

Discerning Digest the Times

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

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China showdown with the US

China has finally exposed her true colors to the world with the EP-3 hijacking and other acts of belligerence against the US. The recent boldness is in part the result of the renewed interest in the 1999 Military Cooperation Treaty with Russia that was initially unveiled by Chinese President Jiang Zemin and then Russian President Boris Yeltsin but never signed. After an easing of tensions in the second half of 2000, once again the threat of joint Chinese-Russian military action is raising its ugly head – putting all Americans at risk. *Discerning the Times Digest's* (DTTD) concern



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throughout 2000 that the Military Cooperation treaty was designed to provide a united front with Russia to confront and neutralize the unipolar dominance of the US is only now being confirmed in the media as its successor, the Economic and Friendship Treaty, is about to be signed by China and Russia. While China has greatly

enhanced their military capability to conquer Taiwan in minutes and successfully repel any US response, it is still no match for the US Navy. China believes two things will level the playing field. First, the new treaty will ensure that Russia's Pacific fleet will come to China's aid in the event the US Pacific Fleet attempts to intervene in a Chinese attack of Taiwan. More important to Americans, however, before China attacks Taiwan, China and Russia would likely bring the war to US cities in the form of crippling cyber, biological and/or nuclear terrorism.

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Aliens and UFOs: The theories and the facts

Editor's note: This highly controversial subject is sure to generate a vast amount of diverse and intense opinions. It is not DTT's desire to create division in the body of Christ, but to present current theories and issues against biblical facts for your consideration. Although this article contains information that we believe to be possible, it may be totally incorrect. Well-respected Christian scholars have taken both sides of this issue. In any event, it will be hard for some people to accept. Our intention is to alert Christians to the possibility of what might happen and not be deceived if it does.

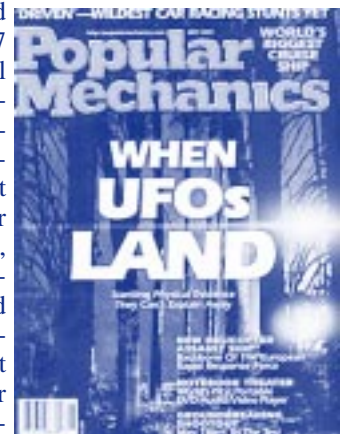


is a topic that generates deep-wrought opinions and controversy around the world.

People have long pondered the possibility of little green men from distant planets who might hold the secrets of advanced technology, cures for cancer, and hope for mankind. Over the years, especially in recent months, there has been an increasing number of mainstream media that are treating the UFO phenomenon as credible. Children and adults alike are being desensitized to freely accept the idea of aliens as friendly "big brothers" who just want to get to know us better. The traditional alien face shape typified by the large bald head, smooth gray/green skin, tiny expressionless mouth, and wide black slanted eyes is seen everywhere – TV, movies, posters, T-shirts, books, and bumper stickers. Interestingly, the alien eye shape has shown up in recent years in other areas, too, such as the head and tail lights of cars, stereo speakers, and especially, sunglasses. We are, in fact, getting quite comfortable with "that look."

The alien/UFO craze became a public obsession after the Roswell, NM, incident over fifty years ago, and received an enormous boost in credibility when Lt. Col. Philip Corso published the book *The Day After Roswell* in 1997. Corso was a respected member of Presi-

dent Eisenhower's National Security Council and former head of the Foreign Technology Desk at the US Army's Research & Development Department in the 1960s, and after retiring he joined Senator Strom Thurman (R-SC) as his military advisor. During his tenure as head of the Foreign Technology Desk he claims to have reverse-engineered alien technology recovered from the 1947 Roswell crash to provide the science for integrated circuit chips, fiber optics, lasers, super-tenacity fibers and other technology that we take for granted today. Says Corso in his introduction, "In Roswell in 1947, the



The May, 2001 cover of Popular Mechanics. A rash of recent publications on UFOs is helping to make the idea of UFOs and aliens more credible to an increasingly accepting society.

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China's military buildup

China has stunned western analysts with its military modernization efforts the past two years. In their analysis in the April 15 *NewsMax*, China analysts Dr. Alexandr V. Nemets (consultant to Science Applications International and American Foreign Policy Council) and Dr. Thomas J. Torda (consultant to Naval intelligence) outline a stunning array of new military equipment that China has either manufactured or bought from Russia in the past two years. "It is common knowledge among analysts that China's PLAAF (Peoples Liberation Army Air Force) and PLAN (Peoples liberation Army Navy) aviation received hundreds, not 'several dozen,' of Russia's modern fighters and bombers" as commonly believed, claim the two analysts.

But that's not all. By April of 2001 China had also beefed up its theater missile defense (TMD) system by positioning hundreds of advanced air defense missile (ADM) systems along the Chinese coast from Beijing to Hong Kong. "Together with thousands of Chinese-made ADM systems of various kinds and many thousand air-defense artillery units, this makes a strong-enough TMD network, capable of effectively opposing massive air strikes 'of Kosovo war scale,' including land-attack cruise missile strikes," warn Nemets and Torda.

In addition, China has purchased hundreds of advanced land-based cruise missiles from Russia capable of reaching Taiwan and US ships. In 2000 it also started production of its own cruise missiles and has received a "significant quantity" of intermediate and long range ballistic missiles from Russia, some of which can reach the US. By late 2000, China had positioned up to 300 mid-range ballistic missiles that can be armed with tactical neutron and electromagnetic pulse bombs to instantly take out Taiwan's military installations and air force.

Finally, the PLA Navy (PLAN) has added state of the art destroyers and submarines to its otherwise outdated navy. The destroyers and frigates have been armed with very advanced Russian-made supersonic anti-ship cruise missiles, probably of the Moskit (Sunburn) and/or Yakhont types. Numerous Pentagon and Congressional reports have shown that the US has no adequate defense for these anti-ship missiles because President Clinton stopped all research and development work to create such a defense. In other words, our Seventh Fleet in the Pacific Ocean is very vulnerable to a first-strike Chinese attack.

The China-Russia military alliance to confront US

As important as China's military modernization is the new alliance between China and Russia. The agreement for Russia to come to China's aid if China was attacked by the US was first publicly announced by Presidents Jiang and Putin during a July 5, 2000 meeting on the sidelines of a five-nation summit of China, Russia and three Central Asian states held in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan. It was a key component in the December 1999 Military Cooperation Treaty developed by Jiang and Yeltsin. The April 15, 2001 *NewsMax* analysis by Nemets and Torda has confirmed that the agreement still stands and is now folded into the revamped Economic and Friendship Treaty to be signed this July



Photo Source: U.S. military

Many analysts were disappointed that President Bush did not allow the Aegis missile defense system to be sold to Taiwan. However, the Aegis would not have helped in the short run when China is likely to attack. Bush seemed to definitely have a strategy to immediately help Taiwan by the equipment He did sell.

when Presidents Jiang Zemin and Vladimir Putin meet in a Summit in Moscow.

Based on the 1999 Military Cooperation Treaty, the new treaty prescribes, among other items, "joint resistance to the aggression against either of the two sides," note Nemets and Torda. This particularly means "unconditional support of China by the Russian side – with all resources available – in the case of a Sino-US military conflict." The two analysts continue, "Such a position of the Russian side was confirmed in a telephone call between Jiang Zemin and Putin in mid-January this year.... In case of a serious crisis around Taiwan, or any other crisis related to direct conflict between Chinese and U.S. forces – a significant part of the Russian

Pacific Fleet will 'block the way of the U.S. Navy.'" Talks between these two supreme leaders have taken place on a regular basis after their summit in July 2000. If China does intend to attack Taiwan, it will likely use the unlimited war strategy.

As detailed in a separate article in this issue of the Digest, China has implemented the strategy in what it calls "unrestricted war" in November of 1999 and Russia was quick to follow with its own version in the spring of 2000. DTTD has long reported that the 1999 Military Cooperation Treaty was designed to destabilize the US by using terrorism with weapons of mass destruction and cyber attacks. With the signing of the Economic and Friendship Treaty this July, that possibility becomes more likely. If China is serious about taking back Taiwan militarily, a series of devastating terrorist attacks using weapons of mass destruction or cyber warfare would likely be used to throw the U. into political chaos before attacking Taiwan – especially if the Chinese military believed it could hide its complicity. This threat by far represents the greatest threat to the US and all American citizens since the cold war, causing Joseph de Courcy, Editor in Chief of the highly respected *Janes Intelligence Digest* to warn, "Contrary to what the general public believes, the world is more dangerous today than it has been for the last 50 years..."

