in China with a warmth not shown to other leaders. Premier Li Keqiang even invited her to his hometown because, as he put it, the two are “old friends.”

If China’s plans for the Silk Road work out, this relationship is just

beginning. China currently transports the equivalent of 7,500 shipping containers by rail each year. Some predict this will rise to 7.5 million by 2020.

The process may not be smooth. Many economists believe China is heading for a slowdown, if not a major crash. If that happens, Beijing may not be able to invest its planned level of spending on infrastructure. But even if it is cut by 90 percent, this is still a Marshall Plan-size investment. If China slows, leadership of the New Silk Road project could shift to Germany and Europe, or to Russia.

## The Biggest Loser

If China and Europe create their new world order, what happens to the old one? Revolutions always have losers. In this case, the United States, currently at the top of the global economic system, stands to lose the most.

Historically speaking, shifts in dominance among nations are almost never peaceful. When the Spanish Empire was at its height, it tried to halt Britain’s rise with an all-out invasion. When France and Britain fought over the global economic system, it led to a series of wars, the first world wars in history. With China openly creating a system opposed to America’s, it is logical that conflict will follow.

Meanwhile, Europe is no longer America’s sidekick. It has its own ambitions, and it has already chosen China over America with the AIIB.

**T**HE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN anything quite like the Islamic State.

This terrorist pseudo-state appears to have somehow surpassed the savagery of al Qaeda, the organization that spawned it and that executed the worst terrorist attack in history on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Islamic State's savagery and its rapid spread have made even the radical Islamic Republic of Iran appear moderate and pragmatic by comparison. In spite of Iran being well known as the world's foremost state sponsor of terrorism, an enabler of 9/11, an enabler of the Islamic State itself, and a genocidal regime ambitious for nuclear weapons, the United States government has partially allied with it to defeat the Islamic State.

Such is the power of social media and HD videos of beheadings, crucifixions and other gory executions committed by terrorists waving black flags. Such is the effect of overrunning whole cities, seizing American-made tanks and guns and ammunition from national armies, and then declaring a caliphate.

When the Islamic State became a "caliphate," its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, became "the imam and [caliph] for the Muslims everywhere," the group's spokesman said in a statement in June 2014. That meant all Muslims, jihadists or otherwise, according to the statement, had to pledge their allegiance to the Islamic State and Caliph Baghdadi. "The legality of all emirates, groups, states and organizations," said the spokesman, "becomes null by the expansion of the [caliph's] authority and arrival of its troops to their areas."

Charles Lister, visiting fellow at the Brookings Doha Center, called this brazen declaration "likely the most significant development in international jihadism since 9/11." The Islamic State essentially picked a fight with everyone on the planet who did not already support it.

Now, everyone is fighting back. The United States, Britain, France, Germany, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar, Turkey, Russia and Iran are launching ever increasing air strikes from an ever

# THE ISLAMIC STATE OF MIND

A coalition might destroy the Islamic State, but can it destroy the state of being radically Islamic?

BY ANTHONY CHIBARIRWE

expanding anti-Islamic State coalition. By nearly all accounts, the defeat of the Islamic State is inevitable and imminent.

The big question is, *what happens after the Islamic State is defeated?*

The Islamic State is apparently about to share a fate similar to Libya in the 1980s, the Taliban in 2001, Saddam Hussein's Iraq in 2003, Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda in 2011, and others who were identified as enemies in the war on terror.

But what is that fate? Annihilation? Far from it.

After the Islamic State is defeated and perhaps Baghdadi is imprisoned and awaiting trial, what will happen? Will its black flag disappear? Will its tens of thousands of gunmen and executioners go back home and get a job? Will its ideology fail and dissipate into oblivion?

Or will its unstable, disruptive nature continue to roil under the surface, as in Libya? Will it morph into something else, as Saddam Hussein's forces morphed into insurgency groups like the Army of the Men of the Naqshbandi Order and the 1920 Revolution Brigades? Will it retreat and resurge in bloody insurgent warfare until even its enemies allow it to regain much of its power, as in Afghanistan with the Taliban? Will it splinter into other groups, as al Qaeda divided into splinters—one of them being the Islamic State itself?

When the bombing ends and politicians declare that the Islamic State is finished, will it truly be defeated?

## The Islamic State—Post-Caliphate

The Islamic State has indicated that its beloved caliphate may not endure long. In an audio message released in May, Islamic State spokesman Abu Mohamad al-Adnani implied that its losses today are similar to its losses during the Iraq War troop surge of 2007 and the Anbar Awakening. He taunted Western nations by asking, "Were we defeated when we lost the cities in Iraq and were in the desert without any city or land? And would we be defeated, and you be victorious, if you were to take Mosul, Sirte or Raqqa, or even take all the cities...? Certainly not! True defeat is the loss of willpower and desire to fight."

*True defeat is the loss of willpower and desire to fight.* Despite the fact that this statement came from a propagandist, it is true.

Defeating the Islamic State requires more than simply bombing out the caliphate.

In June, the Islamic State published an editorial in its *al-Naba* newsletter titled "The Crusaders' Illusions in the Age of the Caliphate." It said: "If they [the West] want to achieve true victory—and they will not, God willing—then they will



have to wait a long while: till an entire generation of Muslims that was witness to the establishment of the Islamic State and the return of the caliphate, and that followed the story of its standing firm against all the nations of unbelief, is wiped out .... For the generation that has lived in the shadow of the caliphate, or has lived during its great battles, will be able—God willing—to keep its banner aloft, as was the generation that grew up in the shadow of the Islamic State in Iraq able to bring it back in a stronger form than before, after the crusaders and their clients thought that it had been eliminated and that its trace had vanished from the Earth.”

This statement underlines the *only way* that will prove effective enough to annihilate radical Islam.

At the same time, it also acknowledges the vulnerability of the caliphate. For the Islamic State, losing the caliphate means losing a major source of income, a sanctuary, a source of inspiration for its followers, and a microcosm of the kind of Islamic society it hopes will one day engulf the world. It's an excruciating prospect for the Islamic State to face, considering its success over the past two years.

Rapidly increasing air strikes and ground attacks from the U.S.-led Combined Joint Task Force, Operation

Inherent Resolve, and the Russia-Syria-Iraq-Iraq coalition have been forcing the Islamic State out of its strongholds in Iraq and Syria and into the lawless coastal regions of Libya. Yet air strikes have followed them there as well. “The whole world really is rallying in a way that is unprecedented against this organization,” noted Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Joby Warrick.

According to the IHS Conflict Monitor, the Islamic State lost about 12 percent of its territory in the first half of this year.

### **Desperate Times, Desperate Measures**

“There's a growing understanding that the idea of the caliphate is dying,” said Max Abrahms, assistant professor of political science at Northeastern University in Boston, “and more and more, the leadership is calling on foreign fighters not even to come to Iraq and Syria but to go elsewhere or to commit violence locally.”

The morphing and splintering of the Islamic State has already begun. You can bomb the organization, but can you bomb its ideology?

We are now seeing the Islamic State rely on the resilience of its ideology in an effort to immortalize its terror campaign.

A senior Islamic State operative said in an Internet interview, “While we see our core structure in Iraq and Syria under attack, we have been able to expand and have shifted some of our command, media and wealth structure to different countries. ... We do have, every day, people reaching out and telling us they want to come to the caliphate. But we tell them to stay in their countries and rather wait to do something there.” This man also said that the loss of Raqqa, the Islamic State's capital in Syria, would definitely be avenged.

Exporting terror via citizens of other countries who stay where they are is a way for the Islamic State to deter foreign nations from getting involved in the region. Not only do domestic terror concerns occupy these nations' attention, but a nation will at least think twice about striking the Islamic State if it knows Islamist terrorist sympathizers are somewhere within its borders.

One apt example of this was when the Islamic State incited Muslims in Germany, which is a member of Operation Inherent Resolve, to commit Brussels-style violence against the “enemy of Allah.” The group threatened attacks on the German Chancellery and the Cologne-Bonn Airport.

Already, the Islamic State has left its terrorist imprints across many parts of the globe: Brussels, Würzburg, Ansbach, Paris, Nice, Normandy, Baghdad, Sirte, Sharm el-Sheikh, Istanbul, Dhaka, Jakarta, Philadelphia, Orlando. While some of the more recent attacks came in response to the Islamic State's calls for more bloodshed during the Islamic observance of Ramadan, counterterrorism experts say that the attacks were primarily a reaction to the group's recent losses in Iraq and Syria. Will McCants, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's Center for Middle East Policy, noted, “The successful attacks abroad are an indication of deep worry at home.”

The Islamic State “will now expand to other tactics and start executing much more insidious and covert ops in big cities,” a senior security official in France stated.

To complicate matters, Islamic State leaders have called for its lone-wolf recruits to “keep it simple and effective.” Previously, in 2014, they exhorted their followers: “If you are not able to find an IED [improvised explosive device] or a bullet, then single out the disbelieving American, Frenchman or any of their allies. Smash his head with a rock, or slaughter him with a knife, or run him over with your car, or throw him down from a high place, or choke him, or poison him.”

Mohammed Lahouaiej Bouhlel did not use an IED or a bullet on Bastille Day in Nice. He used a truck, and he slaughtered 84 people in about five minutes. Air strikes are useless against lone wolves like Riaz Khan Ahmadzai, who attacked Germans on a train with an ax.

“If the tyrants close the door of migration in your faces, then open the door of jihad in theirs and turn their actions against them,” an Islamic State spokesman said in a July audio message.

This is a *direct message* from the Islamic State to Muslims who are migrating to Europe. And it is not

suggesting that those who *do* walk through the door of migration should reject terrorism in an act of gratitude.

Among those migrants already in Europe and those bound for its shores are Islamic State jihadists who expatriated to Iraq and Syria from over 120 countries, particularly the United States, Australia and Middle Eastern and European nations. “We all know there will be a terrorist diaspora out of the caliphate,” Federal Bureau of Investigation director James Comey told the House Homeland Security Committee on July 14. “Those thousands of fighters are going to go someplace, [and] our job is to spot them and stop them before they come ... to harm innocent people.”

### What's Ahead

From its foundation in June 2014, the Islamic State has singled out Christianity and Rome as its chief targets. Baghdadi declared, “Syria is not for Syrians and Iraq is not for Iraqis. The land is for the Muslims, all Muslims. This is my advice to you. If you hold to it, you will conquer Rome and own the world, if Allah wills.”

In September 2014, the group’s spokesman stated: “Oh America, oh allies of America, and oh crusaders, know that the matter is more dangerous than you have imagined and greater than you have envisioned. ... We will conquer your Rome, break your crosses, and enslave your women, by the permission of Allah .... This is his promise to us .... If we do not reach that time, then our children and grandchildren will reach it, and they will sell your sons as slaves at the slave market.”

A recent issue of the Islamic State’s *Dabiq* magazine was its most anti-Rome. Titled “Break the Cross,” it featured “Why We Hate You and Why We Fight You” and other articles of unveiled hatred toward Catholics in particular.

Yet, in January 2015, the Islamic State announced, “Oh crusaders, ... know that we want Paris—by Allah’s permission—BEFORE Rome and before Spain, after we blacken your lives and destroy the White House, the Big Ben and the Eiffel Tower, by Allah’s permission .... We want Kabul, Karachi, the Caucasus, Qom, Riyadh and Tehran. We want Baghdad, Damascus, Jerusalem, Cairo, Sanaa, Doha, Abu Dhabi and Amman. The Muslims will

return to mastership and leadership in every place. Here is Dābiq, Ghouta and Jerusalem. There is Rome. We will enter it and this is not a lie” (emphasis added).

These are the ambitions not of a pragmatic nation-state, but of an ideology embodied in it. If Baghdadi is captured or killed, if the caliphate’s governing apparatus is broken, if the Islamic State is destroyed, will this ideology die with it?

The Islamic State desires to conquer Rome as its chief target, but it is willing to temporarily suspend that aspiration to attend to more pressing matters. It desires a caliphate, but it can be content without it. The only thing it fears is “true defeat”: “the loss of willpower and desire to fight.”

Islamic State-style radical Islam still has access to rocks, knives, poison, guns, trucks and millions of unarmed, non-Muslim men, women and children. And it still has the willpower and desire to fight.

In the Islamic State’s June editorial, in which it conceded the likelihood of defeat, the group’s spokesman stated: “The state of the caliphate has shown all mankind what the true Islamic state is like, how the sharia is applied in full and not in part .... It has thus done away with all the myths of popular support, all the lies of gradualism, and all the fears of the revenge of the crusaders.”

Geopolitical Futures founder George Friedman wrote on July 26: “The war [on terror] is not being won, and a stalemate is equivalent to a loss for the United States.

“The essential problem has been a persistent misunderstanding of radical Islamism. It is a movement, not an organization. Or to be more precise, radical Islamism is a strand of Islam. How large or small it is has become the subject of a fairly pointless debate. Its size is sufficient to send American forces halfway around the world and it is capable of carrying out attacks in Europe and the U.S. Whether it is a small strand or a giant strand doesn’t matter. What matters is that it cannot be suppressed, or at least has not yet been suppressed.”

Former German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg and Daniel J. Arbess, a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations, wrote on February 12 that the Islamic State “is by

no means a unique adversary; it’s only today’s manifestation of a multiheaded hydra: Decapitate [the Islamic State], like al Qaeda, degrade or even destroy it, and expect to see another known, or as-yet unknown, iteration step up to proclaim itself the leader of the supposed sharia caliphate increasingly impervious to physical and digital boundaries.”

As much as Westerners want to, they cannot relegate the fight against radical Islamism to some remote stretch of miserable desert. The very word *caliphate* points to the multiheaded, multi-century nature of violent, radical Islamism.

If the Islamic State falls and its believers morph into splinters, lone wolves and perhaps a new head of the hydra, what more could the world do to annihilate radical Islam? If Iran, the world’s foremost state sponsor of terrorism, suddenly proclaims itself the king of yet another caliphate (a nuclear-armed caliphate, perhaps), what will stop that seemingly never-ending cycle of terrorism?

Is it even possible to defeat the multiheaded, multi-century, multi-continental force of violent, radical Islam? Can anything strike Islamist nations, pseudo-nations, terrorist organizations and individuals into “true defeat”—“the loss of willpower and desire to fight”?

For today’s open-society, politically correct Western democracies, the answer so far has been no. But for tomorrow’s unified, galvanized, crusading empire, the answer is yes. Believe it or not, this is the truth revealed in biblical prophecy.

