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Take heed, watch  
and pray: For ye  
know not when the  
time is. Mark 13:33

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## Bush kills Kyoto treaty — America wins! (For now)

After weeks of saying that the US would impose carbon dioxide limitations that would conform to the global warming treaty known as the Kyoto Protocol, Environmental Protection Agency director Christy Todd Whitman dropped a bombshell on the world on March 27 by announcing the US is abandoning the treaty. Her announcement came after Bush had told Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE) in a letter on March 13 he would not seek carbon dioxide limits as he had promised in his campaign. According to a *CMS* report on March 14, the letter to Hagel said that he takes global warming "very seriously" but that mandatory controls on carbon dioxide emissions would lead to higher elec-

tricity prices by forcing more utilities to shift to natural gas from cheaper coal.

That theme was reinforced on March 18 by White House chief economic advisor Laurence Lindsey in a *Meet the Press* interview. "We have a major energy crisis ... We have a choice in this country of having the lights on or, at least in the short run, having more carbon dioxide," Lindsey said.

### Bush won't jeopardize America

In making the announcement on March 27, Whitman said there was too much opposition in Congress and that no industrialized nation had signed it. "What we need to discuss is if we think there is a real concern

here — if there is general agreement that we need to be addressing global climate change issues — how do we do it in a way that makes some progress instead of spending our time committed to something that isn't going to go, not just in this country, but at this point in every other industrialized country that's dealt with it," Whitman said. No other developed nation affected by the treaty has ratified it.

The fact that coal-fired power plants make up more than 50 percent of our energy production and emit far more CO<sub>2</sub> than the newer gas-powered plants played a large role in Bush's decision. White House chief economist Lindsey said on

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## Arab League summit fails — war begins?

Events are taking the inevitable turn to war in the Mideast predicted by *Discerning the Times Digest* since June of last year. The Arab League Summit on March 27-28 has shown the Arab nations to be deeply divided as Iraq, Syria, Lebanon's Hizbollah, and the Palestinians form an alliance to drive Israel into the sea while Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan and Egypt insist on taking a more moderate road. Israel, under the direction of the hawkish prime minister Sharon, acknowledges that war is inevitable, and with Washington's approval has launched what it says is a planned series of attacks on Yasser Arafat's Palestine Authority to preempt coordination efforts between the Palestinians and the rest of the Arab alliance.

### Arab nations split

The Arab League summit ended in disarray and division on March 28, but not before President Assad of Syria called Israelis "Nazis" and Saddam Hussein called for the Arab nations to liberate the Palestine territories. It is the Israeli public and not just the leaders who are like the Nazis themselves, Assad said in an improvised speech at the summit. Assad was trying to

make a comparison to today's alleged repression of Israel of the Palestinians to Hitler's holocaust during World War II. The extremely inflammatory words could have been spoken by Assad's father 20



An Israeli tank shell explodes in a building in Bethlehem in sustained fighting in the Hebron-Bethlehem area during the first week of April. Israel has launched a preemptive war against the Palestinians after learning of a Palestine-Syria-Iraq alliance to drive the Jews out of Israel.

years ago according to the *London Times* on March 28. The reporters at the meeting were shocked at the hatred they implied for Israel, especially since there is no comparison at all with what happened during the Holocaust.

At the same time, Saddam told Arab

leaders to build "an army of men as concerned to sacrifice themselves as the Zionists are concerned for their lives. We do not agree to any deals on Palestine, all of Palestine from the Jordan (river) to the Mediterranean, including Jerusalem, its crown."

The drumbeat for war by Assad and Saddam signify a sharp division between Iraq and Syria, and Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Egypt. Jordan does not want war, but is caught in the middle. Before the meeting ended, however, according to the March 30 *DEBKAfile*, Arafat quietly met with the Iraqi vice president Izzat Ibrahim and deputy prime minister Tariq Azziz, and the Syrian president Bashar Assad to apply the finishing touches to plans for a joint offensive against Israel. The Hizbollah has a role too, while Iran pledged financial and logistic backing. The new Palestinian axis with Iraq and Syria also includes increased cooperation with Iran, the March 29 *World Tribune* sources said. In turn, *WorldNet-Daily* reported on March 29 that Iran has just completed a \$7 billion arms deal with Russia in spite of Washington's threat to cut off aid to Russia if they went through with

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## Bush kills Kyoto – America wins! (For now), *continued*

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March 18 the country's energy woes — including shortages and high prices — were caused by a failure to build infrastructure, especially in natural gas distribution and generating facilities. "We need more refineries, we need more power plants, we need more pipelines," he said. This infrastructure simply was not built when they should have been. Why? Because of environmental regulations contrived to prevent their construction (See Editor's Commentary, next page). Yet, the Kyoto Protocol cannot be met without them being in place.

The *London Electronic Telegraph* reported that during a meeting with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroder on March 29, Bush said, "The idea that somehow we are supposed to get enormous amounts of natural gas on line immediately to be able to conform to a treaty that our own Senate sent a very overwhelming message against, and that many other countries haven't signed, makes no economic sense. It makes no common sense." Later in the meeting Bush said, "I will not accept anything that will harm our economy and hurt our workers. We have an energy shortage."

### The treaty would cripple America

The US Senate had already voted 95-0 in 1997 on a resolution to reject what later became the Kyoto Protocol. The Senate said it would not ratify any treaty that did not include all nations contributing to global warming. The Kyoto Protocol commits 38 industrialized nations to cut their emissions of the main gases produced by human activities, which are blamed for climate change. By 2012, they would have to cut emissions by an average of 5.2% on their 1990 levels, and the US by 7%. The Senate demanded that developing nations also be included since it is a well known fact that most increases in CO<sub>2</sub> output will come from those sources.

- The Senate resolution also said it would not vote for the proposed treaty because it would cause economic damage to the US. In 1998 the prestigious WEFA international consulting group analyzed what the treaty would do and found:
- It would nearly double energy and electricity prices
- Cost 2.4 million US jobs and reduce US total output \$300 billion (1992\$) annually, 3.2 percent below baseline Gross Domestic

- Product projections
- Harm US competitiveness as cost of production increases due to regulations not suffered by competing developing nations like China, Mexico, Brazil and others
- Reduce the average annual household income nearly \$2700 at the same time the cost of products would be sharply increasing
- Reduce state tax revenues by \$93.1 billion due to job and output losses

### Europe "outraged" over announcement

Predictably the press, especially in Europe, have demonized Bush's decision. "America is now confirmed as the unrepentant outlaw, the dirty man of environmental politics," howled *The London Guardian Unlimited* on March 30. "Mr Bush, clinging to his 'national interest' credo, seems incapable of seeing the big picture. He does not grasp the basic truth that America's national interest is inextricably intertwined with the global interest.... But most appalling of all is the message, taken alongside similarly shortsighted, self-centered actions in

the fields of defence and diplomacy, that this Taliban-style act of wanton destruction sends around the world. Instead of leading the community of nations, Bush's America seems increasingly intent on confronting it."

Other European pundits point to "severe weather conditions around the planet — flooding for the second consecutive year in Mozambique, drought

and famine in the Sudan — and say the U.S. is substantially to blame," claimed *CBS News* the evening of March 29. Almost all the media also regurgitated the old statistic that while the US only has about 4-6 percent (there seems to be unanimous disagreement over the exact number) of the world's population, it produces about 25 percent of the world's harmful greenhouse gas pollution. "This short-termism and this isolationism is profoundly flawed and misplaced," griped British Environment Minister Michael Meacher. The *London Electronic Telegraph* reported that Meacher also described global warming as "the most dangerous and fearful challenge to humanity over the next 100 years." He said that it was "almost unthinkable" that America should

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## Reasons not to ratify Kyoto

Fred Singer, Ph.D.; Science Environment Policy Project

Climate science is not "settled;" it is both uncertain and incomplete. The available observations do not support the mathematical models that predict a substantial global warming and form the basis for a control policy on greenhouse (GH) gas emissions.