Bush calls China's bluff

After a brief cooling of tensions last summer, once it became clear that Bush had won the presidency in the fall of 2000, China once again became belligerent. At first the tough talk seemed to be designed to bully Bush into giving what China wanted. But when Bush did not buckle like Clinton did before him, China intensified its rhetoric and actions that eventually led to the collision of the Jian-8 fighter and the US EP-3.

Bush has called China's hand. Although he did not give Taiwan the Aegis missile defense system in the April 2001 arms sale, the Aegis sale was not relevant to the current crisis anyway. Furthermore, a close review of the sale shows a very definite Bush strategy in the sale. First, there is no doubt that Taiwan has to eventually have the Aegis technology to defend itself, and any purchase made now from the US would likely be a moot issue. If China is going to attack Taiwan it will be within the next three years or sooner. The Aegis systems installed in the Arleigh Burkes class destroyers would not be delivered to Taiwan until 2010 – much too late to fend off a Chinese attack, if it occurs. And, even if the Aegis system was available, it is doubtful it

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Germany pushes for EU superstate – God says: not yet – *Editor's Commentary*



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Led by Germany and France, Europe and the European Union (EU) have in recent years been splitting from the west and Britain to create a European superstate. They even had it pretty much sown up by last November, when things started going south on them. As is oft the way of kings, they got a bit ahead of God and have been acting like the confused leaders during the time of Nimrod and the tower of Babel, when suddenly they started speaking different languages. Everyone started looking out after their own interests and the unity that existed before went down the toilet.

Ironically, we may be witnessing how God thwarts the plans of kings as is described in Psalms 2:1-4, "Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD... The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them." In any event, understanding what is happening in Europe would be comical if the world were not at stake in this geopolitical game of marbles.

Germany makes bid for federal government of Europe

In the latest shot at Britain and France, Germany officially made public the brewing internal war within the European Union by issuing a document insisting it is essential to develop a federal government for the EU patterned after that of Germany. German Chancellor Helmut Schröder and his fellow Social Democrats claim the EU must be federalized to create a European state by the end of the decade to harmonize taxes in the EU. "In 10 years we shall live in a Europe with a constitution. In 10 years, we shall live in a Europe with a [single] currency," states the document developed under the guidance of Schröder.

The *International Herald Tribune* reported on April 30 that Germany called for a centralized government with a two chambered parliament system almost identical to the German federal system. In the German model, the executive branch, the EU Commission holds all the power. The European states would become merely the second house of Parliament, a position in which they would essentially lose all their power to the EU Commission.

Both France and Britain strongly oppose

the German proposal, but for different reasons. The federalist structure proposed by Germany is a policy which is anathema to both the main parties in Britain and to governments in some other EU states. England is adamant that the individual states (nations) maintain their individual sovereignty and the EU serve as merely a confederation of states within which travel is unrestricted and the elimination of tariffs promote the EU's economic health trading power in the global marketplace.

The main concern in France is the German plan trumps France's bid for creating an EU superstate based on the parliamentary system in which the individual states control parliament and maintain power over the central executive branch, the EU Commission. In a bit of convoluted logic, France also

way down a German, that is to say federalist, road. I don't think it is at the centre of EU thinking."

The German proposal puts the war of ideologies between Britain, France and the other socialist Europeans fully on the front pages of European newspapers. Until last November, the move to create a European superstate was led by both Germany and France. The two nations had agreed to rewrite the EU treaty so as to include an EU constitution – thereby creating the Euro superstate during the December, 2000, European Summit. Instead, France made a power play to control the process and Germany countered with their own plan. As explained in the December *Discerning the Times Digest*, the result was a degeneration of the summit into an internal squabble that threatened the very existence of the EU.



The European Union is expanding to include the Eastern European nations and eventually Turkey. If a European superstate is eventually created it would be the second most powerful economy in the world, just behind the US. Germany and France want the EU state to be the most powerful in the world and overplayed their hand by attempting to destroy the US economy last November.

wants the budgeting powers to stay in the Commission, where France has a better chance at controlling, or at least guiding, the process to France's advantage. While the German federal model places the powers of state in the European Commission, it would also take the budget power from the European Commission, where it currently resides, and places it in the new parliament.

The *London Electronic Telegraph* reported on May 3 that France is insistent that the budgeting process stay in the Commission where it can maintain the enormous agricultural subsidies the EU provides farmers – especially French farmers. Nearly half of the EU £65 billion budget goes to these agricultural subsidies. To blur the difference between the German federal and the French hybrid parliamentary/federal, Pierre Moscovici, the Minister of France for Europe claims, "It's an idea that goes a long

December's EU Summit. But, in a sequence of events that is almost comical, the whole plan came unglued.

First, Germany and France made a power play to weaken the US while creating a more powerful EU state. In November 2000 Germany and France refused to accept the just agreed-to US greenhouse gas reductions after an all night negotiating session at the Hague Climate Change Conference. The concessions made by the Clinton administration would have seriously hurt the US economically. Even so, Germany and France became greedy and wanted even more concessions from the US. As detailed in the November 2000 *Discerning the Times Digest* that it was obvious to the rest of the attending nations that Germany and France were forcing unreasonably severe restrictions on the US – not to hurt it, but to destroy it.

The gambit was done by Germany and

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landing of a flying saucer was no fantasy. It was real, the military wasn't able to prevent it, and this time the authorities didn't want a repeat of 'War of the Worlds'."

Corso claims he was not at Roswell in 1947, but did see the body of one of the aliens as it was shipped through Fort Riley, Kansas, where then Major Corso was the post duty officer on July 6, 1947. Five lowboys, supposedly carrying landing-gear-assembly struts for P51s, stopped overnight from Fort Bliss, Texas, in route to Air Material Command at Wright Field in Ohio. Some of the crates, however, strangely wound up in the Veterinarians building. As he was making his rounds past the Veterinarians building, the sentry pulled Corso into the building and showed him some thirty crates the truck drivers had said had come from an accident in New Mexico. Opening one that had obviously been opened before, Corso went into shock:

The contents, enclosed in a thick glass container, were submerged in a thick light blue liquid.... It was a four-foot human-shaped figure with arms, bizarre-looking six-fingered hands – I didn't see a thumb – thin legs and feet, and an oversized incandescent lightbulb-shaped head that looked like it was floating over a balloon-shaped gondola for a chin....

Needless to say, Corso's book has resulted in extreme controversy. Some people have labeled it as a fraud – primarily because this near ninety-year old author didn't get all the dates of the events right which had occurred fifty years before, and were peripheral to the main topic of alien technology. To the accusation of fraud, Corso's supporters ask why? Why would a distinguished officer desire to discredit his family's name in the last years of his life? He died the year after the book was published. There is simply no motive to commit such an outrageous fraud.

Although Corso said he was not involved, 12 people worked with President Truman to cover up the event in the years following Roswell. The cover-up eventually became known as Majestic, or Majestic-12, or MJ-12. Corso claimed that the event was kept secret at the time because release of the information would have created panic. But the Majestic group did want the "truth" to eventually get out, so they started leaking information. The MJ-12 allowed "disclosure of some of the most far-fetched information, whether true or not, because it would help create a climate of public

attitude that would be able to accept the existence of extraterrestrial life without a general sense of panic," wrote Corso. There is overwhelming evidence that the Majestic project really did exist and, assuming they are not fraudulent, the Majestic Documents are gradually being exposed.

The campaign to reveal the "secrets"

On May 9, 2001, UFO excitement was reignited as "20 witnesses from the American military, intelligence services, and scientific establishments gave their testimony to start a campaign which they hope will force the government to investigate the UFO phenomenon," according to an Independent News article. In-



The July 8, 1947 frontpage headlines of the *Roswell Daily Record*.

vestigations such as the Air Force's Project Blue Book have already gathered a vast amount of information. From 1947 to 1969 it investigated 12,618 sightings, and found explanations for all but 701. Steven Greer, head of The Disclosure Project, a non-profit research group dedicated to "working to fully disclose the facts about UFO's, extraterrestrial intelligence, and classified advanced energy and propulsion systems" is the force behind the current campaign.