### True Defeat

Iran is the king of terror that has rallied radical Islam since its very foundation as an Islamic Republic in 1979. Nearly every act of terror by any radical Islamist group has been directly or indirectly inspired, funded, manned and/or carried out by Iran. As America has weakened, Iran has grown in power. Rather than moderating its sponsorship of terrorism as it joins the community of nations, Iran has been greatly emboldened, pushing against other nations and aggressively seeking the ability to sustain a program for creating nuclear warheads and missiles able to deliver them to Israel and Europe.



# THE TERRIBLE SHRINKING PARENT

What happens when parents shrink from using adult authority to guide their children? **BY DENNIS LEAP**

**A** NEW CHILD-REARING BOOK IS on bookstore shelves: *The Collapse of Parenting* by Dr. Leonard Sax. “So I’m not asking you—I’m telling you: Don’t read Sax’s book,” declares Melinda Wenner Moyer, *Slate* magazine’s parenting advice columnist. Moyer’s advice, actually an *authoritative command* to her readers, convinced me that I needed to write this article.

Parents need help. The truth is, they are not getting it from the hundreds of parenting advice columnists writing today. I would hope today’s parents would have enough gumption to investigate when a columnist states, “So I’m not asking you—I’m telling you: Don’t read Sax’s book.” Believe me, it is not on par with the *Communist Manifesto*, or full of ruinous, morally corrupting mental poison. No book is perfect, but this is one of the best secular books on child rearing I have seen in a long, long time. It can help you help your children.

# When parents allow children authority over their own lives, they surrender their own responsibility.



Sax has an impressive list of educational achievements: He is a practicing family physician with an undergraduate biology degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.D. and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. However, earning degrees doesn't make a physician an expert on family. Experience with families—especially families in trouble—can. Sax has practiced family medicine for 19 years in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. “My primary sources for this book,” he writes, “are the more than 90,000 office visits I have conducted in my role as a practicing physician between 1989 and today.”

It is not his Ivy League education or his extensive experience as a family physician that makes this book unique and more valuable than all the parenting books by other Ivy League authors. *The Collapse of Parenting* has merit because it looks squarely at the unrecognized toll modern society has taken on families and offers workable, commonsense solutions to fix family problems. More importantly, this book matches up with a more authoritative and often rejected source of instruction on proper child rearing. Parents

who want to be successful at parenting should keep an open mind and examine what Leonard Sax has to say.

## Kids in Charge

“Here’s my diagnosis. Over the past three decades, there has been a massive transfer of authority from parents to kids. Along with that transfer of authority has come a change in the valuation of kids’ opinions and preferences. In many families, what kids think and what kids like and what kids want now matters as much, or more, than what their parents think and like and want,” writes Sax. Here Sax describes the main maxim of modern liberal parenting: Let the kids decide.

“So, *what’s wrong with that?*” you may think. Let’s look at several examples that Sax gives to help us come to a satisfactory answer.

In his introduction, titled “Parents Adrift,” Sax relates a story about a couple he knew who were concerned about a reduction of funding in their only child’s public school. The music and art programs were being cut because of a budget shortfall. So the parents decided to search for a private school. They took their 8-year-old daughter along as they visited four schools. The parents found what they considered to be the best school. It had a warm, friendly environment, enthusiastic teachers, and well-documented student outcomes.

However, their daughter preferred a different school. This school had a dilapidated environment, ho-hum teachers and administrators who refused to disclose where graduates of the school went to high school. Why did she prefer it? She had connected with the school’s 9-year-old tour guide, who liked to read the same books and play with the same dolls as she did. These parents gave their daughter the right to choose her own school.

Sax writes, “When I asked Tammy why she and her husband allowed their 8-year-old daughter to have the final say, Tammy answered, ‘I think good parenting means letting kids decide. That’s how kids learn, right? If I make all the decisions for her, how will she ever learn to decide on her own? And if I force her to go to a school that wasn’t her first choice, what can I say if she complains about the

school later?’” Are you dumbfounded? The scenario is hard for me to believe.

“Even 30 years ago, when I graduated from medical school, it would have been unusual for parents to let an 8-year-old have the final say in the choice of school. Today it is common,” continues Sax. Parents today suffer from *role confusion*. Parents should be loving and friendly with their children. However, they should not allow 8-year-old minds to make decisions that are challenging for even 30-, 40- or 50-year-old minds.

Children *do need* to be taught how to make choices. Yet, an 8-year-old should never be put in a situation to decide where to attend school. To be allowed to decide to wear a blue or red sweater—yes!

## The Right Parent-Child Relationship

“We now live in a culture in which kids value the opinion of same-age peers more than they value the opinion of their parents, a culture in which the authority of parents has declined not only in the eyes of children, but also in the eyes of parents themselves,” explains Dr. Sax. “And with regard to parents and children: The authority of parents, and, even more significantly, the *importance* of parents, in the lives of their children has declined substantially,” he continues, referencing German sociologist Norbert Elias.

Getting back to a solid parent-child bond, where children value their parents’ opinions first and all others’ second, is essential to repairing America’s plague of broken families.

In a healthy family unit, parents and children are not equals. Parents should maintain their position of loving authority. That is a parent’s responsibility. Children should be loving, obedient and respectful of that parental authority. This is the only family structure that produces healthy, happy and successful children.

Yet our society has gone experimental and refuses to accept this truth. This sound family structure, centered on the prime position of parents—especially the father’s role—has been systematically undermined for decades in colleges and universities, on television, in movies, books, psychology journals and popular magazines.



“Did you know that some of America’s most pressing ills—obesity, psychiatric illness, and our eroding educational system among them—have a single cause that can be easily fixed? I didn’t either, until I read Leonard Sax’s new book, *The Collapse of Parenting*. And you guessed it, dear parents: It’s all our fault,” wrote Moyer in her *Slate* article, “There Has Been No Collapse of Parenting” (January 22). I believe many family experts, teachers and even *honest* parents would disagree with Ms. Moyer.

In defense of Dr. Sax, his book is not just assigning blame to shame parents; he is working to encourage parents to get back on the right track. Essentially, I hear Sax cheering all parents on to do better. I can hear him calling out from the sidelines of the parenting challenge, “Parents! Be parents and use your rights as a parent to guide your children with your authority.” There is nothing discouraging about that.

Here’s a truth that Sax espouses: Strong, strict and loving parents build confident children of character who can lead productive and successful lives.

### Culture of Disrespect

Sax does assign shame where it belongs. He points his finger primarily at the family-destroying messages pervasive in American culture—created by media-mogul *adults* who are specifically targeting children.

“It’s not just hip-hop and T-shirts. It’s everywhere,” states Sax. “Even the Disney Channel actively promotes the culture of disrespect and undermines the importance of parents. Consider the most popular shows on the Disney Channel, such as *Jessie*, a sitcom in which the parents are most always absent (and irrelevant), while the three kids are more competent than the bungling butler and the ditsy nanny.” He also mentions the Disney shows *Liv and Maddie* and *Dog With a Blog*, in which the mother and father are always outsmarted by their children. Although not all family TV shows in the 1950s and ’60s were the best, there were several that didn’t rip apart the family as most shows do today. *Father Knows Best* comes to mind as one of the better ones. *Blondie*, as I think back on it, was one of the worst. Dagwood, the father, was always portrayed as a bumbling idiot.

There is no doubt our 21st-century American culture has affected most parents and others in authority, such as teachers. I have worked in our public schools where *kids rule!* It is unfortunate that parents and teachers have so easily given up their authority to modern culture.

“It’s tough to be a parent in a culture that constantly undermines parental authority,” Sax writes. “Two generations ago, American parents and teachers had much greater authority. In that era, American parents and teachers taught right and wrong in no uncertain terms. *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Love your neighbor as yourself.* Those were commands, not suggestions.”

It takes a deep-thinking, confident, sacrificing, selfless adult to stand against the opinions of modern American culture. It can be done. Parents must not fear exercising their authority to help their children.

“Today, most American parents and teachers no longer act with such authority. They do not command. Instead they *ask*, ‘How would you feel if someone did that to you?’ The command has been replaced by a question,” continues Sax.

It is important to recognize that when parents allow children authority over their own lives, they surrender their own responsibility. I know from experience that it is difficult to get control and maintain order in classrooms today. The lack of student self-control and self-discipline severely undermines a teacher’s ability to instruct. Teachers cannot effectively teach a group of unruly, disobedient students. It is the parents’ responsibility to teach their children obedience, respect for those in authority, how to respect others, how to get along with their peers, and how to act in public settings. Much of this kind of training has been pushed onto the shoulders of schoolteachers, who don’t have time to teach such skills and also meet the curriculum requirements.

So, if parents aren’t teaching and teachers aren’t teaching, then who is? That’s the big question Leonard Sax asks in his book.

### Culture of Youth

Who is truly raising and teaching children today? “We have allowed kids to be

guided by same-age peers rather than insisting on the primacy of guidance from adults,” writes Dr. Sax. We now have a culture where kids are raising kids.

How is this happening? “The main mechanisms by which contemporary American culture asserts its primacy in the hearts of American kids are the Internet and the mobile phone,” Sax answers. “Neither of these existed 25 years ago. But today, it’s common to see an American 4-year-old playing with an iPad, complete with Internet access. That’s particularly true in affluent communities. And it’s becoming common to see an American 9-year-old with her own cell phone—again, especially in affluent communities.”

Are high-tech devices connected to the Internet really that harmful? You bet. Does it undermine parental authority? Yes. This technology and the devices connected to it are widening the gap that divides the generations as quickly as newer technologies and devices are being designed.

I recently made a trip to England to visit my daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren. I purchased a new cell phone with a better camera and microphone to do some radio interviews while there. I did not have time to go through the phone’s manual before I arrived. My 10-year-old grandson asked to see the phone. Within about 20 minutes, he was able to show me features on the phone I would never have suspected were there. I asked him how he knew about these features. He was able to apply the knowledge he had picked up while watching and questioning a television technician who was performing computer operations as he edited one of our organization’s TV programs.

Do you see the potential danger to the bond between your child and you because of these devices? No? Because of my experience with my grandson, I can.

Here’s the point: “Your daughter and her friends are more likely than you are to know how to upload a photo from a cell phone to an Instagram page, complete with digital special effects. That’s one reason why your daughter may come to value her friends’ opinions over

# NATIONALIZING



**I**MAGINE A WORLD WITH PERFECT income equality. Nobody is born rich or poor. Parents don't pass along their wealth to their children. Wealth is distributed equally to the community at large.

In such a world, no child unfairly receives a worse education than his peers. All children receive a free education that uses standardized curriculum. All children gather together in one place to learn.

In a world of income equality, the wage gap between men and women vanishes. No one feels obligated to do housework for free while his or her spouse earns an income outside the home. In fact, housekeeping is a social industry staffed by paid professionals, allowing men and women to focus on careers.

In this world, the care and education of children take place in community nurseries. All children—whether or not they were born to married parents—are looked after by unbiased, paid professional adults. Children in two-parent homes where a mother enhances her children's education no longer have social advantages above other children.

Men and women no longer face the pressures of trying to make a marriage work for the sake of their children. The welfare of the children is the responsibility of the community, so parents enjoy the freedom to divorce for any reason they choose. The institution of marriage is separated from any social or economic connections and is an at-will association based solely on romantic and sexual attraction.

In a world free of income inequality, the family is not the basic building block of society. Instead, the societal functions that the family traditionally





# THE FAMILY

provided are “nationalized” in the hands of the state.

If this world of income equality seems distant or far-fetched now, the more you read about it, the more familiar it will feel.

## The Origin of the Family

German philosopher Friedrich Engels taught this utopian vision in a big way.

Engels rejected the religious tradition that God established the family unit of one man and one woman. He believed that as animal species evolved into human beings, their early societies partook in a wide range of sexual relationships, including polygamy, group marriage and promiscuous intercourse. This was the true natural state of the family, he said.

In 1884, Engels published a book titled *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*. He argued that the evolution of the family started when human males stopped breeding indiscriminately with every female in the tribe and started directing their reproductive energy toward smaller groups of females.

Engels said it wasn't until the agricultural revolution that “man took command in the home” and woman became “the slave of his lust and a mere instrument for the production of children.”

Engels boldly identified traditional marriages as undisguised prostitution, a relationship where women trade sex and housework for financial security. He argued that the only purpose of monogamous marriage is to allow men to know which children belong to them so that they can pass their private property on to their own descendants.

Engels's solution to this private property-motivated patriarchal oppression was to eliminate private property and to make all possessions the property of the community as a whole.

“With the transfer of the means of

production into common ownership, the single family ceases to be the economic unit of society,” Engels wrote. “Private housekeeping is transformed into a social industry. The care and education of the children becomes a public affair; society looks after all children alike, whether they are legitimate or not.”

Engels's analysis concluded that “the first condition for the liberation of the wife is to bring the whole female sex back into public industry, and that this in turn demands the abolition of the monogamous family as the economic unit of society.” Since children in such a society would be cared for by the state, all relationships between a man and a woman would be based exclusively upon “individual sex love.”

Engels taught that abolishing the scourge of private property would lead to the withering away of the oppressive traditional family structure. His disciples said that “free love” and “sexual emancipation” were virtues to be encouraged to usher in a world where the monogamous family is no longer the “economic unit of society.”

## Implementing the Dream

The vision Engels taught of a utopian society caught on. It spread perhaps more than any other ideology of his day. Three decades after his death in 1895, his theories on economics and the family had spread across Asia and Eastern Europe. Russia abolished private property rights in 1917 and forced as many women as possible out of the home and into the factories and other professions. Beginning in 1918, the government launched a nationwide sexual revolution by decriminalizing homosexuality, legalizing no-fault divorce and recognizing unmarried cohabitation as the juridical equal of registered marriage.

Engels's utopian vision was becoming reality. In 1920, Russia became the first country in the world to provide free

abortions upon request. Government bureaucrats were replacing the unpaid labor of women in the home with a society of communal dining halls, day-care centers and public laundries.

The Russian family began to wither away as planned. But a problem arose. Millions of children of the millions of “sexually emancipated” men and women were abandoned. Faced with an economic crisis, the Russian government backtracked on implementing the vision of equality.

Other nations in Asia and Eastern Europe also boldly set forth to abolish “the monogamous family as the economic unit of society” in the quest for perfect income equality. Beginning in 1949, the Chinese government began enacting policies designed to reduce the economic importance of the family. Parents were pressured into putting their children into state-run day care so both spouses could work outside the home. People were encouraged to eat in state-run cafeterias so homes would not require a family kitchen.