- 1) **The fate of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>** in the atmosphere is uncertain: its uptake into the ocean; the biological pump; the missing carbon sink. The future growth of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> depends crucially on estimates of residence time and the amount of fossil fuels likely to be used for energy production. Some researchers suggest an 8x pre-industrial value, while others doubt whether CO<sub>2</sub> will even double.
- 2) **The temperature record** of the last hundred years is of poor quality and shows many discrepancies. Surface temperatures disagree with recent measurements from satellites and balloons. The urban heat island effect may skew the record.
- 3) **General Circulation Models (GCMs)** vary by 300% in their temperature forecasts, require arbitrary adjustments, and cannot handle crucial mesoscale and microscale cloud processes. Their forecasts of substantial warming depend on a positive feedback from atmospheric water vapor (WV).
- 4) **GCMs cannot account for past observations:** the temperature rise between 1920 to 1940, the cooling to 1975, and the absence of warming in the satellite record since 1979. Various explanations need to be explored: reduced positive feedback from WV; increase in cloudiness; anthropogenic aerosols; man-made land changes; increasing air traffic; solar variations influencing climate.
- 5) **Prehistoric climate fluctuations**, on timescales as rapid as a decade, are prevalent — as judged from the data from tree rings, sediments, and ice cores. Such climate events are not explained by existing models, nor can current GCMs account for El-Nino events, the North Atlantic Oscillation, and other contemporary rapid changes in climate.
- 6) **Sea level (SL) rise** is a major feared impact of a future warming. It seems likely, however, that increased evaporation from the ocean may lead to more rapid accumulation of polar ice and a lowering of sea level. This possibility is supported by an observed inverse correlation between SL rate of rise and tropical sea surface temperature (SST).
- 7) **Severe storms and hurricanes** have diminished in the past 50 years. A global warming trend is calculated to reduce the latitudinal temperature gradient and therefore the driving force for storms and severe weather.
- 8) **Global agriculture** will likely benefit from climate warming and increased precipitation; increased CO<sub>2</sub> leads to more rapid plant growth; increased nocturnal and winter warming leads to a longer growing season. Farmers can and will adjust to climate changes.
- 9) **The spread of disease vectors**, like malaria-carrying mosquitos, is likely to be unimportant in comparison to human vectors. In addition, medical science and insect control technology are sure to progress.
- 10) **Historical evidence** supports the idea that warmer climate intervals are beneficial for human activities, food production, and health. Cold periods have had the opposite effect.
- 11) **Mitigation techniques** are available that can slow down the rise of atmospheric GH gases and a possible climate change: energy conservation and increased efficiency often make economic sense; hydro and nuclear power are available now; solar energy may be around the corner; tree planting and ocean fertilization may be low-cost methods of sequestering atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>.

## Sierra Club/Club of Rome behind California energy crises? — A *Editor's Commentary*



Michael Coffman, Ph.D.

What does the current energy crisis in California, the Club of Rome and the Sierra Club have to do with each other? Everything, according to John Elvin writing for the February 28 issue of *Insight Magazine*. Southern California Edison (SCE), one of the electric power companies facing bankruptcy before the rate hike the last week of March, was told in a 1982 meeting between SCE and the Sierra Club that the environmental organization had no intention of finding a solution to California's energy needs. Just the opposite. They were implementing the no-growth, one-world, collectivist agenda of the Club of Rome. Their intention was to shut California and the nation down. In other words, the reason for the California energy crisis has been well known for nearly twenty years! It has nothing to do with deregulation, as popularly promoted by the mainstream press, and everything to do with a global agenda.

### The 1982 meeting between Southern California Edison and the Sierra Club

Elvin, "a throwback to the old days of 'journalism' when reporters actually walked the streets and got to know every cop and thug," paints a shocking story of the cold-blooded agenda of the Sierra Club and the global elitists. The meeting occurred sometime in 1982 in Utah between SCE's Chief Executive Officer, William Gould, and other company officials and the head of the Sierra Club and other Club officers. Who exactly represented the Sierra Club is in the dust bin of Gould's memory.

Gould is often called the father of modern electrical distribution because he pioneered the power grid concept. He had requested the meeting with the Sierra Club to determine what it was the Club wanted to do to protect the environment while still providing cheap electricity to California customers.

Although Gould would not comment directly on who said what during the meeting because he could not remember exactly, "two sources with knowledge of the meeting tell *Insight* that a Sierra Club leader told Gould the group was **'not interested in accommodation.'** **They were not even interested in what is perceived to be conventional conservationist concerns, the welfare of wildlife and so on.** It was at this point that the Sierra Club leader perhaps went further than he intended, going beyond disdainful rejection to reveal an agenda far beyond the club's public image as a purveyor of pretty books and calendars. As one source put it: **They said that what they were interested in was creating a society restructured along the lines recom-**

**ended by the Club of Rome.'** (Bold added for emphasis)

When asked who had made this statement, Gould said, "I can't tell you who (among those at the meeting) said it.... I had many strange encounters in those years. I would want any quote to be accurate so I just won't speculate." While not remembering exactly what was said, or who said it, CEO Gould affirmed the truth of the statements made--that the Sierra Club leadership had no interest in protecting the environment, but in advancing an earth-worshipping, antihuman agenda bent on creating a world government so a small global elite could control the rest of the world.

### The Club of Rome

Most people believe the Sierra Club and other environmental groups are simply out to protect the environment. Not so. As stated by the Sierra Club in 1982, most are fully involved in implementing the agenda of the Club of Rome. Elvin states that "The Club of Rome's reputation is built on the doomsday report *Limits to Growth* published in 1972. The report predicted imminent global disaster due to out-of-control population growth, industrial expansion, depletion of natural resources, food shortages and environmental degradation. And here's the kicker: **These catastrophic results might be avoided through creation of a collectivist world government and through attrition and consumption.**" (Bold added for emphasis)

Coffman states in his book, *Saviors of the Earth?*, that the key to success according to Aurelio Peccei, the founder and past president of the Club of Rome was through the communication with nature and the collective unconscious of the human race. "In searching for a new enemy to unite us," claimed Peccei in the Club of Rome's 1991 publication *The First Global Revolution*, "we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine, and the like would fit the bill.... All of these are caused by human intervention... The real enemy, then is humanity itself."

Peccei's outrageous comments would mean relatively little were it not for the fact that the Sierra Club is moving lockstep with its agenda, and the who's who of the global elite, like the various members of the Rockefeller family, had not only been members, but strongly supported the Club of Rome in the past. Notables like Mikhail Gorbachev, former Premier of the Soviet Union and other Kings and queens of Europe are still very much involved.

Never mind that the Club of Rome's projections of doom and gloom have been so far off base as to be laughable. The projections of the Club of Rome are faithfully repeated in the daily

news as fact and by hundreds of organizations like the Sierra Club. It is understandable since most of these environmental groups receive a significant portion of their funding from private foundations like the Rockefeller Foundation and others that have connections with the Club of Rome. Peccei's 1978 book, *Turning Point*, should send ice down every American's back:

"Philosophers have, from ancient times, stressed the unity of existence and the interconnection of all the elements of nature, man and thought. However, their teaching has seldom been reflected in political or social behavior.... The winds of change have begun to blow. A keen and anxious awareness is evolving to suggest that **fundamental changes will have to take place in the world order and its power structures, in the distribution of wealth and income, in our own outlook and behavior.**" (Bold added for emphasis)

The Sierra Club and other new age environmental groups are systematically causing this fundamental change through the collapse of America's wealth producing machine. And, California is leading the way.

### Antihuman agenda becomes federal policy

The Sierra Club has had some radical leaders in the past. David Brower was the Club's executive director from 1952 to 1969, when he was fired because of his extreme beliefs. He was called an "arch druid" for much of his life because of his occult beliefs. He created the extremely radical group, Friends of the Earth in 1970 but eventually came back to the Sierra Club as a director in 1983 where he served until his death in November of 2000. Brower had not embraced the popular do-gooder image of environmentalists held by most Americans, but because the Sierra Club had become so radical that they embraced the twilight zone concepts of Brower and Foreman.

Brower also mentored David Foreman who left the Wilderness Society to create the group Earth First! Earth First!, in turn, spawned the ultra-ecoterrorist group The Earth Liberation Front (ELF), now much in the news for numerous acts of arson, sabotage and vandalism. Foreman, along with Drs Michael Soule and Reed Noss, also wrote the Wildlands Project which called for one-half of America to be placed in wilderness core reserves and wilderness interconnecting corridors where humans were not allowed. In the 1992 Wildlands Project proposal published in a special issue of *Wild Earth*, Foreman and company state,

"Our vision is simple. We live for the day when grizzlies in Chihuahua have an unbroken connection to grizzlies in Alaska; when gray-wolf

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the agreement. For the first time since the Palestinian Authority was established in 1994, Arafat has given the Iranian-sponsored Islamic Jihad a free hand to strike Israeli targets.