In a *Fox News* report on May 10, Greer commented that "Technologies connected to UFOs and extra-terrestrial vehicles, if declassified and used for peaceful energy generation and propulsion, would solve the looming energy crisis definitively, would end global warming, would correct the environmental challenges that the earth is facing." That sounds like the type of conquering Messiah that the Jewish people were looking for to save their world, too. But Jesus came and washed feet and died on a cross – not quite what they had in mind. Once again, misplaced hope will likely lead many people into deception as their expectations are based on their desires and hopes rather than on the word of God. Satan is always more than willing to supply substitutes for Christ.

So who are these little gray camera-shy creatures who dart around the skies in shiny saucers, plucking select individuals to study in their examining rooms? And what stance should Christians take on the subject? Are there alien

civilizations living in this enormous universe which God created? Only He knows for sure, but a diligent study of scripture points to the likely answer.

What does the Bible say?

There is only one God (Isaiah 45:21-22), and He created the heavens and the earth, and all living things (Genesis 1). He made the stars for the sole purpose of giving light to the *earth*, to govern the day and the night on the *earth*, and to separate light from darkness on the *earth* (Gen. 1:16b-18), not for housing other beings. The earth was the focus of His attention, around which his other creations revolved.

Eve was the mother of *all* the living (Gen. 3:20). Through the sin of Adam and Eve (Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12), mankind had need of a Savior (John 3:3). Jesus, God's only son, became the sacrifice that would redeem mankind (John 3:16). God's only provision for sin, Jesus, came in a *human* body (John 1:14) to *earth*. God's plan for redemption was completed on the cross (John 19:30).

The Word of God was written for *humans*, and nothing else can be added to it (Rev. 22:18-19). The new Jerusalem where Christians will abide with God forever, is created for *humans* (Rev. 21:3). One God, one plan, one Word, one people.

If God has indeed created other beings, then we can assume several things:

- 1 Either they are not capable of sin, or God didn't provide a plan of salvation for them, because Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6) and He was sent to redeem *humans*;
- 2 If they did sin, God would have to contradict His Word and provide another way to be saved, or let them be eternally lost in sin which would discredit Psalm 145:13b, "*The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.*"
- 3 In eternity they will not live in the new Jerusalem with God, because He made it for *humans*.
- 4 They would have to use a *human* Bible which wouldn't pertain to their situation.

For the spiritually-minded, scripture discounts the notion that aliens are a race from a faraway planet. And for those who prefer to operate in a scientific realm, mathematical logic discounts the possibility as well. The nearest

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The rock – *Becky's Corner*



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Has anyone out there had a hard week? A hard month? Year? Life? Well, you're not alone. Not that it makes you feel better to hear that, but everything that happens has a reason. The hardships in our lives aren't necessarily from God, but He sometimes allows certain things that we can't figure out. Most of us have been in that position at one time or another.

I have. My husband and I were at a hospital in Boston waiting for the results of our daughter's ear surgery. I was disappointed that the Lord hadn't healed the hole in her eardrum without surgery, but I believed that the operation would go well and that she would recover quickly and regain her hearing. I took solace in the fact that sometimes God uses miracles, but sometimes He uses doctors. And this guy was the best. With a network of prayer support around the country, we couldn't lose.

Then the doctor called and said that there had been complications. He had easily patched the eardrum, but noticed scarring on the tiny bones which totally immobilized them like cement. He scraped off what he could, but wasn't able to free up the most important one. He said that in the unlikely event that her hearing did improve, the scarring would eventually return.

The doctor's announcement devastated me. With my faith shattered, I stood in the hallway and cried my eyes out. I didn't understand it at all...it wasn't supposed to happen that way. The enemy of our souls whispered in my ear, "You serve the Lord— your daughter doesn't deserve to lose her hearing. Your prayers were in vain." It was bad enough when she had the hole in her eardrum, but why did it have to get worse? There was supposed to be a fairy-tale ending where we all lived happily ever after.

I came home and continued to wrestle with God over the "whys," and reminded Him that it wasn't fair. I finally poured my heart out to my niece, seeking her wise counsel. Her answer surprised me. She said, "Maybe it's not about what God is doing with your daughter in this situation, but what He's doing with you." Then she proceeded to tell me this story:

Once upon a time there was a man. The Lord came to him and said, "See that huge boulder over there? I want you to push against it every day with all your strength." So the man began to push on the enormous rock day after day, his shoulders set squarely

against its cold, massive surface, but it never moved. He toiled from sunup to sundown for many years, feeling that each day had been spent in vain.

Since the man was showing signs of discouragement, the adversary decided to place thoughts into the man's weary mind: "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't budged. Why kill yourself over this? It's not going to move." Thus, he gave the man the impression that he was a failure and that the task was impossible, which disheartened him even further.

Finally the man asked himself, "Why am I doing this? This huge rock isn't ever going to move. I'm just wasting my time. I give up. Lord, why would you ask me to do something so hard? It just doesn't make sense."

The Lord replied compassionately, "My child, when I asked you to serve me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all your strength, and you have done so. Never did I tell you that I expected you to move it. Now you come to me with your strength

spent, thinking that you have failed. But is that really so? Look at your strong, muscled arms and tough hands. Your back is sinewy and brown, and your legs have become massive and hard.

"Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. The work that I have asked you to do will prepare you for things that you are going to face down the road, and I want you to be ready. You don't need to know all the answers now— you just need to obey, which you have done. I, my friend, will now move the rock."

Do you have a boulder in your life that you keep pushing on and it just won't budge? The Lord never told us that we wouldn't have any problems when we became Christians— He just promised to make them all work out for our best. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28) If we exercise our faith, we can rest assured that God still moves mountains. † *bm*

Chinese cyber-EMP terrorism?

Discerning the Times has consistently sounded the alarm over the past year and a half that the potential terrorist threat posed by China against the United States is not something to scoff at — regardless of how many times Clinton tried to portray the country as a "strategic partner." They are neither friends nor allies, but rather a legitimate threat to be acknowledged. China has not only the technology and the desire to see the US go belly-up, but with the recent escalation of tensions between the two countries because of their hatred of the unipolar dominance of the US over the rest of the world, the EP-3 spy plane incident and the weapons sale to Taiwan, perhaps they now have the excuse. Time will tell if the latest hacker escapades are a prelude for a much more sinister attack with the capability to destroy all our electronic and communications systems.

Cyber terrorism

The Internet became the world's newest battleground as online vandalism between the US and China threatened to intensify into a full-blown cyber-war. "The Sixth Network War of National Defence," officially began May 1 at 1200 GMT as Chinese hackers (people who illegally enter computer networks to destroy or deface them) began celebrating May Day with attacks on US websites, according to experts who monitor hacker activity. *The Age* correctly warned in a news report on May 1 that the cyber attacks

would increase throughout the week. Relations between the US and China stretched to the limit during April in the wake of the US spy plane incident, which resulted in US hackers defacing at least 350 Chinese websites, and pro-Chinese hackers targeting 37 American sites.

A weeklong campaign of retribution by the Chinese was aimed at the White House, FBI, NASA, Congress in addition to news sites such as the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, CNN, UPI and MSNBC. On Tuesday, May 1, the White House was hit with e-mail "bombs" which were intended to crash the mail server. Jerry Freese, intelligence director for the technology security firm Vigilinx, said organizers of the attacks "have called for Web defacements but not to damage systems, with one exception - that's US government sites ... but there's no guarantee that will not escalate." The "war" didn't appear to be state-sponsored, but was considered state-tolerated, with the majority of the incidents originating in Beijing. Hackers from many other countries also joined the fray by aligning themselves with one country or the other.

US security agents downplayed the severity of the "May Day war," as a *Yahoo/Reuters* news story on May 1 dubbed the situation. "They deface the Web sites, and usually that's the extent of what they do," said a technology director at a leading Chinese Web portal who routinely fends off hacker attacks. Another network secu-

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France to fire a warning shot across the bow of the US that Europe was going to have equal say in how the emerging world government was going to be formed. Both Germany and France had expected the US to come back to the negotiating table before Clinton was put out of office and sign the agreed to concessions. But, in a totally unexpected move, Clinton refused and now Kyoto is in its death throes.

The second blow came two weeks later at the December 2000 European Union Summit where Germany and France had greased the skids to create a EU constitution and consolidate power into the EU Commission – thereby creating a European superstate. That effort self-destructed in slow motion when both Germany and France got greedy and attempted to put their respective nations at the top of the power structure at the expense of the other. In what looked to be a hilarious squabble by five-year old boys over a game of marbles, the resulting mêlée almost resulted in the destruction of the EU concept entirely.