As in Russia, however, nothing successfully replaced the family-based economic unit. The nation fell into an economic crisis, and the Chinese government backtracked on the vision of perfect income equality.

People living in the Western world saw these catastrophes in Russia, China and elsewhere, and accepted them as proof that the grand utopian ideal of total income equality was an ideological failure.

But the vision lived on. A philosopher named Antonio Gramsci was adamant that a world with perfect income equality was still possible. During the years when the Russian government was reengineering society, Gramsci emerged as an influential thinker in Italy. Imprisoned by Italian dictator Benito Mussolini in 1926, Gramsci spent 11 years in jail writing an anthology of political theories that came to be called the *Prison Notebooks*. This anthology was a collection of strategies on how the lower classes could bring Engels's vision to life—not in the East, but in the West.

The West had flatly and stridently rejected Engels's methods, ideals and even his vision, yet Gramsci was undeterred. In his *Prison Notebooks*, Gramsci evaluated Engels's strategy of violent revolution, government takeover and subsequent withering of the family. He said this method worked only in authoritarian Eastern civilizations like Russia. Since the people of such civilizations were already dependent on the government for their livelihood, all they really needed was a coup d'état to establish a different government.

In Western republics, however, the situation was different. People did not depend on the government; they depended on themselves. Even

### The Sexual Revolution

Inspired by the work of Friedrich Engels, a group of individuals at the Institute for Social Research at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany, devised a plan to enact Engels's grand vision using the psychological methods of Sigmund Freud. Applying Freud's theories about sexual repression to economics, these educators identified the root cause that inhibited Westerners from accepting economic revolution: *Judeo-Christian beliefs about sex.*

One famous student of Freud was psychoanalyst Wilhelm Reich, often dubbed the "father of the sexual revolution." In his 1936 book titled *The Sexual Revolution*, Reich argued that sexual

were abolished, Gramsci and Reich believed that the concept of monogamous marriage had to be destroyed before the economic revolution could be made permanent.

In January 1964, *Time* magazine declared, "Dr. Wilhelm Reich may have been a prophet."

Like Antonio Gramsci, Wilhelm Reich died before his theories took deep root in society. Yet the writings of both men became key inspirations behind the 1960s counterculture movement that spread across the Western world.

### The New Left

In the 1960s, many progressive intellectuals and student activists became disillusioned with the tactics of their old ideology. They had focused on labor movements and class struggle, but they needed something new. Thus, a group of educators banded together in 1960 to establish a journal called the *New Left Review*. Under the editorial leadership of Perry Anderson, the *New Left Review* popularized the economic theories of Engels, Gramsci, Reich and others.

These New Left activists sought to change the cultural superstructure of modern society by implementing a broad range of reforms on issues such as abortion rights, homosexual rights, gender roles and drug legalization.

The most influential philosopher of the New Left movement was Herbert Marcuse. Marcuse was an educator from the Institute for Social Research at Goethe University. His most famous work, *Eros and Civilization*, repackaged many principles Reich outlined in *The Sexual Revolution*. The main argument presented in both works was that Judeo-Christian repression of a person's natural sexual instinct enslaved him to a patriarchal family structure, psychologically inhibiting acceptance of economic liberation.

Journalist and editor Ralph de Toledo dubbed *Eros and Civilization* "the Bible of the New Left movement."

Like Reich, Marcuse viewed homosexuality as a key element in the struggle to undermine the traditional family unit. According to *An Encyclopedia of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Culture*, Marcuse "identified the homosexual as the radical standard

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a successful coup d'état against the government would fail to promote income equality because the people would reject it out of their Christian religious beliefs, their cultural notions about limited government and their attachment to the family.

In the West, Gramsci argued, you had to wither the family *first*, and *then* you could take over the government. Gramsci argued that the culture underpinning Western civilization had to be fundamentally transformed before the working class could capture the power of the state. Instead of waging a violent coup d'état against the government, Gramsci advocated a strategy of infiltrating Western *culture*. He called this plan to establish cultural hegemony through infiltration and subversion, the "Passive Revolution."

According to the *Prison Notebooks*, a coup d'état that occurred before the "fortresses and earthworks" of civil society had been subverted would quickly be overthrown by counterrevolutionaries. Get control of the government, and the people will just reject it and elect another one like they had before. The only way to permanently defeat such counterrevolutionaries was to establish a "counterculture."

emancipation would lead to "psychological unburdening" and positive economic change.

The first draft of *The Sexual Revolution* reported on the societal changes Reich observed on a trip to Russia in 1929. The dismantling of the Russian family structure deeply impressed Reich. He saw it as a huge step toward economic equality. Reich warned that re-criminalizing homosexuality or re-criminalizing abortion or any other attempts to backtrack on the societal changes he observed would ultimately lead to "the demise of the revolution."

Like Engels and Gramsci, Reich believed the family as a building block of society had to be abolished. He believed monogamous marriages trapped people in an exclusive relationship as a price for financial security. Therefore liberation from Judeo-Christian morality would liberate people from economic reliance on the family unit. As Donald De Marco and Ben Wiker wrote in *Architects of the Culture of Death*, "Reich saw the family, with its inevitable patriarchal authority, as the chief source of repression. Therefore, the family had to be dismantled."

While old-school philosophers like Engels thought the family would wither away on its own once property rights



bearer of sex for the sake of pleasure ....”

Since a homosexual relationship has no defined gender roles and cannot produce children, it has no social function. This is the type of relationship Engels and Reich wanted men and women to have with each other, an association wherein both partners are identical socially, economically, psychologically and in all other respects.

To achieve his goals, Marcuse endorsed a slogan coined by student activist Rudi Dutschke: “The Long March Through the Institutions.” What institutions? Tradition, religion, morality, marriage and especially family. It would be a long campaign, a nod to Gramsci’s theory of cultural warfare against civil society, but in the end it would claim the precious prize of perfect income equality.

In short, the activists of the New Left, like Gramsci, believed Engels had put the cart before the horse. Engels had argued that the abolition of private property would lead to the withering away of the family. Reich, Marcuse and the activists of the New Left said it was the other way round. The withering away of the family would cause society to abolish private property as individuals became more reliant on the state for economic security.

### The Democratic Party

One of the primary cultural institutions targeted by the New Left was the Democratic Party in the United States. During the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, the New Left’s Students for a Democratic Society rioted against pro-Vietnam War candidate Hubert Humphrey. Such civil unrest succeeded in pushing the Democratic Party further left, leading to the nomination of presidential candidate George McGovern in 1972.

McGovern wasn’t an official member of the New Left himself, but he was sympathetic to its platform and was known as the candidate of “acid, amnesty and abortion.”

The Democratic Party now had its original wing, the labor caucus, and a new wing: the New Left counterculture caucus. The divide between these two wings weakened the party during the election of 1972, and it became more

closely associated with the hippie-style protests and Maoist slogans of the New Left. The “silent majority” of Americans became uncomfortable and moved into action, electing the previously unpopular Republican presidential candidate Richard Nixon.

Yet the activists of the New Left movement didn’t just disappear after McGovern’s defeat. Instead, as the passions of the 1970s cooled, many Gramsci-inspired student radicals flooded into two professions in particular: academia and community organizing (agitating special interest groups into causing disruptions). As professors, they taught that the classic American narrative about individual liberty and constitutional checks and balances was a mask for the power of wealthy, white European males.

Most of these student activists gave up their catchphrase “Smash Monogamy,” but they didn’t give up its ideal. Instead, they used more subtle means to achieve their goal of undermining the traditional family structure.

Community organizer Saul Alinsky was instrumental in reorganizing the New Left movement.

Alinsky criticized the New Left movement for its flag burning, Maoist slogans and hippie style. He recommended that student activists cut their

hair, put on a suit, and infiltrate the system from within.

“If the real radical finds that having long hair sets up psychological barriers to communication and organization, he cuts his hair,” he wrote in his famous book *Rules for Radicals*. “As an organizer, I start from where the world is, as it is, not as I would like it to be. ... That means working in the system.”

Using Alinsky’s methods, activists from the New Left have had great success in working their way into key positions in today’s Democratic Party. Current Democratic Party presidential candidate Hillary Clinton wrote her senior thesis at Wellesley College in 1969 on Saul Alinsky’s methods of cultural infiltration. A decade later, Barack Obama was trained in community organizing at the Alinsky-established Industrial Areas Foundation in Chicago.

Today, the platform of the modern Democratic Party is almost identical to the 1960s New Left movement.

As first lady of the United States, Hillary Clinton published a book in 1996 titled *It Takes a Village: And Other*

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### Welfare discourages middle-class marriages

A study titled “Marriage, Penalized” was released on July 26 by scholars from the American Enterprise Institute and the Institute for Family Studies. In particular, the research examined unwed couples whose oldest child is 2 years old or younger and who earn \$24,000 to \$79,000 in family income. Among such couples, the study found that 2 to 4 percent fewer people marry if doing so would cut their welfare benefits.

Drawing on anecdotal evidence, the study also found that among Americans ages 18 to 60, about one third said they knew someone personally who has not married for fear of losing welfare benefits. Previous research conducted by W. Bradford Wilcox, one of the study’s coauthors, suggests that the damaging effects of welfare on middle-class marriage rates should concern government policymakers.

Every society has people who can’t support themselves: babies, children, elderly, sick and disabled. Traditionally, the institution of the family provided the care and protection these “dependent” people needed.

Over the last half-century, however, more Americans have been giving up on traditional family life as they rely on the central government to provide for them. More than four in 10 American families at some point draw on means-tested government benefits, such as Medicaid and food stamps.



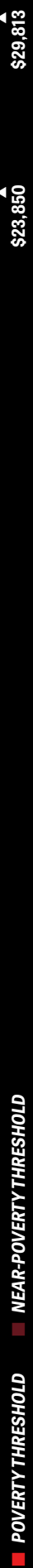
# The War on Poverty: 50 Years of Failure

In his January 1964 State of the Union Address, United States President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed, "This administration today, here and now, declares unconditional war on poverty in America." Over the next 50 years, taxpayers spent over \$22 trillion on anti-poverty programs. Adjusted for inflation, this sum is 10 percent larger than the federal debt and 300 percent higher than the total cost of every U.S. military war. Tragically, these anti-poverty programs have had minimal effect on the poverty rate. Instead, many of these programs have only succeeded in transferring welfare responsibilities from the family unit to a state bureaucracy. The resulting breakdown of the family has left a significant portion of the population less self-sufficient than before the War on Poverty began.



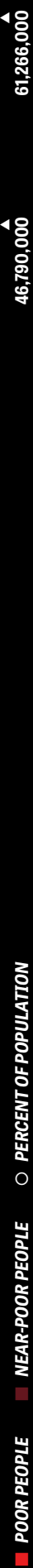
**POVERTY THRESHOLD**

In 1963, the U.S. Census Bureau set the official poverty threshold for a family of four at three times the cost of a minimum food diet, updated annually for inflation using the Consumer Price Index. While there is no official definition of near poverty, it is commonly defined as 125 percent of the poverty threshold.



**NUMBERING THE POOR**

Despite the trillions spent on anti-poverty programs, there were over 10 million more poor and 1 million more near-poor in 2014 than in 1964. While welfare spending may have artificially propped up living standards through an expanding welfare state, it has not increased self-sufficiency to any meaningful extent.



**WELFARE SPENDING**

The government spent 16 times more on means-tested welfare programs in 2014 than in 1964 (inflation adjusted to 2014 dollars). If this money were distributed equally to every person below the near-poverty threshold, it would amount to over \$16,000 per person (9 times more than would have been possible in 1964).



TOTAL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL SPENDING

PER CAPITA SPENDING

**CHANGE IN TRADITIONAL FAMILY**

Perhaps the most devastating casualty of the War on Poverty is the traditional family. By financially enabling single parenthood, means-tested welfare reduced the financial need for two-parent homes. As fathers left the home, the need for more government support for single mothers increased. This created a destructive feedback loop where welfare promoted the decline of the traditional family, which in turn generated a need for more welfare.

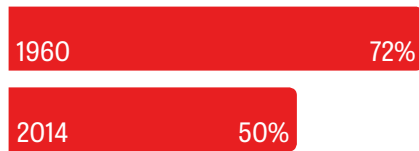


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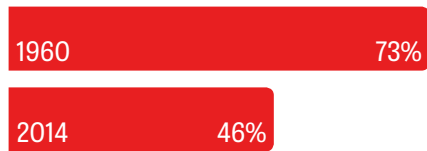
*Lessons Children Teach Us*. The premise of this book is that parents do not bear sole responsibility for educating and caring for their children. Instead, the care and education of children is ultimately the responsibility of many different institutions, including teachers, employers, politicians and government agencies.

While “It Takes a Village” sounds more homespun than “Abolish the Family” or “Smash Monogamy,” the ideology behind these slogans is the

### MARRIAGE RATE



### TRADITIONAL FAMILIES



### MOTHERS IN THE WORKFORCE



same: *If you want income equality, the private family must cease to be the building block of society.*

And so we come full circle, to the 2016 election for the most powerful office in America from the 1840s vision of Friedrich Engels—and his better-known coauthor, Karl Marx.

Marx and Engels published their vision in a manuscript known as *The Communist Manifesto*. Antonio Gramsci and Wilhelm Reich were both members of the Communist International. Herbert Marcuse was a self-avowed Marxist. Saul Alinsky was deeply influenced by the ideological goals of

both Marx and Engels; his disdain for the traditional biblical family may be ascertained in one of the individuals he dedicated his book to: Lucifer. President Obama and Hillary Clinton prefer the term “progressive” (a term popularized in Gramsci’s writings) to describe their political ideology. Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders preferred the phrase “democratic socialist.”

At the end of the day, the label these individuals use does not matter. What matters is the vision they share: *The social welfare functions that are traditionally performed by the family should be performed instead by a state agency.*

Whether or not you believe this destruction of the traditional family was premeditated, it cannot be argued that the redefinition of the American family has led to a redefinition of America’s economic system, just as Reich and Marcuse predicted.

### Nationalizing the Family

For the three centuries between the pilgrims landing on Plymouth Rock in 1620 and the start of the Sexual Revolution in 1960, the United States had one of the strongest family structures on Earth. Because the government wasn’t strong enough to give people everything they wanted, it wasn’t strong enough to take away what the people had. Liberty abounded. People relied on their families as a social safety net. Men got married and worked to provide for their wives and children. Women were primarily educators and health-care providers in the home. Parents educated their own children. Relatives cared for the elderly and the sick. In the few isolated cases where someone didn’t have family, private charities and local churches stepped in to fill the need.