### War begins

Such a coordination effort was apparent in the near attack on Israel by Iraq on February 22, when Saddam came within minutes of launching missiles at Israel and moving six divisions of his elite Republican Guard across Syria, with Syria's permission, to drive Israel into the sea. Upon learning of the side-room planning between Arafat, Assad and the Iraqi representative at the Arab summit, Israel launched a planned massive helicopter strike against Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's elite Force 17 bodyguard units on March 28 in Ramallah and the Gaza Strip according to *NewsMax* on March 29. By April 1 heavy fighting broke out in the Bethlehem area that continued all week. The intense Bethlehem confrontation is the closest to a full-scale battle of any clash in the current conflict according to the April 4 *DEBKAfile*. On April 4 the Palestinians launched a mortar attack from the Gaza strip into bordering Israeli villages. The same day Israeli helicopter gunships and naval gunboats attacked targets in the Gaza Strip. The April 4 *DEBKAfile* reported Israel deployed for the first time infantry units who fired long-range antitank missiles against Force 17 and Palestinian General Intelligence commands and bases in Gaza.

And so, it appears, the war begins.

The Israeli internal security minister, Uzi Landau, said Israel should hit Palestinian targets "every day, hour after hour". He described the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, as a war criminal. He told Israel radio: "The price we will exact from the Palestinian Authority will become intolerable." Following attacks on April 5, the April 6 *London Independent* reported Raanan Gissin, a top aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon as saying "Israel will retaliate 'relentlessly' from now on and Palestinian security installations will be considered targets as long as security forces fail to prevent attacks on Israelis."

Amid the growing violence, Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak fired a stern warning to Arafat not to form an alliance with Iraq and Syria according to the March 29 *World Tribune*. The *Tribune* sources said Mubarak's messages warn Arafat that such an alliance would cost the Palestinians both political and financial (about

\$900 million) support and lead the region into war. Since August, cooperation between Arafat and Mubarak has been reduced to a mere formality. The *World Tribune* reported its sources said Mubarak privately blamed Arafat for the widespread protests throughout Egypt in support of the Palestinians and against the regime in Cairo. But that seems to be exactly what Arafat wants.

In the meantime, there is evidence that Israel is planning a major attack on Iranian missile bases controlled by the Hizbollah in southern Lebanon. Before returning home from his March 20 meeting with Bush and other top administration officials, Sharon told the *Wall Street Journal* that the Hizbollah had positioned Iranian El Fajr (Pager) surface missiles with a range of 120 km in southern Lebanon. After a frank discussion between president George W. Bush and Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon on March 20, Israel may attack the Hizbollah in southern Lebanon sometime very soon, according to intelligence provided by the March 24 *DEBKAfile*. "The IDF has begun assembling forces on its northern frontier — according to military sources, in readiness for a large-scale exercise. The same sources report that the Syrian army, Hizbollah units and the Lebanese army have been placed on alert," reports *The DEBKAfile*. According to the March 25 *WorldNetDaily*, Syria has 35,000 troops in Lebanon and controls Lebanon's political and military decisions.

The missiles are capable of striking at points in heavily populated central Israel. Earlier, Bush gave Sharon the green light to "strike at the core of the blossoming radical Middle East bloc linking Baghdad, Gaza, Tehran, the Hizbollah and possibly Damascus, before it ripens," reported *DEBKAfile*. "A comprehensive Israeli offensive directed simultaneously against the Iranian force commanding the missile strength in Lebanon, the Hizbollah and the Syrian arms supply routes from Damascus airport, at the same time taking out Palestinian bases, would all fall within the province of the understandings Sharon reached with President Bush last Tuesday in the White House," said the *DEBKAfile*.

*DEBKAfile* also believes that President Bush's March 29 stern warning to Arafat to stop the violence following the summit was going to be his last. "I can't make it any more clear," said Bush. "I hope Chairman Arafat hears it loud and clear, and that's the message he's going to hear on the telephone today." The phone call was made by Secretary of State Colin Powell who issued what

*DEBKAfile's* Washington sources describe as "America's last warning." US would hold Arafat solely responsible for the outbreak of a regional war in the Middle East, and demanded that the Palestinian leader back off, abandon his war plans and tell his people in their own language to halt the terrorism. The Bush administration did not say what the US would do if Arafat started the war with Syria and Iraq. The State Department also took direct aim at Iran's support for the Lebanon's Hizbollah and Yasser Arafat by warning Iran to back off from their involvement in international terrorism. The Iranian missiles came from technology sold to Iran by Russia, which, in turn, is part of a larger plan by Russia and China to form alliances with the EU (minus Britain), Japan and all of southern Asia and the Mideast to isolate the US and break its unipolar dominance over the world. Towards this effort, Russia and Iran are working on an arms deal that will supply Iran with about \$300 million in arms annually.

### Are you ready?

Step by step the Mideast is inching towards a confrontation that has every appearance of being the trigger for setting in motion the last days prophesied by the prophets of the old and new testaments. World government and religion are within a few years of being a reality, if not a few months. Even though it will not be the war of Gog and Magog described in Ezekiel 38 and 39, it is now highly probable that war, probably using weapons of mass destruction, will erupt in the Mideast, forcing the international community to impose a forced peace settlement in Israel. Never has any generation lived so close to witnessing the greatest event in earth's history--the return of Jesus Christ to defeat, with finality, the great deceiver known as Satan.

Yet, the Christian Church is every bit asleep today as the Jews were in the days Christ walked the earth as the suffering Messiah. Jesus warned us in Matthew 24:42 and 44 to "keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.... So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." So many who call themselves Christians say they love Christ but are totally absorbed in the affairs of life. Jesus warned in Luke 21:34 that each person must "be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties (affairs) of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap." Don't be caught in that trap. † mc

## Lab manufactured humans *Becky's Corner*



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Brazen scientists are attempting to fill God's very big shoes with the announcement in January that a team of fertility specialists would embark on the world's first concerted effort to clone a human being. The fact that there is only one Creator, and they are not Him, leaves them seriously under-qualified for the job. Nevertheless, ever since the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve wanted to "be like God," man has labored futilely in his quest to conquer this monumental task. This newest avenue is sure to raise countless ethical and medical quandaries.

Cloning experts who attended a research symposium in Rome, Italy, on Saturday, March 10, said that a human would be successfully cloned within a year, according to *Associated Press* on March 12. The cloning team is led by Panayiotis Zavos, a reproduction researcher from America, and includes Italian fertility doctor Severino Antinori and Israeli researcher Avi Ben-Abraham. Brushing aside the avalanche of criticism from around the world, they continue to forge ahead under the humanitarian banner of vowing to "help childless couples to become parents," as if current fertility technology and adoption could not already fill that void. It takes more than DNA to become a parent.

Cloning, or the process of fusing the nucleus of a single adult cell (which contains the entire human genetic code) into the empty nucleus of an egg cell, is prohibited in the United States but not in Israel or Italy. An international ban which is part of a protocol to the European Council's Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, has been ratified by the Italian Senate but not the Lower House. The US government passed amendments to the Gene Regulation Act 2000, making it a jailable offence to put human cells into animal eggs. These amendments provide a penalty of up to two years jail time for cloning a genetically identical human. Researchers skirt current laws by using techniques which do not result in identical copies – some DNA from the host egg is added to the embryo – making it technically legal to perform in the US.

Dolly the sheep was the first mammal successfully cloned in 1996, but the *Daily Telegraph* revealed on March 12 that human cloning has been underway in Australia for 2 years. "It has never been publicly admitted that we have already done human cloning in Australia," bioethicist Nick Tonti-Filippini said. "What is true is that human embryos were produced. It was as much a human embryo as Dolly was a sheep. To clone a whole human is only taking it one step further." High ambitions won't necessarily produce the intended results, however, says skeptics

who are aware of the low efficiency of the techniques.