But it wasn't about marbles. It was about control of the world. The infighting between Germany and France destroyed not only the chance to create the EU superstate, but also the chance and the ability to control the birth of the emerging world government. That will now fall to the financial institutions of the US and Britain. The world government will now be centered on a controlled capitalist system rather than on the near feudal model that would have been employed had the EU superstate been created in time. Even so, the power plays continue to this day. Incredibly, after working for months to mend fences between Germany and France after the December EU disaster, Germany announced the bombshell to create a federalized EU to which France is adamantly opposed.

Another brick wall

Again, Germany and France went to work mending fences. Just when things began to smooth out between Germany and France, the plan for a European superstate ran into more problems – more like a brick wall – the election of Silvio Berlusconi as Italy's Prime Minister. The election of Berlusconi deals a severe blow to Schröder's call for a united federal Europe by 2010. Berlusconi agrees that the EU needs to expand its membership, according to the May 15 *London Electronic Telegraph*. Berlusconi even supports "integrating the EU more deeply" and the

admission of Turkey as soon as feasible to counter the threat of Islamic extremism. "But deepening cannot mean a federation of states and a federal government," he said in a clear reference to Mr Schröder's call for the European Commission to become a new government for Europe with an elected president. "The strength of Europe lies in its diversity, not its homogeneity that is an illusory quest, and a confederal structure is the only one that can possibly work," he added. In other words, Berlusconi is solidly in Britain's camp to create a confederation, not a federation.

Berlusconi's election is the most severe threat to the EU superstate ever faced, and EU proponents are trying to find ways to discredit



The principle power players in Europe. Top: Gerhard Schröder, Chancellor of Germany and Jacques Chirac, President of France. Both are fighting hard for a European superstate, but are at odds over which model of governance to use. Bottom: Tony Blair, Prime Minister of England and Silvio Berlusconi, Premier of Italy are both strongly opposed to the European superstate.

Berlusconi like they did with Austrian Jörg Haider in 2000. But Berlusconi says he is in the mainstream of European politics. "Those who give the red carpet treatment to such state visitors as [Zimbabwe's president] Robert Mugabe [as Belgium recently did] and then opt to boycott Berlusconi would be showing their true colours. And the would-be boycotters [sic] should remember that the European Parliament presently has a centre-Right majority," said Berlusconi.

Germany is taking this bad news with a grain of salt. "I would dare to prophesy that things will go this way [to form an EU federal government]. Certainly, not without crises or problems, but the pressure is in that direction," predicted the Green party member Joschka Fischer, Germany's foreign minister

in the May 16 *Financial Times*. In responding to questions about the British resistance, Fischer said, "I'm a convinced believer in the federal state. But visiting Westminster, [England] I understood for the first time Britain's resistance above all to a transfer of the sovereignty of the House of Commons." So Fischer stuck a compromise. "We have three possibilities - intergovernmentalism; federalism; or a federation of nation states. In the light of experience, it would seem advisable to seek the third option as our next step even if the second has my full sympathy."

Just when things started to come together again for the drive for an EU superstate after Germany and France almost destroyed their own efforts through greed, along comes Berlusconi who, together with Tony Blair of Britain, could scuttle the whole effort. But, it doesn't even end there.

The May 29 *London Electronic Telegraph* reported that France is attempting a power play around Germany while at the same time attempting to ruin Tony Blair's chance of reelection. Lionel Jospin, the French prime minister said that "While ...he favoured a Europe of independent nation states and rejected the federal model proposed by Germany, he called for greater integration of economic and social policies. Unfair competition between national tax regimes was 'unacceptable' and harmonising corporate taxation would eventually be needed," according to the *Telegraph*.

Jospin called for a "European social treaty," with labour rules at the European level, notably on lay-offs, wage policy and the quality of employment; harmonisation of criminal law; the creation of a European public prosecutor's office, and a European police force. Of course, all this would require a EU constitution, a lessening of national sovereignty, but not the creation of an all-powerful federal government that Germany is pushing. Such are the games men play to gain world power.

The Bible seems to say that the seat of power for the "beast" will come from the old Roman Empire, which would be Europe. So it seems likely that the EU superstate will eventually be created. But, apparently the time is not yet right in God's timetable because the masters of intrigue keep shooting themselves in their respective feet, destroying their efforts before they can even get launched. It is almost comical to see how God destroys the schemes of the kings of the world when they are not in His timetable! † mc

War in Israel reaches new heights

After six weeks of relative quiet, the war in Israel accelerated sharply over the weekend of May 18 - 20. The escalation was precipitated by a suicide bombing at the entrance of a crowded shopping mall in Netanya just north of Tel Aviv on Friday May 18, that killed 5 and wounded over 100 Israelis. The Israeli air force responded by staging bombing runs by F-16 fighter jets and attack helicopters in the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Friday afternoon and Saturday. "It was the first time jets had been used in the territories since the Six Day War in 1967," reported the *Jerusalem Post* on May 20.

The suicide bomber touched off the blast when he was prevented from entering the mall by security guards. Guards became suspicious because he was wearing a heavy blue coat on a very hot day, according to the May 18 *BBC*. One of the targets in the air force bombing was a prison and security headquarters for the Palestinians in Nablus where 11 Palestinian policemen were killed. On Saturday, May 19, more than 70,000 Palestinians attended the funerals of the 11 policemen.

The fact that the F-16 attack targeted the security headquarters of the Nablus, rather than the prison where Hamas bomber mastermind Mahmoud Abu Hannoud was being held prisoner suggests the attack was not specifically a retaliation for the mall suicide bombing in Netanya, but a deliberate escalation of the six week old strategy of targeting Palestinian security facilities, leaders and forces. The systematic attack by Israel on Palestinian leaders and facilities is designed to create fear among Palestinian leadership that their strategy of gradually ratcheting up the violence to make Israel appear like war-mongers to the international community carried a high price – their own lives.

Suicide bombing a coordinated effort.

The May 20 *DEBKAfile* intelligence briefing claims that US F-16's were used in the bombing May 18 was to warn Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Yasser Arafat that Israel is aware of the coordination between the PA, Hamas and Hizballah terrorist groups, as well as Syria with Arafat's Palestinian Authority. The F-16's were a strong warning that there will be severe consequences if the coordinated attacks against Israeli citizens continue. It could be no accident, claims *DEBKAfile* that "exactly one hour, ten minutes later [after the original suicide bombing], the Hizballah's south Beirut TV station named the bomber," even though the bomber was a Hamas operative. A quarter of an hour later, an obviously well prepared large Hamas rally formed up in the center of the West Bank town of Ramallah and, under the eye of the Palestinian police, began calling "Death to

the Jews!" Preparations for the rally began hours before the suicide bombing.

Just before the suicide bombing, Israeli Defense Force spotters watched Hizballah guerrillas, led by Hizballah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, "openly and with much bravado rigging Katyusha rocket launchers in Southern Lebanon and bringing up quantities of rockets in trucks," reported *DEBKAfile*. The order to launch the rockets was awaiting Syrian president Bashar Assad's approval. Just when all this was going down Assad suddenly aborted a



A Katyusha rocket in its launcher in Southern Lebanon ready to launch at an Israeli target on May 22.

meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt concerning the Egyptian-Jordanian cease fire formula to fly home and supervise the effort. "Assad had given Nasrallah his green light to engage Israel in battle and assured him of Syrian air and artillery support if Israel fought back," claimed *DEBKAfile*.

This tangled web of intrigue led Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon to his decision to send F-16 fighter jets over Nablus immediately after the suicide bombing in Netanya. It also explains US Vice President Richard Cheney's evasiveness when challenged by an *NBC* interviewer Sunday on Israel's use of American made warplanes for reprisals against the Palestinians. Sharon's bold move worked initially. Assad never gave the final ok to start the shelling and Nasrallah cancelled the Hizballah's triumphal celebration of the one year anniversary of Israel's withdrawal of southern Lebanon. However, after consulting with Assad of Syria and Arafat, Nasrallah decided to call Sharon's hand and resumed the missile preparation in Southern Lebanon on May 20.

By May 27 the *London Electronic Telegraph* reported that the "Syrian-backed Shi-ite terrorist group had received the 'green light' to resume military actions and that [IDF] intelligence reports indicated that a large operation was imminent." Hizballah is believed to possess rockets with a longer range than the batteries of Katyushas they displayed in southern Lebanon last week. A Hizballah guerrilla commander said all the urban centers in "North-

ern Palestine" were "sitting ducks". "There are fears that Haifa, Israel's third largest city, will become a target. Bomb shelters in Metula and other towns in 'Katyusha Alley' were also being prepared," said the *Telegraph*.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon again warned Syria to expect a devastating attack by Israel if Hizballah forces mount this kind of rocket attack on Israel. "Very harsh military action" would be taken against Syrian targets as well as against the guerrillas, warned Sharon. It is becoming increasingly obvious that while the fighting in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has been Israel's main preoccupation for months, Israel's northern border abutting the Hizballah stronghold's in southern Lebanon is likely to be the flashpoint to a regional war.