*All this changed with the rise of the New Left and the counterculture movement it inspired.*

The popularization of pornography and premarital sex during the sexual revolution led to the undermining of the matrimonial bond uniting families together, leading to a wave of abortions and divorces. As women left the home in droves to join the workforce, children were left behind in local day-care centers. As these children reached

adulthood, many of them gave up on the idea of marriage and family. They were discouraged by their parents’ example and well aware that sex outside of marriage was now socially acceptable.

In 1960, 72 percent of American adults were married, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. By 2014, this figure had plummeted to slightly lower than 50 percent. At that point, for the first time in history, singles outnumbered married adults in America.

As marriage rates plummeted, out-of-wedlock births skyrocketed. While in 1960, 73 percent of U.S. children lived in a home with two heterosexual parents in their first marriage, by 2014 this figure had dropped to 46 percent.

Even those children who do grow up with married parents are seldom reared by a stay-at-home mother and a working father. Between 1955 and 2015, the percentage of mothers in the workforce with children between the ages of 6 and 17 increased from 38 to 74.4 percent. Only about one in five American children today grow up in a home with a working father and stay-at-home mother.

Without masculine fathers and feminine mothers as examples, confusion about gender roles reached such a level that people increasingly started to question the very concept of sexuality itself. The confusion reached a new height in 2015, when the U.S. Supreme Court legalized homosexual “marriage.” The court decision represented the start of a new era where marriage is redefined not as a divinely sanctioned monogamous partnership between a man and a woman underpinning the family structure, but as any sexual relationship between consenting partners.

The results of this redefinition of family have been catastrophic for society.

A 2012 study in *The Gerontologist* found that the number of “elder orphans” has skyrocketed across the nation over the past several decades. This demographic includes middle-aged and elderly people with no spouse, no children and no family to support them in their old age. The study found that about a third of Americans between 45 and 63 years old are single, most of whom never married or are divorced.



This represents a 50 percent increase from 1980. The study also found that about 15 percent of 40-to-44-year-old women had no children in 2012.

When society gets to a point where the majority of people don't have a family to help support them, people have no choice but to rely on the state. Family breakdown in America has reached a point where over 49 percent of Americans received benefits from one or more government programs during the fourth quarter of 2011.

The U.S. government now spends 49 percent of its annual budget on mandatory government entitlement programs. Politicians can talk about the financial dangers of out-of-control welfare spending, but the fact is that a huge chunk of the population uses these programs. Why? In many cases it is because of the dissolution of family. The cultural revolution is well underway!

The uncomfortable truth is that Reich, father of the sexual revolution, was right: If you destroy the family as the basic economic unit of society, you create a culture where people are far likelier to accept state supremacy.

As political analyst Mark Steyn wrote in the *New York Post*: "Once upon a time, in Britain, Europe and beyond, ambitious leftists nationalized industries—steel, coal, planes, cars, banks—but it was such a self-evident disaster that it's been more or less abandoned, at least by those who wish to remain electorally viable. On the other hand, the nationalization of the family proceeds apace, and America is as well advanced on that path as anywhere else." He then quoted Prof. R. Vaidyanathan saying, "The West has nationalized families over the last 60 years. Old age, ill health, single motherhood—everything is the responsibility of the state" (Oct. 19, 2014).

### Conspiracy Against Family

In the midst of the sexual revolution, educator and televangelist Herbert W. Armstrong warned that Communist philosophy would strip America of its blessings—the greatest national blessings ever conferred on any people. Based on Bible prophecy, he predicted that Communist thought would pervert

America's morals, sabotage its education system, wreck its social structure, destroy its spiritual life, and weaken its economic power.

As the New Left movement worked to hijack the Democratic Party and to "Smash Monogamy," Mr. Armstrong wrote in his July 1976 *Plain Truth* personal: "A solid family structure is the very foundation of any stable and permanent society. But today in the affluent countries a conspiracy is developing which seeks to destroy marriage as an institution, as well as the FAMILY."

He further elaborated with this shocking revelation: "The conspiracy consists of a two-pronged attack: 1) a

**If you destroy the family as the basic economic unit of society, you can create a culture where people are far likelier to accept state supremacy.**

well-organized movement to subtly influence college students to prefer *alternatives* to marriage, and 2) an attempt to influence the general public by newspaper and magazine articles, television programs, the lecture platform, the women's lib movement, and student or former student rebels of the 'New Left.' How much of all this propaganda has been planted in the minds of the psychologists, professors, writers, publishers, women's lib crusaders and others by trained Communist propagandists can only be estimated."

At the time Mr. Armstrong wrote these words, there wasn't yet any sensational dent in the number of marriages taking place. Yet today, after 60-plus years of Gramsci-style "passive revolution," the traditional family is already halfway down the path toward extinction. What remains when the family unit is completely destroyed?

Without strong families to educate children and care for those who can't care for themselves, people are turned to the state for security. History shows that when the state seizes womb-to-tomb responsibility over people's lives, dictators like Vladimir Lenin, Mao Zedong, Josip Tito or Fidel Castro always end up gaining control.

Unhinged Communist philosophers

like Engels and Marcuse would have had no effect on modern society if the people knew and clung to God's law. The *problems* in America and Britain today are a direct result of the sin of the people. No political candidate is going to "make America great again," no matter what people think. It is going to take national repentance to *bring people back to God* and restore this world's broken family structure.

The American and British peoples long ago rejected God and allowed Satan-inspired philosophy to infiltrate, subvert and divide their nations. God

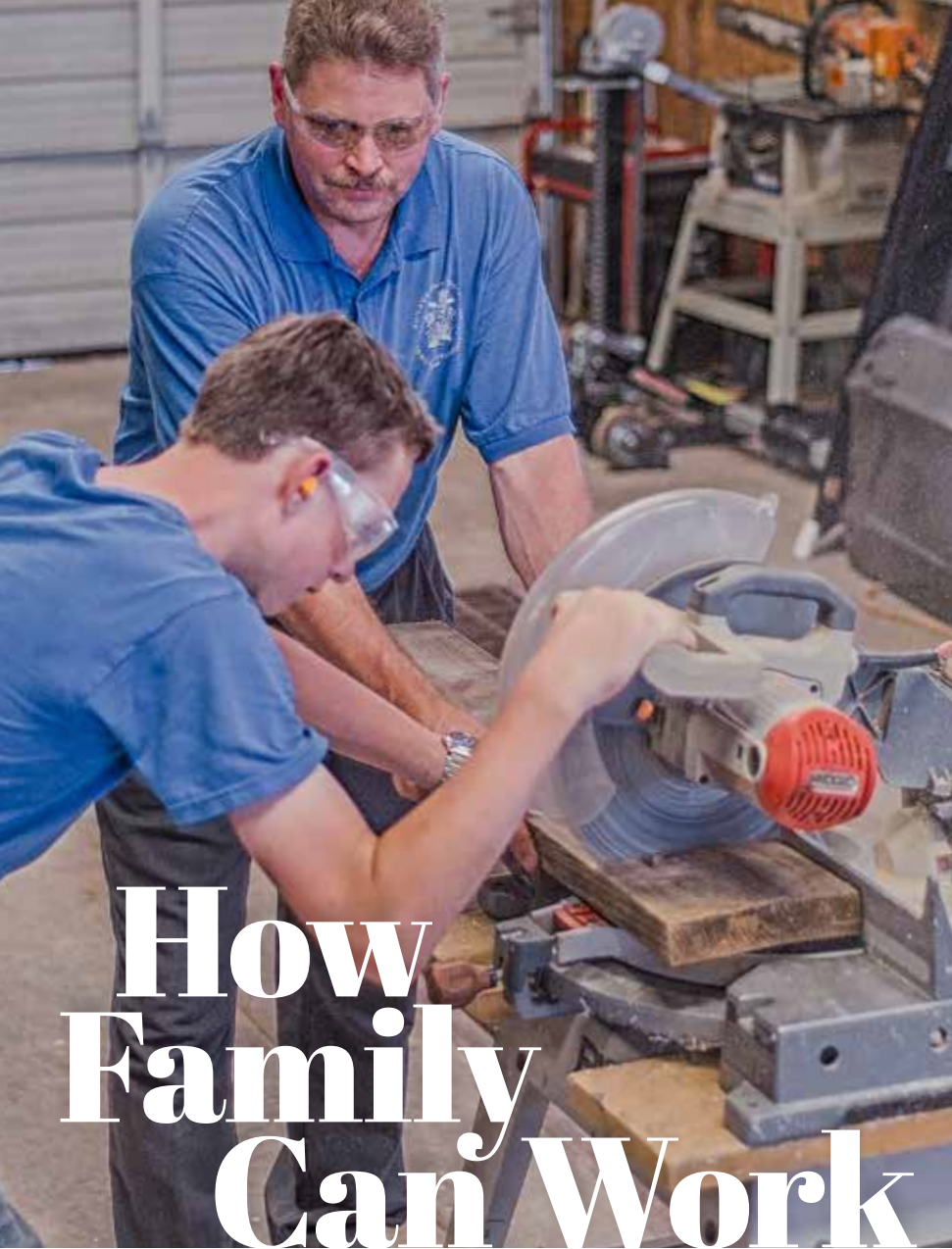
will allow this experience to teach them the natural consequences of broken law. The sad truth is that humanity will have to endure a time of intense suffering due to its own hardheadedness.

A strong family built on the biblical model—with a faithfully married, family-focused father and mother intent on fulfilling their respective roles—is an ideal any clear-thinking person should treasure. Only after people learn this vital lesson will God be able to finally teach all nations the way to true peace, joy and prosperity! ■

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# How Family Can Work

A look at the family of the future

BY PHILIP NICE

**H**OW'S YOUR FAMILY? LIKE MOST people, you might give this bland question a bland answer: Doing just fine. But if your experience is like many modern families, this is what a more detailed, more truthful answer to the question looks like.

My government job is tedious, but I get a lot of time off and make decent money, even after taxes. It pays for the lease: a townhouse in a safe part of the city, shops and restaurants close by, no lawn to mow. I'm all set in the evenings with my premium cable and video streaming.

My kids? The oldest lives with his mother back east. I e-mail him every

now and then. He needs a good job after college to pay off his student loans within 20 years. My oldest daughter graduates from high school this year. She's out with her friends a lot. I'm pretty sure she's staying away from drinking and drugs and sex; she's usually a good kid, gets good grades. But her friends have pretty ... "free" attitudes about all that. The stepson plays a lot of video games. His mom caught him on some bad websites a while back. I didn't punish him much; at least he's passing all his classes this year. Bought him a car; he's out with his girlfriend a lot lately. I tell him to try and be responsible. Our youngest is always happy, still loves being with Daddy, always begging me to get the family together to go to the park

or something. But we're all doing our own thing these days. She loves school; I've even learned some things from her homework about our past, social justice, gender equality, sexual choice.

My wife is working her way up toward branch manager at the insurance office. She still helps the kids with their homework and goes to their activities and grabs us something quick from the supermarket. I think she indulges the kids more than she should with her money, but it's her money. She and I are not as close as we used to be, but I guess that's the way it goes: kids, life, whatever. Oh well, what can you do about it anyway?

My parents—almost forgot about them. Dad's slowing down but OK; his prescriptions seem to be causing some problems. He worries a lot about Social Security and Medicare. Mom e-mails every week or so; I try to e-mail her back when I have the chance.

The rest of my family? Uncles and aunts and everyone? I don't know. I think most of them live somewhere in the Midwest. I haven't talked to them in about 10 years, so I couldn't really tell you.

## Family: Out of Order

This is the modern fragmented family: disengaged, detached and distant; each of its members holed up in his or her own compartment, orphans of all ages; each living a separate quest for self-gratification, yet none seeming to quite achieve it.

The purpose of the family is unknown. The purpose of its individuals seems to be insipid: learn to produce goods or services, receive a diploma, get a high-paying job working most of the daylight hours inside a building, provide little or no real value to anyone else, earn nothing in return but cash for rent, groceries and occasional pleasures.

Rather than a building block, family has become a pile of gravel: somewhat similar, loosely affiliated, eroded pieces not bound together, following no authority and pursuing no purpose. Its individuals are increasingly less dependent on each other spiritually, mentally, emotionally and even financially.

Multiply this situation by tens of millions. Fast forward through the monotony, the fights, the addictions, the disasters, the sicknesses, the debts,





the bankruptcies, the pregnancies, the abortions, the divorces, the trials and errors, the disappointments, and the generally empty lives to a society that finally crumbles—and deserves to.

Some think they will pick up those pieces, blend them up and pour out a new, homogenized, utopian world where men and women are indistinct, children are fed and taught by the government, family is finally abolished, and everyone is made equal where the most important aspect of human life is concerned: income.

That world is a dystopian horror story. The state of the modern family is not far removed from it. And even those better days of yesteryear were themselves full of confusion, injustice and futility.

Why?

Family is not just an ancient tradition; it is part of what it means to be *human*. Nothing else marries. Nothing else has home life. You are and always will be part of a family: grandson, granddaughter, son, daughter, brother, sister, husband, wife, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother.

Yet as essential as family is, no one seems to know its *purpose*. The first parents conducted their family as they saw fit. It caused problems. Their descendants conducted their families the way they saw fit. It caused problems. Millennia later, their modern descendants say the solution is to get rid of family altogether and to operate more like machines.

They don't realize—and perhaps we don't realize—that we never went back and fixed the original problem. We never learned: You cannot conduct family the way you see fit. You must conduct family the way your *Creator* made it.

### Family: Working

Fast forward a little further—to a time when families will live the way their Creator designed.

*How's your family?* If your experience is like most of those future families, this is what a detailed, truthful answer to the question will look like.

How's my family? Well, are you comfortable? Let me get you a cup of tea.

We are working! We are always occupied together on our 40 acres to dress

it and keep it. This area has been in my family for generations.

Everything gets back to the land. The food you eat, every physical need, every kind of wealth comes from the soil. The home where your children are born; the gardens that feed you; the pastures that feed your animals; the workshops where you create; the trees for your lumber; the quarries and mines for your materials; the buildings for services, meetings, classes, galleries, recitals, research, festivals, harvests; the tools you use; the seeds you grow; it all gets back to the land. And the Creator made the ultimate in private property—land ownership—mandatory.

And God gives every family land, *near* their families. My brothers live along that ridge, my sisters are across the lake. My parents are in the house down the hill; the whole family eats dinner there every week. Dad has slowed down a bit, can only do the gardening and wood-splitting now, so I help with his livestock. Gives him more time to read and to spend more relaxed time with Mom; they like to hike around the land and teach the grandchildren about cultivation and wildlife and poetry and the stars and all sorts of subjects.