The road to achieving a human clone is paved with medical uncertainty and failures, according to *The Washington Post* on March 7. Clones develop problems, it seems, because they are not made from sperm and eggs – with their properly imprinted DNA – the way God created the reproduction process to work. Five species of mammals have been cloned so far, all with serious abnormalities. In fact, only 2% of cloning attempts result in a live birth. Translated into human embryos, this would create countless casualties – which, of course, current abortion statistics have desensitized us to view only as "blobs of tissue." The article stated that scientists who try to clone a person will encounter the following obstacles:

"Almost all of the first 100 clones will abort spontaneously because of genetic or physical abnormalities, putting the health and lives of the surrogate mothers at risk. Of the handful of clones that make it to term, most will have grossly enlarged placentas and fatty livers. And of the three or four fetuses that may survive their birth, most will be monstrously big – perhaps 15 pounds – and will likely die in the first week or two from heart and blood vessel problems, underdeveloped lungs, diabetes or immune system deficiencies. With access to an intensive care unit, perhaps one of those 100 clones will survive."

With the exception of greatly enlarged "bellybuttons," many of the clones appear per-

fectly normal at birth, and only later begin to display the deformities. Clones tend to age faster than mammals produced normally, as evidenced by Dolly the sheep. Cattle embryos can grow so fast that they tear the muscles in their mothers' belly walls. Some have grotesquely malformed heads. It is much easier to decide what to do with a fatally-flawed cow than a fatally-flawed child.

God never intended people to be photocopied. He has created each unique individual for a purpose, as David declared in Psalm 139:13-16:

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."*

One of God's greatest miracles is being perverted and mocked as self-centered people seek to replicate themselves, or parents try in vain to replace children whom they have lost. The Lord has never given mankind the authority to take over the controls and tamper with his greatest creation. When God created man, He saw that His work was "very good," not to mention that the "old-fashioned" reproduction process He designed sure beats test tubes in an assembly line! Let's get off the throne and let the Author of Life do His job. ✠ *bm*

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populations are continuous from New Mexico to Greenland; when vast unbroken forests and flowing plains again thrive and support pre-Columbian populations of plants and animals; when humans dwell with respect, harmony and affection for the land; when we come to live no longer as strangers and aliens to this continent."

In his book, *Saviors of the Earth?*, editor of Discerning the Times Digest, Dr. Michael Coffman, exposed the fact that both Soulé and Noss were movers and shakers within the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and were involved not only in writing the Wildlands Project, but the UN Convention on Biological Diversity as well. Coffman, along with three other individuals were able to stop the ratification of the treaty in the US Senate when they provided documentation to the Senate proving that the treaty was based on The Wildlands Project.

But that didn't stop Foreman and crew. Immediately upon taking office, the Clinton administration named David Foreman as Under-Secretary of Interior. In this capacity,

with Interior Secretary Babbitt's blessing, he began implementing The Wildlands Project concept as official government policy through such government programs as Ecosystem Management, The American Heritage Rivers Program, the UNESCO World Heritage and the Man and the Biosphere Programs, and finally, the massive declaration of national monuments just before president Clinton left office.

While still serving as Under-Secretary of Interior, Foreman was elected as director to the Sierra Club, and the Wildlands Project became a major goal for the Club. In 1999-2000 Brower made a major effort to take over the Sierra Club, and "had nearly triumphed," according to Elvin. The effort failed "when ill health caused his withdrawal."

### Under a strong delusion

The worst is yet to come in California, according to a March 6 CBN analysis. When the big heat hits this summer, well-placed sources out here have warned CBN Senior Reporter Dale Hurd that Californians can expect massive "structural blackouts." They promise to be much worse than what occurred in March—even with the 40 percent plus rate hikes approved in March. Hurd

notes that in "talking to California business and environmental leaders, one gets the impression that Californians know a few things the rest of us don't. They most certainly do, like how to effectively shut off significant new building projects in highway, water and energy infrastructure for a decade while adding six million new residents and creating a surging high-tech economy (based on electricity). Yes, it takes a special skill to try to drive a great state into the ground while managing to grow fabulously richer. But you can't defy economic gravity forever."

"State leaders still refuse to face reality and sacrifice any environmental standards, no matter how unreasonable," claims Hurd, "for enough cheap, abundant power for the future. And until they do, any manufacturer with an ounce of sense

in their head would be nuts to build here or stay here." That is, of course exactly what the Club of Rome and the Sierra Club had planned for 20 years ago. And, now it is happening. Except nobody sees the real villain — environmentalism and the global agenda. Instead, they blame deregulation, a straw horse that has little to do with the real reason people are going to undergo real suf-

fering in California.

Environmental leadership probably represent the greatest threat to America today. They should be rated public enemy #1. Yet, because of the relentless support of the one-world globalists and the mainstream media, Americans have been deluded into truly believing environmentalists are heroes, fighting for environmental protection for all Americans. In fact, these leaders want to see the majority of Americans eliminated from the planet so they can enjoy a pristine mother earth while controlling the every activity of the remaining masses.

America, the world and even the Christian church are being led by the pied piper of deceit and delusion, sure they are doing right when in fact they are on a road to self destruction. Remember Paul's admonition in 2 Corinthians 11:13-15: "*For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.*" † mc

## What is Bush doing?

Over the past few weeks President Bush has done everything possible to bring an avalanche of criticism upon himself from environmentalists and globalists in America and around the world. He has been called a mass murderer by British Liberal Democrat MP Malcolm Bruce for rejecting the Kyoto Protocol (the global warming treaty) and a warmonger by China, Russia and the European Union for insisting on building the Antimissile Defense System. He has also come under sharp criticism for taking a hard stand against Russia, North Korea and China, a bully for bombing Iraq and an isolationist for taking a hands-off approach with Northern Ireland and Israel. Is this president inept, or are we witnessing something else?

Bush may be many things, but he is certainly not what he is being demonized for above. It is too early to tell yet, but we may be witnessing the first real statesman with guts we have seen since Winston Churchill in World War II. He is even taking a much harder stand for America than Reagan did during his presidency. Yet, he is being demonized by our allies and bullied by our enemies—who like British Prime Minister Chamberlain during World War II, insist that their enemies will just leave them alone if they appease them.

Even so, Bush knows when to apply diplomacy. On March 23 he met with China's foreign policy czar Qian Qichen and diplomatically told China there will be no more free ride. The US will no longer be a patsy for China, as was the case with the Clinton administration. China, stunned, tested Bush's mettle the following week when one of their jet fighters collided with the US EP-3 spy plane by flying too close. With all the bluster and indignation they could muster, China tried to bully Bush into apologizing for their own mistake when they ordered their pilot to fly dangerously close to the US plane over international waters.

Bush would have none of it. Other than an appropriate extension of regret for the loss of the Chinese pilot, the Chinese did not get so much as a hint of an apology. The Chinese will try to play the incident for all its worth, but will not have any success in bullying Bush like they did Clinton.

Bush may have another agenda that will eventually prove us wrong, but he seems to be acting like a statesman for America, and makes no apology for it. The rest of the world doesn't know what to do without their US whipping boy to demonize and blame for all the world's problems. The big test for Bush will be whether he can keep from meddling in the affairs of other sovereign nations like an imperialist—something his predecessor was incapable of doing. Until he proves his agenda is not honorable, he needs all the support we can give him. † mc



David Foreman, who is now a board member of the Sierra Club, helped write the Wildlands Project and promoted even more designations of US parks and monuments as UN Biospheres and World Heritage Site when he was Under Secretary of Interior. There are nearly 60 million acres designated now.

## Europeans panic over foot-and mouth epidemic – global controls next?

Full blown panic is now sweeping Europe as foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) makes its debut on the heels of Mad Cow Disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). The current outbreak was first reported February 20, 2001, on a pig farm in Great Britain, but has since spread to Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Argentina, France, Holland, Denmark, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates. There is a real possibility that the policy makers and global elite will take advantage of this situation as an excuse to parlay their one-world goals into a reality. The rapid spread of the disease provides an ideal opportunity to find global solutions through increased global regulations.

### The disease

According to information on the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) website, "foot and mouth disease is an acute infectious viral disease causing fever, followed by the development of vesicles (blisters) -- chiefly in the mouth and on the feet. It is probably more infectious than any other disease affecting animals and spreads rapidly if uncontrolled. Among farm stock, cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and deer are susceptible. Wild and domestic cloven hooved animals and elephants, hedgehogs and rats are also susceptible."

