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TO ARMAGEDDON

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And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. - Revelation 16:13-16

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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

This book represents a compilation of various *Puritan News Weekly* articles from its inception to the present time. These articles build upon the basic theme of my book *Let My People Go*. Taken as a whole, they reveal how I believe scriptural prophecy is being fulfilled, and why I believe we are marching to Armageddon. I believe the United States of America based in Washington, DC has been destined to be the Roman Empire and Babylon of our era of history. If my speculation is correct, it will continue to march down this path, until it falls in Armageddon. The war in Iraq is but one more step down that path. It is not Armageddon, but it is further setting the stage for Armageddon.

As a compilation of articles, this book does not read like a typical book. Each article stands on its own. Nevertheless, taken together the articles present a unified picture regarding how we should interpret the current events.

**THE PLAN
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SCRIPTURE**

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PARALLEL HISTORIES : THE OLD TESTAMENT CHURCH, THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH, AND JESUS CHRIST

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In my book *Let My People Go*, I wrote this:

“In reading commentaries on the book of Revelation, in sources ranging from Matthew Henry to Patrick Fairbairn, I became impressed with how frequently they noted the connection between elements in ancient Israel’s past and elements in the account of the church’s history as it is related in the book of Revelation. It then hit me how remarkably the history of the church outlined in the book of Revelation retraces the history of ancient Israel, not only in its elements, but also in its chronological order. So we read of earthly Jerusalem equated with Egypt (Revelation 11:8) which the church escapes, we read of a wilderness experience of the church (Revelation 12:6) [lasting 1260 "days" and beginning in 70 AD when the earthly Jerusalem was trodden under foot (Revelation 11:2)] , we read of a "Promised Land" experience at the completion of the wilderness years (Revelation 11:15), we read of a "Babylonian" oppression on God's people (Revelation 17:5), we read of a Bestial kingdom that destroys this “Babylon” (Revelation 17:16), we read of a restoration period after the church comes out of its “Babylonian” captivity (Revelation 20:3), we read of a foreign attack on God's people from a Gentile “Magog” (Revelation 20:8), and we read of an Advent of Christ when Christ comes down to earth to be with man (Revelation 21:3). These elements in this order most certainly re-traces the history of ancient Israel. And since ancient Israel’s history in many respects foreshadowed the life of Christ during His First Advent, this means the church’s history corresponds not only with ancient Israel’s history but Christ’s incarnate life as well. In considering this fact, I realized how very consistent it is with scriptural principle that the new Israel of the church should walk in the footsteps of old Israel and with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

I believe right now we are still in the era of “Babylonian” oppression, but I am optimistic that God will bring down the “Babylonian” oppressor, and eventually deliver His people into the millennial restoration. This will be a renewed Protestant Reformation, but grander in scale and more thorough in effect.

In order to assist in showing the parallel nature of the histories of the Old and New Testament church, as well as the life of Jesus Christ, I have provided the table below:

Event	Old Testament Church	New Testament Church	Life of Jesus Christ, in His First and Second Advents on Earth
Humble Birth and Stay in an Egypt	The beginnings of the church are in Egypt, where it is in an oppressive and humble condition (Exodus 1).	The church began with few in number under difficult and oppressed conditions in Jerusalem (Acts 1), which Revelation 11:8 calls “Egypt”. The earthly Jerusalem is described as a place of bondage (Galatians 4:25), even as ancient Egypt had been a place of bondage for the people of God in Moses’ day.	Jesus was born in the humble setting of a stable in a family of humble means (Luke 2:1-38), and in His infancy His family had to flee the oppression of Herod (Matthew 2:13), residing then in Egypt (Matthew 2:14-15)
Escape from an Egypt	The church leaves Egypt, crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 13-14). The army of the Egyptian pharaoh is destroyed.	The church flees from its “Egypt” of earthly Jerusalem, before Jerusalem is destroyed by the Roman army in 70 A.D. (Luke 21:20-21; Revelation 11:8b, 12:14)	Jesus and His family leave Egypt (Matthew 2:19-20) and settle in the Galilee region of Israel (Matthew 2:21-23). Jesus began his public ministry by being baptized (Matthew

			3:16), baptism being comparable to crossing the Red Sea according to I Corinthians 10:2.
A Wilderness Experience	The church endures 40 years in the wilderness (each year for a day the spies were in Canaan [Numbers 14:34]), before they may enter the Promised Land (Numbers 14:28-38)	The church endures 1260 years in the “wilderness” (Revelation 11:3), according to the year-day principle of a day representing a year in prophetic time.	Jesus is tempted in the wilderness for 40 days by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)
Time of Great Spiritual Prosperity and Blessing	Entry and establishment in the Promised Land (Joshua 3:1-4:24, 11:23, 22:4)	Protestant Reformation at the end of the 1260 year “wilderness” experience commences with the birth of John Wyckliffe 1260 years after 70 A.D. His public ministry began 1290 years after 70 A.D. (Daniel 12:11). The Protestant Reformation is marked by many nations turning to Christ according to the true gospel which is preached (Revelation 11:15, 14:6-8)	At the height of His public ministry Jesus has multitudes of followers (John 7:31), especially owing to the miracles they see Jesus perform (John 10:41-42).
Spiritual Decline	Despite the many blessings it has known, Israel forsakes true religion, becoming corrupted by false and idolatrous worship (Isaiah 1, Jeremiah 2).	Many nations and people fall away from the reformed Protestant faith, enticed by the whoredom of a mysterious “Babylon” who rides upon the Romish Beast (Revelation 17:1b-3). This mysterious “Babylon”, which I believe is Washington, DC and the nation it represents, is profane as well as wealthy (Revelation	Many disciples abandon Jesus Christ as they consider the harder doctrines taught by Him (John 12:37-38) .

		18).	
“Babylonian” Oppression of God’s People	Ancient Babylon destroys Jerusalem and oppresses the Jewish people, taking them captive to Babylon (Jeremiah 39).	This mysterious “Babylon” oppresses God’s people (Revelation 17:4-6).	Satan enters into Judas Iscariot (Luke 22:3). Jesus is apprehended through the treacherous machinations of Judas Iscariot- the Son of Perdition- with the Jewish leaders (Matthew 26:14-16), and He is crucified.
Defeat of the “Babylonian” Oppressor by another wicked Beast	Ancient Babylon was destroyed, just as the prophets had foretold (Isaiah 47, Jeremiah 50). It is another Beast (Medo-Persia) that destroys her, and takes her place.	The mysterious “Babylon” is destroyed by the Romish Beast in alliance with the nations (Revelation 17:16, Revelation 18:2,19). The Romish Beast takes her place (Revelation 17:17).	Judas Iscariot commits suicide due to Satan’s destructive influence over him (Matthew 27:3-5).
Restoration / Resurrection	The Jews are restored to Israel during Persian rule (Isaiah 44:24-45, Jeremiah 50-51), in what is compared to the rising of dry bones from the dead (Ezekiel 37).	The church enjoys a “millennial” restoration (Revelation 20:1-3), following the overthrow of the Romish Beast (Revelation 19:20).	Jesus rises from the dead (Luke 24) and ascends to sit at the right hand of the Father in power (Ephesians 1:20).
Attack by a Satanic Beast	Antiochus Epiphanes attacks Jerusalem, as prophesied in Daniel 8:9-14.	Satan attacks Jerusalem and the church on earth (Revelation 20:7-9a)	As Satan attacks, he is confronted

			and cast to hell by Jesus (Revelation 20:9-10)
Advent of Jesus Christ	Jesus Christ's Coming to Israel (His First Advent), which had been prophesied in Daniel 9:24-27, and elsewhere in the Old Testament.	Jesus Christ's Coming to administer the Day of Judgment, as prophesied in Revelation 20, and elsewhere in the New Testament.	Jesus Christ's Judgment of the world (Revelation 20:11-15) and His eternal reign on the New Earth (Revelation 21)

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REVELATION CHAPTER 11 : HISTORY TO THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION AND ITS LATER RECAPITULATION

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Expositors have puzzled over the interpretative predicament of Revelation chapter 11 (especially Revelation 11:1-14). As Matthew Henry has noted, “whether what is contained between this [Revelation 10:1] and the sounding of the seventh trumpet [Revelation 11:15] be a distinct prophecy from the other, or only a more general account of some of the principal things included in the other, is disputed by our curious inquirers into these abstruse writings.”

Revelation chapter 11 surely is one of the most curious portions in the book of Revelation. On the one hand, it is part of the account of the sounding of the seven trumpets which begins in Revelation 8:2, and concludes with the sounding of the seventh trumpet as described in Revelation 11:15-19. As I have shown in my book *Let My People Go*, the sounding of the seven trumpets spans a significant stretch of time leading up to and including the Protestant Reformation. Thus, its inclusion in this section of the Apocalyptic account means it is supplying information about the time leading up to and including the Protestant Reformation. Yet on the other hand, Revelation 11 supplies details regarding the days immediately anticipating a restored Protestant Reformation (i.e., “the millennium”), when the beast rules and falls (Revelation 17:17, 19). As the commentator A.J. Faussett notes, in Revelation 11 “we find anticipatory allusions to the subsequent prophecies.” Revelation 11 is marked off as special and intended for multiple use by its inclusion in “the little book” (Revelation 10:10). The contents of this “little book”, which runs from Revelation 11 to 14, have much to say not only about the time leading up to and including the Protestant Reformation, but also about the time leading up to and including the restored Protestant Reformation later in human history.

In books and articles that I have written up to now addressing an interpretation of Revelation (e.g., *Let My People Go*, *Sabbath Bible Survey Tests and Assignments*, etc.), I have simply addressed how I believe Revelation chapter 11 should be interpreted within the context of the sounding of the seven trumpets. Within that context, I have interpreted the sounding of the seven trumpets as the time from 70 A.D. and leading up to and including the Protestant

Reformation, and I have interpreted Revelation 11:1-14 as describing the 1,260 years from 70 A.D. to 1330 A.D. So within the context of that period, the 1260 days referenced in Revelation 11:3 are interpreted according to the year-day principle as 1,260 years. Having covered its interpretation then within the context of the sounding of the seven trumpets, I would like in this article to focus upon Revelation 11 as also supplying details regarding the time immediately anticipating the millennium when the beast rules and falls (Revelation 17:17, 19).

In terms of supplying details regarding the days immediately anticipating the millennium when the beast rules and falls (Revelation 17:17, 19), Revelation 11 especially focuses upon 1,260 days within that period. These literal 1,260 days are a type of the 1,260 years of Romish oppression the church endured up to the time of the Protestant Reformation; or, rather, the 1,260 years the church endured up to the time of the Protestant Reformation are a type of the 1,260 days of Romish oppression the church must endure in the years preceding the millennium. They compare with the way the 2,300 literal days in which Antiochus Epiphanes oppressed Jerusalem is a type of the 2,300 years in which Satan oppresses the world following the abomination of desolation of 167 B.C. before Christ's Second Advent. (See chapter seven of my book *Let My People Go* for a fuller discussion of Daniel 8:13-14.) It is also comparable with the 390 days and 40 days which Ezekiel endured hardship, representing 390 years and 40 years in the life of Israel. Of this in Ezekiel 4:5-6 we read: "For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year." Commenting upon these verses, Matthew Henry writes: "He was ordered to lie upon his side before it, as it were to surround it, representing the Chaldean army lying before it to block it up, to keep the meat from going in and the mouths from going out. He was to lie on his left side 390 *days* (v. 5), about thirteen months; the siege of Jerusalem is computed to last eighteen months ([Jer. 52:4-6](#)), but if we deduct from that five months' interval, when the besiegers withdrew upon the approach of Pharaoh's army ([Jer. 37:5-8](#)), the number of the days of the close siege will be 390. Yet that also had another signification. The 390 days, according to the prophetic dialect, signified 390 years; and, when the prophet lies so many days on his side, he bears the guilt of that iniquity which *the house of Israel*, the ten tribes, had borne 390 years, reckoning from their first apostasy under Jeroboam to the destruction of Jerusalem, which completed the ruin of those small remains of them that had incorporated with Judah. He is then to lie forty days *upon his right side*, and so long to bear *the iniquity of the house of Judah*, the kingdom of the two tribes, because the measure-filling sins of that people were those which they were guilty of during the last forty years before their captivity, since the thirteenth year of Josiah, when Jeremiah began to prophesy ([Jer. 1:1, 2](#)), or, as some reckon it, since the eighteenth, when the book of the law was found and the people renewed their covenant with God." It is also comparable to the way the 70 years of Israel's trial in Babylon were a type of the 70 weeks of years of Israel's trial to the time of Jesus Christ. Thus we read in Daniel 9:2,24: "In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem...Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people

and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.” And finally it is comparable to how the 40-day trial period of Israel spying Canaan was a type of their 40-year wilderness period. As we read in Numbers 14:34: “After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, [even] forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, [even] forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.”

In many respects the time immediately preceding the millennium serves as an intensified microcosm of the much longer period preceding the Protestant Reformation. In both, a wicked Romish beast rules and oppresses Christ’s true church. And both are followed by a great reformation.

Before Revelation 11 we never read of "the *beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit*" (Revelation 11:7). But we do read of this beast in Revelation 17:7-8: “...I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; *and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit*, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.” This beast that sits on the city of seven hills (Revelation 17:9) of Rome, with her accompanying false prophet (Revelation 19:20), has according to Revelation 17:7 carried a mysterious “Babylon” for some time. But according to Revelation 17:16, this Romish beast along with many nations destroy the mysterious “Babylon”, that the beast may obtain the full and obvious power (Revelation 17:17). As Anti-Christ, the Romish Beast and False Prophet seek the seat rightfully belonging to Jesus Christ. Since Jesus Christ’s seat of power will be in the great city Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10), therefore the Romish Beast and False Prophet must seek to rule there. And it is in the venue of Jerusalem (the “holy city...where also our Lord was crucified” [Revelation 11:2,8]) where Revelation 11 takes up its account.

We in fact noted in our article at *Puritan News Weekly* entitled “The Goals of Columbus’ Voyage” how the Romish Papacy has long planned to rule the world, having recaptured Jerusalem from the Muslims for itself. To quote from that article:

“it is enlightening to examine the "political theology" of Spain, Portugal, England, France and most of Europe's royal courts at that time. Columbus wrote of being ‘an instrument of God in recovering of Jerusalem’.... The royal mission was presented as divine, universal and directed toward uniting the world under a single ruler, who was to recapture Jerusalem from the Moslems, thereby fulfilling history's culmination and end. This vision was put out competitively by Europe's royal courts, but Castile was seen to be implementing it most literally at the time - in instituting the Inquisition, conquering the Muslim Kingdom of Grenada, and, in tandem with sending out Columbus in 1492, expelling the Jews. (Peggy K. Liss, Washington Post Oct. 19, 1995 p. A22)”

And we have noted in our article entitled “St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem” how the Papacy is likely to move its headquarters from its seven-hilled city of Rome to the seven-hilled city of Jerusalem during this period.

The circumstances of Jerusalem during this 1,260 day period when “the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months” harkens back to the time of Antiochus Epiphanes’ oppressive reign in Jerusalem, as it is described in Daniel 8:13-14: “Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain [saint] which spake, How long [shall be] the vision [concerning] the daily [sacrifice], and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” We can expect all the wickedness and idolatry of the Vatican to be re-located to Jerusalem. The idolatrous Mass will no doubt be celebrated there with much pomp and ceremony. The Dome of the Rock may well serve as the chief Temple for these services. The political intrigues will most likely continue and increase. These shall be sad and difficult days, similar to the years before the Protestant Reformation, for which they would be a microcosm.

As an account of a literal 1,260 day period before the Romish beast and false prophet are overthrown preceding the millennium, Revelation 11’s elements should also be interpreted more literally and less figuratively than the elements are interpreted with reference to the 1,260 years before the Protestant Reformation. Some of these elements of Revelation 11 include: “a thousand two hundred and three-score days”, “the holy city”, “two witnesses”, death of two witnesses, resurrection and ascension of two witnesses, and “the kingdoms of this world” becoming “the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ.” Let’s consider each of these elements separately.

We have already addressed the element of the “thousand two hundred and three-score days”. As type, it spans 1,260 years according to the year-day principle of prophetic time interpretation. Again, this is the period between 70 A.D. and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. But as anti-type in describing the period immediately before the millennium, it spans a literal 1,260 days.