My oldest is a good hand; his workshop is as pristine as can be. We spend a lot of time talking mathematics when we're out working; he's starting to stump me every now and then when I don't have my notebook handy. He's my builder—can frame up an outbuilding in about a day with his younger brother's help. Usually they talk about science: cloud formations, musical tones, chemical reactions, astronomical phases. He's taken an interest in crafting instruments, so he has been teaching that to some of our neighbors down at the library in town. He's my most productive child, creates a lot of value with his skills, and it can be tempting to devote all your energies to that. But I am proud that he has willingly learned the lesson I have taught him: that what a man produces with God's gifts and his own private property is his to care for, whether it's a violin or a strawberry or a piece of

knowledge. But the greatest man is not the one who piles up a mountain of produce for himself; it's the man who chooses to give it to others and who teaches them how to do the same. From each according to his ability, to each according to his need, you might say.

My younger son loves history, so he likes being with his grandfather and me. He is interested in people: what they did; what they discovered; what they created. My dad can really paint a picture, so he learns a lot of lessons that way. I taught him a big lesson last month at a picnic. I saw his eyes linger too long on one of the neighbor girls whose family lives across the creek. They spent most of the meal talking by themselves. I took him for a walk after morning chores and told him exactly where that leads, having a relationship based on your own selfishness. It was just a small thing, but I've learned fathers can't shy away from being involved in their children's lives, not when it comes to teaching right and wrong and real respect and real love. Both children took their correction well; I'm thankful for wise children who listen to parents who love them.

My daughters are my joy. The oldest is vivacious and warm. She's the master chef around here, working as hard as any craftsman would on some intensive connoisseur braised dumplings or some such. She does it all: cultivating the herbs, preserving the figs, formulating

the feed for the livestock, raising the fowl, tending the vines. She's a skilled horticulturist; she raised a grape that is an original contribution to enology, at least in this part of the world.

Our youngest is just the same. She loves animals, so she's always out there with them, reading books about them, asking my wife and me about them, taking classes on them. She is also the one most interested in planning events. She has had some good ideas for our family get-togethers, and she helped with one of the concerts at last year's jubilee, so we're volunteering her to help with

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festivals and classes in town so she can excel in that as she grows. We've also been emphasizing with her how to think of and serve others, so right now she is planning a bird-themed luncheon for an elderly lady she knows who lives in town.

I'm proud of my children, and I'm in awe of my wife. If I'm the captain, she's the best first mate on the sea. She's up before dawn, preparing for the day. She knows how to trade fairly for all sorts of things that make our house a palace. She can design beautiful clothes that perform well; she can keep accounts; she can manage the household while I'm in the field; she can teach any subject to

our children; she can comfort anyone through anything; she can sing so beautifully I shed a tear. And this ebullient mind, this effervescent personality, this light heart, by her own choice, devotes her life to *me*. On this piece of ground, there is no greater person than her.

There's a lot happening on our land. Producing what God intended, the way He intended it, takes work, character, responsibility and time. It takes faith in God and plenty of patience. It takes a family. It has taken generations of my family to cultivate and build what we have, to produce food, knowledge, music, joy for ourselves and for our larger

family and our town. But that is why we are here; that is why we are a family—to give and to grow more and more into what our Creator made us to be.

This is just the physical side of our family life, but suffice to say all of us live each day knowing that the purpose of all this is spiritual: to help us build character and build our relationship with our Creator and with our fellow man. Because that is where family came from. We look like Him. The essence of being human, being *family*, came from Him. And it is after Him that the whole family is named. Understanding that is how you make family work. ■

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yours. Her friends seem to know more about important things than you do. And the more time she spends on Instagram, the more likely she is to think that knowing about Instagram is important," writes Sax. Now do not misunderstand. Dr. Sax does not say children should not have access to these devices. However, he does say that children should be monitored carefully. He is adamant that young children and teenagers should not have these devices alone to themselves in their bedrooms. That is sage advice.

Moyer further criticized *The Collapse of Parenting* by saying, "Other things Sax cites as clear signs the world is going to hell in a handbasket: Kids today wear obnoxious T-shirts, TV shows aren't as good as they used to be and Miley Cyrus. You're probably starting to get the drift: The foundation for Sax's theory is light on evidence, heavy on old fuddy-duddy." I think this comment proves Sax's point. The book is worth reading.

### You Can Fix Your Family

Dr. Sax gives many examples of family situations where the parents could have made better decisions for their children. Then he offers commonsense solutions jam-packed with timeless wisdom that could have helped fix the problem. Parents need to take back their authority and responsibility, not shrink away from it. He suggests parents and children spend much more time together with no electronic devices allowed. This means you too, parents. He believes families should take vacations alone, no

friends allowed, to strengthen the bonds between parents and children. Parents and kids should eat dinner together.

He stresses above all that parents must assume the role of "first" teacher and instill moral virtues into their children. His chapter titled "The First Thing: Teach Humility" is profound. Sax believes that one of the biggest problems in American parenting and schools is that children are being pumped full of self-esteem. "Most American parents are fine with the idea of teaching openness, agreeableness and so forth. But humility? They don't know where to start, or how, or why. Some parents no longer even understand what the word 'humility' means," writes Sax. Are your children humble? Or do they believe they are the greatest, the most amazing, marvelous, the best? Sax warns, "[A] puffed-up ego at age 8 or 14 can lead to resentment at age 20 or 25." I had to learn early in my writing career that there were associates much better at writing than me. But I wasn't shattered by that knowledge. I kept working at getting better. Yet Sax shows clearly that many American kids fall apart when they come to understand that some other kid is better than they are at some sport, class or talent. Sax states with a big ring of truth that humility has become the most "un-American" of virtues.

Why do parents no longer teach virtues to their children? Well, let's be honest. Just like Ms. Moyer, many people believe morals and virtues are just "old fuddy-duddy."

"There is a 2,000-year tradition along the same lines with regard to virtue.

If you compel children to act more virtuously, they actually become more virtuous," writes Sax. "In the biblical book of Proverbs, which scholars tell us was written more than 2,500 years ago, we read, 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.'" That's not "old fuddy-duddy." It is timeless wisdom from the mind of the Creator God who designed the human family. This perspective, more than any amount of 21st-century scientific evidence from psychology or sociology, is what sets *The Collapse of Parenting* apart from all other child-rearing books on bookstore shelves.

Ms. Moyer stated that Sax's book is worthless because it doesn't rely on scientific evidence. That is a very misleading claim. Sax provides extensive reference notes for each chapter. He cites scientific studies and refers to many supporting articles. The truth is, families are falling apart because there is a collapse of parenting.

We at the *Trumpet* can say this with absolute certainty. Not only by what we see in society, but because God tells us clearly in Isaiah 3:12 that there is a collapse of parenting. Study this verse. It is a perfect picture of what has and is taking place in 21st-century families.

Also, be sure to request a copy of *Conspiracy Against Fatherhood* by editor in chief Gerald Flurry. This booklet shows you how God designed the human family to function. This publication is jam-packed with vitally important family instruction. You *can* build a successful family life. ■



# Japan's Schindler

During World War II, thousands of Jewish lives were in the hands of one man—who had orders not to save them.

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

**A**FTER AN ENTIRE NIGHT of frequent, unscheduled stops, the train finally reached its destination: Wilno, Lithuania. Seven-year-old Leo Melamed was astounded that it had taken so long to arrive. The trip from his hometown in Bialystok, Poland, to Wilno normally took only two hours.

But for the people of Eastern Europe, September 1939 was not a normal time.

Along with tens of thousands of other Polish Jews, Leo was running for his life. A few weeks earlier, the Nazi army had invaded Bialystok. His father had been forced into hiding, so Leo fled to Lithuania with only his mother.

“The train would stop in the middle of its journey, and the whistles blew, and that was the notice that the tracks were being bombed, and so everybody ran out of the train,” Leo Melamed told the *Trumpet* on June 1. “Then later there was a relief whistle, and we’d all get back on the train. And all this took a whole night.”

When that fraught night finally ended, and the train arrived in Wilno, Leo and his mother were reunited with his father, Isaac. The family had arrived with little more than the clothes on their backs, but they had escaped the Nazis, so far.

For several months, they were safe within the borders of Lithuania. But on June 15, 1940, the Soviets invaded the country and incorporated it into the Soviet Union. The Soviet regime was repressive, and the situation for Jews like the Melameds drastically changed.

## Desperate for Escape

By this time, the Nazis had conquered much of Western Europe. The rest of the free world, with few exceptions, had stopped accepting Jewish refugees from Lithuania or from regions controlled by Nazis. Options for the Melameds and other Jews were becoming fewer each week. As repressive as the Soviet regime in Lithuania was, the greater threat to Jews in the country was from the German armies. These were advancing toward

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Lithuania, eager to pry it away from the Soviets.

By July 1940, for many Jews, there was just one option for escape: Chiune Sugihara, Japan's consul general in Lithuania.

"Rumor had it that ... Sugihara was thinking about giving out transit visas to Japan," Melamed said. Without a transit visa, no one could leave Soviet territory. The Jews knew that the slip of paper could mean the difference between living and dying. "My father, along with what turned out to be 2,000 others, would appear in Sugihara's premises, or near the premises, and wait for Sugihara to appear and talk to them," Melamed said.

"No one had to tell Sugihara that the sky was falling," Melamed wrote in his book *Escape to the Futures*. "He could see it in the bloodshot eyes of the applicants, hear it in their hoarse voices, and read it in the cable traffic from Tokyo."

But Sugihara had his orders.

The telex from Tokyo read: "Concerning transit visas requested previously STOP Advise absolutely not to be issued to any traveler not holding firm end visa with guaranteed departure ex Japan STOP No exceptions STOP No further inquiries expected STOP [signed] K. Tanaka Foreign Ministry Tokyo."

Sugihara had known this would be the reply before he even sent his request to authorize transit visas. Even though the Jews were fleeing certain torture and death, Japan was negotiating an official alliance with Nazi Germany. The Japanese Foreign Ministry wanted its consuls to take no actions that might displease the Germans.

Despite the order in the telex not to pose "further inquiries," Sugihara asked his government for permission two more times over the next few days. The response always came back the same: Absolutely not. No exceptions.

### Sugihara's Stand

Sugihara was trapped between his duty and his principles. He had to choose between obeying his government and

obeying his conscience. He knew this was the biggest decision he had ever had to make, so the 40-year-old consul called a meeting.

It was not a summit of senior diplomats and foreign affairs experts. It wasn't even a meeting of lower-level consultants and advisers. This Japanese consulate was too small for a staff of that kind. But the meeting did include Sugihara's most important advisers: his wife, Yukiko, who was in fact the consulate's only other staff member, and their three small children, the oldest of whom was 5-year-old Hiroki.



Melamed recounted the details of this family meeting, based on conversations he had in the mid-1990s with Hiroki: "[Hiroki] told me that at the point in time when the [Japanese] foreign office had given Sugihara the third time 'no,' he went in and called his family together." Sugihara told his family the details of the situation and explained the risks of deliberately disobeying clear orders from Tokyo. He explained that to write the visas would be jeopardizing his career and possibly even the safety of the family.

"He told them," Melamed said, "that if he listens to the dictates of his government he would be violating the dictates of his God." After laying out the details, Sugihara asked for their counsel: Should he disobey the orders of his government and write the transit visas?

"Hiroki said to me that he was the first to raise his hand and say, 'Yes! Yes!'" Melamed said.

Sugihara was encouraged by the support of little Hiroki and the rest of

his family. On July 31, 1940, against the wishes of Imperial Japan and the Axis powers, he started writing visas for the Jewish people in Lithuania.

### Writing With Fervor

Once Sugihara resolved to write the visas, he committed wholeheartedly. On most days, he and his wife wrote over 300 visas, normally a month's work for a consulate of that size.

After they had been writing visas for about a week, Soviet authorities instructed all foreign embassies to immediately leave Lithuania. Most complied right away. But Sugihara put in a special request for a 20-day extension. To his surprise and relief, the Soviets granted it.

And the Sugiharas made good use of those 20 days.

The Jewish Virtual Library says Sugihara slept very little during this time, and that he did not even stop for meals: "From July 31 to August 28, 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Sugihara sat for endless hours writing and signing visas by hand. Hour after hour, day after

day, they wrote and signed visas. ... Yukiko also helped him register these visas. At the end of the day, she would massage his fatigued hands. He did not even stop to eat. His wife supplied him with sandwiches. Sugihara chose not to lose a minute because people were standing in line in front of his consulate day and night for these visas."

Sugihara lost weight and became profoundly exhausted, but he knew the Jews in the line were entirely at his mercy. So he kept on writing.

### Making Use of Every Second

When the extension period came to an end, the Sugiharas had to board the train and leave Lithuania. As the train sat in the station before departing, Sugihara kept writing the documents and handing them out the window to Jews on the platform below.

As the train began rolling away, Sugihara extended himself halfway out of the window, and said to the crowd: "Please forgive me. I cannot write anymore. I

will pray for your safety.” With tears streaming down his face, Sugihara bowed to the Jews on the platform, in a typical Japanese gesture of submissiveness. Reports say that the Jews called out, saying they would never forget him.

As a parting gift, Sugihara threw his consul visa stamp to one of the Jews below. The man apparently used it to good effect, saving even more people before the darkness closed in on Jews in Lithuania.

How many lives did Chiune Sugihara save from persecution, confiscation, kidnapping, imprisonment and murder? A visa could be used for an entire family, so each slip of paper might represent two, three or more people. Israel’s Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and most other organizations estimate the total number of individuals Sugihara saved was 6,000.

And three of those 6,000 were the Melamed family: Mr. and Mrs. Melamed, and little Leo.

“That visa gave us hope,” Melamed said.

The slip of paper allowed them to take a three-week train journey across Russia. Once they reached Russia’s east coast, they boarded a small boat and spent three days crossing the Sea of Japan. They lived in Kobe, Japan, for several months until they were granted permission to move to the United States.

The Melamed family soon made their way to Chicago, where the young Leo grew up to become head of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. In this position, he became one of the most important innovators in modern history. Nobel laureates Milton Freedman, Merton Miller and Myron Scholes all called Melamed the most important financial innovator in the second half of the 20th century. The majority of people today are beneficiaries of the free and open markets his innovations expanded.

But none of Melamed’s world-changing accomplishments would have been possible had it not been for the Japanese consul. “It was all due to the bravery and courage of ... Chiune Sugihara,” Melamed said, “who had the courage to say no to his government when he knew right from wrong.”