The virus, which is contagious before symptoms appear, is spread through air, as well as direct or indirect contact with fluid from the blisters and saliva, exhaled air, milk, and feces. In advanced cases it is present in the blood and all parts of the body. Infected cattle exhibit such symptoms as slobbering, shivering, sore feet, blisters, raised temperature, and reduced milk yield. It is surprising to note, that in spite of the mass hysteria surrounding the illness, *it is rarely fatal* except in young animals. While FMD is easily spread among animals, it is not believed to pose a threat to humans or food safety, but can have economically devastating effects.

### The impact

Although unsuccessful, gargantuan efforts were undertaken to keep the virus from spreading to mainland Europe. UK Agricultural Minister Nick Brown imposed The Foot-and-mouth Disease Declaratory (Controlled Area) (England and Wales) (No 2) Order 2001 in March which restricts the movement of animals into, out of, and within Great Britain, England and Wales, virtually paralyzing the meat industry as well as farmers. Many countries are requiring travelers to disinfect their feet and vehicles. National nature reserves, public parks, and zoos have been closed, and dozens of sporting events such as horse and auto racing, rugby and football games, and other gatherings have been cancelled. Just an innocent walk in the woods may subject a

hiker to a hefty fine. Children in rural areas are not even permitted to go to school! According to the *Independent* on April 1, politics are affected, too, as British elections will be put on hold until June 7.

The number of infected animals is growing each day. As of April 5, there were 1045 confirmed cases in the UK, and 1,152,000 animals that have been slaughtered or are waiting their turn on Death Row. Estimates from a *BBC* report on March 24 warn that unless infected animals are destroyed within 24 hours after suspicion of the disease, Great Britain could lose half of the country's livestock or 31 million animals by June. Officials are expressing optimism that the current policy of "culling" (spelled "killing" to most folks) is starting to bring the epidemic under control. This may be due, in part, to the fact that there is just less livestock left to infect.

### The immunization question

Which is worse... the disease or the cure? Why didn't England and then Europe just launch a massive livestock vaccination program to stop the disease rather than subjecting hordes of people to a daily diet of thousands of farm animals being burned in grotesque pyres of gruesome flesh? This option has several pros and cons. The March 21 *Guardian Unlimited* reported a seven-page paper prepared by one of Britain's most prominent vets which proposes emer-



Every day thousands of farm animals are killed, piled, and left to be burned. Over a million animals have been killed in this gruesome manner, leaving citizens numb. It has created a psychosis of fear and panic.

gency vaccination as the quickest and most effective way to bring the disease under control. The report proposes immediate emergency vaccinations which can enormously reduce the risk of airborne and vehicular spread of the diseases to unaffected areas and would increase public confidence. "It could result in near 100% vaccination rates within five days and almost complete immunity in 10 days. A reduction of cases to zero could be expected within three weeks." It looks good in print, but what about where the rubber meets the road?

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) officials argue that if vaccinations start, Britain will lose its export market for 3-12

months. They claim that the vaccine is not 100% effective and requires booster shots and time to build up immunity. The technology to distinguish between an infected animal and one that is vaccinated is in its infancy, virtually ensuring that many of the vaccinated animals would be killed anyway. Surprisingly, the slaughter system has been shown in the past to be far cheaper than vaccinating every farm animal three times a year. According to a 1967 *Guardian Unlimited* archive, the cost issue was thoroughly researched by the Gowers Committee. Using figures from 1952, it was shown that the cost of vaccinating all cattle, sheep, and pigs three times would have been between £50 million and £110 million, depending on the type of vaccine used. The actual cost of the cull that year was £2,635,000.

The government is reimbursing farmers at full market value for all animals slaughtered. At the current rate, an FMD epidemic could impose an estimated burden on the taxpayer of £1 billion, and cost the country £570 million a year in lost revenue. Adding to the bad news, on March 7, the *Guardian Unlimited* reported a ban on all livestock markets across Europe which will cause enormous economic disruption, especially to the small farmer.

### Serious questions

The back-to-back assault of FSB and FMD will likely cause the bankruptcy of many, if not most of the small family farms remaining in Europe, allowing the mega international corporations to fill the vacuum, turning over local control of their agriculture and economy to the international business community – just like is described in chapter 19 of Revelation. But this is not the only anomaly.

The speed at which the current situation is advancing, given the fact that FMD reached epidemic proportions in less than two weeks' time in a variety of locations, is highly suspicious. It is not impossible, but certainly improbable that two major outbreaks of unrelated disease would occur back to back naturally within such a short period of time. Incredibly, this sounds exactly like what the global elite might do to precondition people into accepting global governance. The systematic drumbeat of fear-causing crises in Europe and around the world is beyond comprehension unless planned. As the facts begin to roll in, things become even more curious.

An April 1 *London Electronic Telegraph* article reported that the "European Union (EU) ordered the immediate testing of all its stocks of foot and mouth vaccine in January - a month before the outbreak was 'discovered' in Britain." It seems that the EU made the ruling 34 days before the outbreak was announced by the British government. It could be passed off as a coincidence

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## Bush kills Kyoto — America wins! (For now), *continued*

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not be part of the agreement.

European Union (EU) environmental minister Margot Wallström issued a direct threat to punish the US. Wallström who confirmed the EU's commitment to ratify the protocol by 2002, said that climate change was not a marginal environmental issue that could be ignored, reported the March 29 *Financial Times*. "It has to do with trade and international relations...and we have to react as strongly and as quickly as possible," she said. Other EU officials jumped on the trade war bandwagon, warning that the "US position could affect trade relations with Brussels," said the *Financial Times*.

But is the threat to planet earth from global warming all that serious? Is it even real?

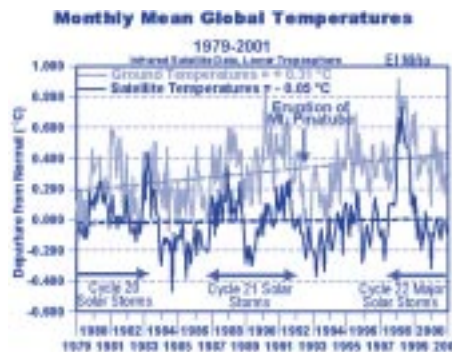
### Can the Kyoto Protocol be justified?

To listen to the outrage from around the world, anyone would think that President Bush had just dropped a nuclear bomb on every capital in the world. Only one news outlet offered any balance whatsoever to the cacophony of cries that Bush should be tarred and feathered and run off the surface of planet earth. The March 30 *London Electronic Telegraph* opined, "The prophets of Armageddon should cool down. The world is not going to end as a result of Mr Bush's decision. Even if the Kyoto proposals were rigorously adhered to, they would not affect the globe's temperature by more than a fraction of one degree over the next 50 years — and that is according to the estimates of the agreement's most enthusiastic supporters." The *Telegraph's* statement is true. The impact of a fully implemented Kyoto Protocol is almost nonexistent.

In spite of the constant drumbeat of doom and gloom from the former Clinton administration, the UN and the popular press, there is simply no hard evidence that human-induced global warming is happening or a threat. In fact the UN and the globalists now seem to be entering the realm of the absurd, deliberately biasing research to "prove" global warming is a major threat to the world. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which met during January in Shanghai, China, issued their five year report stating that "the world's leading climatologists say global warming is happening faster than previously predicted." This, in spite of the fact that over 17,000 scientists *confirmed as* having degrees in the hard sciences in America have signed a petition saying, "There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gasses is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause

catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate."

It is as though by sheer volume of rhetoric and wild exaggerations the globalists can make global warming a reality. In seeming desperation, Robert Watson, head of the IPCC paints a very bleak picture of the future by predicting water shortages, disease, and agricultural damage. As reported by the January 23 *Washington Post*, Watson claimed that "Earth's average temperature could rise by as much as 10.4 degrees over the next 100 years" — the most rapid change in 10 millennia and more than 60 percent higher than the same group predicted less than six years ago.



While ground based temperatures (upper) have increased over the past 21 years, the far more accurate satellite measurements (lower) have not. This is just one of many reasons not to support the Kyoto Protocol (see side-bar, page 2).