The element of “the holy city” has different signification too, depending upon its use in the typical versus anti-typical account. As type, it refers to Christ’s visible church on earth. Jerusalem is often used in scripture as a synonym for Christ’s visible church on earth (Psalm 147:2, Psalm 126:1, Isaiah 10:11, Hebrews 12:22, Isaiah 52:1). Before the Protestant Reformation, havoc was wrought upon Christ’s visible church by the pagan Roman Empire as well as the Papal Roman Empire. Christ’s visible church was physically persecuted as well as morally corrupted by Romish involvement with it. But as anti-type, it refers to the literal city of Jerusalem. “The holy city” of Jerusalem often in scripture refers to the city of Jerusalem itself (Nehemiah 11:1, Matthew 4:5, II Samuel 14:23). During the period immediately before the millennium, and following the demise of the mysterious “Babylon” of Revelation [Revelation

17:16] (which I believe is Washington, DC), the Romish beast will ascend in power [Revelation 17:17]. During this extraordinary reign of the beast, it seems the beast will do in the city of Jerusalem similar to what Antiochus Epiphanes had done there centuries before. The beast will no doubt bring its paganism and immorality into the city, albeit disguised as Christianity.

Yet during the difficult periods- both before the Protestant Reformation and before the millennium- it seems God will provide “two witnesses” to testify the truth. In the 1,260 year period preceding the Protestant Reformation, the “two witnesses” should be interpreted more figuratively. Clearly, no two people live the entire span of time. Consistent with our understanding that by the “holy city” during this period is meant Christ’s visible church, the “two witnesses” is that remnant of the visible church which remains faithful and faithfully testifies of the truth. These are a type of the anti-typical witnesses during the period before the millennium. During these difficult days it seems God will mark two people in the world to be His special witnesses (Revelation 11:3). These two literal men will apparently be like Moses and Aaron in their day. They will explain the plagues outlined in Revelation 16, rebuke wickedness, and point the way to Jesus Christ and the millennial restoration for God’s people. Indeed, it would seem the plagues accompany their presence. The plagues noted in Revelation 11:5-6 correspond to the plagues outlined in Revelation 16. Their testimony will enrage the beast and his allies.

At the conclusion of the 1,260 days we read in Revelation 11 how these two witnesses are killed but rise again. Taken more figuratively as a type, this speaks to how the Romish beast persecuted and killed God’s faithful remnant before the Protestant Reformation, but they spiritually rose in power during the Protestant Reformation. Taken as an anti-type, we should interpret it more literally. Most people in the world will rejoice at the death of the two literal witnesses in the period before the millennium (Revelation 11:10). But as a great sign to the world, God will raise them from the dead before the people of the earth (Revelation 11:11). This resurrection may be like that of Lazarus, as well as that of various people at the time of Jesus’ own crucifixion and resurrection (Matthew 27:52-53). And they shall ascend to heaven (Revelation 11:12), as Elijah and Jesus ascended. By this means mankind will know which church to join (that of the two witnesses) and by this means mankind will know they must remove the beast and false prophet. So the preaching of the gospel will go forth with power. And the beast and false prophet will ultimately be removed (Revelation 19:20). And the nations shall truly become Christian (Revelation 11:15 and 20:4) and no longer deceived by the beast (Revelation 20:3). In this respect, the Protestant Reformation is a fore-taste and type of the much grander reformation that will accompany the millennium. In the millennium, “the kingdoms of this world” will more fully become “the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ.”

The commentator A.R. Faussett was very close to the mark when he wrote concerning Revelation 11:

“The long years of papal misrule may be followed by the short time of the man of sin who shall concentrate in himself all the apostasy, persecution, and evil of the various forerunning Antichrists, Antiochus, Mohammed, Popery, just before Christ's advent. His

time shall be THE RECAPITULATION and open consummation of the "mystery of iniquity" so long leavening the world. Witnessing churches may be followed by witnessing individuals, the former occupying the longer, the latter, the shorter period."

The primary correction I would make to A.R. Faussett's observation in the quote above is that THE RECAPITULATION will *not* be "just before Christ's advent", but rather it will be just before the millennium. There are various reasons we know this, but the most obvious one is that the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit (Revelation 11:7, 17:8) does so before the millennium. And once this beast is cast into a lake of fire before the millennium (Revelation 19:20), he is never afterwards released, even though Satan is released for a short season after the millennium (Revelation 20:10). Since THE RECAPITULATION occurs during the beast's reign, it must be situated before the millennium and not immediately before Christ's advent.

Most likely even after the beast has been overthrown (Revelation 19:20), there will be an interlude of preparation before the actual entry into the millennial restoration for the world. Revelation 19:21 and Isaiah 48:21 suggest what this interlude will be like. Revelation 19:21 reads: "And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which [sword] proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." And Isaiah 48:21 reads: "And they thirsted not [when] he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out." The escape from the dominion of the beast will be like the escape from Egypt during the time of Moses and Aaron. Indeed, Revelation 11 all but says this, with its allusions to two witnesses, plagues, and Egypt. As in that earlier escape, the people will not be allowed automatically to go into the Promised Land of the millennium. Rather, they must first be tested, tried, and refined. Many will no doubt be spiritually unprepared to enter the Promised Land of the millennium. This interlude will weed out the chaff, just as it weeded out the wilderness generation following the first Exodus (Psalm 95:7-11, Hebrews 3:7-19). And after this time of preparation, then the world will enter its millennial rest, as promised in Revelation 20:3. I have suggested in my book *Let My People Go* that this may occur in 2033 A.D.

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KNOW THY ENEMY

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Our chief enemy is Satan. It is his desire to receive all the glory and all the submission that properly belongs to Christ. He is the ultimate Anti-Christ. That is, he is the ultimate one who would like to sit in the place of Christ, which is what scripture principally means by the term anti-christ. Right before the Second Advent of Christ, he will personally come on earth and seek this honor for himself, following the millennial restoration (which is a restoration of the Protestant Reformation, but on a grander scale).

But before the millennial restoration Satan works through human agents. He has two chief agents that represent him on earth, who seek to sit in the place of Christ. We see this aspect of *two* chief agents in the Sea Beast and the Land Beast described in Revelation chapter 13. We also see it in the Beast and False Prophet described in Revelation chapter 19. (The False Prophet in Revelation 19 is the same as the Land Beast of Revelation 13, but the Beast of Revelation 19 is a new manifestation of the Sea Beast of Revelation 13.) Finally we see it in the star that represents Satan, which is Sirius the Dog-Star. (See the *Puritan News Weekly* article on New Year's Eve celebrations, which addresses this topic.) Sirius is actually 2 stars revolving around each other, a fact that the ancient Egyptians knew.

The Beast and the False Prophet of Revelation 19 most probably correspond to the Black Pope and the White Pope. The first Black Pope was Ignatius Loyola, and subsequent Black Popes have been the line of Secretary Generals of the Jesuit Order. The Papacy, as Satan's agent on earth, seeks to receive all the glory and submission of peoples and nations in place of Christ. In their scheme of things, all should "kiss the Pope".

The power of the Black Pope and the White Pope proceeds in part from their international network of single male agents. As the Apostle Paul noted, singleness generally affords one more ability to concentrate fully upon a particular task. There are not the responsibilities and cares attached to marriage. Their single male agents can therefore focus more fully and engage in more dangerous activities. But they are not limited to this network of single male agents, but employ married agents as well.

Their power, at least in the short term, also proceeds from their lack of scruples. Some of their agents can be secret agents, appearing to be what they are not. (In this respect, they are like their father the Devil, who appears as an angel of Light, but is not.) So a Jesuit agent can be sent into the Protestant ministry, and work to undermine Protestantism while building up Romanism. And Jesuit agents can be sent into all sorts of civil governments, and work for Romish interests. They can lie, steal, cheat, and deceive, so long as the ends are for Rome.

There is internecine strife even between the Black Pope and the White Pope, just enough to remind them that Satan is the one really in charge of them, but never so much as to destroy the other. Some of this internecine strife is played out in the competition between their network of agents, like Jesuits versus Opus Dei. Sometimes it is even has played out in civil strife, as between communist and fascist factions. This internecine strife corresponds to the competition between the Holy Roman Emperor and the (White) Pope, in the era described in Revelation 13.

This is not to suggest that all of Christ's enemies are under the Papacy. Clearly many Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and communists are not. Human depravity is such that there are many ways to rebel against God. But the most dangerous anti-christ is that Man of Sin, who like the Son of Perdition Judas Iscariot, is within Christendom. Such an anti-christ is especially subtle, like Satan himself, who appears as an angel of light.

Much more could be said about the enemy. And much more will be said in future articles.

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‘MANIFEST DESTINY’ OF THE USA?

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More and more information is coming to light about the origins and special purpose of the USA, and it is not a pretty picture. This information originates from non-Christian as well as Christian sources. Let's first consider information from non-Christian historians.

From <http://www.light1998.com/PHILISOPHICAL-RESEARCH-SOCIETY/secret.htm> we read how historian Manly Hall completed and published *The Secret Teachings of All Ages, An Encyclopedic Outline of Masonic, Hermetic, Qabbalistic, and Rosicrucian Symbolical Philosophy* in 1928. So great was the demand, that the first two editions of the book were sold out in advance by the autumn of 1925. Here is what has been written about Hall's book:

“Into this volume has been compressed the quintessence of a colossal learning. It is a living human document, pulsating with the mental and spiritual vibrations of a profound thinker who takes knowledge for his province and reduces whole libraries to a single tome.”—George Barron, Curator of the De Young Museum of San Francisco

“Simply put, this is the most beautiful and complete occult book ever published. It represents a lifetime of research into the mythology, symbolism, and magical practices of countless cultures. From the secrets of Isis to the teachings of mystic Christianity, nearly every occult dogma imaginable is represented here...this is the definitive guide to secret societies, famous figures, and more—a must for every personal library.”—Llewellyn New Times

In his book, historian Manly Hall wrote: “not only were many founders of the United States Government Masons, but they received aid from a secret and August body existing in Europe, which helped them to establish this country for a peculiar and particular purpose known only to the initiated few.”

Manly Hall also wrote another book, entitled *The Secret Destiny of America*. Here is how its thesis has been described (see <http://www.hiddenmysteries.com/item400/item471.html>):

“This book tells the fascinating story of how the American continent, described by Lord Bacon [Bacon was an English political leader and gnostic during the Elizabethan era- McCarter] as “The New Atlantis,” seems to have been set apart for the great experiment of enlightened [read that as humanistic, like ancient Babylon was- McCarter] self-government long before the

founding fathers envisioned the rise of the American Republic. Drawing upon often neglected fragments of history, evidence is presented which indicates that the seeds of democracy were planted one thousand years before the beginning of the Christian Era, suggesting that America is not merely a political and industrial entity, but an “assignment of destiny.”

In his article “Novus Ordo Seclorum”, Robert A. Nelson records the nature of gnostic scheming in North America:

“More than 3,000 years ago, the great classical philosophers conceived of an Aristotelian polity (a tripartite balance of democracy, republicanism, and oligarchy) as an ideal pattern of government. The principles they elucidated have been nurtured through the centuries by certain secret societies in order to create the background of common knowledge necessary to eventually establish such a civilization in North America. The Roman Stoic philosopher Seneca (62 BC-30 AD) was aware of this plan, and made a prophecy of America:

“Venient annis /
Saecula seris, quibus Oceanus /
Pateat Telus, Tiphysque novus /
Delegat orbis; nec sit terris /
Ulthima Thule.”

The English program for establishing permanent settlements along the Atlantic coast was under the direction of Sir Francis Bacon, who was head of the European Rosicrucian mystics of his day. Those men made sure that the American colonists were thoroughly indoctrinated with the principles of religious tolerance, political democracy and republicanism, social equality and capitalism. Many members of the Rosicrucians and other secret societies emigrated to America and established their organizations in the “New Atlantis.” Their occult ideas were incorporated into the designs of the Great Seal, the flag, and other American symbols, and their societies still exist and are active today. The eminent occultist Manly P. Hall wrote of this in *The Secret Destiny of America*: “The American nation desperately needs this vision of its own purpose... America’s true destiny will remain a secret as long as great masses of people have no knowledge whatsoever that enlightened humanitarians through thousands of years have in their own and succeeding generations remained united on the high purpose of eventually instituting democratic rule throughout the entire world. It is necessary to know, too, that it was anciently planned that leadership would fall to America – to a nation to be established on the Northern continent of the Western Hemisphere... Long before Columbus, they were aware of the existence of the Western Hemisphere, and selected it to be the site of the philosophic empire. The American continent was set apart for establishing here a great democratic nation, centuries before the founding fathers and colonists envisioned the Union...”

We read more about Bacon’s vision for America at
<http://www.siriusrising.com/SirianNation1.html> :

“In 1627, Sir Francis Bacons' novel "The New Atlantis" was first published. It is the story of a crew of shipwrecked sailors who land upon the shores of a mysterious, unknown nation, whose people had developed a culture and technology far beyond any thing previously known. Amazingly prophetic, it spoke of buildings a half a mile tall, machines that flew through the air, ships that traveled beneath the sea and a government of Philosopher-Scientists serving an enlightened people who were dedicated to learning and higher achievement. "The New Atlantis" was Bacons' vision for a new "Golden Age", and it became the inspiration for many influential American colonists, including several of Bacons' descendants, who settled in Virginia after it's publication.

Bacon, who many historians consider to be the true father of modern democracy and founder of America, was an avid student of Ancient Wisdom, joining many secret societies during his life. In his youth, he became a member of "The Order of the Helmet", a group that worshipped the Goddess as Pallas Athene, the Greek Goddess of Truth and Wisdom. It is this Goddess whose nineteen and a half foot tall bronze and platinum form now stands atop the Capitol building, gazing eastward, as the "Statue of Freedom" in Washington D.C. . Bacon eventually became Grand Master of the Rosicrucian Order... This "All Knowledge" was alluded to on the title page of the first edition of "The New Atlantis", with a depiction of Father Time escorting a female figure out of the darkness of a cave, 'coming forth into the light of Day'. Underneath this engraving was the inscription;

"In Time, the Truth shall be revealed."

In his book, "The Secret Destiny of America", Manly Palmer Hall wrote; "The New Atlantis was completed, but never actually published in it's full form because it revealed too much. The final (unpublished) chapters revealed the entire pattern Secret Societies had been working on for thousands of years to achieve the ideal commonwealth in the political world." These unpublished chapters provided comprehensive details for the unfolding of a "New Order of the Ages", including a complete timetable for the transitional period leading into the new millennium. They were thought to have revealed a long-range "Great Plan" to restore society to a condition of resonant harmony like "The First Time" of Ancient Egypt, when the twin worlds of Heaven and Earth intermingled. The missing chapters were brought to America in 1653 by Nathaniel Bacon, Sir Francis Bacons' decendant, and deposited, along with other secret documents, in a great vault in the town center of Williamsburg, the Capital of Virginia at that time.

In his "Symbolism in Craft Masonry", Colin Dyer wrote; "Thomas Jefferson was the last to examine the contents of this vault", and it is believed that the entire cache of priceless documents were removed, and eventually placed in a secret location either at the University of Virginia, which Jefferson founded, or at the new capital, Washington D.C.. Many historians believe this cache of documents to be among the worlds' most important ancient treasures. Bacons' supreme position as head of both Freemasonry and Rosicrucianism put him in charge of the most sacred manuscripts then held by the major secret societies.

Of all the founding fathers of America, none was more enigmatic than Thomas Jefferson. His membership in Secret Societies has never been proven, yet his understanding of the most important tenets of Rosicrucianism was evident in all of his major endeavors. His proudest accomplishment was the founding of the University of Virginia, which was based on the the Rosicrucian concept of the "Invisible College". This was a concept also championed by Bacon, who Jefferson revered, where students were given the opportunity to learn **without the burden of theological restraint**. He also utilized the harmonic architecture of Freemasonry in all of his designs...One of Jeffersons' most cherished designs was the "circle within the square". Both the combination of a Dome or Rotunda set within a square, as is found in his famous home at Monticello, or a Dome set within a rectangle, as is incorporated in the Capitol Building, were known to Freemasons to symbolize the union of Heaven and Earth. This architectural design was more than just visual esthetics to Freemasons, they believed that if they created physical structures that mimic the harmonic, golden ratio found in Nature, the forces of Nature would manifest through them..."

It should come as little surprise to us then that the man known as the "Perpetual Secretary of the Continental Congress", Charles Thomson, is recorded as saying: "If the truth were known many careers would be tarnished and the leadership of the nation would be weakened." (Hendricks, *Charles Thomson and the Making of a New Nation*, p. 189.)