Both sides are hardening their positions – larger war inevitable

During the funeral of the 11 policemen in Nablus, Palestinian activists from all factions also vowed to avenge the attack by Israeli F-16s in the biggest demonstration ever held in the Palestinian areas. "Never since 1967 have so many Palestinians joined a demonstration in any Palestinian city... All of Nablus is wearing black today and all the people and political factions are vowing revenge," a senior Palestinian security officer said, according to a separate *Jerusalem Post* report on May 20. The terrorist group Hamas claimed responsibility and declared they and other terrorist organizations had another 250 martyrs ready to do the same thing.

Hamas was quick to use these volunteers in a rash of suicide bombs. By May 27 several more suicide bombs had been used, as well as several car bombs, culminating in a suicide bomb along the Tel Aviv beachfront on June 1 that killed 17 Israeli youth and maiming more than 90 others. This, after Israel had instituted a ceasefire. Events are rapidly spinning out of control and even Arafat knows it. After the first suicide bombing yet another May 20 *Jerusalem Post* article reported Arafat as proclaiming, "We will not give in. We will go on." The fighting between Israel and the Palestinians has escalated into a "decisive battle for Palestine," claimed Arafat. By June 1 Arafat was singing a different tune. Realizing the killing of 16 Israeli youth in Tel Aviv would push Sharon over the edge, Arafat said, "The president condemns such attacks especially against civilians and calls on all sides to show self-restraint," according to a June 2 *BBC* report. In desperation, Arafat called for a cease fire, but only after the June 1 massacre and 10 days after Israel had declared a ceasefire.

But Arafat's contrition will be too little too

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rity company official said he thought the hacking was a childish stunt carried out with very basic skills. The Chinese, however, claimed differently on May 3 according to an *Inside China Today* report. Chinese hacker Jia En Zhu said, "We are already inside the U.S. government's computers, and we can hurt them if we choose to. What we are doing is not a war though, this is just the way hackers have fun."

All "fun" aside, the potential for severe economic disaster is a real possibility. China has threatened that the war of the future would be unconventional. On August 8, 1999, the *Washington Post* alerted readers that China's military may be planning a strategy of "unrestricted war." In a book of the same title, two Chinese colonels describe this alternative warfare method by stating, "Unrestricted War is a war that surpasses all boundaries and restrictions.... It takes nonmilitary forms and military forms and creates a war on many fronts. It is the war of the future."

Blanchard Economic Unit issued a report in July called *The Chinese Connection* that states this new kind of war "advocates terrorism, biochemical warfare, environmental damage and computer viruses as a means to pitch the West into political and economic crisis." The report went on to say that "the blueprints for the 'dirty war' say the **Chinese army should infiltrate and sabotage key pillars of Western society, including banks and the public sector... The increasingly global world economy is pinpointed as a weak point which could be exploited.**" (Italics and bolding original) Stratfor intelligence on November 8, 2000 defines this threat more specifically. Such an attack, states the report, would "create sewage backups, poison water, shut off electrical grids, disrupt air traffic control and truck transport or even destroy gasoline refineries."

As horrifying as these potential cyber attacks may be, however, they pale in comparison to terrorism by electromagnetic pulse.

EMP terrorism

One alarming weapon in this unconventional arsenal is electromagnetic pulse technology (EMP). A May 7 *Insight* article, provides the horrifying potential for EMP devices to be used as terrorist weapons to cripple the US for years. EMP consists of powerful radio waves generated by nuclear weapons which are designed to disable electronics as quickly as a lightning bolt. Far beyond the scope of the devastation predicted by Y2K, an EMP attack could instantly end life as we know it in the United States, by knocking out all communications, computers, electricity, medical equipment, and even modern

automobiles. A nuclear EMP attack detonated hundreds of miles above the US without the missile ever striking our territory "could make the United States go dark, silent and cold for months," according to the article.

"A major EMP attack would lead us back a century in our technology," Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) told *Insight*. "And the technology of 100 years ago couldn't support the population we have today. Just imagine our country with no power and no communications." Even our military is in danger. The Clinton administration, according to *Insight*, stopped the military from hardening its electronics equipment because China and Russia had become "strategic partners" rather than enemies. Consequently, only pre-Clinton military electronics will be relatively immune to this kind of attack. The US would be vulnerable to outside attack. At least ten countries are currently working on EMP weaponry, including Russia and China. China would likely avoid confronting the US militarily with conventional weapons, but has written frequently of their intent to wage "asymmetrical warfare" against the US to exploit its vulnerabilities, and this nation is totally unprepared, again thanks in large part to the Clinton administration.

The current cyber-shenanigans are only a minor sample of the chaos that could eventually erupt, but there is no public indication that a full-scale, government-sponsored electronic war is imminent. Nevertheless, the possibility remains that the worst is yet to come. Russia and China are going to be signing their Economic and Friendship Treaty in July, which is nothing more than the old Military Cooperation Treaty. The treaty commits each nation to cooperate in exactly this kind of effort if the US does not voluntarily back down from their perceived cavalier hegemonic efforts to dominate the world by controlling the emerging world government.

Although, as individuals we cannot do anything to defuse that threat, perhaps it is part of God's grand scheme of things to bring the US down so that His plan for the last days can be fulfilled. Numerous Bible commentators have noted that there are no direct prophecies that concern the United States during the seven year tribulation. Although several oblique prophecies could pertain to the US, the links are nebulous at best. If the US is not involved, the question becomes, why not? Is it because the US is no longer a global power during the last days? The Bible is strangely silent.

Jesus merely warns us in Matthew 24:44 that we "must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." We must cleave to the Lord and read His Word so that we can be mentally and spiritually prepared. † *bm*

Ashcroft-Bush criticized for religious beliefs!

The protective cloak of our Constitutional rights used to be "one size fits all," but political correctness seeks to increasingly alter them to fit liberals while conservatives (especially Christians) are expected to stand and shiver in the cold. The First Amendment guarantees freedom of religion: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

Some- where along the line, people have come to the erroneous conclusion that the First Amendment was penned to protect people from religion rather than to protect their right to express it.

On May 14, the *Washington Post* reported that Attorney General John Ashcroft has come under heavy fire for beginning each day

with a Bible study. Egads! Are these the same people who looked the other way when Clinton started his work days cavorting with a young intern in the Oval Office? The cries of "What he does in private is nobody's business!" still echo today, yet the rules of where to apply this concept seem to be in flux. If the public can turn the other cheek for escapades of Clinton's magnitude, why are they causing such a fuss about Ashcroft's morning devotions? Because, as the Apostle Paul tells Timothy in 2 Tim. 3:1&4, "There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..."

If the Attorney General was trying to make a law establishing Christianity as THE official religion of the United States, then he would be breaking the law that he was sworn to uphold. If he was preventing anyone who works under him from expressing differing religious beliefs, then he would be equally out of line. But he is very much within his Constitutional rights to begin his day with prayer and a study of God's word. This gathering is open to all his staff, although it is not required. The people who want to attend, do so. Those who do not want to, do not have to, yet they still find

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Feds must pay when it takes water from farmers for fish

After years of systematically stripping water rights from landowners in the Western US, a federal court ordered that the federal government must pay them for lost property rights according to the Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution, according to the May 4 *Seattle Times*. "In a case that could affect water wars across the West, a federal court has ruled that the government must pay property owners when it takes water away from them to protect fish listed under the Endangered Species Act," states the Times.

Because water is mostly plentiful, most people east of the Mississippi River have no idea how critically important water rights are to people in the Western United States. Water is gold to those who have to make a living off the land. Without water, they cannot survive. Through various treaties and legal transactions, the water is usually a property right of the landowner, or in the case of a river, the state in most situations in the West. Under the Clinton administration, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt used every devious means he could to shift water rights from private landowners or the state to the federal government. There is truth in the saying in the West that, "he who controls the water controls the people," and no one knew that better than Babbitt.