Yet, Dr. John Christy, one of the world's leading climatology experts and head author of the IPCC summary report, strongly disagrees. In response to the media's clamor over the reports and Watson's wild assertions, Christy contended that "the world is in much better shape than this doomsday scenario paints. There were 245 different results in that report, and this was the worst-case scenario," he says. "It's the one that's not going to happen. *It was the extreme case of all the different things that can make the world warm.*" (Italics added for emphasis) Christy is a professor of Atmospheric Science and is director of the Earth System Science Center at the University of Alabama. Likewise, Dr. Fred Singer of the Science and Environmental Policy claims there is little scientific substance to base it on and lists 12 reasons why these claims are groundless.

Likewise, MIT's Dr. Richard Lindzen describes the UN IPCC report as "absurd." In a recent interview with James Glassman, Dr. Lindzen said that the latest report of the UN-IPCC (that he helped author), "was very much a children's exercise of what *might possibly happen*" in a worse-case scenario prepared by a "peculiar group" with "no technical competence." Yet the press reports it as certainty. (Ital-

ics added for emphasis)

Lindzen is no climate slouch. New research by Lindzen, a meteorologist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, was reported in the March 8 issue of the prestigious *Nature* science magazine. *Nature* said that Lindzen and others show that "A natural heat-vent in the clouds over the Pacific ocean may enable the Earth to keep its cool despite a rise in the amount of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere." The article, published in Volume 82 of the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, if true, would scuttle the global warming theory once and for all.

Even Dr. James Hansen, who leads the global warming research for NASA, admits that the science is unclear as to what is causing global warming. It was Hansen, who in 1988, proclaimed to the US Senate in testimony that there was proof that global warming was a threat to America and the world. In a series of papers in 2000 Hansen admitted that CO<sub>2</sub> may not be as important as once thought in causing global warming.

### Did Bush take correct action?

The known facts about global warming fly in the face of the extreme statements being made by the UN and political operatives in Europe and elsewhere. Global warming may or may not be happening (more likely the latter), but the economic devastation in the US by imposing the draconian Kyoto Protocol if implemented is guaranteed. At least the March 30 *London Telegraph* admitted this by reporting that the economic impact on the US by implementing the treaty would have been enormous and unacceptable. "For that reason, it was by no means certain that the Senate would have ratified the Kyoto pact, signed by President Clinton with a pious display of greenery in 1998. By abandoning Kyoto, Mr Bush is simply acknowledging these truths — and making a little domestic political capital into the bargain," noted the *Telegraph*.

Quite literally, the Kyoto Protocol is not about stopping global warming. It is designed as a massive socialist income redistribution scheme that will put control over the US economy in the hands of global social planners. There is no question but that President Bush has done the right thing by getting the US out of the Kyoto Protocol. It is a very dangerous treaty and one that gives control of America's economic destiny to the global elite. He should be applauded, not punished as some would desire to do. Punishment should be reserved for the true enemies of the world, those who would deceive us into giving up our freedoms so they would have control over us. ☩ mc

## The plan from hell — a huge land conservation easement in Maine

The largest conservation easement in America became a done deal on March 21 when Pingree Associates accepted a check from the New England Forestry Foundation for \$28 million. The easement involves 760,000 acres of company land in western and northern Maine. Pingree Associates represent the descendents of the original Pingree family who have managed the land in common- undivided ownership since the 1800s.

At first blush, the conservation easement seems to be a win-win for both conservation and the landowners. Larger than the State of Rhode Island, this environmentalist conservation easement preserves some of the most spectacular natural resources in Maine, including the Allagash Lakes and 16 miles along the St. John River in northern Maine. According to the New England Forestry Foundation, the easement protects over 2,000 miles of shore frontage along major rivers and streams. More than 110 lakes and ponds with 215 miles of shoreline will also be conserved. These forests contain numerous active bald eagle nests, 24,800 acres of managed deeryards, 72,000 acres of wetland habitat, home to many species of waterfowl, Maine's most productive peregrine falcon nesting area, and at least 67 rare and endangered plant sites.

More than one thousand individuals, along with forty-five private, globalist linked foundations, both large and small, contributed to the success of the project. Both the federal and state governments contributed \$5 million towards the effort. At the ceremony completing the deal, Maine governor Angus King congratulated those who made it happen. "Today we make history with a conservation easement of unprecedented scale and magnitude," King said. "The protection of over three-quarters of a million acres shows that with the right partners landscape-scale dreams can come true. Future generations owe a debt of gratitude to the Pingree family and the New England Forestry Foundation for the singular vision and determination that made this possible," he added.

### Too good to be true?

Sound too good to be true? It is. While the Pingree family has a right to do with their land the best way they see fit (within common law), the deck was stacked against them from the start. Besides the problems associated with large numbers of families having common and undivided ownership of any property, the Pingree's were in some way set up. They are the victims of a multi-million dollar campaign by the private globalist foundations and environmental groups to find a way to control the mostly private forest land of New England. The globalist-driven foundations and environmental groups had already succeeded

in shutting down logging and other public use of much of the western forests. They used the spotted owl and other techniques to lock up land within federal ownership that controls over 50 percent of western states. They needed a tool to do the same thing in the rest of the US, which is mostly privately owned. They selected 26 million acres in the Northeast, including Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, as their target area.

In 1992 the Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA) met to discuss how they were going to accomplish their goal of controlling the natural resources of America and specifically how it was going to be done on private land in the North-



The Pingree ownership has 110 lakes and over 215 miles of lakeshore frontage.

east. The EGA is made up of 142 private foundations, many of which have direct links into the globalist community. Leading the effort were the various Rockefeller foundations and Donald Ross who oversaw the EGA. The meeting was taped, and *Discerning the Times* has a copy of these very confidential tapes, some of which are reproduced in the editor's book *Saviors of the Earth? The Politics and Religion of the Environmental Movement*. In the book, the editor of *Discerning the Times* explains, "It is no coincidence that the Rockefeller name keeps coming up.... The Rockefeller family has played [a major role] in promoting and funding the agenda and implementation of local and global environmental strategies."

During the EGA meeting Ross asked a very pointed question. "How are we," he asked, "who have no experience of ever running a business, managing a business, or starting a business, gonna go in and advise loggers who have no high school education and are making \$40,000 a year to convert to some other kind of economy in the middle of the woods that is gonna produce \$15,000 a year at best, and expect they're gonna embrace it?" Picking up on this theme, another participant recommended that environmental leaders should continue to take a hard-line approach: "if it means shutting a plant down, or it means stopping a pulp mill,... that's what has to happen.... There are local communities that are going to go over the abyss in the short run.... It's gonna be either a different

kind of economy or its not gonna be there."

When another participant, obviously feeling guilty by devastating peoples lives, asked if there might be a way of compensating unemployed and displaced citizens in the destroyed communities, Bill Devall of the IRA-HITI Foundation for Deep Ecology suggested, "I think it's quite possible. It means taxing, taking back the enormous profits that these corporations have reaped.... And that means in some cases *confiscating their assets*." (Italics added for emphasis)

This incredible arrogance and hatred for their fellow man was underpinned with a 10-year plan for the Northeast that was explained by Chuck Clusen, a political strategist working for Laurence Rockefeller's American Conservation Association. Clusen then defined the goals of the plan. "In many ways this is a much more complex situation [than we have ever tackled before] because of the private ownership in total of eighty percent of these 26 million acres... There's no way we are going to buy it all. We all know of the great interest in the Forest Legacy Easement Program as well as traditional acquisition, but these will only be part of the solution. There is a lot of thought and work being done on how to take a forest industry that is dying, and make it viable. How to make a working forest ecologically sound and sustainable that is becoming less and less economic."

The claims of a dying forest industry devastating the forest would have been news to the industry and state had they heard Clusen and others speak at the meeting. The forest industry was relatively healthy. Although that was about to change, the very thin profit margins they worked with were not new—the companies had always operated with lean pockets. The state had just gone through a distressing 10 years of a cyclic attack of spruce budworm that had decimated the spruce and fir inventory of the state. Only an aggressive plan by the forest products industry of clearcutting the spruce-fir stands as they were first attacked by the insect kept the damage from being far, far worse than it was projected to be.