From a Christian perspective, F. Tupper Saussy's investigations in his book *Rulers of Evil* contains much useful information. And I have compiled information relating to America's role as well, in my book *Let My People Go*. It presents evidence for concluding that the USA is the mysterious Babylon prophesied in Revelation 17. If my conclusions are true, then the USA is destined to fall, after a time of worldly preeminence.

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MORE WAR?

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<http://www.prospect.org/print/V14/4/dreyfuss-r.html>

By Robert Dreyfuss. He exposes how the Iraq War was planned long before 9/11, as part of the neoconservative, imperial agendum for the Middle East. Article PROVES that Syria and Iran are next. And Syria knows it.

Bill Kristol calls it "reshaping the Middle East." I call it, "the economic demise of the American Empire."

The article is below:

Just the Beginning

Is Iraq the opening salvo in a war to remake the world?

[Robert Dreyfuss](#)

For months Americans have been told that the United States is going to war against Iraq in order to disarm Saddam Hussein, remove him from power, eliminate Iraq's alleged stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction, and prevent Baghdad from blackmailing its neighbors or aiding terrorist groups. But the Bush administration's hawks, especially the neoconservatives who provide the driving force for war, see the conflict with Iraq as much more than that. It is a signal event, designed to create cataclysmic shock waves throughout the region and around the world, ushering in a new era of American imperial power. It is also likely to bring the United States into conflict with several states in the Middle East. Those who think that U.S. armed forces can complete a tidy war in Iraq, without the battle spreading beyond Iraq's borders, are likely to be mistaken.

"I think we're going to be obliged to fight a regional war, whether we want to or not," says Michael Ledeen, a former U.S. national-security official and a key strategist among the

ascendant flock of neoconservative hawks, many of whom have taken up perches inside the U.S. government. Asserting that the war against Iraq can't be contained, Ledeen says that the very logic of the global war on terrorism will drive the United States to confront an expanding network of enemies in the region. "As soon as we land in Iraq, we're going to face the whole terrorist network," he says, including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Hezbollah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad and a collection of militant splinter groups backed by nations -- Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia -- that he calls "the terror masters."

"It may turn out to be a war to remake the world," says Ledeen.

In the Middle East, impending "regime change" in Iraq is just the first step in a wholesale reordering of the entire region, according to neoconservatives -- who've begun almost gleefully referring to themselves as a "cabal." Like dominoes, the regimes in the region -- first Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia, then Lebanon and the PLO, and finally Sudan, Libya, Yemen and Somalia -- are slated to capitulate, collapse or face U.S. military action. To those states, says cabal ringleader Richard Perle, a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and chairman of the Defense Policy Board, an influential Pentagon advisory committee, "We could deliver a short message, a two-word message: 'You're next.'" In the aftermath, several of those states, including Iraq, Syria and Saudi Arabia, may end up as dismantled, unstable shards in the form of mini-states that resemble Yugoslavia's piecemeal wreckage. And despite the Wilsonian rhetoric from the president and his advisers about bringing democracy to the Middle East, at bottom it's clear that their version of democracy might have to be imposed by force of arms.

And not just in the Middle East. Three-thousand U.S. soldiers are slated to arrive in the Philippines, opening yet another new front in the war on terrorism, and North Korea is finally in the administration's sights. On the horizon could be Latin America, where the Bush administration endorsed a failed regime change in Venezuela last year, and where new left-leaning challenges are emerging in Brazil, Ecuador and elsewhere. Like the bombing of Hiroshima, which stunned the Japanese into surrender in 1945 and served notice to the rest of the world that the United States possessed unparalleled power it would not hesitate to use, the war against Iraq has a similar purpose. "It's like the bully in a playground," says Ian Lustick, a University of Pennsylvania professor of political science and author of *Unsettled States, Disputed Lands*. "You beat up somebody, and everybody else behaves."

Over and over again, in speeches, articles and white papers, the neoconservatives have made it plain that the war against Iraq is intended to demonstrate Washington's resolve to implement President Bush's new national-security strategy, announced last fall -- even if doing so means overthrowing the entire post-World War II structure of treaties and alliances, including NATO and the United Nations. In their book, *The War Over Iraq*, William Kristol of *The Weekly Standard* and Lawrence F. Kaplan of *The New Republic* write, "The mission begins in Baghdad, but it does not end there. ... We stand at the cusp of a new historical era. ... This is a decisive moment. ... It is so clearly about more than Iraq. It is about more even than the future of the Middle East and the war on terror. It is about what sort of role the United States intends to play in the twenty-first century."

Invading Iraq, occupying its capital and its oil fields, and seizing control of its Shia Islamic holy places can only have a devastating and highly destabilizing impact on the entire region, from Egypt to central Asia and Pakistan. "We are all targeted," Syrian President Bashar Assad told an Arab summit meeting, called to discuss Iraq, on March 1. "We are all in danger."

"They want to foment revolution in Iran and use that to isolate and possibly attack Syria in [Lebanon's] Bekaa Valley, and force Syria out," says former Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs Edward S. Walker, now president of the Middle East Institute. "They want to pressure [Muammar] Quaddafi in Libya and they want to destabilize Saudi Arabia, because they believe instability there is better than continuing with the current situation. And out of this, they think, comes Pax Americana."

The more immediate impact of war against Iraq will occur in Iran, say many analysts, including both neoconservative and more impartial experts on the Middle East. As the next station along the "axis of evil," Iran holds power that's felt far and wide in the region. Oil-rich and occupying a large tract of geopolitical real estate, Iran is arguably the most strategically important country in its neighborhood. With its large Kurdish population, Iran has a stake in the future of Iraqi Kurdistan. As a Shia power, Iran has vast influence among the Shia majority in Iraq, Lebanon and Bahrain, with the large Shia population in Saudi Arabia's oil-rich eastern province and among the warlords of western Afghanistan. And Iran's ties to the violent Hezbollah guerrillas, whose anti-American zeal can only be inflamed by the occupation of Iraq, will give the Bush administration all the reason it needs to expand the war on terrorism to Tehran.

The first step, neoconservatives say, will be for the United States to lend its support to opposition groups of Iranian exiles willing to enlist in the war on terrorism, much as the Iraqi National Congress served as the spearhead for American intervention in Iraq. And, just as the doddering ex-king of Afghanistan served as a rallying point for America's conquest of that landlocked, central Asian nation, the remnants of the late former shah of Iran's royal family could be rallied to the cause. "Nostalgia for the last shah's son, Reza Pahlavi . . . has again risen," says Reuel Marc Gerecht, a former CIA officer who, like Ledeen and Perle, is ensconced at the AEI. "We must be prepared, however, to take the battle more directly to the mullahs," says Gerecht, adding that the United States must consider strikes at both Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps and allies in Lebanon. "In fact, we have only two meaningful options: Confront clerical Iran and its proxies militarily or ring it with an oil embargo."

Iran is not the only country where restoration of monarchy is being considered. Neoconservative strategists have also supported returning to power the Iraqi monarchy, which was toppled in 1958 by a combination of military officers and Iraqi communists. When the Ottoman Empire crumbled after World War I, British intelligence sponsored the rise of a little-known family called the Hashemites, whose origins lay in the Saudi region around Mecca and Medina. Two Hashemite brothers were installed on the thrones of Jordan and Iraq.

For nearly a year, the neocons have suggested that Jordan's Prince Hassan, the brother of the late King Hussein of Jordan and a blood relative of the Iraqi Hashemite family, might re-

establish the Hashemites in Baghdad were Saddam Hussein to be removed. Among the neocons are Michael Rubin, a former AEI fellow, and David Wurmser, a Perle acolyte. Rubin in 2002 wrote an article for London's *Daily Telegraph* headlined, "If Iraqis want a king, Hassan of Jordan could be their man." Wurmser in 1999 wrote *Tyranny's Ally*, an AEI-published book devoted largely to the idea of restoring the Hashemite dynasty in Iraq. Today Rubin is a key Department of Defense official overseeing U.S. policy toward Iraq, and Wurmser is a high-ranking official working for Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security John Bolton, himself a leading neoconservative ideologue.

But if the neocons are toying with the idea of restoring monarchies in Iraq and Iran, they are also eyeing the destruction of the region's wealthiest and most important royal family of all: the Saudis. Since September 11, the hawks have launched an all-out verbal assault on the Saudi monarchy, accusing Riyadh of supporting Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda organization and charging that the Saudis are masterminding a worldwide network of mosques, schools and charity organizations that promote terrorism. It's a charge so breathtaking that those most familiar with Saudi Arabia are at a loss for words when asked about it. "The idea that the House of Saud is cooperating with al-Qaeda is absurd," says James Akins, who served as U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia in the mid-1970s and frequently travels to the Saudi capital as a consultant. "It's too dumb to be talked about."

That doesn't stop the neoconservatives from doing so, however. In *The War Against the Terror Masters*, Ledeen cites Wurmser in charging that, just before 9-11, "Saudi intelligence had become difficult to distinguish from Al Qaeda." Countless other, similar accusations have been flung at the Saudis by neocons. Max Singer, co-founder of the Hudson Institute, has repeatedly suggested that the United States seek to dismantle the Saudi kingdom by encouraging breakaway republics in the oil-rich eastern province (which is heavily Shia) and in the western Hijaz. "After [Hussein] is removed, there will be an earthquake throughout the region," says Singer. "If this means the fall of the [Saudi] regime, so be it." And when Hussein goes, Ledeen says, it could lead to the collapse of the Saudi regime, perhaps to pro-al-Qaeda radicals. "In that event, we would have to extend the war to the Arabian peninsula, at the very least to the oil-producing regions."

"I've stopped saying that Saudi Arabia will be taken over by Osama bin Laden or by a bin Laden clone if we go into Iraq," says Akins. "I'm now convinced that's exactly what [the neoconservatives] want. And then we take it over."

Iraq, too, could shatter into at least three pieces, which would be based on the three erstwhile Ottoman Empire provinces of Mosul, Baghdad and Basra that were cobbled together to compose the state eight decades ago. That could conceivably leave a Hashemite kingdom in control of largely Sunni central Iraq, a Shia state in the south (possibly linked to Iran, informally) and some sort of Kurdish entity in the north -- either independent or, as is more likely, under the control of the Turkish army. Turkey, a reluctant player in George W. Bush's crusade, fears an independent Kurdistan and would love to get its hands on Iraq's northern oil fields around the city of Kirkuk.

The final key component for these map-redrawing, would-be Lawrences of Arabia is the toppling of Assad's regime and the breakup of Syria. Perle himself proposed exactly that in a 1996 document prepared for the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS), an Israeli think tank. The plan, titled, "A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm," was originally prepared as a working paper to advise then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. It called on Israel to work with Turkey and Jordan to "contain, destabilize and roll-back" various states in the region, overthrow Saddam Hussein in Iraq, press Jordan to restore a scion of its Hashemite dynasty to the Iraqi throne and, above all, launch military assaults against Lebanon and Syria as a "prelude to a redrawing of the map of the Middle East [to] threaten Syria's territorial integrity." Joining Perle in writing the IASPS paper were Douglas Feith and Wurmser, now senior officials in Bush's national-security apparatus.

Gary Schmitt, executive director of the Project for a New American Century (PNAC), worries only that the Bush administration, including Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney, might not have the guts to see its plan all the way through once Hussein is toppled. "It's going to be no small thing for the United States to follow through on its stated strategic policy in the region," he says. But Schmitt believes that President Bush is fully committed, having been deeply affected by the events of September 11. Schmitt roundly endorses the vision put forward by Kaplan and Kristol in *The War Over Iraq*, which was sponsored by the PNAC. "It's really our book," says Schmitt.

Six years ago, in its founding statement of principles, PNAC called for a radical change in U.S. foreign and defense policy, with a beefed-up military budget and a more muscular stance abroad, challenging hostile regimes and assuming "American global leadership." Signers of that statement included Cheney; Rumsfeld; Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz; Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Peter W. Rodman; Elliott Abrams, the Near East and North African affairs director at the National Security Council; Zalmay Khalilzad, the White House liaison to the Iraqi opposition; I. Lewis Libby, Cheney's chief of staff; and Gov. Jeb Bush (R-Fla.), the president's brother. The PNAC statement foreshadowed the outline of the president's 2002 national-security strategy.

Scenarios for sweeping changes in the Middle East, imposed by U.S. armed forces, were once thought fanciful -- even ridiculous -- but they are now taken seriously given the incalculable impact of an invasion of Iraq. Chas Freeman, who served as U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, worries about everything that could go wrong. "It's a war to turn the kaleidoscope, by people who know nothing about the Middle East," he says. "And there's no way to know how the pieces will fall." Perle and Co., says Freeman, are seeking a Middle East dominated by an alliance between the United States and Israel, backed by overwhelming military force. "It's machtpolitik, might makes right," he says. Asked about the comparison between Iraq and Hiroshima, Freeman adds, "There is no question that the Richard Perles of the world see shock and awe as a means to establish a position of supremacy that others fear to challenge."

But Freeman, who is now president of the Middle East Policy Council, thinks it will be a disaster. "This outdoes anything in the march of folly catalog," he says. "It's the lemmings going over the cliff."

The comment below pretty much shows what our President is about. Look at the second full paragraph. (The underlined statement.)

<http://www.drudgereport.com/flashrt.htm>

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH DISCUSSED REMOVING SADDAM HUSSEIN FROM POWER AS FAR BACK AS MARCH 2002, TIME REPORTS
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New York – TIME offers the inside story of how Iraq jumped to the top of Bush's agenda – and why outcome there may foreshadow a different world order. TIME's Michael Elliott and James Carney profile key Bush administration members who were involved in the decision to go to war. TIME's special double issue will be on newsstands Monday, March 24th.

"F—k Saddam. We're taking him out," said President George W. Bush in March 2002, after poking his head into the office of National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, TIME reports.

TIME's story focuses on Paul Wolfowitz, a senior advisor to President Bush, a neoconservative – someone who thinks that the world is a dangerous place where civilization and democracy hang by a thread. Neoconservatives, report Elliott and Carney, also believe that the U.S. is endowed by Providence with the power to make the world better if only it will take the risks of leadership to do so.

In January 1998, Wolfowitz joined other neo-conservatives in signing a letter to President Clinton arguing that "containment" of Saddam had failed and asserting that "removing Saddam Hussein and his regime from power...needs to become the aim of American foreign policy."

Vice President Dick Cheney, another high-ranking neoconservative, agreed. The Vice President told a campaign aide in 2000 "we have swept that problem [Iraq] under the rug for too long. We have a festering problem there." Cheney, who had been instrumental in the ceasefire of the first Gulf War, was outraged by Hussein's attempted assassination of former President George Bush. He was also, as Wolfowitz put it, "transformed by Sept. 11 – by the recognition of the danger posed by the connection between terrorists and WMDS [Weapons of Mass

Destruction] and by the growing evidence of links between Iraq and al-Qaeda."

As one former senior Administration official puts it: "The eureka moment was that realization by the President that were a WMD to fall into [terrorists'] hands, their willingness to use it would be unquestioned. So we must act pre-emptively to ensure that those that have the capability aren't allowed to proliferate it." One advisor to the president, report Elliott and Carney, went as far as to say that Bush thinks Saddam is insane. "If there is one thing standing between those who want WMDS and those who have them," says this source, "it is this madman. Depending on the sanity of Saddam is not an option."

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THE GOALS OF COLUMBUS' VOYAGE

By J. Parnell McCarter
Puritan News Service

As the great Anti-Christ, the Pope seeks to sit in the place of Christ. Since Christ will sit and rule the world from Jerusalem (Revelation 21), the Pope seeks to do the same. These aspirations of the Pope extend to his cohorts, such as the Jesuits, the Knights Templar, the Knights of Malta, and the Knights of Columbus. This was a goal of Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order, for example. And Protestant dispensationalists are unwitting dupes who are helping the project along, their theology of Israel originally fed by a Jesuit and believed by Francis Darby.

Christopher Columbus, and those who sent him on his voyage to the New World, also sought this goal, as we read at <http://www.umassd.edu/SpecialPrograms/Caboverde/cvchrono.html> :

“Historical interpretations and historical accuracy are not always one and the same. Scholarly research has recently been reported by Peter Dickson and commented on by John Hebert, senior specialist in Hispanic bibliography in the Hispanic division, Library of Congress in Washington, DC. (Washington Post, Oct. 12, 1995: C5) which raises serious questions and may eventually compel us to dramatically alter our description of the context of events which led to the "discovery" of America by Christopher Columbus. These recent findings shed new light on the life of Columbus before 1492.