If Sugihara had not helped the Melameds and 6,000 other Jews escape, they

almost certainly would have been killed: By the end of 1941, Poland and Lithuania fell to the Nazis. The Jewish populations were herded into ghettos. By the end of the war, 90 percent of the Jews of both nations had been murdered.

## “That visa gave us hope.”

—Leo Melamed

### Aftermath

The government of Imperial Japan was displeased with Sugihara’s decision to write unauthorized visas for the Jews at a time that it was negotiating an alliance with Nazi Germany. In the Japanese Foreign Ministry, it became known as “the incident in Lithuania.” Yet Sugihara was not imprisoned for his brave act of principle. For a few years, he was allowed to continue on as a Japanese diplomat. After the war, in 1947, he was fired from diplomatic office, apparently because of what he did in Lithuania.

His rare courage was not recognized until many years after the war. In 1984, Yad Vashem named him one of the “Righteous Among the Nations” who saved Jews from Nazi extermination. Soon after, he was honored by the American Holocaust museum, which placed his name alongside those of such individuals as Raoul Wallenberg and Oskar Schindler. Sugihara died in 1986, and was the only Japanese person ever to receive these prestigious honors.

Today, more than 75 years after that month of frenzied visa writing back in 1940, approximately 45,000 people are alive who descended from the 6,000 saved by Chiune Sugihara and his family.

“It is a lesson to the world,” Melamed said, “that one man can change the world.”

### Would You Be a Sugihara?

*If I’d been there, I would have done my part to stop the Holocaust, you and I might think. I would never have participated in the attempted genocide.*

But Adolf Hitler did not murder 6 million Jews by himself. Nor did he do it with just a handful of other powerful Nazis.

According to Hedi Enghelberg’s *The Trains of the Holocaust*, there were

more than 250,000 people just operating Europe’s train networks. There were legions of office workers drawing up and managing the logistics. There were thousands of city police officers guarding the streets of Europe, making sure Jews stayed in the ghettos. There were hundreds of thousands of “ordinary people” who felt quite civilized as they made the Holocaust possible.

Holocaust historian Christopher Browning said the widespread collaboration that made the Holocaust possible was no historic anomaly. “There are many singular aspects about the Holocaust, but the nature of killers does not seem to be one of them,” he wrote. “Any government that has wanted to commit genocide has not failed from a shortage of executioners. Governments have the power to create an institutional, organizational, situational framework that will harness people to kill. They prey on people’s conformity, their deference and their desire to be held in the esteem of their comrades.”

While it is easier for people to be pressured into helping to slaughter traditional enemies, Browning said, they can also be made to help slaughter new ones. “If there are historical circumstances where a traditional dehumanizing stereotype already exists, then it’s so much easier to implant fear and dress up what’s being done in terms of self-defense against some alleged ominous enemy,” he wrote. “However, we do know from past situations that it doesn’t require centuries of hatred or long-term animosity. In fact, mobilization for mass killing has been accomplished very quickly.”

Sugihara faced the same pressure that millions of people caved in to in Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany. But he resisted this pressure. He refused to become one of the hundreds of thousands who participated in mass murder. Against enormous pressure, he obeyed his principles and his God.

And in so doing, Chiune Sugihara gave an example to those who worship the true God: Even when the entire civilization around you demands that you comply, as the Apostle Peter said in Acts 5:29, “We ought to obey God rather than men.”

## Pope riles many Catholics by calling Islam peaceful

**P**ope Francis's comments on Islam after a brutal terrorist attack have disappointed many Catholics. After Islamic State terrorists slit the throat of a priest in his mid-80s in northern France on July 26, the pope said the world is at war. But he made clear: "I do not speak of a religious war."

"Religions, all religions, seek peace," Pope Francis said. "It's others who want war."

Instead of Islam, Francis blamed recent terrorist atrocities on *capitalism*: "Terrorism grows when there is no other option and as long as the world economy has at its center the god of money and not the person."

Rather than closing its borders to protect people, the pope told an audience in Poland that Europe needed "a merciful heart" that "opens up to welcome refugees and migrants."

The pope may head the Catholic Church, but many church members have openly disavowed his view on Islam. Just hours after the pope's statement, the top trending hashtag on French Twitter was #PasMonPape—"not my pope."

"I admire the pope, this is clear, but I disagree with him," Bishop Andrea Gemma told the Italian religious news site *La Fede Quotidiana*. Gemma said he was "confused" and "disoriented" by the pope's statements. "I would expect a more firm defense of Christians," he said. "I would like a pope more energetic in defense of our principles and our faith."

There may be an even higher-profile Catholic who disagrees with the pope: Pope Emeritus Benedict xvi.

Francis's statements on Islam clearly do not reflect Benedict's beliefs. Consider his Regensburg speech in 2006, the most famous of his papacy. This speech triggered protests and riots across the Muslim world. The key phrase that offended many was: "Show me just what Mohammed brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached." Benedict was quoting Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Paleologus, and he later clarified that he didn't

agree with this emperor. Still, the substance of Benedict's speech was remarkable. Many analysts interpreted it to imply that Islam is a false faith and an irrational religion.

In this speech, Benedict was moving the Catholic Church into prime position to lead Europe's growing right-wing movement. "Europeans fear that the Muslim immigrants will overwhelm their native culture or form an unassimilated and destabilizing mass," Stratfor wrote at the time. "[W]ith his remarks, [Benedict] moved toward closer alignment with those who are uneasy about Europe's Muslim community—without adopting their own, more extreme, sentiments. That move increases his political strength among these groups and could cause them to rally around the church" (Sept. 20, 2006). However, terrorist attacks in Europe slowed after that point, and Europeans' fear of Muslim migrants receded somewhat.

Now the terror is back, and so is the fear. Benedict's message is again resonating. "Regensburg was not so much the work of a professor or even a pope," wrote one priest in the *National Catholic Register* as he watched the Islamic State's growth in 2014. "It was the work of a prophet."

Europe is divided and now faces a serious threat from radical Islam. A strong push-back from the Catholic Church would help solve both these problems. Only the church has an appeal wider, deeper and older than nationalism.

Pope Francis's public view on Islam is deeply unpopular among many Catholics. The migration and terrorism crises are sure to intensify. Biblical prophecy shows that we can expect the Vatican to take a much different approach in the near future. Request our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy* for proof. ■

## The Islamic State is creating youth terrorists

**A**mong the Islamic State's bearded, battle-hardened men are an estimated 1,500 boys training for war, Spiegel Online reported on July 29.

According to the report, some of those child soldiers automatically joined Islamic State ranks when their parents did. Others were orphans of the war who voluntarily joined the terrorists. Others were kidnapped in the war zones of Iraq and Syria.

Those fortunate few who survive and then escape to tell about it describe military youth camps where children are beaten and drugged into submission, forced to watch beheadings, threatened with death, and then trained to be killers themselves. They practice beheadings on dolls wearing orange jumpsuits.

Islamic State child terrorists also serve as blood "donors" for injured adult militants.

The report said that when they are recruited, the stronger young campers go straight into military training. The weaker are forced to learn the Koran first. Those who are too young to read and write learn from heavily Islamicized textbooks. Children's counting books, for example, use depictions of tanks.

The Quilliam Foundation observed that the Islamic State significantly increased its use of children in propaganda videos last year. Violent acts committed by Islamic State youth also increased as air strikes against the terrorist group increased. The foundation's Nikita Malik explained the message that the terrorists intend to send via their militant youth camps: "No matter what you do, we are raising a radicalized generation here." ■

## Concessions not enough for Khamenei

**T**he sweeping concessions the United States gave to Iran in the nuclear deal implemented on January 16 are not enough for Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Khamenei said in a speech on August 1: "I said last year that these nuclear talks will be [a] test for us, to see how the Americans will behave. Well, now we know. They give promises to our face but conspire and prevent any progress in action." In spite of sanctions relief and numerous overtures from the U.S. in return for almost no concessions from Iran, the ayatollah claimed the deal lacks any tangible benefits, showing that Iranians "cannot speak to [Americans] on any issue as trustable counterparts. ... This is why I have for years

been saying that we will not negotiate with the Americans; this shows that the problems we have with them in the region, in different issues, cannot be solved with negotiations."

Khamenei indicated that some of the regional issues about which Iran could have considered negotiating include antiterrorism cooperation against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria. He said that such future cooperation with the U.S. would be equivalent to taking "deadly poison."

Khamenei made those comments in spite of a document leaked two weeks earlier that showed yet another nuclear concession made to Iran by the United States and its other negotiating partners. The Associated Press reported that "key restrictions on Iran's nuclear program imposed under an internationally negotiated deal will start to ease years before the 15-year

accord expires, advancing Tehran's ability to build a bomb even before the end of the pact ..." (July 18). The Associated Press reported that the secret document "is the only text linked to last year's deal between Iran and six foreign powers that hasn't been made public ...."

According to Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif, the contents of the document were a "matter of pride" for his nation.

Two days after Ayatollah Khamenei complained about the nuclear deal, the *Wall Street Journal* revealed that the Obama administration made a \$400 million cash payment to Iran in January as part of a \$1.7 billion settlement. The cash payment was secretive and, for legal reasons, had to be conducted in foreign currencies. The approximately 3.6 tons of cash was stacked on pallets and airlifted to Iran on an unmarked cargo plane.



Analysts say the payment was actually a ransom, since it coincided with the release of four Americans detained in Tehran (article, page 1).

Yet none of these overtures has been enough for Khamenei. He demands more, and Iran's aggressive foreign policy continues to push. ■



NEW ALLIANCES? Egyptian Foreign Minister Shoukry (left) visits Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu.

## Netanyahu reaches out to Arabs

**O**n June 27, Turkey and Israel announced they had reached a compromise and were once again ready to restore full diplomatic relations. Two weeks later, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Hassan Shoukry visited the Israeli prime minister's residence in Jerusalem. It was the first official visit to Israel by an Egyptian foreign minister in

nine years. On July 22, retired Saudi Arabian Army Gen. Anwar Eshki led a delegation of academics and businessmen to Israel for meetings.

This remarkable period highlighted a distinct trend in Israel: The government is making a noticeable effort to grow closer to some of its Arab neighbors.

Dore Gold is the director general of Israel's Foreign

Ministry and is the point man leading Netanyahu's outreach to moderate Arab states. "Twenty, 30 years ago, everyone said, 'Solve the Palestinian issue and you'll have peace with the Arab world,'" he said. "Increasingly we are becoming convinced it is the exact opposite. It is a different order we have to create. And that's what we're going to do."

Israel has always been willing to search out friendship wherever it can get it. What is surprising this time around is that the Arab governments are willing to jeopardize their own popularity at home in order to accept Israel's overtures. What has prompted this desperation? The fear of Iran.

And herein lies the hidden danger for Israel: Its hoped-for alliances with moderate Arab states are not based on shared values; they are motivated by

fear, not a sudden change in sympathy, understanding and principle in the hearts of Arabs toward Jews.

Iran does pose the greatest threat to Israel, and Bible prophecy says that Israel will be struck down and destroyed by an enemy. But that enemy is not Iran. That enemy will actually be composed of some of the very nations with which it is currently seeking an alliance. This prophesied alliance of nations is revealed in Psalm 83:5-8 and includes Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf states, as well as Turkey, Jordan and Germany. This alliance has never formed in history, but prophecy states that it will form in our time, and largely for the purpose of destroying Israel. Read more about this by requesting a free copy of our booklet *The King of the South*. ■



STRAINED RELATIONS  
Pakistanis burn Indian  
flags to protest cross-  
border fire.

## Violence ignites over Kashmir

**A**s of August 23, 68 people have been killed and several thousand injured in ongoing clashes in Kashmir, the territory divided between India and Pakistan but claimed by both in its entirety.

The violence erupted on July 9 following the death of Burhan Wani, a top rebel leader in the separatist militia Hizbul Mujahideen. His death at the hands of Indian troops prompted Kashmiris to take to the streets

## China responds aggressively to ruling against Chinese aggression

**T**he International Court of Justice in The Hague ruled on July 12 against China's claims of ownership over the South China Sea, saying there is no evidence that China historically exercised exclusive control over the waters of the region. The court also accused China of acting in violation of the Philippines' sovereign rights by building and militarizing islands off the Philippine coast and by encroaching on Manila's exclusive economic zone.

Though the ruling was a

harsh rebuke to China, it did not subdue Beijing's behavior in the region. On the contrary, Beijing responded by further ratcheting up its aggression.

The day after the ruling, China landed aircraft for the first time on recently built airstrips on the Mischief and Subi reefs. Both reefs are well within the territorial waters of the Philippines.

The next day, July 14, Chinese coast guard ships blocked a Philippine fishing boat from approaching the Scarborough Shoal, another territory that

in the largest protests in years. The protests have often become violent, causing police and paramilitary troops to enforce a strict curfew in the region.

Tom Hussain, a Pakistan affairs analyst based in Islamabad, said: "Kashmir has become a ping-pong ball in the rivalry between India and Pakistan. ... If India continues to treat Kashmiri sentiment with violent disdain and Pakistan reverts to its policy of exploiting the situation, both may find that the space in between is filled by non-state actors who specialize in turning political violence into chaos."

The Kashmir dispute dates back to 1947 when the partition of the Indian subcontinent along religious lines led to the formation of India and Pakistan. ■

China claims, although it is well within the Philippines' territorial waters. The following day, tweeted images showed a flyover by a Chinese nuclear-capable bomber over the Scarborough Shoal.

Now that The Hague has ruled against it, China has few options in the South China Sea that do not involve a defiant military presence. If Beijing does not portray itself strongly, it risks losing its investment in this trade zone that sees \$5.3 trillion worth of trade pass through it each year. ■



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State out of Syria. Though it may hasten the caliphate's collapse, the Kuznetsov's arrival will likely add to tension between Washington and Moscow and further boost Russia's power in the vital region. ■

## Meet the UK's new prime minister

**T**heresa May became Britain's new prime minister on July 13, two days after she was elected leader of the Conservative Party, and 20 days after Britons voted to leave the European Union in a national referendum that doomed her predecessor. Prime Minister David Cameron had promised Britons the referendum while campaigning for office in 2010, and he campaigned for Britain to stay in the EU throughout 2016. British voters rejected the EU and his efforts, and he announced his resignation the day after the referendum.