The EGA provided massive funding to the mainline and smaller environmental groups like the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, Maine Audubon, the Maine Natural Resources Council and others to develop on-the-ground-ideas. More importantly, these activist groups were the shock troops to constantly agitate for more regulation and economically prohibitive forestry practices they claimed would stop the horrendous "clearcutting" of Maine's spruce-budworm ravaged forests. Never mind that it was the clearcutting is what saved the forest from even more spruce budworm damage. Clusen revealed that the "environmental community has come together in a very large coa-

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## Will China's revenge lead to war?

China has been humiliated too many times by the United States and has taken revenge with the crew and EP-3 plane. The sleeping giant first began to stir in the Gulf War when US technology made a shambles of the fourth largest army in the world -- that of Saddam Hussein's. The second, and most damaging, came when the US "mistakenly" blew up the electronics center of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1999. They don't believe for an instant that it was an accident. Neither does anyone else.

The Belgrade embassy bombing served to solidify China's belief that the US had every intention of leaving China out of the emerging world government. China determined to bring America down for its arrogance. From that point on China strengthened its growing alliance with Russia and began to buy advanced weapons from Russia. Both nations made their respective sovereign rights the center of their foreign relations and committed themselves to neutralizing the unipolar dominance of the US. In the October 2000 issue of *Discerning the Times Digest* reported that China made it clear that they sought to be the world power within 30 years. Never again would they be humiliated by the US.

Next in the game of global power politics China was deeply humiliated by the US aborting a \$2.5 billion purchase of up to five advanced Phalcon early warning and control system planes from Israel that had been purchased in 1998. The last straw was the bombing of a Chinese fiber optics project outside of Baghdad on February 16, 2001 when the US and Britain attempted to bomb Iraq's new interlinked radar network.

The March 23 meeting between President Bush and China's foreign policy czar Qian Qichen merely confirmed China's suspicions when Bush told Qichen that China would no longer be allowed access to US military technology, nor would China's bully tactics influence US foreign policy. The April 1 midair collision between a US EP-3E Aries II unarmed spy plane and a Chinese Jian-8 fighter provided the perfect opportunity to land a retaliatory blow to the US.

Most analysts believe the incident was an accident and not part of a larger Chinese strategy. But, an *April 6 WorldNetDaily* analysis strongly suggests that China may have actually planned to lure a EP-3 plane into Chinese territory by flying closer and closer to the EP-3 planes until one of them wandered across the Chinese line whereupon they could then force it to land on a Chinese base where the technology could be harvested. Indeed, former Secretary of Defense Bill Cohen admitted that China had been flying closer and closer to the EP-3 missions.

Whether part of a plan or just a terrible accident, something went terribly wrong on April 1. The rest is history.

Although far from innocent, the US has every

right to spy on China from international airspace just as China does with its submarines off the Pacific Coast and from the Bahamas. The EP-3 landing at Hainan, however, does not appear to have been a volunteer landing. The April 3 Taipei Times and the *April 9 South China Morning Post* reported that sources told them that when the EP-3 recovered from the collision and tried to fly back to its base, the second Chinese jet forced it to land at Hainan, possibly by firing at it with its machine guns. The claim by China that the plane landed



The collision most likely occurred when the Chinese Jian-8 fighter moved too close under the wing of the EP-3 causing the airflow over the prop-plane's wing to be disrupted and dipping into the jet's tail. It is ridiculous to believe that the larger, more cumbersome EP-3 changed course and flew into the far faster and more agile Jian-8 fighter.

without permission on the island of Hainan is a sham. The EP-3 was hijacked.

China relished the opportunity to make the greatest superpower in the world squirm in helplessness as China interrogated the crew and harvested the top-secret equipment on board the plane. The delays are designed to send Bush a strong message that China won't be pushed around. But Bush counterpunched by adamantly refusing to apologize to China and admit that the US was wrong.

Although Bush has been far more diplomatic than many conservatives would have liked, he has been a stone wall to the Chinese way of thinking. They had become accustomed to the Clinton administration falling all over themselves to appease the Chinese. During the meeting with Qian on March 23 Bush is believed to have told Qian that the US was determined to go ahead with the missile defense system whether China and Russia liked it or not.

Likewise, Bush has made it clear that he considers the EP-3 incident separate from his decision to sell Taiwan advanced military equipment, like the Aegis, Patriot and the AMRAAM ground to air and air to air missile defense systems. Clinton refused these sales in 2000 because of Chinese threats. Clinton justified the refusal by saying "there is no immediate military threat to Taiwan." There is every evidence that Clinton torpedoed the sale because the Chinese threatened to use cyber warfare and/or weapons of mass

destruction on US soil in a terrorist fashion if he sold the equipment to Taiwan.

Part of the reason why Bush is so adamant with China may be inside information given to the US by Senior Col. Xu Junping who quietly defected to the US in December 2000, according to the *March 24 London Telegraph*. Xu was China's specialist in Sino-US military relations and was in charge of all of China's day to day military contacts with North and South American nations. The *April 8 NewsMax* indicated he has provided shocking revelations on how effectively China has penetrated our military secrets. Bush is determined to shut the leaks down.

China is not America's friend and has no intention of becoming one. The Bush administration seems to realize this. The *March 26 Sidney Morning Herald* reported that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told President George Bush on March 23 that he plans sweeping changes in military policy to redirect the thrust of US strategic planning towards China. Long overdue, China has replaced Russia as the #1 enemy of America.

In the meantime, the potential intelligence loss by giving China the EP-3 is staggering. While the crew reportedly destroyed as much data and equipment as possible in the 20 minutes it took them to land, most analysts believe that the Chinese can still reap a wealth of top secret information by back engineering what is left.

It is doubtful that the Chinese will keep the crew to prosecute them for spying. Eventually, the crew will be released, but the plane will not. China would have nothing to gain and a lot to lose if it kept the crew indefinitely. However, the longer they keep the crew (past 2-3 weeks) the more likely it is that China has decided to confront the US head-on, which will not be good.

Reliable sources indicate the Chinese military is taking a hard line by refusing to cooperate with the Beijing diplomats. If so it would mean a serious division between the civilian government and the military which would seriously destabilize our relations with China. If China does not release the EP-3 crew before mid-April it will strongly indicate either a deep division or that China doesn't care about international acceptance or trade or any other thing. Why? Because China has probably decided they have waited long enough and will soon invade Taiwan to get it back -- taking their chances with the US.

If Jiang and China now feel cornered, and they should, they may throw caution to the wind and unleash their war on Taiwan, preceded by committing terrorism in the US using weapons of mass destruction, as is called for in their military doctrine. Standing for what is right could be very costly to America. It is time to pray that this does not happen, but if it does, to continue to stand for what is right. ☪ mc

## The plan from hell — a huge land conservation easement in Maine

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lition called the Northern Forest Alliance [comprising] 28 organizations.... I have been working with them the last year and a half to not only develop the political strategies, but also to facilitate their development of a campaign plan."

Over the following 10 years a cacophony of proposals to "fix" the horrific logging practices supposedly being practiced in northern Maine were introduced. A host of public referendums were held to impose draconian regulations on logging practices. While these failed, the constant barrage of complaints by these environmental organizations, mostly paid for by the EGA, caused Maine's opportunistic governor and state legislature to pass some of the strictest, most economically punitive harvesting laws in the nation — against all common sense and prudence.

Naturally, the forest products industry took a nosedive. Many of Maine's forest companies were bought and sold in a desperate attempt to stay afloat. Many went under. Staff was laid off and corners cut to cover the much increased operating costs caused by unneeded environmental regulation forced on them by very well funded "enlightened" environmental elitists in their misguided efforts to make the forest "sustainable". The Pingree family, many of whom idealistically supported the environmentalists efforts, saw their annual dividends in the land progressively shrink. Seemingly out of the blue, the environmentalists began promoting conservation easements as a win-win solution.

### Conservation easements

Conservation easements are promoted as a mechanism for landowners to be paid to protect their land. In the case of the Pingree's easement, they sold their development rights to the New England Forestry Foundation in perpetuity for \$28 million or a meager \$37 an acre. While they are free to do so, they in essence created a split estate in which there are two owners deciding what can be done on the land. While they can continue to log the forest they are prohibited from ever developing the land, lakes or rivers for any other purpose other than forestry and open space. In other words, for \$28 million they denied all future generations any options of what to do with the land.