1478 Christopher Columbus married into the most powerful family in Portugal, the Braganza-Norona clan. By 1485 most of the Braganza family (Columbus's in-laws) had fled Portugal for Spain. They plotted to kill Portugal's King Joao but were unsuccessful. The King responded by executing the twelve conspirators, ten of whom were related to Columbus's wife. No evidence has been found to implicate Columbus in the conspiracy.

King Joao refused to finance Columbus's voyage of exploration. Spain's Queen Isabel showed a particular interest in Columbus and agreed to finance his voyages. The mother of Queen Isabel was Portuguese by birth and of the House of Branganza and distantly related to the wife of Columbus.

The web of European political relationships and the ideological underpinnings of European expansion played a major role in setting the stage for social and economic development in Cape Verde and everywhere else that the European explorers set foot.

In addition to family relationships it is enlightening to examine the "political theology" of Spain, Portugal, England, France and most of Europe's royal courts at that time. Columbus wrote of being "an instrument of God in recovering of Jerusalem.... The royal mission was presented as divine, universal and directed toward uniting the world under a single ruler, who was to recapture Jerusalem from the Moslems, thereby fulfilling history's culmination and end. This vision was put out competitively by Europe's royal courts, but Castile was seen to be implementing it most literally at the time - in instituting the Inquisition, conquering the Muslim Kingdom of Grenada, and, in tandem with sending out Columbus in 1492, expelling the Jews. (Peggy K. Liss, Washington Post Oct. 19, 1995 p. A22).

1479 The Treaty of Alçacovas and later the Treaty of Tordesillas (1494) established the territorial domains of Portugal and Spain along a longitudinal line 370 leagues west of Cape Verde.

1483 The first French ships reach Cape Verde.

1492 Christopher Columbus, the Genovese navigator, lands in the Bahamas and claims the "new lands of the western seas" for Spain. In 1498 Columbus stops in Cape Verde for provisions on his third voyage to America. During the same period the expulsion of Jews from Iberia began. Some would eventually migrate to Cape Verde."

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TO KNOW THE SCOOP ABOUT THIS COMING WAR, GO TO ITS SOURCE

By J. Parnell McCarter
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We read in Revelation 17:16-18 how God put in the hearts of the Beast, along with the nations, to destroy the mysterious “Babylon”. God put this in their hearts to judge “Babylon” for its wickedness. Such divine judgment on wickedness is just. As I have written in my book *Let My People Go*, there is compelling evidence that this “Babylon” is Washington, DC (and the nation it represents), and that the Beast and False Prophet in the context of Revelation 16-19 are the Black Pope and the Pope (i.e., the Vatican). If I am right, then that makes pronouncements by the Vatican and its representatives especially critical for understanding how things will ultimately unfold. The only source of information about it that is better is the word of God, because as Revelation 17:16-18 makes clear, God is as always sovereign over all that occurs. He is even sovereign over the actions of the Beast and False Prophet. Of course, whereas God is using the events which will transpire for good, the Vatican is intending them for ill.

Let’s then consider some of the pronouncements coming from the Vatican and her representatives, and compare them to God’s word.

First, as we have pointed out in other articles (see, for example, <http://www.puritans.net/news/war012103.htm>), the Vatican is taking a strong stand against the USA in the coming conflict involving Iraq. This is just as we would expect from Revelation 17:16-18.

Second, Jesuit Georgetown University Professor Charles Kupchan has been saying on PBS’s National Public Radio and The News Hour that the nations are lining up against the US. Kupchan, a former director for European affairs on the National Security Council under President Clinton, is now a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations as well as an associate professor of international relations at Georgetown University. Here is an excerpt of what he said on The News Hour (see http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/middle_east/jan-june03/iraq_1-21.html):

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“I think the bigger picture though is much, much different than the one we just heard in the sense that most Security Council members are lining up behind France, not with the United States. World opinion is generally saying we want more evidence that Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction. Even Americans are saying President Bush has yet to make the case.

And so I think if the U.S. goes down this route without broader support at the U.N. not just the French but other key members in the Security Council, it will essentially be... to say we are putting ourselves above the law and I think that what we will see is a real undermining of the sense of multilateralism of shared interests that has held the west together over the last few decades.”

... There is a real sense abroad, not just in France, but in South Korea we're seeing growing concerns, that the United States is simply not a team player anymore. And we're seeing public opinion polls, the Pew report, for example, that shows very significant increases in anti-American sentiment. People are beginning to question American intentions and how America will be using its power in the years ahead. So rather than this being a case where we are... we bear no cost s if we go it alone, I think this really is an historical turning point.

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As we read in Revelation 17:16a, “and the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore...” This verse suggests that the nations will come to hate the whorish “Babylon”, similar to the way Kupchan describes anti-American sentiment.

Third, the Vatican and the Arab League on which it sits are asserting that an attack on Iraq would "open the gates of hell." Here is how one article explains it:

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Vatican official calls on world community to avert U.S.-Iraqi war

December 24, 2002

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

ROME (CNS) -- A top Vatican official called on the international community to do "everything possible" to avert a new war in Iraq and said the United States had no right to make an attack on its own.

Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, the Vatican's equivalent of a foreign minister, said Iraq should live up to its U.N. obligations on disarmament, but he said the results of current U.N.

inspections in Iraq should be studied before any war plans are made.

The archbishop made the comments in an interview published Dec. 23 by the Rome newspaper La Repubblica. In unusually strong language, he reiterated several points made by Vatican officials in recent weeks as the United States made logistical preparations for a threatened attack on Iraq.

"It is necessary to do everything possible so that this much-discussed attack does not take place," Archbishop Tauran said.

"The use of weapons is not a given, and moreover a preventative war is not foreseen by the U.N. charter," he said.

"It is important for Iraqi leaders to regulate their political actions according to the code of conduct that is imposed by Iraq's membership in the United Nations," he said. But no military decisions should be made outside U.N. authority, he said.

"A single member of the international community cannot decide: 'I'm doing this and you others can either help me or stay home.' If that were the case, the entire system of international rules would collapse. We'd risk the jungle," he said.

Archbishop Tauran said that two months ago, in talks with U.S. representatives, he emphasized it was important to keep dialogue open and that "it should be the international community that assumes the responsibility of dealing with any eventual failings by Iraq."

He said he was disturbed by the fact that judgments on Iraq are being made before U.N. inspectors have finished their work and before they have completed studying the lengthy Iraqi dossier on its weapons programs.

"It would be better to remain silent and await the final results of the investigation before making judgments," he said.

Archbishop Tauran said he was convinced war in Iraq would be a "disaster," and he said many other diplomats in Europe and elsewhere share that point of view. He cited one Arab minister who said an attack on Iraq would "open the gates of hell."

"We need to think about the consequences for the civilian population and about the repercussions in the Islamic world. It could provoke a type of anti-Christian, anti-Western crusade," he said.

As for the possibility of the United States using nuclear weapons in Iraq to counter the threat of other weapons of mass destruction, the archbishop said: "I would rather not give echo to this

hypothesis, because it seems so monstrous to me."

Archbishop Tauran said he was well aware that fighting terrorism was on the minds of many countries these days. He said the best strategy for countering terrorism was to rediscover the "sense of sacredness" of human life and human dignity and remove some of the biggest causes of terrorism -- including unresolved conflicts and social tensions around the globe.

He called the Israeli-Palestinian war "the mother of all conflicts"...

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The Vatican is part of the Arab League (and many other important world leagues [see <http://www.puritans.net/news/vatican011503.htm>]), as noted in other *Puritan News Weekly* articles. As reported at <http://www.arabicnews.com/ansub/Daily/Day/000209/2000020975.html>, Monsignor Giglio was appointed as a Vatican representative in the League in 2000:

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The position of this Arab League on which the Vatican sits regarding the consequences of the war with Iraq are expressed as follows from <http://english.pravda.ru/diplomatic/2002/09/06/36097.html> :

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ARAB LEAGUE: THE GATES OF HELL WILL OPEN

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Amr Moussa, has issued a stark warning to the USA: Attacking Iraq "will open the gates of Hell". He also called on Saddam Hussein to allow the UN weapons inspectors back.

He declared that the Arab League is in favour of the "total implementation" of the UN Security Council resolutions, which includes a return of the weapons inspectors to Baghdad. Amr

Moussa made his declarations in a press conference in Cairo which was convoked among speculation that the USA is about to launch a military attack against Iraq.

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Revelation 16:13-16 confirms what the Vatican is saying will occur: “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”

Revelation 20:2 identifies the dragon as Satan. In a strange twist, the Vatican and her Arab League allies are actually admitting their own alliance with Satan by their pronouncement that the ‘gates of hell will open’ in response to the US action in Iraq. The Black Pope and Pope of the Vatican are the Beast and False Prophet. The triumvirate league of hell will be released upon the world in the coming conflict. The kings of the whole world will become involved in the war in Israel that the Vatican Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran has been quoted earlier as saying will be the “mother of all conflicts.” Revelation 16:16 calls it Armageddon.

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VATICAN, ALREADY POLITICALLY WELL SITUATED, WANTS NATION STATUS IN THE U.N.

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This article is from Zenit.org, the Vatican's official news agency.

The article continues for a long time with the Vatican's praising itself for its "diplomatic efforts for world peace, and religious freedom for believers." (Hard to believe they actually have the nerve to say that!

Especially given their murders of the Serbian Orthodox during WWII, their infamous Inquisitions of the 16th and 17th centuries--also, given their involvement in fomenting both World Wars. It was Father Staempele, a Jesuit, for example, who penned Mein Kampf for Hitler. Hitler only signed it. See "The Secret History of the Jesuits" by Edmond Paris for more on that. It's no secret that without the very strenuous efforts of Eugenio Pacelli--later Pius XII--Hitler would not have come to power in Germany.)

But there are some very newsworthy items buried deep under the Vatican's self-laudatory rhetoric.

1) It reveals that the Vatican now has concordats with over 177 countries--a great increase since the 1980's.

2) It reveals that the Vatican does **not** have concordats with three countries--China, Vietnam, and Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is no surprise. However, we know how hard the Vatican worked to wend its way into control of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. For more on that, read Avro Manhattan's "Vietnam: Why We Went." Available at <http://www.chick.com>. Yet their efforts have not succeeded.

I personally suspect that the Clinton Administration's openly giving military secrets to Red China may have been tied to the Vatican's desires to get a concordat with Red China. Mr Clinton is a graduate of Georgetown University, a Jesuit institution in Washington, D C. At one point in his college career, he expressed a desire to become a Jesuit priest. The Jesuits at Georgetown doubtless were the connections that got Mr Clinton his Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford in the late

sixties. The Rhodes-founded Round Table groups in Britain--the British equivalent of the Council for Foreign Relations in the US--has for its Constitution the Constitutions of Ignatius Loyola--in other words, the Constitution of the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits hold high seats in both the Round Table groups and in the Council for Foreign Relations. As such, their dictates no doubt strongly directed Mr Clinton's foreign policies. But as yet, their labors have borne no fruit in a concordat for the Vatican with Red China.

3) This is the most ominous. The Vatican also states that it wants nation status in the UN. No doubt, eventually, a seat on the Security Council.

Here is the quote from the article itself:

"Witnessing the Vatican's work over the past 15 years for the defense of peace and human rights in poor countries, some diplomats have suggested that the Vatican should become a member of the United Nations. Currently the Vatican is a permanent observer there, with a voice but no vote."

Vatican Diplomacy: A Force to Be Reckoned With
Aims to Defend the Right of Religious Freedom of Every Believer

VATICAN CITY, JAN. 14, 2003 (Zenit.org).- The Vatican's action at the international level has never been as extensive as it is now.

With the agreement signed with the Arab Emirate of Qatar on Dec. 1, the Vatican now maintains diplomatic relations with 177 countries, including special ties with the Russian Federation and the Palestine Liberation Organization. The figure has doubled during John Paul II's pontificate.

The Vatican still has no diplomatic relations with China (which severed ties with Rome in 1957), Vietnam and Saudi Arabia. The Hanoi government, nevertheless, holds annual meetings with Vatican representatives to resolve disputes over the exercise of freedom of worship.

The primary objective of relations established by the Vatican, through concordats or Church-state agreements, is to defend freedom of worship. In recognizing Catholics' right to religious liberty, states feel obliged to acknowledge the principle of religious liberty in general. The Vatican, in effect, has become the champion of all believers' rights, not just of Catholics.

In this connection, the great diplomatic success of the Vatican took place in the 1960s. It came at the height of the Cold War, during the Helsinki proceedings and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The work of then Archbishop Agostino Casaroli, who would later become Vatican secretary of state, made possible the recognition of religious liberty as a principle in Communist countries dominated by the Soviet Union.

Witnessing the Vatican's work over the past 15 years for the defense of peace and human rights in poor countries, some diplomats have suggested that the Vatican should become a member of the United Nations. Currently the Vatican is a permanent observer there, with a voice but no vote.

In an interview with the Italian newspaper *Il Corriere della Sera* on Nov. 26, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state, did not reject the possibility that one day the Vatican might vote in the United Nations, if this is requested of it and "if it is useful."

"It is an open question," he said. For the Vatican to become a full U.N. member, the Security Council would have to approve and recommend its membership to the General Assembly.

In addition to its U.N. status, the Vatican participates in other international organizations, such as the Arab League (as a delegate), the Council of Europe, the Organization of American States, and the Organization for African Unity.

Jean Gueguinou, France's new ambassador to UNESCO, and former ambassador to the Vatican, told the daily *Le Monde* on Dec. 26 that it is possible to think that the Vatican's action irritates some in the international realm because of the values it promotes. However, he said, "increasingly more countries try in any way possible to maintain relations with the Vatican and to receive the Pope."
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(Editor's Note: It should also be noted how the Vatican is already well positioned as a delegate in international organizations like the Arab League and the OAS.)

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THE VATICAN AND THE RISING POWER OF THE EU

By Al Hembd
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This is a good website for summarizing the current situation in the Vatican. Called "Power Play in the Vatican."

http://www.reformation.org/vatican_power_play.html

Details how that the pro-Russian John Paul I was elected in 1978--he was a more moral man than most Popes, but, because he was about to examine thoroughly the whole Vatican Bank scandal, and cast the Freemasons out of Vatican, and yes, abolish the Society Jesus! (Malachi Martin details that!)--he lasted 33 days. But John Paul I was pro-Russian, because he was a Socialist. His father had been active in the Socialist Party in Italy all his life.

Website goes on to show how Cardinal Benelli, a dear friend of John Paul I, almost won the next conclave--but before the next vote was held, Cardinal Paul Villot, a pro-American cardinal, called for a recess--and then the bribery began! The CIA heavily canvassed the conclave, making promises of millions of dollars for those who would support Karol Wojtyla, who ended up then becoming John Paul II.

The man shows an astute hold on the facts--but what is particularly interesting is, his prediction:

"With the current Pope almost a corpse, and kept alive by drugs, the canvassing behind the scenes is INTENSE at the Vatican. America is not needed any more as it was in 1978 so the Vatican will discard her without the slightest remorse."

"The American lobby, which figured so prominently in the election of Pope John Paul II, is losing esteem by the day. This is not by accident. We believe that they are going to elect a right wing pro-Austrian/German Pope at the next Conclave. The Vatican is an European Institution - and the foundation of European Imperialism. The rise of Russia and America forced her to side with one or the other, in order to play one side against the other -- to reign

over the ruins of both."

This is rather confirming what we have been feeling of late. Rome's next strategy is, to gut the United States, by demonizing her prestige through blatant corruption and egregiously offensive imperialism. And by sending all her jobs out of the country. The New American--the organ of the John Birch Society--has a really good writeup in the last issue, Parnell, on how that 2 million manufacturing jobs have been sent out of the US since 1998--and now, they're sending white-collar, high-tech IT and engineering jobs out, too. The New American believes that this is because the Insiders are deliberately working to turn the US into a Third World country, so that then integrating it into the Free Trade Area of the Americas, and then into a one-world gov't, will be all the smoother.

Plus: Rome is never negligent to carry out vengeance--and right now, I personally believe that the Vatican has a vendetta against the US, for its exposure of Rome's child molestation scandals. Rome will punish us for that! Just as she punished the Spaniards, when they elected the Communists (after having found out about all the murdered babies in the nunneries!), and then expropriated all the Church's properties.

But of course--now the EU is clearly slated to take world dominion. They are on a much more solid economic base, and as a union, any raw materials they previously lacked, they now have.

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VATICAN SEEKING TO DRAW IN ORTHODOX CHURCHES

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The Pope, through his henchmen, is actively laboring to bring several Orthodox sects back into the Church of Rome, under the monarchical Tyranny of the Pope of Rome. I say "monarchical tyranny," because none of the Orthodox Churches, despite their hierarchical form of gov't, believe in the absolute rule of any one bishop. They believe, with the historic Church, in the preeminence of synods.