Not surprisingly, the federal government has been taking the water from Central California farmers to protect Chinook salmon and delta smelt **after they had paid for it!** "It was water that was bought and paid for," said Michael Nordstrom, a lawyer for Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, which filed the suit. "The court has ruled they are clearly entitled to do it under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), but if they do it they have to pay for it." According to the May 4 *Union Tribune*, Fred Starrh, a cotton farmer in Kern County, California believes the judges decision is big. "For the growers across the United States it's big. If it stands, I think it could bring reasonableness to the process. We've just been sitting here getting hammered." Starrh pays about \$3 million in June every year for water he may never receive.

Plants and animals have more rights than humans

One of the by-products of the ESA has been the "taking" of private or state land and water to provide "habitat" for an endangered species. The Act literally puts nature's needs ahead of man's needs and makes plants and animals legally superior to people. Even though the Fifth Amendment states, "No

person...shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; **nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation,**" the ESA has always trumped the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment. It is no accident that the ESA requires that no person shall "**take**" the habitat of an endangered species.

Even while the judge was ruling the water taking in Central California unconstitutional, the US Bureau of Reclamation was destroying the lives of 2,000 farm and ranch families in Northern California and Southern Oregon. According to the May 5 *NewsMax*, "On April 7th, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) notified rural families in the Klamath Basin Project, a watershed straddling the California and Oregon border, that nearly all the irrigation water in the basin had been shifted to save endangered sucker fish." About 1,200 farmers depend on water from the project to grow potatoes, grain, onions, hay and alfalfa. Almost 200,000 acres of pasture and farmland in the Klamath Project will shortly go dry, with lost income estimated at well over \$100 million, notes *NewsMax*. Since the announcement land values of these farms have plummeted from an average of \$800 per acre to about \$50.

The Endangered Species Act has given plants and animals superior legal rights over human rights supposedly guaranteed in the US Constitution. That may be changing with a recent federal court decision that the feds must pay farmers for their water.

Contrary to the Central California Court decision, Oregon U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken upheld the BOR resolution in Federal Court. Citing treaty obligations such as the UN Convention on International Threatened and Endangered Species (CITES) and the US ESA, Aiken wrote in her ruling, "Given the high priority the law places on species threat-

ened with extinction, I cannot find that the balance of hardship tips sharply in the plaintiffs' favor." International law once again trumps constitutional protections for American citizens.

It is no accident that Judge Aiken cites the UN CITES treaty in the same breath as the ESA. Under Article I of the US Constitution, Congress has no authority to create, let alone enforce the ESA. Only 19 powers were given Congress, none of which could be twisted to mean nature had more rights than US citizens. Just a few short weeks after the US Senate ratified the UN CITES treaty, Congress used Article 6 of the Constitution to justify passing the Endangered Species Act to fulfill the requirements of the UN treaty.

Turning the US Constitution on its head

Article VI of the Constitution states:

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

A careful reading of this provision using the definitions for the words at the time the Constitution was written clearly states that the Constitution is supreme over treaties and state law. However, revisionists have twisted the meaning of the language to mean that treaties are supreme over the Constitution, including the fifth amendment. In the Central California decision US Court of Federal Claims Judge John Paul Wiese in Washington, DC, rightly overruled the UN CITES treaty and the ESA by saying the farmers are protected under the Fifth Amendment, which prohibits the government from taking private property without paying for it.

Until now, the takings clause of the Endangered Species Act has superceded the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment that supposedly protects citizens from this kind of abuse by their government. That is the way Judge Aiken has ruled in the Klamath River Basin. Judge Wiese has correctly ruled that the water taken by the US Fish and Wildlife Service was a takings under the Fifth Amendment. But there is a condition that may ultimately separate his ruling from that given by Judge Aiken. Judge Wiese ruled

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could handle the 300 or more intermediate ballistic missiles currently aimed at Taiwan by China.

On the other hand, the four Kidd destroyers that are being sold to Taiwan can be ready in a very short time. There is speculation that the Kidd destroyers may even be outfitted with some of the Aegis technology. Even if that does not happen, the Federation of American Scientists (FAS) describes the Kidd as "formidable" and one of the few multipurpose destroyers that could be sold to Taiwan. The FAS also notes that the Kidd is "so quiet, and sports an anti-submarine weapons system so capable, that she operates offensively against submarines." This could be critical if China imposes a naval blockade, as expected. The same is true, albeit with a longer delivery time-table, of the sale of the four Dolphin diesel submarines to Taiwan. The Dolphin is one of the quietest, most capable modern diesel submarine being produced today. Like the Kidd destroyer, the FAS rates it as having very good anti-submarine potential and can launch surface to surface cruise missiles.

Bush's most clever move may be in providing a "technical briefing" of the new upgraded Patriot anti-missile system that Taiwan had requested, but did not officially receive April 24. According to an April 24, 2001 Stratfor analysis, "The technical briefing on PAC-3, while only the first step in upgrading Taiwan's current Patriot anti-missile force, takes direct aim at China's missile buildup across the straits, effectively doing what China sought to avoid in fighting the Aegis radar sale." Taiwan already has its own, albeit older, Patriot missiles

that are fully operational. Depending on the nature of the "briefing" on the upgraded version, Taiwan may be able to upgrade its older Patriots itself, or at least be trained to use the newer missiles which could quickly be delivered to Taiwan should tensions increase.

The sale of this advanced technology to Taiwan is only part of Bush's actions that enraged China. On the *Good Morning America* Show April 25 Bush said that the US would do "Whatever it took to help Taiwan defend herself" if China attacked. To

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emphasize the point, he repeated the promise on the *O'Reilly Factor* on *Fox News* May 25. President Bush seems to have drawn the line in the sand with China – the US will not allow China to take back Taiwan by force. But, China must have Taiwan if it is to succeed in attaining its proclaimed goals of attaining Hegemony (dominance) in Southeastern Asia and become a primary world player in the new world order. But China has far more to lose than the US if the status-quo over Taiwan is continued.

President Bush will simply not allow China

and Russia to dictate US policy in any arena. In spite of the rapidly increasing threats from China and Russia, Bush announced the missile defense system for the US even though it would break the 1972 ABM treaty. Unlike Clinton, who played fast and loose with America's future, Bush knows Russia and China cannot be trusted with anything. In a stunning revelation by *Insight* magazine, Russia has never been in compliance with the 1972 ABM treaty. Even though Russia is saber rattling over Bush's announcement of implementing an AMB system, it has been building an ABM system of its own since before the ABM treaty was even signed! Russia now has 8,000 modern anti-missile missiles already in place – totally violating the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and making a mockery of chest thumping. Russia simply wants to maintain a strategic edge over the US.

America at risk

America is at risk once again. Nemets and Torda believe that China will call Bush's hand and attack Taiwan in late 2002. It will not be painless to China, but it believes it can win such a war and attain the Taiwan jewel it needs intact. If China attacks Taiwan, we can expect weapons of mass destruction or cyber warfare to be used in terrorist attacks on US soil. Tens of thousands, if not millions of Americans will likely die in the process – causing panic, chaos and a backlash by the American people demanding isolationism. If it is handled correctly by the globalists, it could even advance the move to world government by assuring the American people that only a new world government having its own army could handle such tensions in the future, thereby taking America out of harm's way.

While Bush's plan to rebuild the US military is long overdue, ultimately our hope cannot be in flesh, blood and bullets. The Bible warns, "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the Lord." (Isaiah 31:1) The mighty King David said, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God." (Psalm 20:7) Our military can fail us, but God will never fail us. There is only one sure source of hope in this degenerating world situation – Jesus Christ. We must always remember that Jesus said that no matter how difficult things get, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6) † mc

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Aiken. Judge Wiese ruled it was a physical taking of water rather than a regulatory taking as is the case of the Klamath River Basin decision. The farmers in Central California had bought and paid for the water that was subsequently taken. The farmers in the Klamath River Basin are being denied sale of the water so the fish can be protected. The fish have more rights than the people.

Never mind that it has always been government policy to sell Klamath River farmers water for families. Never mind that the lives of the farmers and the communities that service them are being destroyed. Never mind that the water in the Klamath River belongs to the States of Oregon and

California, not the federal government. This is the consequence of having laws like the ESA based on the nature-is-god belief of pantheism. Romans 1:21-23 says it best; "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." That makes the Judge Wiese decision all the more important because it still makes legal precedent and opens the door to more rulings that the feds have to pay for what they steal from citizens in the name of saving mother earth. Pray that the decision is not overturned by the appellate court. † mc

UN ousting of US from Human Rights Commission reveals UN dark side

A stunning upset occurred when the US was not voted onto the UN Human Rights Commission on May 4. Before the vote, the US had been assured of at least 48 votes out of the 53 possible, guaranteeing the US of a continuation of their seat on the commission which it had held since the commission was created in 1948. When all the votes were tallied, the US received only 29 votes. A variety of reasons were given for the astonishing vote, including the refusal of the US to vote for the land mine resolution and the withdrawal of the US from the Kyoto Protocol of global warming. But it goes even deeper than that.