MAY

May, who was Britain's home secretary for six years, became the country's second female prime minister. She undertook a swift and sweeping reconstruction of her cabinet, removing four senior ministers including Michael Gove, John Whittingdale and Oliver Letwin. May made six key appointments her first evening in office, including Justine Greening as secretary of state for education, Liz Truss as secretary of state for justice, and Andrea Leadsom as secretary of state for environment, food and rural affairs.

Britain's first female prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, promoted only one woman to her cabinet; some described her as the woman who smashed the glass ceiling and pulled the ladder up after her.

By removing three key men from cabinet positions and appointing three women, May appears to be emphasizing the creation of a gender-equal cabinet. ■

## Russia to deploy largest warship to Syria

**R**ussian President Vladimir Putin is sending Russia's largest warship to intervene in the Syrian civil war, according to a July 2 report by a Russian military source. The Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier, a 55,000-ton vessel, will reportedly be deployed from October until January. The carrier's 30

jet fighters and attack helicopters will be available to aid the Russian troops already in Syria.

The report says the carrier will be positioned near enough to the Syrian coastline so that deck aircraft can complete military tasks and return promptly back to the Kuznetsov.

This is being touted as Putin's latest effort to drive the Islamic



# Black Lives Matter releases manifesto

**T**he Movement for Black Lives, the name for more than 50 organizations representing the ideology of the Black Lives Matter movement, released its first written statement on August 1, detailing six major demands along with procedures for their implementation by the United States government. "A Vision for Black Lives: Policy Demands for Black Power, Freedom and Justice" states:

- We demand an end to the named and unnamed wars on black people—including the criminalization, incarceration and killing of our people.
- We demand reparations for harms inflicted on black people: from colonialism to slavery through food and housing redlining, mass incarceration and surveillance.
- We demand investments in the education, health and safety of black people, instead of investments in the criminalizing, caging and harming of black people.
- We demand economic justice for all and a reconstruction of the economy to ensure black communities have collective ownership, not merely access.
- We demand a world where those most impacted in our

communities control the laws, institutions and policies that are meant to serve us.

- We demand full and independent black political power and black self-determination in all areas of society.

The platform's preamble says America's elected officials can no longer ignore "constant exploitation and perpetual oppression." The group demands new constitutional

## Did decriminalizing marijuana cause a heroin epidemic?

**A**t the Democratic National Convention held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from July 25 to 28, the Democratic Party became the first major political party in United States history to endorse marijuana legalization in its official party platform.

Many Americans who support legalizing this psychotropic drug believe this move will undermine the profits of criminal drug cartels. But now that Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, Washington and the District of Columbia have fully legalized recreational marijuana, the actual effects this policy has on Mexican cartels is becoming apparent.

Now that many U.S. drug consumers can buy cheaper American-grown marijuana, the Sinaloa Cartel in Mexico

rights to free public education at all levels, free day care, free health services, and the elimination of all debts and foreclosures for black farmers. It demands "restored land," an "end to the exploitative privatization of natural resources," and reparations for oppression by "ensuring our access and control of food sources, housing and land."

The paper also issues demands of the police, including:

- Ending the use of past criminal history to determine eligibility for housing, education, licenses, voting, loans, employment, etc.
- Reallocation of funds from policing and incarceration to education and employment programs
- A retroactive decriminalization, immediate release and record expungement of all drug-related offenses and prostitution
- Direct democratic

community control of local, state and federal law-enforcement agencies.

The paper claims to build "on some of the best thinking in our history of struggle." But while Martin Luther King Jr. looked to the Declaration of Independence for the promissory note of "the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," the Black Lives Matter movement has issued numerous unconstitutional and extrajudicial demands. One of the movement's activists declared in 2015 that "a constitution written by only white men will never serve the interests of black people."

If the movement hopes for outrage and protests, it is achieving that goal in many American cities. If it continue to stir up division until the rest of society meets its unconstitutional and extrajudicial demands, the constitutional republic of the United States will cease to exist. ■

has suffered a 40 percent drop in marijuana sales. So Sinaloa operatives analyzed the market and devised a new business plan. The cartel has increased production of Mexican heroin by almost 70 percent and has raised the purity level of the drug from 46 to 90 percent. By flooding the U.S. with "cinnamon" heroin as strong as the East Asian product, it is hoping to make up for declining marijuana sales.

The result? *Esquire* magazine wrote on August 9 that legalizing marijuana is a root cause of a heroin epidemic in America. Casualties from heroin now amount to 200 overdose deaths a week. America's ravenous appetite for deadly drugs including heroin, cocaine, methamphetamines and others

is fueling what the United Nations estimates is a business worth \$320 billion a year.

Americans may be able to cut into a cartel's marijuana profits



by providing the drug to people legally, but such measures don't stop cartels from selling even more dangerous drugs. Meanwhile, the number of Americans who try marijuana and then other drugs is likely to increase. ■

Developing a blue-water navy to rival America's would be difficult and would probably take China decades. But there are other ways to contest America's dominance.

Firstly, China is investing in technologies that revolutionize naval warfare. Just as the aircraft carrier overhauled the way navies functioned during World War II, China is developing antiship missiles that it hopes will eliminate America's naval advantage.

Secondly, China controls a huge number of naval choke points. Even the Panama Canal is essentially under Chinese control, and China is building a series of sea gates to lock up the South China Sea.

If China closes these gates, it would be difficult for America to open them. Trying to assault these gates would expose a navy's weaknesses. As arguably the greatest admiral in all of history, Horatio Nelson, said, "A ship's a fool to fight a fort." This still applies today. The Center for International Maritime Security wrote: "Sending aircraft carriers close to coastlines and into the littorals has always been dangerous and against their designed purpose." There's a reason why nations vied for these sea gates. If China wanted to bring down America, these gates are its best option.

The current state of affairs matches forecasts that the *Trumpet* has been making for years, based on Bible prophecy. Numerous biblical passages refer to modern Britain and America under siege. Ezekiel 4 describes a siege against Jerusalem and "the house of Israel" that has never happened in history. It can only be prophecy for modern times.

In Genesis 22:17, God promised Abraham that his descendants would possess "the gate of his enemies." Deuteronomy 28:52 says that the enemies of modern Israel—the nations of Britain, America and Israel in the Middle East—would besiege them using those same gates.

These prophecies are almost fulfilled. Britain and America once possessed those gates. They have now given most of them away. It just remains for these rival powers to shut Britain and America out of the global commercial network.

The Bible clearly prophesies the rise of this new economic system. Isaiah 23:3 describes a "mart of nations," a trading bloc that allows merchants to grow rich. This chapter describes Tyre and its allies (such as Zidon) as a type of the new "commercial center" of the world—coming as a rising European power in modern times, as editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his booklet *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*. The Bible describes China and Japan as the other major members of this "mart."

When you put prophecies of this new global economy alongside prophecies of a siege, a clear picture emerges. Europe and Asia work to create a new economic system. They dominate the globe's choke points and together use them to besiege Britain and America. Mr. Flurry writes: "When the Holy Roman Empire attacks North America, there will be no help or sympathy from Asia. In fact, considering that China has come to possess most of the world's strategic sea gates ... we believe there may be a brief alliance between the German-led Holy Roman Empire and certain Asian powers (Russia, China, Japan—the kings of the east). Should Europe, the resurrected Holy Roman Empire, find a way to take advantage—even for a moment—of key resources and strategic holdings of China, Russia and Japan, it would have more than enough power to besiege the Anglo-Saxon nations and enslave them.

"This is why Isaiah's prophecy of an end-time 'mart of nations' that includes both European and Asian powers is so intriguing. And why the trend of collusion between these two great economic blocs is worth watching" (*Isaiah's End-Time Vision*).

But this is a brief alliance of rivals, like the Russo-German alliance in World War II. Once America's power has crumbled under the siege, Europe invades. It may do so swiftly, out of fear that Russia and China will get there first.

Just like in the days of Columbus, wealth will flow out of America. And like the days of Columbus, both Europe and Asia will experience a golden age. Wealth pouring out of America into Europe and then on into Asia enabled India to build the Taj Mahal, for example. Soon there will be a similar boom: Wealth will travel the New Silk Road that China is now building.

The merchants of Tyre are "as princes" (verse 8). Many prophecies describe the great future wealth of Europe. Revelation 18:3 states that "the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of" the "delicacies" from this power. Verses 12 and 13 give a long list of its riches. Once again, slaves will be traded along the Silk Road in huge numbers.

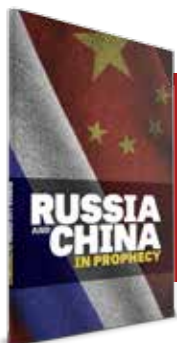
But the boom will be short-lived. Before long, Europe and Asia will be at war.

The initial phases of these prophecies *have already been fulfilled*. Mr. Flurry wrote about this mart of nations in 2010, even before China unveiled its "One Belt, One Road" initiative and before it began building artificial islands to create new sea gates in the South China Sea. Now China plans to spend \$1 trillion on creating this mart of nations.

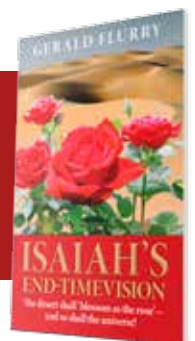
We are seeing the post-American economy being constructed *right now*.

When American leaders see an alliance that includes most of the rest of the world openly constructing an alternative economic system, they should be very worried.

America has already surrendered its dominance of world trade. History tells us its fall as a major power will follow very shortly. ■



**For an in-depth study of biblical prophecies on China and its allies, request our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy*. Isaiah's prophecy of a "mart of nations" that contributes to America's fall is only a small part of the picture. This prophetic book has an inspiring vision of the future just ahead of us. To learn more, request a free copy of Gerald Flurry's *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*.**



# The Faithful Wound

**L**OVE CAN BE EXPRESSED IN SMILES, KIND WORDS AND DEEDS, hugs, cuddles and gifts. But did you know that, at times, it can also be expressed in confrontation and conflict? It can according to wise King Solomon.

“Open rebuke is better than secret love,” he wrote in Proverbs 27:5. Think about that. What good is love unexpressed? It benefits no one. You might *feel* very loving toward someone, but if you don’t express it, it does that person no good. You know what is more beneficial than that? *Open rebuke*. At least then the person might actually profit from what is said. Sometimes, rebuke can be extremely helpful.



JOEL HILLIKER

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy” (verse 6; Revised Standard Version). Yes, sometimes a wound can be “faithful”—meaning it can support, confirm, uphold or nourish you. Like the time your friend barked at you to quit your pity party after a setback at work and move on with your life.

Are you *friend enough* to deliver a “faithful wound” when necessary? If someone you care about is doing something that is *hurting* them and they cannot see it or refuse to see it, *someone* needs to intervene.

The Bible is clear: A Christian cannot *fear* confrontation. Shying away from it simply because it is uncomfortable is a *failure to love* someone enough to help them stop hurting themselves or prevent them from making a mistake.

If you are a parent, you *must* confront your children. A failure to do so is a failure to love them. Read Proverbs 13:24; 19:18 and 29:15. God says if you spare the rod—a direct form of confrontation—you *hate* your son! If you love him, you will chasten him promptly. The parent who loves his child *springs into action* when he sees evil. Children everywhere languish under parents who fail to combat society’s evil influences on our children with sufficient force, or who ignore them altogether.

*Neglect* is not confrontation. *Nagging* is not confrontation. *Negotiation* is not confrontation. Godly confrontation means establishing firm rules with clear, just, effective penalties, and following through consistently.

Godly confrontation is hard. But consider the alternative. As you sit back, the evil spreads. It can be like a brush fire on a windy day. If you don’t stamp it out, it will spread.

Here are three steps for exercising loving confrontation.

**1. Be courageous.** When the entire nation cowered in the shadow of Goliath, David *ran* to the battle. Most of us prefer to ignore a problem and sweep it under the rug. There, it smolders and spreads. In these situations, time is not on your side. Don’t procrastinate when you know the responsibility is *yours*. Sprint forward, grab hold of the problem, and wrestle against it.

**2. Be crystal clear.** If you are going to really help someone, the person has to know exactly what you are asking of him. Once you have stepped forward to confront evil in the life of your child, spouse or friend, make sure you state things clearly. Don’t equivocate. Don’t begin to back down now that you are actually eye to eye. “You have to be honest with people—brutally honest,” football coach Bill Parcells said. “You have to tell them the truth about their performance, you have to tell it to them face to face, and you have to tell it to them over and over again. Sometimes the truth will be painful, and sometimes saying it will lead to an uncomfortable confrontation. So be it. The only way to change people is to tell them in the *clearest possible terms* what they’re doing wrong.”

**3. Be humble.** This is essential to love-motivated confrontation. This should motivate you from the moment you notice something is wrong to long after the confrontation has taken place. Remember that you have sins and need to be confronted from time to time. Do not assume you see the whole situation completely. And *pray* for real godly humility. In fact, the pro-



cess often involves *you* being corrected yourself. Jesus said you must remove the beam in your eye before you can attempt to remove the fleck in your brother’s eye (Matthew 7:3-5).

“[L]et every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For *the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God*” (James 1:19-20). Proper confrontation requires emotional maturity, self-control and wisdom. If you confront with your own wrath and emotion—impatience, frustration, bad temper—you will make many mistakes. Do *not* discipline your children with these emotions; they are only destructive. Your only anger should be righteous anger against sin, directed by God and tempered with His wisdom and mercy.

Godly confrontation must be done the right way, with courage, clarity and humility. It requires you to eradicate pride, frustration and wrong emotion. It requires you to take personal correction yourself. However, do not let the hard work of godly confrontation dissuade you from *doing it* when required. Don’t fear confrontation—fear the sin, the evil, the suffering that results from *neglecting* confrontation. Faithful are the wounds of a friend. They are a form of love, and a Christian duty. ■

**This great article describes how the Daniel 11:21 man will come to power through flatteries and promises and will make Europe secure from Islamic terrorism (“We Should Learn to Live With Terrorism,” [theTrumpet.com/go/14109](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14109)). The king of the south is pushing, but the king of the north will not just sit and watch! This article does a great job describing the push of the king of the south and how the people in the territory of the king of the north feel. The people of Europe do not want to live with terrorism and lose their loved ones in this barbaric manner.**

ANGELO O'KLONIS

**Racial violence coming**

Thanks for the informative article (“America Faces an Explosion of Racial Violence,” [theTrumpet.com/go/14103](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14103)). America needs to take heed. I recently viewed a video of Louis Farrakhan crying out for 10,000 men to sacrifice their lives for this very cause. It’s about to become a very dangerous world, and you are trumpeting the Word of God for all who will listen.