Interesting fact: papal infallibility was not even the official doctrine of the Church of Rome until 1871, at the First Vatican Council (called Vatican I). The manner in which Pius IX railroaded this doctrine through the ecumenical council is well documented at the following website: <http://www.orthodoxinfo.com/inquirers/papaldogma.htm>. (The website is maintained by the Eastern Orthodox. Yes, their idols are abominable. But at least, they do not worship the man of sin!)

Among other things, the website notes that, at Vatican I, the Italians, who constituted a minority of professing Roman Catholics in Europe, had More representatives in the Council than the rest of Europe combined.

"Pius IX was the longest reigning pope, possessing personal charm and enjoying great popularity. He was also considered highly impressionable, capricious, impulsive and unpredictable. These characteristics were attributed to his epilepsy. 13 It is this Pope Pius IX who was absolutely determined to have his office dogmatically defined as the infallible instrument of God by a council of the Church."

"At the First Vatican Council the approval of the passing of Papal Infallibility was almost guaranteed from the beginning. First, by the incredibly unequal representation which was highlighted during the Council by a pamphlet, whose author was believed to be Georges Darboy, Archbishop of Paris entitled, *The Liberty of the Council and the Infallibility*. This pamphlet claimed that while Italy had two hundred and seventy bishops, the rest of Europe had only two hundred and sixty-five. Closer scrutiny reveals that twelve million German Roman Catholics were represented by nineteen bishops while seven hundred thousand inhabitants of the

Papal States were represented by sixty-two. Three anti-Infallibilist Bishops of Cologne, Paris and Cambrai represented five million souls. It is little wonder that the German bishops who formed the backbone of the anti-Infallibilist complained of being overwhelmed by Italian and Sicilian bishops."

It's easy to see by the above quote that the "deck was stacked."

And now, this "deck-stacker" is working to get the Copts, the Byzantine, and the Armenian Orthodox back under his iron rule.

Below follows the Vatican's news release on this. "Monophysitism," by the way, is the doctrine that Christ did not have a human soul—that the Holy Spirit was His soul. This, of course, is an error--because the divine nature cannot suffer, and yet, we know that Christ suffered in His [human] soul. His soul was made an offering for sin.

The Copts, Armenians, and Byzantines were for a long time given over to the error of the early heretic Eutyches, but have since rejected it. They need, however, to maintain their historic resistance of the lie of papal infallibility.

>From Zenit.org

Steps Being Taken to Overcome an Ancient Schism
Relaunching of Dialogue with Early Churches That Split After
Chalcedon

VATICAN CITY, JAN. 27, 2003 (Zenit.org).- Rome is witnessing a new ecumenical development aimed at overcoming a 1,500-year-old schism.

Representatives of the early Eastern Churches, separated both from Rome as well as from the Byzantine Orthodox Churches during the Council of Chalcedon, in 451, are in the Vatican through Wednesday, to relaunch a second phase of dialogue leading toward full unity.

In the first phase of dialogue, John Paul II and these Christian Churches signed important joint declarations on the nature of Christ, to Overcome one of the principal reasons for the schism that arose when these Churches rejected the conclusions of Chalcedon, which defined the divine and Human nature of Christ.

Given the alleged Monophysitism, past years of dialogue with Rome
Have clarified that the schism originated over problems of communication
And language in understanding Christological faith. (Monophysitism held
That Christ had only one nature.)

The clarification is demonstrated, for example, in the joint
Declaration signed by John Paul II and the Armenian Catholicos Karekin I in
1996 in which both professed that "Christ is the Word of God made flesh,
perfect God in his divinity, perfect man in his humanity."

In addition to the Armenian Apostolic Church, these Churches
comprise the Orthodox Coptic Patriarchate of Egypt, the Syro-Orthodox
Patriarchate of Antioch, the Orthodox Church of Ethiopia, the Orthodox Church of
Eritrea, and the Syro-Orthodox Church of Malankar.

A statement issued today by the Vatican Press Office said the
meetings with the representatives of these Churches will take place at the
headquarters of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

"The first meeting is preparatory in character and hopes to
establish the topics and methods of the future dialogue," the document clarifies.

Members of the committee responsible for preparing the course of
This dialogue will have a papal audience Tuesday.

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ROME AND MUSLIM ARABS IN LEAGUE TOGETHER

By J. Parnell McCarter
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We read in Revelation 16:12 how the kings of the East are released against “Babylon”, as part of the Beast’s war against the mysterious “Babylon” (Revelation 17:16). This implies some sort of alliance between the Romish Beast and the kings of the East. This alliance is currently reflected – at least in part – in the Arab League. As we have reported in other *Puritan News Weekly* articles, the Vatican sits on the Arab League [see <http://www.puritans.net/news/vatican011503.htm> , for example.] As reported at <http://www.arabicnews.com/ansub/Daily/Day/000209/2000020975.html>, Monsignor Giglio was appointed as a Vatican representative in the League in 2000:

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But the league between the Vatican and the Muslim Arabs is much deeper than that. Consider, for example, what the Catechism of the Catholic Church (see <http://users.cyberone.com.au/myers/tmf.html>) says about Islam in #841:

"The Church's relationship with the Muslims. The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day."

Consider as well how the Pope has on multiple occasions kissed the Koran, as on this occasion with an Iraqi cleric:



In fact, in 1798 when French revolutionaries stormed into the Vatican, they found this inscription from the Muslim Koran in Arabic on the Pope's seat, the actual "Chair of St. Peter":

"There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet."

In subsequent articles we will consider the origins of Islam, as well as the Crusades, and show the historic link and league between Rome and Islam.

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ROME AND MUSLIM ARABS IN LEAGUE TOGETHER PART II

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we will explore some aspects of this alliance during the era of the Crusades in the Middle Ages.

To begin our exploration of this topic in the early years of Islam, let’s first consider the testimony of a Roman Catholic website (<http://www.bluearmy.com/Response%20to%20Sept%2011.htm>)

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“Islam is an Arabic word that can be defined as “to make peace.” Islam is the religion founded by Mohammed, which considers the Koran as its holy book. In addition, Islam accepts the New Testament of the Christians and the Old Testament of the Jews as Divinely inspired works. Followers of Islam are known as Muslims (also: Moors, Turks, and Moslems) and, just as Jews and Christians, believe in only one God. Yet, over the centuries, Muslims have engaged in tremendous wars with Christians and Jews. It would seem that there is little hope for peace. However, Heaven’s Peace Plan, involving Our Lady, is evidenced at Fatima, Portugal as well as other places around the world.

Fatima

The Moors once occupied Portugal. The village of Fatima was given the Islamic name of the well-loved Princess of the nearby Castle of Ourem. She died at an early age after marrying the Count of Ourem and converting to Catholicism. Baptized with the Christian name of Oureana, she was named at birth “Fatima,” like many other Moslem girls, in honor of the daughter of Mohammed. Of his daughter, Fatima, the founder of Islam, Mohammed, said: “She has the highest place in heaven after the Virgin Mary.” It is a fact that Moslems from various nations, especially from the Middle East, make so many

pilgrimages to Our Lady of Fatima's Shrine in Portugal that Portuguese officials have expressed concern. The combination of an Islamic name and Islamic devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a great attraction to Moslems. God is writing straight with crooked lines, as we will see. Fatima is a part of Heaven's Peace Plan. It is hope for the world."

The Islamic religion is very much rooted in the adoration of Mary, like Roman Catholicism. And Islam, as noted in the quote above, acknowledges another Mary-like personality by the name of Fatima. This Fatima is also acknowledged in Romanism by "Our Lady of Fatima's Shrine in Portugal". According to the Roman Catholic testimony expressed above and elsewhere, this link between adoration of Mary and Fatima will eventually serve as the basis for a "Peace Plan" between Roman Catholic Christianity and Islam. So it behooves us to understand more about Fatima.

This is what the Muslim website http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Troy/1731/a_khadijah.html says about Fatima's background in the context of Islam's origins:

"The first woman to follow the religion of Islam was Khadijah ul-Kubra'. Every muslim knows who she was and what a role-model she was and continues to be. We also know that she was according to the Prophet(saw), one of the four greatest women from among the whole earth. Khadijah was born in the year 555 C.E. (christian era). Her parents were Khuwailid and Fatimah bint Zaidah. By the time she reached the age of forty she had attained quite a reputation for herself. She was known as a wealthy, noble, fine-natured business woman. Khadijah heard about Mohammed's(saw) reputation for being an honest and upright young man. She sent him a proposal to ask him to handle some of her business affairs. On the return from one trip to Syria, he reported a profit that doubled that which anyone else had done for her. Needless to say, that impressed her greatly!

Khadijah's satisfaction with her new employee was soon to turn into love. Despite their age difference of 15 years, she desired to marry him. She confided this desire to her friend, Nufaysah, who in turn approached Mohammed(saw). This confused him. How could such a noble woman, who had turned down the marriage proposals of the noblest and wealthiest Quraysh men, desire to marry him?! Mohammed uncle Abu Talib and Khadijah's uncle 'Umar ibn Asad sat down to arrange the completion of the marriage. Little did any of them know just what the future had in store for this new couple!

Allah bestowed upon them six children. They were given two boys, Qasim and 'Abdullah, but neither survived infancy. They were also given four daughters, Zainab, Ruqaiyyah, Umm Kulthum, and Fatimah.

Mohammed would often go to Mount Hira for meditation. On returning one day, Khadijah could see he was quite shaken and upset. She inquired about this and he told her what had happened. She found out that today had been unlike any other in that, today, he had been given revelations from God! He had thought that he was possessed and was going mad. Khadijah tried to console her terrified husband by saying:

"Rejoice, O son of my uncle, and be of good heart. Surely by Him in whose hand is my soul, I have hope that you will be the prophet of this people. You have never done any wrong to anyone. You are kind to others and you help the poor. So Allah will not let you down."

He then asked for a blanket and she quickly fulfilled his request. Shortly thereafter, he fell asleep. When Mohammed woke, Khadijah took him to her cousin, Waraqah bin Nawfal. He was Christian and quite knowledgeable of the scriptures of the Torah and Bible. He confirmed Mohammed's prophethood and said:

"This is the same one who keeps the secrets (angel Jibrail) whom Allah had sent to Moses. I wish I were young and could live up to the time when your people would turn you out."

Just a few months later Jibrail came again and ordered him to start warning the people. Khadijah supported him in this by financially supporting the family and his teaching. She was also content to raise the children and handle the family affairs so that he could preach. During the next 10 years, she proved herself to be a loving wife. She supported him when nobody else would. She consoled him when rough time hit them. She comforted and encouraged him when the Quraish did all they could to stop him from preaching."

Fatima (also sometimes spelled Fatimah) then was the child of Mohammed through his first wife Khadijah. Khadijah and her Jewish Christian cousin Waraqah bin Nawfal were instrumental in manipulating the impressionable Mohammed, just as many centuries later the Jesuit Father Staempfle was instrumental in manipulating the impressionable Hitler. Hitler and Mohammed were remarkably similar in character, as we read Mohammed's description at http://www.pbministries.org/History/S.%20Hassell/church_of_god_13.htm :

"He restricted ordinary Mohammedans to four wives;[i]^[2][ii] but allowed chieftains as many as they wished; and the estimate of the number of his own wives varies from thirteen to twenty-five. His first wife, Kadijah, was a wealthy widow; and his favorite wife, Ayesha, was a beautiful girl but nine years old when he married her, he being fifty-three years of age. He was subject to epileptic fits from his childhood, and was, in all probability, a partially insane religious fanatic, or mono-maniac. He says that he never knew how to read or write. He pretended that his fits were interviews with the angel

Gabriel; and the so-called revelations that he dictated were recorded and preserved by others and, after his death, gathered into a book called the Koran—the Mohammedan Bible. Mohammed was a licentious, ambitious and vindictive man; and his religion was a strange compound of truth and error, of Judaism, Rabbinism, Christianity, Heathenism and Fatalism. The most of the Arabs were heathens; but many Jews and professed Christians had gradually settled in Arabia. Mohammed's first wife's cousin, Waraka, originally a Jew, and subsequently a professor of Christianity, was the first man on record to translate parts of the Old and New Testaments into Arabic, and he gave Mohammed much information in regard to the Scriptures. Mohammed admitted that the Old and New Testaments were divinely inspired, but had become corrupted; that numerous prophets, including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus, had preceded him, and that Jesus was the greatest before him, but not the Son of God."

The "helpful" influence of Khadijah and Waraqa Ibn Nawfal is even admitted in sources sympathetic to Islam, as we read at

http://www.wponline.org/vil/Books/MG_FMS/CHAPTER2.html :

"With the first revelation, came a short period of distress in the Prophet's life. Although he was comforted¹ by his wife Khadijah, and by her cousin Waraqa Ibn Nowfal, he barely realized at the time the huge responsibility he had been entrusted² with. For a humble orphan to guide the whole world, this seemed unthinkable at first. So "the very thought of being chosen out of all mankind, alone, with such a message,³ appalled him at first. Recognition of the Divine nature of the Call he had received involved a change in his whole mental outlook sufficiently disturbing to a sensitive and honest mind, and also the forsaking of his quiet, honoured way of life"

Here is how another Islamic website (<http://www.islamic-study.org/rise-of-islam-body.htm>) describes the nature of this influence of Khadijah and Waraqa Ibn Nawfal:

"Born in Mecca, the Arabian Peninsula, into the prominent Quraysh tribe about 570 C.E., both of his parents died young; first his father, Abdu-Allah and then his mother Amina shortly after. He was about six years old at the time of his mother's death. His father had died when he was still in the womb of his mother. His grandfather Abd-al Muttalib, a prominent leader in Mecca, then took charge of him. Upon the death of his grandfather, Muhammad's guardianship passed to his uncle Abu-Talib who, although never converted to Islam, continued to show love and protection for his nephew despite extreme hardships and dangers. Muhammad, like the rest of the young men in Abu-Talib's family, had to work. At first he was a shepherd but later he

gradually gained respect as a businessman. At 25 he married Khadija, a widow of 40. They lived 23 years together and had four daughters and two sons. His sons died during early childhood. All of his daughters lived and married, only Fatima had descendants.

The next several years he devoted much time to contemplation. Often he climbed to a small cave among the rocks of Mount Noor, in a cave called Hira, just north of Mecca, to spend in fasting and meditation. There, in the year 610, at 40 years of age and although unlettered, a revelation overwhelmed him: a blinding vision that frightened him to his knees. A voice from the sky said: *"O Muhammad, Read!"* He said: *"I cannot read."* The voice again said: *"Read!"* He said: *"I cannot read."* The third time the voice was more terrible. It commanded: *"Read!"* He said: *"What shall I read?"* Then the archangel replied:

"Read, in the name of the Lord who createth, created man from a clot, read and it is thy Lord, the most Bountiful Who teacheth by pen, teacheth man that which he knew not." Quran, 96:1-5.

Troubled, Muhammad returned home to Khadija. Is it that God has spoken to him and had appointed him His messenger? or is it that he is losing his senses? It is an undisputed fact that Khadija was the first to believe in his appointment as a Prophet, before anyone, even the disturbed Muhammad himself, for he returned to her saying: *"Wrap me, wrap me,"* and right after he told her what he had experienced and what was said to him, Kadijah responded by saying: *"Allah will not disappoint you, you feed the poor, you cloth the needy..."*

Muhammad then went to sleep on her lap. Soon Khadija ran to her cousin, Waraqah Ibn-Nowfal who refused to worship idols and had become a Christian and who had also translated part of the Old Testament into Arabic. When she told him what Muhammad had seen and heard, he broke into these words: *"Holy, Holy! By Him Who dominated Waraqah's soul, O Khadija, this must be the great spirit that spoke to Moses. Muhammad must be the Prophet of this nation."* Khadija returned home and found Muhammad still asleep and perspiring. As he opened his eyes, he heard the Angel saying:

"O you who lie wrapped in your mantle, arise and Warn. Glorify your Lord. Purify your garments." Quran, 74: 1-3.

Thus, Muhammad became the Prophet who would later transform the face of this globe."

<http://www.hfe.org/prayer/ramadan/islam.htm> casts light upon how Mohammed sought religious counsel from a certain 'Jacobite' monk, apparently the Jew-turned-Christian Waraqa Ibn Nawfal:

“At the age of 25 he married Khadija and their marriage produced 6 children, although all of them died, except for the youngest daughter - Fatima. Muhammed and Khadija were married for 25 years. Later, after Khadija died, Muhammed endorsed polygamy and married several wives.