What really got the US booted from the commission is a general and growing hatred of the US by other nations – even the European nations. There was an intense effort, led by China, Russia and Cuba to not renew the membership of the US on the commission. The US was a constant thorn in the side of these and other totalitarian governments as the US took what appeared to these nations to be a “holier than thou” position on human rights violations. But, what surprised everyone was that behind the scenes, France and other European nations were also lobbying against the US.

The growing hatred of the US

Stratfor intelligence believes this is part of a much more serious issue. “The vote ... was of momentous political import both for the United States and the growing number of nations that resent U.S. political and military hegemony a decade after the end of the Cold War,” reported *Stratfor* on May 14. According to *Stratfor*, “when Clinton engaged the U.S. military in its multiple foreign interventions, the president’s justification was to support the human rights of those we sought to help. “The world did not buy this rhetoric, especially when the United States failed to act consistently on human rights, such as its hands-off approach toward genocide in Rwanda in 1994” and the ethnic cleansing of millions of non-Muslims in Southern Sudan – mostly Christians – by the Muslim government.

“France’s delight at the vote – and its reported behind-the-scenes work to scuttle U.S. membership – indicates our putative friends and enemies feel extremely uncomfortable about unchecked American power,” claims *Stratfor*. The expulsion from the UN Human Rights Commission also reveals “a rejection of America’s constant legitimization of foreign policy adventures based on

human rights. It is also an attempt to limit American utilization of the United Nations as a justification for protecting its own global interests,” notes *Stratfor*. “Indeed, when critics pointed out such inconsistencies during the 1998 Kosovo air war, the Clinton administration further confirmed the perception of whim when the U.S. government made it clear it reserved the right to select whether or how to intervene. The U.S. and NATO intervention in Kosovo went against the wishes of China and Russia. In Beijing, Chinese officials perceived the human rights justification for military action as a direct attempt by the United States to destabilize their regime.”

Stratfor claims Clinton’s global misadventures on internal US politics. While there is truth in this – Clinton managed to find an international crisis to throw cruise missiles at every time he was in political hot water – *Stratfor* misses the fact that Clinton was being driven by the global agenda to create a world government. As detailed in the May, 1999 *Discerning the Times Digest*, and many other *Digest* issues, the human rights pretext for the bombing was merely the surface justification for the larger global mandate

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Foot-and-mouth disease: An act of terrorism?

Little by little the pieces of the complex jig saw puzzle known as the 2001 Foot-and-mouth disease epidemic are beginning to fall into place, and a disturbing picture is taking shape. There have now been 1624 cases of FMD diagnosed in Great Britain, and over 3 million animals have been slaughtered. It all happened so suddenly and steamrolled the UK countryside with such force, that there was little time for investigation. But now in the relative lull in outbreaks, new details as to the origin of the disease pose some serious questions.

The origin

The disease, which first broke out on Feb. 20, 2001, at a UK pig farm, was originally attributed to contaminated illegal foreign meat smuggled in for the Chinese restaurant trade, and later added to pigswill. But on April 29, the *London Electronic Telegraph* cited new evidence that portrayed the Army as the source of the current epidemic. “The admission that imported Army meat went to the farm at Heddon-on-the-Wall is the first time that a potential path of infection has been identified,” stated the *Telegraph*. Tim

Yeo, a Tory agriculture spokesman, described the Army’s disclosure as “a very serious matter”. He added: “I never believed that the smear against the Chinese restaurants had any foundation, and it now appears to have been an attempt to divert attention away from the real culprit.” Could this monumental blunder be an accident?



Sheep being rounded up for slaughter in near Settle, England after a foot and mouth outbreak, May 23, 2001. There is a growing body of evidence to suggest that the outbreak was caused either by careless handling by the military of contaminated meat, or a deliberate act of terrorism by an animal rights militant.

Other suspicious pieces of the puzzle cropped up in a story covered by the *Electronic Telegraph* on March 25 which disclosed that the European Commission ordered the immediate testing of all its stock of foot and mouth vaccine in January – a month before the outbreak occurred. The same article quoted timber merchants in Staffordshire who said that they were asked by Ministry of Agriculture officials in January if they could supply timber for burning animals. *Line One* then made the stunning announcement on April 8 that a vial of FMD was stolen from a lab two months before the outbreak began, and could have been released deliberately.

On May 15, National Farmers Union president Ben Gill claimed in the *Guardian Unlimited* that eco-terrorists may have deliberately triggered the foot and mouth epidemic in Britain and other outbreaks around the world. “There is no doubt foot and mouth spread to the UK illegally and, unfortunately, we cannot rule out eco-terrorism,” he said. The idea was vehemently denied by environmental groups.

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UN ousting of US from Human Rights Commission reveals UN dark side, *continued*

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to establish the right of the international community to intervene in the affairs of sovereign nations – as spelled out in the UN Commission on Global Governances 1995 report.

What really precipitated the expulsion of the US off the commission was the desire to dethrone the US as the global Hegemon controlling the process to create a world government. Everyone in the world seems to know about it except US citizens and analysts like *Stratfor*. The world also wanted to silence the only voice that still exposes the heinous human rights records of most nations of the world.

The hypocrisy of the UN to protect human rights

The hypocrisy of the expulsion from the UN Human Rights Commission was glaringly obvious by which nations *were* voted in. At the same time the US was voted off the UN Human Rights Commission, Sudan, Uganda, Sierra Leone and Togo – all countries with poor to atrocious human rights records – were voted into the commission. The Muslim Sudanese government, for instance, has slaughtered or enslaved some 2 million Sudanese Christians and animists in Southern Sudan in one of the most massive

“ethnic cleansing” efforts in the history of mankind. Yet, not only has the UN turned a blind eye to this atrocity, they voted the offending government to sit on the very same UN commission that is supposed to



In the statist or feudal/ruler form of government, Thomas Jefferson notes the majority of the power resides with the ruling elite. There are no property rights for the common people because they are property. They only have those rights given them by the ruling powers – thereby guaranteeing tyranny.

prevent these kind of violations.

Likewise, China has one of the worst Human Rights records in the UN and has brutally arrested and even killed religious leaders in China, including Christians. *Fox News* reported on May 5 that Zhu Muzhi,

honorary president of the China Society for the Study of Human Rights, was quoted as saying in the *China Daily* that the US was booted from the body because of its “long biased condemnation of other countries using the camouflage of ‘human rights.’” Because the US wanted a censure vote against China by the UN commission last year for its human rights abuses, China campaigned relentlessly with other nations not to vote for the US when it came up for renewal this year.

Human rights according to the world

China actually believes the US has no right to raise the human rights issue with China. As far as China is concerned, it is an “internal affair” and not open to review by outsiders. Why? Because China is a “statist” nation, as are most of the UN members, including European socialist nations. Therefore, the citizens *belong* to the state and have no rights other than what is given them by the state. The only thing that separates Europe from China is that the European leaders get their power by being elected. Hence, they are more responsive to the electorate. But only marginally so. “Even friends in Western Europe would rather we just looked the other way when it comes to human rights in China,” Rep. Chris Smith, R-NJ said, adding that it comes down to the importance of trade. “It’s all about money.”

The Chinese government, especially, views the people as property to be managed for the benefit of the state. Hence, if a group threatens the state (i.e. the leadership), then the problem is resolved through force, not unlike what the Romans did in Christ’s time. They are totally baffled by the concept of human rights as demanded by the US. It is a problem of worldviews. To them it is utter arrogance for the US to challenge their right to use their people as they see fit. It is exactly opposite of the worldview of most conservative Americans, who believe the federal (and state) governments in the US are arrogant for believing they can tell us how we should use our own bought-and-paid-for private property.

The biggest difference between the American concept of property rights and that of the Chinese is the belief in the one true God. The US Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution are based on the Biblical belief that people are not property. Why? Because people are created by God in *His image* and therefore have God-given inalienable rights. The entire US Constitution

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The objective

But the most frightening piece of the picture came from *Cutting Edge* on April 26. The claim was made that there seemed to be an eerie parallel between the FMD killing zones, and the UN Biosphere zones. The map comparisons seem to suggest the possibility that the UN Biosphere plan could be implemented through this horrific disease, an idea that *Discerning the Times* introduced in a March 3 analysis.