**Curtis** AUTRYVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

America will reap what it has sown. The years of overthrowing governments, building a society on stealing, lying, slavery, etc., has returned upon it.

**Katherine**

This is exactly what is needed to change from racial, sinful behavior: God’s government and law! I long for the day when Jesus Christ returns!

**Renia Galway** CANADA

**Dark new age**

I’m so thankful you wrote this article to make some sense out of what happened—especially from a prophetic point of view (“Turkey Enters a Dark New Age,” [theTrumpet.com/go/14116](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14116)). Thank you!

**Julie Birkle** CANADA

**Fantasy island**

I am English and I have spent the past 50 years of my life living in both countries (“China—Superpower of the Future?,” [theTrumpet.com/go/14121](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14121)). I have watched them gradually deteriorating during this time. But the inhabitants of these lands seem to be largely blind to what is going on. I’ve been living in Australia for the past 30 years and now it feels like I am living on Fantasy Island.

**Steve**

**We elected them**

This has to be the best “right back atcha” truth ever written (“An Uncomfortable Possibility,” [theTrumpet.com/go/14126](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14126)). The



elections are staring us in the face with this truth. Thanks so much for pointing it out. It is so needed. Now if only everyone in America would read it and see it, and then, fess up. Isn’t that called repentance?

**Vicki Baker** ARKANSAS

A very interesting and thought-provoking article on what breeds the discontent among the citizenry. We can only choose the best from what is understood to be good and bad. And with the shameful moral decline of this world, could it be that the loathing of our leaders is actually a loathing of ourselves—our leaders being the mirror in which we, though unconsciously, truly see ourselves as we are?

**Rory Harper** BAHAMAS

This is a great article! It is so full of truth. The politicians did not get beamed down from Mars. We elected them just as you say. They reflect us.

**Earle Sanborn** FLORIDA

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# The Oceans Declare the Glory of God

What wild and wonderful sea creatures tell us about the world and worlds beyond **BY RICHARD PALMER**

**N**O HUMAN ALIVE WAS AROUND DURING THE FAMOUS VOYAGE of the Mayflower in 1620. But scientists have discovered a Greenland shark that might have been. The shark was almost 400 years old, according to findings published on August 12 in the journal *Science*. The margin for error on this is huge, 120 years either way. Yet the youngest possible age makes the shark older than the United States, and easily beats a 211-year-old bowhead whale as the longest living vertebrate ever discovered.

The discovery of a centuries-old Greenland shark is just the latest amazing oceanic discovery.

The deep ocean makes up 80 percent of Earth's living space. Dry land makes up 0.5 percent. Venus, Mars and the moon have all been mapped in far better detail than the bottom of the sea. More people have traveled into space than entered these depths. No wonder we're constantly discovering new wonders. And just like man's forays into space, a journey into the deep ocean can teach and inspire.

As one descends into the depths, light starts to disappear. At a depth of about 600 feet, it's too dark for plants to survive. In this twilight, surface-less world, transparent creatures become one of the more common life-forms.

As you dive deeper, things get even stranger. At 3,000 feet down, no sunlight can reach. But the sea is far from dark. It is full of creatures that make their own living light.

Edith Widder described her first deep-sea dive—one of the first-ever deep dives—in 1984 to Abigail Tucker for the *Smithsonian Magazine*. “She was hoping for a flash here, a flash there. But what she saw in the darkness rivaled Van Gogh’s *Starry Night*—plumes and blossoms and flourishes of brilliance,” wrote Tucker. “There were explosions of light all around, and sparks and swirls and great chains of what looked like Japanese lanterns,” Widder told Tucker. “I was enveloped. Everything was glowing. ... It was just a variety of things making light, different shapes, different kinetics, mostly blue, and just so much of it. That’s what astonished me.”

In the dark depths, angler and dragon fish use light to lure prey to their gaping mouths. Some dragon fish beam light—their own personal headlamps—that the eyes of other deep-sea fish cannot detect.

Here, crustaceans cry for help or warn their fellows by flashing once attacked. There are shrimp that shoot a sticky glowing liquid onto their attackers, painting a bright target on their assailants, marking them out for even bigger fish to

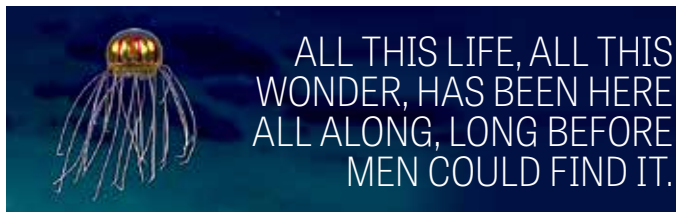
attack. Some jellyfish put on a fireworks display of multicolored light when touched.

Finally, at the bottom of the open ocean are the abyssal plains, a vast, almost flat expanse around 10,000 to 20,000 feet below the ocean’s surface. These plains cover between a third and half of Earth’s surface. Yet by the year 2000, we had explored only around four square miles of them. BBC’s *The Blue Planet* book said “there should be at least a million undescribed animals” on these plains.

Worms, sea cucumbers and starfish are some of the more common creatures. Yet even in these depths, fish live. Many species of rattail fish have a light along with lenses and mirrors to focus the beam. No one knows why. The tripod fish stands on the bottom of the sea floor. The Greenland shark is one of the largest fish thought to survive at this depth.

There is beauty here too. “The landscape down there is as dramatic as anything in a national park,” said Cindy van Dover, director of Duke University’s Marine Laboratory.

Below even this are the great ocean trenches. The Mariana Trench is more than 35,000 feet deep, much further below



the sea than Mt. Everest stands above it. These trenches are the final frontier of exploration on Earth.

All this life, all this wonder, has been here all along, long before men could find it. For millennia, this gigantic, silent, starry night has existed below the waves.

The comparatively tiny part of this world we *have* seen is an inspiration and a wonder—one with a much larger meaning than simple intrigue or fascination.

“Through everything God made,” the Apostle Paul wrote, “they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature” (Romans 1:20; New Living Translation).

Through modern technology, we can see what Paul never dreamed of. And whether in a puddle of water or a geothermal vent in a mid-ocean ridge, everywhere we look, we find beauty and perfection. Every scrap of energy, every particle of resources, is used in some way.

Science has revealed sharks that live for centuries, jellyfish that stage living fireworks displays. The genius and power of these creatures’ great Creator are more visible than ever before.

David contemplated the world and worlds beyond in Psalm 19, writing, “The heavens declare the glory of God.” So do the depths.

Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 51:16 that God intends to “plant the heavens,” filling the universe with *life*. New discoveries from the depths show the variety and genius of life that is possible. Today, God has confined physical life to Earth. Yet He has filled even its deepest, darkest cracks with stunning creatures. We “see through a glass, darkly” (1 Corinthians 13:12). But when the time comes to populate the universe, just how full of inventive, resilient, captivating life will it be? ■

**To learn more about God’s plans for the cosmos, request a free copy of *Our Awesome Universe Potential*.**

► **ISLAMIC STATE** FROM PAGE 10

Years before the Islamic State beheaded its first victim, Iran knew the key to its power: become the leader of radical Islam, an ideology that no single air strike, battle, war or series of limited wars can destroy.

Islam is a huge religion with numerous divisions. The fact that Iran is fighting the Islamic State is a case in point; another is Iran’s enmity with Saudi Arabia and other moderate Arab states, which are more likely to ally with Europe than with Iran. Other deep divisions exist between Islamic countries. But more and more, there is only one king leading and wielding radical Islam, and that king is Iran.

Iran will continue to push and advance its ambitions by using its national power and its terrorist arsenal to control more groups, to dominate more countries and to attract more radical Islamic believers inside the Middle East and beyond. It will push and push until its radical ideology takes over—or until a superior force attacks radical Islam itself, and its king.

For over two decades, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has proclaimed a prophecy that can apply only to radical Islam. Daniel 11:40 describes a clash between radical Islam, led by Iran, and a European power, led by Germany: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”

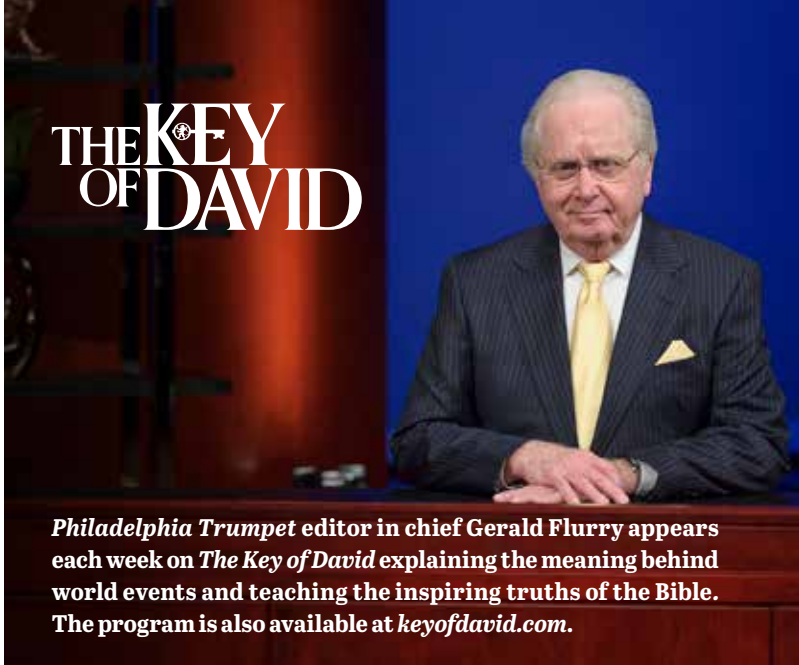
This clear prophecy, put together with other Bible prophecies, reveals that radical Islam’s ceaseless pushing and Europe’s attack will trigger World War III!

Perhaps Europe’s “whirlwind” attack will be partly informed by wisdom from the Islamic State itself: “If they want to achieve true victory ... then they will have to wait ... till an entire generation of Muslims that was witness to the establishment of the Islamic State and the return of the caliphate, and that followed the story of its standing firm against all the nations of unbelief, is wiped out.”

We are seeing the aggressive development of this “push.” Soon, the world will be shocked to witness Europe’s “whirlwind,” blitzkrieg response. Read the rest of Daniel’s prophecy, and you see how these events indicate just how close we are to the time when “they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.” ■

## The Islamic State is not the REAL terrorism problem.

The Islamic State is finally falling, but the real head of Islamic terrorism is still rising. To learn what is about to explode in the Middle East, request Gerald Flurry’s free booklet *The King of the South*.



*Philadelphia Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry appears each week on *The Key of David* explaining the meaning behind world events and teaching the inspiring truths of the Bible. The program is also available at [keyofdavid.com](http://keyofdavid.com).

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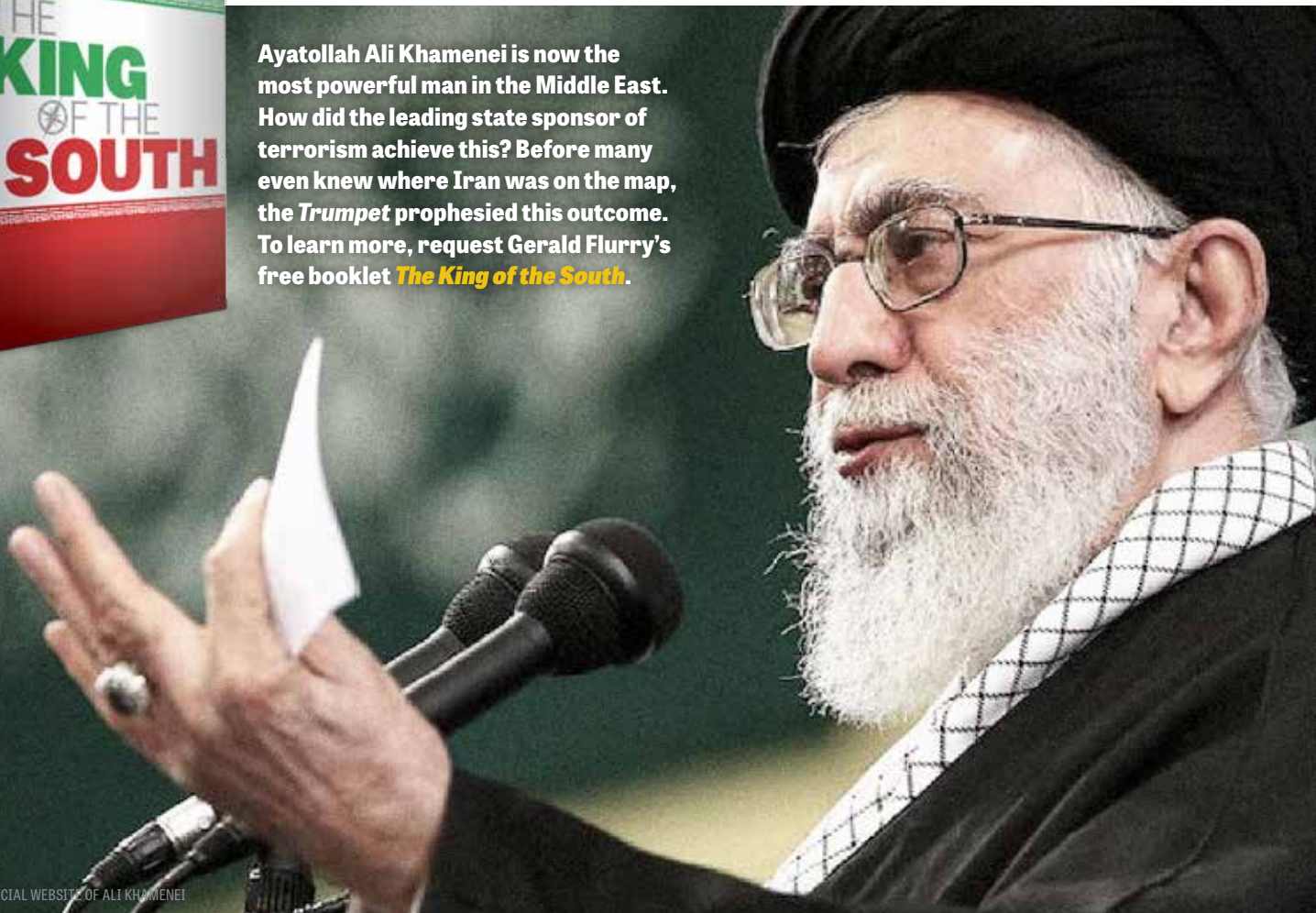
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