At the age of 40, he became very concerned about the state of his fellow countrymen and spent much of his time in meditation on religious matters. During his life, Muhammed had met many Christians priests and Jews. He often sought counsel from a particular 'Jacobite' monk who taught Muhammed many aspects of Jewish religious customs.

During the month of Ramadan, Muhammed often retreated to a cave on the slopes of Mount Hira, 3 miles from Mecca. It was during one of these times that Muhammed began to receive revelation and instruction that he believed were from the archangel Gabriel. These writings form the basis of the Qur'an. In addition to the Qur'an is the book of 'Hadiths'. The Hadith is the teaching of Muhammed and is an important part of the life of a Muslim.”

<http://www.goodnewsmag.org/magazine/6NovDec/nd01muslim.html> confirms this account:

“At the age of 40, he became very concerned about the state of his fellow countrymen and spent much of his time in meditation on religious matters. During his life, Muhammed had met many Christians, priests, and Jews. He often sought counsel from a particular "Jacobite" monk, who taught Muhammed many aspects of Jewish religious customs.”

According to

http://www.wponline.org/vil/Books/MH_LM/from_marriage_to_prophethood.htm, Waraqah ibn Nawfal was a Catholic priest who counseled Mohammed:

“Despite this keen and noble obsession with the spiritual, this natural impulsion to religion, Muhammad never sought to become a priest nor a wise counselor, such as Waraqah ibn Nawfal and others were, to whom men ran for advice...One day Muhammad went to the Ka'bah for circumambulation. He was met by Waraqah ibn Nawfal, who asked him about himself. Muhammad related the events as they had happened. When he finished, Waraqah said, "By Him Who dominates my soul I swear that you are the Prophet of this nation. The great spirit that has come to Moses has now come to you. You will be denied and you will be hurt. You will be abused and you will be pursued. If I should ever live to see that day I shall surely help the cause of God. God knows that I will."

And according to <http://www.islamicdigest.net/id5/print.php?sid=1089>:

“If you wish to research the life of this great lady, and if you do not have al-Majlisi's voluminous [110 Vol.] encyclopedia titled Bihar al-Anwar, the best references are: al-Sayyuti's Tarikh al Khulafa, Abul-Faraj al-Isfahani's Aghani, Ibn Hisham's Seera, Muhammad ibn Ishaq's Seerat

Rasool-Allah, and Tarikh al-rusul wal muluk by Abu Ja`far Muhammad ibn Jarir al-Tabari (839-923 A.D.). Of all these books, only al-Tabari's Tarikh is being translated (by more than one translator and in several volumes) into English. One publisher of Tabari's Tarikh is the press of the State University of New York (SUNY). This article has utilized a number of Arabic and English references, and it is written especially for those who appreciate history, our great teacher, be they Muslims or non-Muslims, and who aspire to learn from it. "Islam did not rise except through Ali's sword and Khadija's wealth," a saying goes... Waraqah ibn Nawfal, like Bahirah, the monk, adhered to the Nestorian Christian sect. He heard the accounts about the personality and conduct of young Muhammad (S.A.W.) from both his cousin Khadija and her servant Maysarah, an account which caused him to meditate for a good while and think about what he had heard. Raising his head, he said to Khadija, "Such manners are fit only for the messengers of God. Who knows? Maybe this young man is destined to be one of them." This statement was confirmed a few years later, and Waraqah was the very first man who identified Muhammad (S.A.W.) as the Messenger of Allah immediately after Muhammad (S.A.W.) received the first revelation at Hira cave."

Finally, here is how the Roman Catholic website

<http://www.holycross.edu/departments/religiousstudies/fmurphy/fyp/elias-Islamreadingnotes.htm>

characterizes the role of Khadijah in Mohammed's religious thinking:

“Muhammad's Birth and Early Life

Clan of Hashim in tribe of Quraysh, which was a merchant tribe with control of the central shrine called the Ka`ba in Mecca.

His parents die while he is young. He's sent to the desert to be with the nomads, who are considered the true guardians of Arab tradition.

His custodian is his uncle, Abu Talib, a merchant, with whom Muhammad travels.

Works for the older woman merchant Kadijah, whom he then marries.

Begins to meditate in a cave outside Mecca, where, when he is about 40 years old, the angel Gabriel begins to appear to him and give him revelations which he is to "recite."

Kadijah supports this.”

Various sources allege that Kadijah and her cousin Waraquah were Roman Catholic, and that they were used by the Roman Catholic Church to raise up Islam for their own purposes. For example, <http://www.reformation.org/brainwashed.html> discusses the papist origins of Mohammedism. Ex-Jesuit Alberto Ribera is one of their sources of information about the intrigue. The assertion is basically this: “Mohamed was unknowingly used by the Roman Catholic church working through the influence of his Catholic wife, the widow Kadijah who had become a nun, and through her cousin Waraquah who interpreted his visions.”

<http://tuppersaussy.com/HTMFILES/attackonamerica5.htm> notes: “In his twenties, Mohammad began working for a rich and savvy businesswoman by the name of Khadija ibn Yshaq. Khadija was twice his age and had been twice married. She is said to have studied in a convent and contributed much money to the bishop of Rome.”

Although direct evidence for this assertion is lacking, circumstantial evidence suggests it is true. The historic ties between Islam and Roman Catholicism must be strong enough to explain why so many Muslim pilgrims are traveling to “Our Lady of Fatima’s Shrine” and why the Vatican is invited to be part of the *Arab League*.

Excerpts from the two following articles suggest the ideological unity which serve as the basis for the political unity. The first article, entitled “Fatimah, Mary and the Divine Feminine in Islam” at http://www.sol.com.au/kor/22_02.htm notes:

“... Muhammad openly praises both Judaism (Abraham is deeply respected within the Koran) and Christianity (Muhammad frequently praises Jesus and Mary in the Koran). Even more surprising is the Koran’s reverence for Mary, mother of Christ. Muhammad (and also in later Islamic theological scriptures) regarded Mary as the most marvellous of all women, a high adept and living example of the pure and holy life. Later Koranic commentaries describe Mary as an intervening force between God (Allah) and humanity. This intervening force is characterised by Allah’s mercy, forgiveness, sweetness and humility- the embodiment of Allah’s love for creation.

When Muhammad retook Mecca he began a programme of removing the pagan influences from the Kaaba, the most holy of Muslim sites. He removed many frescoes and images that he considered inauspicious but he specifically left on the walls a fresco of the Virgin Mary and her child.

In one of the most powerful Hadiths (prophetic sayings of Muhammad) it is reported that Muhammad said, “Paradise is at the feet of the Mother”. Does this suggest that the feminine aspect of God is an important and essential pathway to the attainment of supreme consciousness?

Muhammad’s peak defining experience, called the Meraj, saw him elevated through the seven heavens to the realm of God Almighty at the resplendant Sidrath where he communed with God, received his divine visions and instructions and was placed on the inexorable course of his life-mission to establish Islam. Muhammad was escorted by the archangel Gabriel (a masculine force) but the vehicle upon which Muhammad rode was the beautiful “Buraq”. The Buraq was a white horse with wings and the face of a woman! Clearly suggesting that the great power by which Muhammad was elevated to the level of supreme consciousness was ultimately feminine in nature! Some scholars say that the Buraq is an Islamic symbol of the Kundalini, a force that Eastern Yogis describe as the Goddess or Divine Mother.

Fatimah is another prominent female in the Islamic tradition. Muhammad revered Fatimah as if she were a divine being, saying "Allah, The Most High; is pleased when Fatimah is pleased. He is angered; whenever Fatimah is angered!"

Whenever Fatimah would go to the house of Muhammad, he would stand up out of respect for her and honour her by giving her a special place to seat herself in his house. He regarded her as a sort of primordial woman, a symbol of divine womanhood giving her many holy names, such as: Siddiqah; The Honest, The Righteous; Al-Batool, Pure Virgin; Al-Mubarakah, The Blessed One; Al-Tahirah, The Virtuous, The Pure, Al-Zakiyah ;The Chaste, The Unblemished ;Al-Radhiatul Mardhiah, She who is gratified and who shall be satisfied; Al-Muhaddathah, A person other than a Prophet, that the angels speak to; Al-Zahra, The Splendid; Al-Zahirah, The Luminous.

Shias revere the person of Fatimah, Muhammad's daughter and mother of the line of inspired imams who embodied the divine truth for their generation. As such, Fatimah is associated with Sophia, the divine wisdom, which gives birth to all knowledge of God. She has thus become another symbolic equivalent of the Great Mother.

Sunni Islam has also drawn inspiration from the female. The philosopher Muid ad-Din ibn al-Arabi (1165-1240) saw a young girl in Mecca surrounded by light and realised that, for him, she was an incarnation of the divine Sophia. He believed that women were the most potent icons of the sacred, because they inspired a love in men which must ultimately be directed to God, the only true object of love.”

And an article at <http://www2.gol.com/users/coynerhm/agodfor.html> notes:

“As the first and most perfectly redeemed Christian, Mary is thus a prototype of this divinised humanity.

The cult of Mary, becoming popular in the 12th century, at the time of the Crusades, satisfied a desire for a less macho Christianity. Yahweh Sabaoth, whose authorisation of divine wrath may have spurred the Crusaders' massacre of Jews and Muslims, was balanced by a gentler presence. 'O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary,' ends the hymn attributed to St Bernard, who summoned the Second Crusade. All over Europe, great cathedrals dedicated to Mary expressed this alternative vision. Instead of taking Jerusalem by slaughter and bloodshed, Christians could build their own holy places at home.

Muslims are reminded that God embraces both sexes each time they read the Koran. Each recitation begins with the *bismallah*: 'In the name of Allah, the Compassionate (*al-Rahman*), the Merciful (*al-Rahim*).' *Allah*, which in Arabic simply means 'The God', is masculine in grammatical gender, but *al-Rahman* and *al-Rahim* are etymologically related to the word for 'womb'.

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Muslims are reminded in the Koran that humans can experience and speak about God only in symbols. Everything in the world is a sign (aya) of God; so women can also be a revelation of the divine. Ibn al-Arabi argued that humans have a duty to create theophanies for themselves, by means of the creative imagination that pierces the imperfect exterior of mundane reality and glimpses the divine within. Jean-Paul Sartre defined the imagination as the ability to think of what is not present.”

Here then are some of the unifying ideological factors between Romanism and Islam:

1. 1. Mariolatry
2. 2. The prominent role of symbol instead of word. (It is interesting to note how the Koran calls Jews and Christians the “people of the Book.” This admission reflects how important the word of God is in the life of true Christianity. And this contrasts with Islam, in which the founder was illiterate. It also contrasts with Romanism, which has historically thwarted the study of the Bible by the laity, instead focusing on drama and other means of communication.)
3. 3. Most fundamentally, a rebellion against the commandments of God’s word the Bible and a seeking for man ultimately to be his own god. Its basis is rooted in sinful human imagination rather than historical record.

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ROME AND MUSLIM ARABS IN LEAGUE TOGETHER PART III

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We read in Revelation 16:12 how the kings of the East are released against “Babylon”, as part of the Romish Beast’s war against the mysterious “Babylon” (Revelation 17:16). This implies some sort of alliance between the Romish Beast and the kings of the East. In the first in our series of articles on this topic we explored some aspects of this alliance in modern history. In this final article in the series we shall consider aspects of the alliance during the era of the Crusades in the Middle Ages.

On the surface, it would seem highly improbable that the Vatican and the Muslims could have been in league during the Crusades. After all, were they not enemies at war with one another during the Crusades? But as we probe beneath the surface, the picture is more complicated. As we read at <http://www.royalhouseofstewart.org.uk/templar.htm>, the Knights Templar of the Roman Catholic Church is rooted in Islam, yet it was the Knights Templar that ostensibly led much of the Crusades “against” Islam:

“Islam is very much a part of the Templar equation, whether in Europe or the Middle East. The fact that the Order's first Master, Hugues de Payen, was of Moorish origin and of Islamic Royal descent has never before been disclosed, until now. Moorish Spain is very much part of the Templar roots but the Christian hierarchy in Rome made sure that this fact, one of many linking the Order with Islam, was suppressed for obvious religion reasons. The influence that Islamic Spain had over France and Sicily is often ignored. The fact that Cordoba, the capital of Moorish Spain, was a centre of excellence, of knowledge, of religious understanding and toleration and 'the' literary centre of Europe has, for many years, been suppressed by the Catholic Church. The truth, however, is that till the rise of Islam in Spain, Europe was in the throes of a cultural and spiritual Dark Age. Had it not been for the Islamic influence in Spain, the mediaeval concept of Chivalry would never have emerged and the ideals of European Renaissance would have come to nothing.

Without Cordoba and its Caliphs, European architecture would never have evolved and the Banking system would not have been introduced into the West. It equated with Alexandria in terms of literary treasures, with several libraries, one of which housed no

less than four hundred thousand books. As such, Cordoba is still in possession of a suppressed history of Europe; Islamic archives upon which I was able to draw. Cordoba, which can boast to have one of the most beautiful Mosques in the world, the city from which derived the word 'croisade'."

From the same website we read:

"The word crusade did not, originally, imply or require Christians to kill Muslims. Pope Sylvester II first introduced the word and his definition of the word simply meant an exchange of thoughts, of knowledge, be it theological, practical or cultural between Muslims, Jews and Christians. Interestingly, Sylvester II studied in Cordoba and he was the son of the Count of Toulouse and the grandson of the Exilarch of Narbonne. Born Gerbert d'Aurillac, Sylvester II was a 'Jewish' Pope and was murdered by the Curia in 1003 for trying to bring a new age between East and West, an age where Catholicism was no longer to be considered the only path to salvation, only one of them. It is his later relations, including Bernard of Clairvaux, leader of the Cistercian Order, and Hugues de Payens, Master of the Templars, who created the Crusader Kingdoms in Palestine and it was his ideals which they tried to put into practice."

Regarding Pope Sylvester II, <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/14371a.htm> includes this information:

"Reigned 999-1003; also called Gerbert. Born at or near Aurillac, Auvergne, France, about 940-950, of humble parents; died at Rome, 12 May, 1003. Gerbert entered the service of the Church and received his first training in the Monastery of Aurillac. He was then taken by a Spanish count to Spain, where he studied at Barcelona and also under Arabian teachers at Cordova and Seville, giving much attention to mathematics and the natural sciences, in which he made unu Bishop Hatto of Vich, who had been his chief theological instructor, and John XIII recommended him to the Emperor Otto I, who sent him to Reims to the archdeacon Gerannus. There he was soon appointed a teacher in the cathedral school by Archbishop Adalbero... When [Gregory V](#) died on 18 February, 999, Gerbert was elected his successor through the influence of the emperor, and took the name of Sylvester. He was the first French pope... He was held in high repute for his learning; the common people regarded him as a magician in league with the devil, and many legends grew up around his name. He is said to have introduced the use of Arabic figures into Western Europe, and to have invented the pendulum clock."

The question we must then ask is this: if the Knights Templar were in reality in league with Islam, why would the Knights Templar fight Islam in the "Holy Land"? And the answer is: because there was much to be gained by the leaders of the Knights Templar, the Vatican, and Islam in such warfare. Let's consider some of the consequences of the Crusades:

- In the Fourth Crusade Constantinople was plundered (1204 AD) and the Papacy weakened its Byzantine ecclesiastical competitor
- The Knights Templar were greatly enriched by the Crusades. They received tremendous contributions from Europeans, and they made profitable loans so that nations would have money to engage in war in the Crusades.
- Islam expanded, chiefly at the expense of the Eastern Churches, and not the Romish Church.
- Concurrent with the Crusades was the effort to convert or eliminate the Jews within Europe that led ultimately to their expulsion from many parts of the West. So the Crusades served as a pretext to kill many religious Jews, something both the leadership at Rome and of Islam would like.
- The wealth and power of European national leaders was weakened in order to go to war in the Crusades, while the power and wealth of the Romish Church was enhanced.
- Immorality was greatly strengthened by the Crusades, something that Anti-Christ loves to promote.
- The warfare rallied and united people behind the Romish and Islamic leadership, thus enhancing their power.

The Knights Templar were later officially outlawed and excommunicated because of their Gnostic ideology (which was more consistent with Islam than Christianity), but in reality their wealth and ideology only passed to other entities within Romanism, eventually coming under the dominion of the Jesuit Order which was founded in the 16th century.

So the Crusades should not be regarded as proof that Islam is not in league with the Romish Church.