Perhaps the most sinister part of the easement is the language used in the restrictions on conducting forestry activities on the land. For instance, they are restricted to using management "practices that provide for a sustained yield of timber products while recognizing that ecological, aesthetic, wildlife, and other non-timber values are important components of the forest." Even if the New England Forestry Foundation would never do so now, it is a common practice for such organizations to be taken over by zealots with an

agenda, who will then take the family to court because their harvesting practices are in some way not "sustainable" or are harming the "ecological, aesthetic, wildlife, and other non-timber values." Eventually, harvesting will become so expensive as to be prohibitive, and to avoid having to pay property taxes on worthless land, the future Pingree heirs will simply have to deed the property over to the state or federal government.

Not surprisingly, the very same foundations that funded the attack on the Northeast, contributed to the New England Forestry Foundation to purchase the conservation easement at a fraction of the land's true value. Near the top of the list was the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, who contributed in excess of \$500,000.

### The plan from hell — create vast tracts of wilderness to save Mother Earth

The long-term goal of the globalists and new age environmentalists is to create a mystic wilderness where mother nature can heal her perfect ecosystems. That means getting rid of the current owners and then forcing the state and federal owners to stop all management and use of the forest — just as they have done in the western states. This is, of course, what the UN Convention on Biological Diversity is designed to do. Northern Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York will become a vast wilderness reserve. As incredible as it sounds, these environmentalists actually demanded such a goal in the mid-1990s in what they called the Wild Areas Campaign. Although that effort failed, through programs like conservation easements the Northeast eventually will have about 50 percent of its land base in wilderness reserves, just as dictated by the as yet unratified United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.

The globalist plan to lock up America is working beautifully. It is so diabolical that it is difficult for most American's to believe that their fellow human beings could be so evil. While many are not evil, they nonetheless support this evil agenda. In 1990, Michael Kellet, who was then New England director of the Wilderness Society, told a Growth Management audience at Tufts University: "What we're really talking about here is sustainability, sustaining planetary life support systems and part of that is maintaining undisturbed ecosystems. I think it's likely this [26 million acres] will all end up, most of this will end up being pub-

lic land, not by taking away, but that will probably be really the only alternative."

Adding to Kellet's new age comments, Sandra Lewis of the Tufts University Environmental Studies Program proclaimed, "We're going to have to think big because we've got some very big global things happening, some effects that people feel may change the way we live very, very dramatically.... I don't think it unreasonable to think about 26 million acres as a possible reserve and furthermore, I think it may be an absolute necessity to think in those terms for survival and for preservation of biodiversity." Kellet and Lewis were basing their ideas on protecting ecosystems on pantheistically-based, unproven theology that nature knows best. Mother Earth is far more important than human beings.

Brock Evans, vice president of the National Audubon Society said at the Tufts meeting: "I don't agree that we can't get it all [the 26 million acres] back... I don't agree that it shouldn't all be in the public domain. In fact I think it all should be in the public domain... You might say I'm a twenty-five year veteran of the forest wars in the northwest. It's the same kind of situation as here. We should get all of it." He then said the Northern Forest effort "will be an even bigger campaign in the next few years than the Ancient Forest Campaign we're just going through right now in the Pacific Northwest." Evans then set the tone for the next ten years: "Be unreasonable. You can do it. Yesterday's heresy is today's common wisdom. It happens over and over again. So I would say let's take it back, let's take it all back." These eco-terrorists have indeed created a new common wisdom and the Pingree family has bought it hook line and sinker. Their easement is just one step in achieving their final goal — taking it all back from people for nature.

We are witnessing the reemergence of pagan beliefs that once dominated the world. Paul said in Romans 1:21-23, 25; "For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.... They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen." ✠ mc



In 1995-96 the Northern Forest Alliance proposed a series of wild areas that they called wildlands. Although the campaign failed, they did introduce legislation in the various states and imposed tremendous political pressure to try to implement it. Their long-term goal is to create a 26 million acre wilderness to protect Mother Earth.

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## Europeans panic over foot-and-mouth epidemic — global controls next? *Con't*

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except that timber dealers in Staffordshire claimed that they were asked by Ministry of Agriculture officials in January if they could supply timber for burning animals. "I got a call from a lady who said, 'This is the Ministry of Agriculture. Would you be interested in supplying timber in case of foot and mouth?'" She said she wanted to update her records," said Mike Littlehales, of Seighford, near Stafford. "When I heard about the outbreak a couple of weeks later I said to my wife, 'That seems strange, the lady phoning me. I wonder if they already knew'," he said.

Conspiracy theories aside, a *CNS News* report on February 27 also raised the possibility of FMD becoming the perfect weapon for terrorists. *Jane's Intelligence Review*, a leading defense publication, stated that the agricultural sector is a primary target for international germ-warfare terrorism. "The farming industry represents a lucrative and vulnerable target for terrorists in terms of the ease of attack and the level of damage caused," writes Peter Chalk, a Rand Corporation expert on terrorism. A devastating economical and psychological impact could be created with very little investment, leaving minimal, if any, evidence to trace back to the perpetrators.

### A psychosis of fear and panic

According to the March 21 *National Post* the disease is the last in a long list of crises that has developed into a sociological paranoia. "Europe has lost its nerve," says Frank Furedi, a sociologist at Britain's University of Kent and an expert on the new malaise. "Every problem today, however small, is represented as a major disaster." Every week brings another study suggesting some cherished food, textile, gadget or hobby may be

harmful. The phthalates used to soften plastic toys are poisonous; a standard measles vaccine causes autism; electrical power lines trigger leukemia; genetically modified foods are hazardous. Last week, European mothers were warned that babies breast-fed beyond four months are prone to heart disease in later life.

The question is why? According to the *National Post*, commentators



Extreme measures are being taken to disinfect people traveling through infected areas. Even if these excessive measures are necessary, the process, along with nightly pictures of burning animals, has caused panic in Europe.

blame environmentalists, the media and especially politicians for fostering a culture of paranoia and panic. To fill the void left by Soviet communism, European leaders have adopted health hazards — real or imagined — as the new bogeyman. "Without the old battle between right and left, politicians need a new mission," says Thomas Deichmann, a German writer who specializes in health scares. "Today, the easiest way for them to connect with the people is to pander to their fears about health."

The Europeans have developed a psychosis of fear that shuts down rational thought processes and makes them easy to manipulate. "Driven by the so-called precautionary principle, which holds that anything that may pose a danger should be banned or heavily regulated, the EU churns out reams of safety measures that all add up to a single message: that not even reasonable precautions and common sense can save us from the health hazards that

warns the *National Post*. "The European Commission is obsessed with eliminating every last risk from human life," says Andreas Hansen, a Copenhagen-based pollster and sociologist. "By treating the public like small children, by nannying them all the time, they are making Europeans into people who cannot contemplate risk, however trivial, however theoretical, without panicking."

Though not as advanced, the same thing is happening in the US as well. Americans are systematically being turned into lemmings afraid of our own shadow. The Chicken Little panic that has gripped Europe and is well entrenched in America provides fertile ground for citizens to grasp at any straw that promises safety, no matter how dangerous it is to their fundamental, God given freedoms. Perhaps we should heed the warning given by Alexander Hamilton in the *Federalist Papers* No. 8,

"It is a truth, which the experience of ages has attested, that the people are always most in danger when the means of injuring their rights are in the possession of those of whom they entertain the least suspicion.... Safety from external danger is the most powerful director of national conduct. Even the ardent love of liberty will after a time, give way to its dictates. . . . [t]he continual effort and alarm attendant on a state of continual danger, will compel nations the most attached to liberty to resort for repose and security to institutions which have a tendency to destroy their civil and political rights. To be more safe, they at length become willing to run the risk of being less free."

However the disease originated, three key components of global governance are at work: Farmers are being reduced to paupers, governmental control over the citizens is increasing, and a food shortage is brewing that will cause more dependence on the government and possibly usher in the famines that are prophesied about in Matthew 24:7-8, "There will be famines...in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains." It is a diabolical recipe made in hell for those promoting world government. Keep a wary eye on the budding European Union to see how events unfold as the disease progresses. † *bm & mc*

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