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THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR: THE VATICAN AND MUSLIMS TOGETHER

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The Vatican has long been in league with Muslims, as we have shown in our series at *Puritan News Weekly* on that topic. We see this league evidenced in the Spanish Civil War, as we present in this article.

The Vatican Supports Franco

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Franco was raised a devote Catholic, but saw no contradiction in wanton murder, cruelty and terrorism when he fought for the Spanish Army in Morocco, where he was a commander in Spain's Foreign Legion:

"Despite fierce discipline in other matters, no limits were put by Millin Astray or by Franco on the atrocities which were committed against the Moorish villages which they attacked. The decapitation of prisoners and the exhibition of severed heads as trophies was not uncommon. The Duquesa de la Victoria, a philanthropist who organized a team of volunteer nurses, would receive in 1922 a tribute from the Legion. She was given a basket of roses in the center of which lay two severed Moorish heads.[84] When the Dictator General Prime de Rivera visited Morocco in 1926, he was appalled to find one battalion of the Legion awaiting inspection with heads stuck on their bayonets.[85] Indeed, Franco and other officers came to feel a fierce pride in the brutal violence of their men, reveling in their grim reputation. That notoriety was itself a useful weapon in keeping down the colonial population and its efficacy taught Franco much about the exemplary function of terror. In his *Diario de zona bandera*, he adopted a tone of benevolent paternalism about the savage antics of his men. In Africa, as later in the Peninsula during the Civil War, he condoned the killing and mutilation of prisoners." {29}

After the army revolted against the Republican government of Spain in 1936, Franco quickly rose to be the leader of the insurrection, which was supported by the Catholic Church. Franco's propaganda presented him as a modern Catholic Crusader:

"The analogy was given the sanction of the Church on 30 September by the long pastoral letter, entitled 'The Two Cities', issued by the Bishop of Salamanca Dr Enrique Pli y Deniel. The Church had long since come out in favour of the military rebels but not hitherto as explicitly as Pli y Deniel. His pastoral built on the blessing given by Plus XI to exiled Spaniards at Castelgandolfo on 14 September in which the Pope had distinguished between the Christian heroism of the Nationalists and the savage barbarism of the Republic. Pli y Deniel's text quoted St Augustine to distinguish between the earthly city (the Republican zone) where hatred, anarchy and Communism prevailed, and the celestial city (the Nationalist zone) where the love of God, heroism and martyrdom were the rule. For the first time, the word 'crusade' was used to describe the Civil War." The text was submitted to Franco before being published." {184-185}

"Once established as Head of State, and with the eyes of Nationalist Spain now upon him, Franco's propagandists built him up as a great Catholic crusader and his public religiosity intensified. From 4 October 1936 until his death, he had a personal chaplain, Father Josi Maria Bulart.[61] He now began each day by hearing mass, a reflection of both political necessity and the influence of Dona Carmen. In order to please his wife, when he was available he would join in her regular evening rosary, although, at this stage of his career at least, without any great piety." No one can say with total certainty what part Carmen Polo played in encouraging her husband's ambition nor how much he had been affected by Bishop Pli y Deniel's declaration of a crusade. Dona Carmen believed in his divine mission and such fulsome ecclesiastical support made it easier for her to convince him of it.[64]" {188}

The Catholic Church was pleased at Franco's savagery, but the [atheist] Mussolini and his Fascists were far more humane, and appalled:

"Away from the pomp of Salamanca, Roatta, Faldella and other senior Italian officers were shocked by the relentless repression behind the lines.' Cantalupo requested instructions from Rome and on 2 March Ciano told him to inform Franco of the Italian Government's view that some moderation in the reprisals would be prudent because unrestrained brutality could only increase the duration of the war. When Cantalupo saw Franco on 3 March, the Caudillo was fully prepared for the meeting. Cantalupo appealed to him to slow down the mass

executions in Milaga in order to limit the international outcry. Denying all personal responsibility and lamenting the difficulties of controlling the situation at a distance, Franco claimed that the massacres were over 'except for those carried out by uncontrollable elements'. In fact, the slaughter hardly diminished but its judicial basis was changed. Random killings were now replaced by summary executions under the responsibility of the local military authorities. Franco claimed to have sent instructions for greater clemency to be shown to the rabble (*masse incolte*) and continued severity against 'leaders and criminals' as a result of which only one in every five of those tried was now being shot. Nevertheless, Rome continued to receive horrifying accounts from the Italian Consul in Milaga, Bianchi."{225}

Even the Catholic Basques were not spared by Franco:

"With the Nationalist forces inexorably marching westwards, the Basques finally agreed to surrender to the Italians at Santona to the east of Santander on 26 August, 1948. In accordance with the agreement made, Basque political personalities embarked on two British ships, the SS *Seven Seas Spray* and the SS *Bobie*, under Italian protection. On 27 August, with Nationalist warships blockading the port, on Franco's orders, Divila told the Italians to disembark the refugees, which they refused to do, although they advised the Basques to go ashore. The prisoners were held by the Italians for four days but, on 31 August, Franco ordered Bastico to hand them over. He hesitated and only after assurances from Barroso that the surrender conditions would be respected did he relinquish the captives on 4 September. Summary trials began at once and hundreds of death sentences were passed. The Italians were appalled by Franco's duplicity and cruelty. Bastico sent Roatta to Salamanca to plead with Franco to stop the executions and allow the Basque leaders to leave the country. Roatta reminded the Caudillo that the Basques had surrendered after being offered such terms and pointed out that Italian honour was at stake. The Generalissimo simply ignored his arguments."{285}

It wasn't just the atheist anarchists and socialists that the Catholic Church wanted Franco to slaughter: anyone who even believed in democracy was executed:

"Indeed, the Republican will to resist was kept alive only by the fear born of Franco's much-publicized determination to eradicate liberals, socialists and Communists from Spain. Baron von Stohrer wrote to the Wilhelmstrasse on 19 November 1938: 'the main factors which still separate the belligerent parties are mistrust, fear and hatred'." Franco told James Miller, Vice-president of the United Press, that a negotiated peace was out of the question 'because the criminals and their victims cannot live side-by-side'. Committed to a post-war

policy of institutionalized revenge, he rejected the idea of a general amnesty and declared that the Nationalists had a list of two million reds who were to be punished for their 'crimes'.⁸¹ The political files and documentation captured as each town had fallen to the Nationalists were gathered in Salamanca. Carefully sifted, they provided the basis for an immense card index of members of political parties, trade unions and masonic lodges. The Republican zone was kept on a war footing by terror of Nationalist reprisals." {316}

"Nationalists entered an eerily silent Madrid on 27 March. A delighted Ciano wrote in his diary. 'Madrid has fallen and with the capital all the other cities of Red Spain. The war is over. It is a new, formidable victory for Fascism, perhaps the greatest one so far.'" By 31 March, all of Spain was in Nationalist hands. A final bulletin was issued by Franco's headquarters on 1 April 1939. Hand-written by Franco himself, it ran 'Today, with the Red Army captive and disarmed, our victorious troops have achieved their final military objectives. The war is over.' Franco had the gratification of a telegram from the Pope thanking him for the immense joy which Spain's 'Catholic victory' had brought him. It was a victory which had cost well over half a million lives. It was to cost many more." {322}

"WITH THE end of the Civil War, Franco's euphoria knew few bounds. Two closely cherished illusions had come together in the triumph. Victory gave substance to his carefully constructed self-image as the medieval warrior-crusader, defender of the faith and restorer of Spanish national greatness, with his relationship to the Church as an important plank in the theatrical panoply.[1] On 19 March, Gomi wrote to Franco that the newly elected Pontiff Plus XII (Eugenio Pacelli) had sent him his blessing. On 3 April, Gomi again wrote to him in terms which can only have inflated his notion of his God-given mission: 'God has found in Your Excellency the worthy instrument of his providential plans.'[2] The identification between the Church and the Caudillo was emphasized on 16 April in a broadcast in Spanish made by Plus XII on Vatican Radio. 'With immense joy', the Pope gave his apostolic blessing to the victors reserving special praise for 'the most noble and Christian sentiments' of the Chief of State. The text had been prepared by Gomi.[3]" {323}

At least as late as 1940 Franco's prisons still held hundreds of thousands of political prisoners, who were being executed as fast as they could be 'tried.' Even the Nazi Himmler was appalled - he believed most political prisoners should be rehabilitated rather than executed. {392}

[From sources other than Preson:]

Not counting soldiers on the Republican side actually killed in the fighting, the probably total of executions carried out by Franco was in the vicinity of 2 million. The Catholic Church not only did not make any effort to stop the slaughter.

Priests reported citizens who had not attended mass during or before the Civil War; than in itself was enough to result in execution.

The Catholic Church remains committed, in the 20th century, to any and all means to eliminate those who do not submit to its authority.

The Vatican-backed Forces of Franco consisted largely of Muslims

Correspondent Al Hembd sent us this information about Muslim forces led by Franco.

Initially, most of the Irish--being fanatically rabid papists--went to fight for the Fascists. They called it a "war for Christianity." Ireland was full of Fascists at the time.

When the Fascists had meetings, whenever emotions got to a frenzy, they saluted, not with the stiff-arm salute of the Nazis, but rather making a cross over their heads. A "christian" salute.

The writer calls that "clerical fascism." Interesting, his use of that term. I saw that term also used in "Secret History of the Jesuits" by Edmond Paris--where Paris records how the priests used the Catholic Action League to stir up fanatical support of Hitler, in France and Belgium.

Later, Irish socialists and leftists went to Spain to help the Communists. When they did, as Mr Connelly records, the Church's hysterical propagandist rhetoric against them, says the writer, "would make your blood boil and your hair stand on end."

From the article at <http://www.geocities.com/capitolhill/senate/5602/scwar3.html> :

"The attitudes of the Church would make your blood boil and your hair stand on your head. It was real incitement, as I look back on it it was frightening in many respects, like the Salem witchunts- rumour mongering, admonitions from the altar. When the nazis landed in Portugal at Lisbon they were greeted by the Dominican prior of the Irish church, Fr. Paul O'Sullivan. "

The article goes on to show how the hype was cranked up to make the war "another Crusade for Christianity." **Which was very ironic, says Connelly, when you consider that one of the initial forces fighting for Franco was the 'Army of Africa', a Muslim force.**

Here's the article in its entirety:

THE CONNOLLY COLUMN

Mick O'Riordan was a young member of the Communist Party of Ireland when he went to Spain with the International Brigade. Here he describes the background which saw Irish fascists and anti-fascists mobilising around the events in Spain.

In Ireland the reaction to the Spanish war was to greet it as a crusade for religion. In 1934 we had the beginning of the Blueshirt movement, which took a great grip in the political life of the country. They were eventually defeated not by the government but by the Republican Movement, the Communist Party and other progressive groups who fought for possession of the streets and therefore dented the so called militancy of the Blueshirts. They were completely in accord with the fascist movements throughout Europe. When the Spanish war broke out in 1936 they immediately began to resurrect themselves and issued a call for volunteers to fight for Franco. O'Duffy was the leader of the Blueshirts, and an ex-Police chief who had been sacked by the De Valera government. He raised the cry for people to become involved in the crusade for religion in Spain. The initial appeal was greeted with 5,000 applications. Eventually only 700-800 went to Spain. The leadership of the Blueshirts Free State army and were the core of fascism in Ireland and of the Irish assistance for Franco.

I was born in Cork city, my parents came from the Cork/Kerry border area. I was involved in Fianna Eireann, which was the youth branch of the Republican Movement. At one stage the man in charge of the Fianna was Frank Ryan, who later led the first Irish contingent of volunteers to Spain in 1936. I was involved from an early age in the question of resistance to the Blueshirts. Cork was a county which was dominated by whether you were a Blueshirt or an anti-Blueshirt, this was as a result of the question of Free State versus Republican ideology. When the Spanish War broke out I was 18 and I was immediately interested in the parallels with the war in Spain and with O'Duffy's Blueshirts. On the matter of creating a crusade for Spain there was another organisation called the Irish Christian Front. This used to have huge rallies; they never talked about fascism or blueshirtism, they always talked about Christ the King and the so-called horrible outrages against nuns and priests, the big meetings, when they had raised people to a certain degree of hysteria, they used to salute. It was not the salute the fascists used, but they raised their crossed hands over their heads in the form of a cross. That was clerical fascism, although not officially part of the catholic theology. They held many meetings and formed a pogrom-type atmosphere.

The Communist Party was refounded in 1933 in Connolly House, which was burned to the ground by a pogrom incited against it. Religion was always used against anyone with left wing or communist ideas, they were regarded as a stereotype of the devil in all senses, physically, morally and intellectually. That was the atmosphere and when O'Duffy decided to organise a group for Spain there was reaction from the Communist Party first of all and from people in the Republican Congress, which was composed of left Irish Republicans. It was from these ranks that Frank Ryan came and took over the leadership of the first group to go to Spain. They went quietly enough but they released a manifesto which stated what their reasons were for going: 'The Irish contingent is a demonstration of revolutionary Ireland's solidarity with the gallant Spanish workers and peasants in their fight for freedom against Fascism. It aims to redeem Irish honour besmirched by the intervention of Irish fascism

ebels. It is to aid the revolutionary movements in Ireland to defeat the fascist menace at home, and finally, and not least, to establish the closest fraternal bonds of kinship between the Republican democracies of Ireland and Spain'.

The attitudes of the Church would make your blood boil and your hair stand on your head. It was real incitement, as I look back on it it was frightening in many respects, like the Salem witchhunts- rumour mongering, admonitions from the altar. When the nazis landed in Portugal at Lisbon they were greeted by the Dominican prior of the Irish church, Fr. Paul O'Sullivan. He delivered the following address which was circulated by the Blueshirts at the time to guarantee their religious credentials: 'Never have we heard, even in the dark days of Nero, never even among the most barbarous hordes, that innocent children were cut to pieces, the bodies of the dead exhumed, insulted and profaned, you are going to fight these monsters who are more like demons let lose from Hell than mortal men. More fierce, more depraved, more godless, than Turks or Moslems'. This is interesting because one of the initial forces who fought for Franco were the Army of Africa, which was composed of Muslim were the people who were 'saving christianity'.

There were 145 Irish (anti-fascist) Volunteers, they were going from December 1936 until the last battle on the Ebro front in 1938, when we were repatriated by the Spanish government. 63 were killed in various battles. The first main battle in which a large number of Irishmen were killed was the Battle of Jarama in 1937. Nineteen of our people were killed, a large number of the International volunteers were killed, in this fierce battle. The first group that went to Spain were called the James Connolly Section. They were with the 15th Brigade which was composed of English speaking people. After the first battles there were so few left there was no basis for the Connolly Column but the name was still retained and we are known as the Connolly Column. We named ourselves after Connolly because of adherence to his ideology and because he was a man who bore arms in defence of the working people.

Today, 60 years after the first International Brigades came to Madrid, there are only five left of the Irish who went to support the Spanish struggle. Time has taken its toll.

For reasons of space we are unable to publish the whole interview. A full transcript is available by sending an S.A.E. to the AFA (Ireland) address.”

<http://www.ku.edu/~medieval/melcher/19991001.med/msg00145.html>

Excerpt:

"The Muslim troops flown into Spain by Franco at the beginning of the Civil War (August-September 1936) were members of the Moorish

Legion, recruited to aid the Spanish in their defense of Spanish Morocco. Like the French Foreign Legion, which served a similar function for the French, the Moorish Legion, by law and tradition, was not to be stationed within Spain proper nor to be used to "keep the peace" among the civilian population.

In 1934, however, the miners of Asturias rebelled against the conservative government currently in power, and the revolt not only proved very difficult to quell but threatened to spread to other parts of the Republic. The government turned to the Army, and the Army assigned the task of putting down the rebellion to Francisco Franco. Franco had once the youngest general in the Spanish Army and a man who had amply demonstrated his personal courage and leadership during some difficult times in Morocco, where he had risen to fame at the head of his troops of the Moorish Legion. Franco, contrary to law and custom, brought in Muslim troops against the miners, and the rebellion was put down in extraordinarily bloody fashion.

Franco's use of Muslim troops aroused great bitterness in the Spanish public and was an important factor in the election that swept an extremely liberal regime into power the next year. It was also used as a justification for various leftist political groups, such as the Communists and Anarchists, to amass arms and ammunition for the use of popular militias to protect the public against a military establishment that had not hesitated to loose Muslim soldiers against Christians."

**THE COMING
WAR IN IRAQ
AND ITS
AFTERMATH**

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IRAQ WAR : LIES FROM THE FIRST BUSH ADMINISTRATION

By J. Parnell McCarter
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The best evidence indicates that the first war with Iraq in the early 1990s, led by Bush Sr.'s administration, was predicated on a major lie. Jon Basil Utley explains the nature of that lie at <http://www.iraqwar.org/bush.htm> , an excerpt of which follows:

“One of the main reasons for America’s going to war against Iraq in 1990 was because the White House declared that there were satellite photos showing Iraqi tanks and troops massing on the borders of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, threatening invasion of Saudi Arabia. The reports fueled the war hysteria and frightened the Saudis, who then agreed to full cooperation with US military forces. They were a major reason used to convince the American people of the justification for war to protect and defend the oil supplies so vital to the West.

Yet the supposed aerial photos proving the accusation were never released. First the Pentagon said they had to remain secret because of the war effort. Then the White House kept hedging and finally the issue died down with the supposed photos still not released. Iraq all along denied that it had any intention of threatening Saudi Arabia and was only reuniting itself with its (claimed) province of Kuwait. See link below about Russian satellite photos showing no large concentrations of troops.

On February 27, 1991, an article appeared in "IN THESE TIMES" telling how typical consumers of mainstream news were dazzled and deluded by the manipulators of images. The article, "Public Doesn't Get Picture with Gulf Satellite Photos," reported that when president George Bush began his massive deployment of American troops to the Gulf in August 1990, he claimed that Iraq, which had just entered Kuwait, had set its sights on Saudi Arabia. On September 11, 1990, Bush addressed a joint session of Congress, saying, "We gather tonight witness to events in the Gulf as significant as they are tragic. 120,000 Iraqi troops with 850 tanks had poured into Kuwait and moved south to threaten Saudi Arabia".

On January 6, 1991, however, Jean Heller had reported in the ST. PETERSBURG (Fla.) TIMES that satellite photos taken the same day the president Bush addressed Congress failed to back up his claim of an imminent Iraqi threat. In fact, there was no sign of a massive Iraqi troops buildup in Kuwait.

Heller told IN THESE TIMES, "The troops that were said to be massing on the Saudi border and that constituted the possible threat to Saudi Arabia that justified the US sending of troops do not show up in these photographs. And when the Department of Defense was asked to provide evidence that would contradict our satellite evidence, it refused to do so".

But the national media has chosen to ignore Heller's story. ST. PETERSBURG TIMES' editors approached the Associated Press twice about running her story on the wire, but to no avail. Likewise, the Scripps-Howard news service, of which the ST. PETERSBURG TIMES is a member, chose not to distribute the story...

Jon Basil Utley is the Robert A. Taft Fellow at the [Ludwig von Mises Institute](#). A former correspondent for Knight/Ridder in South America, Utley has written for the Harvard Business Review on foreign nationalism and has been on the board of directors of many conservative organizations including Accuracy in Media and the Council for Inter-American Security."

At Puritan News Weekly (<http://www.puritans.net/news/>) we have previously reported how significantly the C.I.A. controls and manipulates mainstream media outlets so as to withhold vital information from the public. George Bush Sr. formerly served as director of the C.I.A., so he is especially adept at knowing how to employ the manipulation. Without that information the public makes poorly informed decisions, often based upon deceptive lies.

The deception has been especially significant in the case of U.S. relations with Iraq. We have previously reported the illicit financial transactions between Saddam Hussein and the Bush family relating to the BNL scandal.

Wayne Grytting, the author of American Newspeak: The Mangling of Meaning for Profit and Power (New Society Publishers, 2002), has submitted these points for American consideration:

"Iraq and the Boys Who Cried "Wolf"

By Wayne Grytting wgrytt@scn.org

Would the Bush Administration mislead us about Iraq? I'd like to believe the President. That's why I'm asking supporters of a new war against Iraq to help out. Could you clear up a few nagging doubts from the last Gulf War that have led critics like Rep. Jim

McDermott to question the credibility of our leaders? In case you've forgotten, here is a brief review.

1. The Incubator Babies. When Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, Americans were appalled by reports of at least 312 babies ripped from their life support systems by marauding Iraqi troops. More than any other story, it helped sway public opinion in favor of the war. George Bush Sr. repeated the story endlessly. When the Senate narrowly decided by five votes to authorize an invasion, nine senators referred to these atrocities as a reason for their votes.

Who could not have been moved by the testimony of a 15 year-old Kuwaiti girl known only as "Nayirah," before the Congressional Human the cold floor to die" by indifferent soldiers looting a hospital?

At the time, neither Congress nor the public knew she was actually the daughter of Kuwait's ambassador to the U.S., Saud al-Sabah, and had never been near these hospitals. Nor did the public know this "testimony" had been "facilitated" by a PR firm named Hill and Knowlton and financed by the government of Kuwait.

These facts came out after the war, when hospital employees in Kuwait universally denied this atrocity story. But the tale had done its damage.

2. The Phantom Troops. In September of 1990 the Pentagon reported that 250,000 Iraqi troops with 1,500 tanks stood poised in Kuwait, ready to attack Saudi Arabia. These reports lent a real urgency to our need to send in troops.

One lonely newspaper, the St. Petersburg Times of Florida, pursued this story. They obtained Russian commercial satellite photos of Kuwait and then showed them to military experts. None could find a troop build-up.

Peter Zimmerman, a George Washington University satellite imagery expert reported, "all of us agreed that we couldn't see anything in the way of (Iraqi) military activity in the pictures" despite the fact that the images were "astounding in their quality." They could make out the build-up of U.S. jet fighters but few if any Iraqi military installations near the Saudi border.

The St. Petersburg Times contacted the office of Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney with their evidence of the non-existent invasion force, asking for refuting evidence. Their answer, as Harper's publisher John Macarthur reports in his award winning book *Second Front*, was "Trust us." The Pentagon would revise its troop estimates way downward -- after the war ended.

3. "Collateral Damage." The Orwellian highpoint of the Gulf War was the discovery of the anti-septic phrase "collateral damage" to cover over the harsh realities of innocent civilian deaths. Thousands died in the bombings, but far more devastating were the

effects of our economic blockade after the war. A United Nations investigation found our blockade of Iraq led to the deaths of an estimated half-million young children from disease and malnutrition.

CBS reporter Lesley Stahl had a chance to interview our soon-to-be Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in 1996 about this sensitive issue on 60 Minutes. Asked Stahl: "We have heard that a half million children have died. I mean, that's more children than died in Hiroshima. And - and you know, is the price worth it?"

To this Albright responded, "I think this is a very hard choice, but the price - we think the price is worth it."

One half million dead children. We were never told our nation would exact this kind of a price on another country.

It strikes me there comes a point where the killing of the innocent, even indirectly by withholding medicine, destroys the credibility of the noblest of ideals. I'm not sure exactly when that point comes, but some say it comes after the death of one child.

Supporters of a war against Saddam owe it to us to come out from behind the sanitized walls, to go beyond the language of distancing and denial that produced "collateral damage" and speak directly. If your cause is just, then how many dead Iraqi children is it worth? A hundred? A thousand? Ten thousand? A hundred thousand? State your figure.

I know this is ancient history. I know George Bush Jr. was not on watch then. But he walks in the footsteps of government officials who have misled and manipulated us. We are not buying swampland again."

As we have also reported at *Puritan News Weekly*, the influence of the Vatican over the Bush and Clinton Administrations and the C.I.A. is significant. Evidence suggests that the Vatican is directing these U.S. leaders to take actions which will make America appear odious in the sight of the world, so as ultimately to justify the destruction of the U.S. government based in Washington, D.C. by many nations working in concert with the Vatican.

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MOST POWERFUL EU NATIONS LINED UP AGAINST WASHINGTON

By J. Parnell McCarter
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In our last edition of *Puritan News Weekly* we reported how the Vatican (the Romish Beast) has lined up against Washington in Washington's critical war in the Middle East. It was reported as on a collision course with Washington. Now the most powerful EU nations – Germany and France – are also lined up against the United States according to Reuters:

“Reuters

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PARIS (Reuters) - French President Jacques Chirac said Wednesday France and Germany had the same position on the Iraq crisis and agreed that everything should be done to avoid war there.

"Germany and France have the same judgment on this crisis," Chirac told a news conference with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder after a joint cabinet meeting to mark the 40th anniversary of their bilateral friendship treaty.

"We agree completely to harmonize our positions as closely as possible to find a peaceful solution to the Iraq crisis," Schroeder added.

Chirac added that the successive French and German presidencies of the U.N. Security Council this month and next were "fully coordinated." Both countries were highly critical at a Council session Monday of any move toward war."

I have speculated in my book *Let My People Go* that between now and 2033 A.D. the nations aligned with the Romish Beast will cause the fall of the government in Washington, DC, and that the Romish Beast will then take center stage in world politics. This transfer of power would take place after an Armageddon had crippled Washington's government. This interpretation assumes Washington, DC is the mysterious Babylon described in Revelation 17-18.

If my interpretation of the Biblical data is correct, the millennium would then begin in 2033 A.D. with the fall of the Romish Beast. The millennium would be a restoration of the Protestant Reformation, but on a much grander scale. Mine is an historicistic post-millennial interpretation of Revelation.

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UNITED STATES VERSUS THE NATIONS AND THE BEAST?

By J. Parnell McCarter
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In my book *Let My People Go* I speculated that Washington, D.C. and the nation it leads (the United States) may be the mysterious Babylonian whore of Revelation 17-18, and that in the coming decades she may fall, having been destroyed by the nations of the earth and the Romish Beast. Events seem to be ominously moving in that direction.

Associated Press reports how circumstances are lining up so that the kings of the East may be released upon the United States (Revelation 16:12):

“Letter purportedly from bin Laden urges Muslim unity against 'crusader coalition'

By MAGGIE MICHAEL, Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - A statement purportedly written by Osama bin Laden urges Muslims to stop fighting each other and unite against the "crusader coalition" that is attacking the Islamic world, according to excerpts published Sunday in a London-based Arab newspaper.

Asharq Al-Awsat printed portions of a 26-page statement it claims was written and signed by bin Laden, leader of the al-Qaida terror group.

The letter did not mention any nation, but earlier statements attributed to bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders have accused the United States and Israel of launching a religious crusade against the Muslim world.”

The Romish Beast has now taken clear sides against the United States, as reported in the following article. It describes the Vatican as on a collision course with the United States:

“Give Peace a Chance, World Religions Say

Sun January 19, 2003 02:36 PM

By Philip Pullella

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) - Leaders of world religions appealed to believers in all faiths to work to avert a conflict in Iraq as anti-war protests gathered pace around the world...

The Vatican-sponsored meeting was attended by representatives of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism and Sikhism.

It concluded as demonstrators staged one of the biggest waves of global anti-war protests since the United States and close ally Britain began pouring warplanes, ships and tens of thousands of troops into the Gulf region.

"As conflicts divide neighbors and nations and the threat of war hangs over us like a shadow, too many people see and employ religion as a force of divisiveness and violence, rather than a force of unity and peace," the concluding statement said.

The 38 leaders from 15 countries who attended the three-day meeting appealed for diplomacy and persuasion to correct injustices and respond to international threats.

"Opting for peace does not mean a passive acquiescence to evil or compromise of principle. It demands an active struggle against hatred, oppression and disunity, but not by using methods of violence. Building peace requires creative and courageous action," the statement said.

The United States has threatened a war on Iraq to force Baghdad to come clean on its alleged nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs. Iraq denies that it has any.

Pope John Paul has put the Vatican on a diplomatic collision course with the United States by condemning the possibility of a war, saying it was avoidable and would be a "defeat for humanity."

In an address to diplomats last week, the leader of the world's one billion Roman Catholics said conflict always had to be considered the very last option.

IRAQ WAR NOT SEEN AS 'JUST'

Days later, a Vatican-sanctioned journal attacked the United States, saying that Washington was motivated by economics and that a war would spark a wave of terrorism and destabilize the Middle East.

The Pope and other Christian leaders have made clear they would not consider an attack on Iraq a "just war," which in Christianity means that use of military force meets rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy.

To be considered a "just war" by these leaders, all other means must be exhausted and found ineffective and the type of force used must be proportionate to the wrong it tries to rectify.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington D.C. told the gathering that lasting peace will never be achieved until the world addresses the "root causes of war and conflict."

He listed these as the rich-poor chasm, oppression of minorities and the "social evils of globalisation."

The last day was marred by the absence of Patriarch Michel Sabbah, the highest-ranking Catholic in the Holy Land.

Sabbah, who is Palestinian and has often criticized Israel, decided not to leave for Rome after security checks at Tel Aviv's airport that he said were excessive for a diplomat.

The Vatican newspaper accused Israeli security officials of not respecting a Vatican diplomatic passport."

More and more powerful European Union nations like Germany and France also seem to be opposing the direction of the United States. Perhaps presaging the rise of the European Union and the decline of the United States, the value of the EU's currency (the Euro) has been rising against the U.S. dollar. This implies confidence is sinking in the United States as a safe haven. And lest people think that the U.S. is too great to fall, they should remember that the Soviet Union's failed war in Afghanistan precipitated its own demise hardly a decade ago.

There is good reason to believe the Romish Beast might be propelling events in this direction for its own welfare. American news journals like *National Review* (owned by Romish Knight of Malta William F. Buckley) have been leading the drumbeat for U.S. war with Iraq, although the Vatican has taken a position against such war. It would clearly be in Rome's interest for the United States to lead a bloody crusade against Islam, while the Romish Beast gets to sit on the sidelines and enjoy the fruits of that war. In the European Union there is a very great threat posed by the presence of Islam, and a U.S. war with Islam may well provide cover as the Vatican and the E.U. tidy up their own mess at home.

There are already indications in nations like the Netherlands and Austria that the tidying up is in preparation, as we read in the following excerpted article by John Vinocur of International Herald Tribune:

AMSTERDAM The Netherlands votes Wednesday in national elections that are revolutionary in terms of pushing back the limits of what European politics is comfortable in discussing. With political correctness here in shreds, and multiculturalism often defined for the time being more as a problem than as an enrichment, the Dutch are basically choosing from mainstream candidates who have all marked out ground rules for how Muslim immigrants must integrate into and assume the obligations of the Dutch humanist tradition. With millions of Arabs, Pakistanis and Turks now living in France, Britain and Germany, the issue of their integration is one of Europe's most acute concerns - and least comfortable subjects for debate. In elections in France and Germany last year, traditional parties virtually fled dealing with the question in terms of names and numbers, preferring vague discussions of "difficult neighborhoods" and promises about more

"security." But in Holland, all the big parties, left and right, are articulating the very specific concern that Dutch democracy not be drowned in a separate-but-equal multicultural broth. In detail, that means immigrants' acceptance of what are called the majority's "norms and values," use of the Dutch language, and respect for women and homosexuals. For the Christian Democrats, residence permits would go only to immigrants who successfully complete an integration course, including competency in the Dutch language. For those immigrants already in the Netherlands, the Labor or Social Democrat Party would bar entitlement to social services without passage of the integration course. The Liberals want an eventual bar against the entry of foreign imams, or Islamic religious leaders, with the explanation that the Netherlands will have formed enough of its own...

In fact, there are about 700,000 Muslim immigrants in the Dutch population of approximately 15 million. In terms of security, it makes the new political frankness here a rather less fraught undertaking than it might be in France with 4.7 million Muslims, Germany with 3.2 million, Britain with 2.4 million. While de Vries said Dutch voters had no particular awareness of the exceptional aspects of their election debate - he personally agreed with the premise that it was unique in Europe - Bolkestein insisted in an interview that it would soon be coming to the rest of the EU countries. "It will go through Europe; you just can't look past reality," Bolkestein said. "Reality will enforce itself on politics just as it has in Holland. Politicians can't escape. It's a pity that politicians in France and the U.K. have not come to grips with it. Because otherwise it will explode."

So while the United States would be engaging in destructive blows with the Muslim world in the Middle East, Europe could be homogenizing itself under Vatican leadership.

The Vatican is politically well positioned to lead the nations of the world through the international organizations it now sits on, following a devastating worldwide Armageddon. A companion article at *Puritan News Weekly* describes those organizations where the Vatican already sits.

But whether my speculations about the identity of the U.S. are right or wrong, it is clear enough that the U.S. faces great risks in its coming endeavors. Those risks do not end with initial military conquest, but will be enhanced during an inevitable occupation of Iraq. The U.S. is largely acting alone. Terrorists are poised to strike. The U.S. is quite vulnerable to attack. Many nations would like to see the U.S. fall. And the sins of the U.S. make it ripe for divine judgment.