Animal rights groups and environmental activists have long blamed mankind for all of Earth’s woes. In order to “re-wild” the earth (i.e. restore it to the pristine condition that it had before man destroyed it), humans must be removed or restrained. This epidemic has managed to drive a full 1/3 of UK farmers to throw in the towel, and thousands of sheep have been removed from grazing areas. “The loss of sheep from hillsides as a result of foot-and-mouth epidemic may be good for the rural environment,” said Morgan Parry, head of the Worldwide Fund For

the Future (WWF) in Wales. (As you may have guessed, Mr. Parry does not make a living raising sheep.) By forcing farmers off their lands, many may have no choice but to sell out to the government at fire-sale prices, enabling the government to create reserves from them. So far, there is no solid evidence to connect all the dots, but there are certainly suspects under the “umbrella of suspicion.”

Whether this is Prime Minister Blair’s attempt to implement the UN Biodiversity plan through a military-sponsored release of the virus, eco-terrorists who want to save Mother Earth, or just plain coincidence, the effects may all be the same. Governmental controls are increasing, and plans are being made in parts of the United States to declare martial law, if or when the disease strikes here. The biggest losers in this battle are the farmers, who have had their livelihoods stripped away and watched in horror as healthy animals were slaughtered needlessly. Pray that the Lord will richly supply their needs during this trying time. † *bm*

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star, Alpha Centauri, is 4.5 light years away. Even if extraterrestrials traveled a million miles a day, it would take 70,000 years at over 41,000 mph just to make the journey to earth! That fact alone suggests that these creatures are not constrained by time or aging the way humans are. If they aren't "space men," who or what *are* they, and where *do* they come from? Perhaps thousands of ludicrous beliefs exist, but we will attempt to briefly present a few of the more rational explanations.

Normal scientific phenomena. Most alien and UFO sightings can be explained through scientific means, such as the majority of those investigated during the 22 year Project Blue Book research. Airplanes, helicopters, birds, flashes of light, and swamp gas were often to blame. But Corso says Project Blue Book served a dual purpose. "It would serve the public relations purposes by allowing individuals to file reports on flying disk sightings. While the Blue Book field

officers attributed commonplace explanations to the reported sightings,... the most intriguing sightings that had the highest probability of being truly unidentified objects would be bumped upstairs to the working group for dissemination to the authorized agencies carrying on the research."

A figment of the imagination. If people want to see something badly enough, there is a good chance they will. Hallucinations could stem solely from a person's own desire, or could also be mental images implanted from demonic forces in the spirit world as a way of drawing someone away from the Truth.

Fallen angels disguised as aliens. The traditional view of demons is that they are fallen angels driven out of heaven who roam the earth to deceive and destroy God's people. Demons are spiritual beings who prefer to inhabit the living body of a person or animal. There are two classes of demons in scripture: One class whose abode is the air and earth and are free to

war against the saints (Eph. 6:12), and others who are imprisoned in the Abyss (Jude 6; 2 Pet. 2:4; Luke 8:31; Rev. 9:1-3). Some people believe that demons can pose as aliens for various purposes, such as to discredit God's Word, provide false hope for mankind, or even to create fear. Although it is not clear whether demons can change their physical form at will, 2 Cor. 11:14-15 seems to suggest that they can, and holy angels appear to have that capacity (Heb. 13:2). The "aliens-are-really-demons-in-disguise" theory is probably the one most widely held by the Church.

Secret military testing, conspiracy or hoax. There are just too many people who suspect a government cover-up for it to be totally out of the question. But what is the government concealing – their own top secret technology, the "truth" about aliens, or a grand hoax? Someone or something is certainly going to a great deal of trouble to lead people to believe that we are being visited from outer space. Considering that many times the truth may be stranger than fiction, we would be amiss not to suggest the possibility of a massive conspiracy involving world leaders who are trying to manufacture a world-wide crisis capable of uniting the world for a common cause: Global governance. An "alien attack" would certainly distract people long enough to agree to surrender their rights for the good of the global community.

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therefore is structured on the premise that US citizens must be protected *from* the government! This is ludicrous to the rest of the world. Both China's form of government as well as the UN Charter, on the other hand, are based on man's belief that government and ruling elite have all power and humans are merely there to serve the state.

Even the much vaunted United Nations Universal Human Rights Declaration only allows those rights as determined by the UN. In Article 29, the Declaration states, "In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be **subject only to such limitations as are determined by law** solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of **morality, public order and the general welfare** in a democratic society. These rights and freedoms may **in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.**" The human rights of earth's citizens, therefore, are totally depen-

dent on the laws of the United Nations and how "morality, public order and the general welfare" is defined by the ruling elite.

The move to oust the US from the UN Human Rights commission is not only tragic, it is tragically repulsive. But, perhaps one good thing will come from it. Just like the EP-3 mid-air collision forced millions of Americans to realize that China was our enemy and not our friend, the UN expulsion of the US from the

Human Rights commission just might show how global governance and world government will really work. The US will be destroyed under such politicized governance because the political powers of the world hate the freedom America has. Worse, there will be no such thing as Human Rights under this world government.

Because they are not God-given, human rights in the emerging world government will be patterned after those of China's. They will be arbitrary and capricious, to serve at the whim of the ruling elite, not the people who are under their thumb. † mc



Thomas Jefferson and the other founders recognized that God did not intend for people to be ruled by the state. He reversed the statist form of government by basing the People's government on the premise that all humans have inalienable rights and have all power over the bureaucracy. Over the past 50 years this principle is being reversed.

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which prompted the flood in an attempt to preserve His plan for redemption of mankind. Certainly the extreme nature of God's judgment is difficult to explain for something as simple as the sins of the Cain lineage. In the blood corruption theory, apparently Noah's line was the only one not corrupted by this heinous sin, "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations..." (Gen. 6:9 KJV)

Another scriptural passage that suggests the Nephilim were not ordinary humans, is found in Gen. 6:4, "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days— [before the flood] **and also afterward...**" All animals and humans, with the exception of those on the ark, were wiped off the face of the earth during the flood, so how did they appear later unless they were something other than human? Upon escaping the Egyptians, the Israelites were afraid to go into the promised land of Canaan because "All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendents of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." (Numbers 13:32-33) Forty years later God clearly commands the Israelites to destroy every man, woman and child from certain tribes upon entering the land. Did He have the same "gene-pool" concerns that initiated the flood? The Bible reveals that there were numerous strongholds of these giants in the early days of Israel (Deuteronomy 2:11, 20, 3:11, 13; and Joshua 12:4, 13:12, 15:8, 17:15, 18:16), and many early historians speak of the giants as fact, including Josephus Flavius in the first century. He has this to say in his book *Antiquities of the Jews*:

There were till then left the race of giants, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shown to this very day, **unlike to any credible relations of other men.** (5.3.2; bolding added for emphasis)

The Book of Enoch

While the Hebrew Book of Enoch is not canonized as part of the Bible, and should not be considered as an authentic word of God, it can be used as an outside historical reference that was generally accepted by many, if not most of the priests at the time of Christ. Although some say Jude is being sarcastic, Jude 14 quotes Enoch as a seemingly legitimate source. The Book of Enoch, if valid, greatly expands upon the few verses of Genesis 6:1-6. Enoch 6:1-7 states:

In those days, when the children of man had multiplied, it happened that there were born

unto them handsome and beautiful daughters, and the angels, the children of heaven, saw them and desired them; and they said to one another, "Come, let us choose wives for ourselves from among the daughters of man and beget us children." ...And they were altogether two hundred; and they descended into Ardos, which is the summit of Hermon. And they called the mount, for they swore and bound one another by a curse.

And they took wives unto themselves, and everyone chose one woman for himself, and they began to go unto them. And they taught them magical medicine, incantations, the cutting of roots, and taught them about plants. And the women became pregnant and gave birth to great giants whose heights were three hundred cubits. These giants consumed the produce of all the people until the people detested feeding them. So the giants turned against [the people] in order to eat them. And they began to sin against birds, wild beasts, reptiles, and fish. And their flesh was devoured the one by the other and they drank blood. (Enoch 7:1-6)

The Nephilim theory maintains that since they were neither fully human nor fully spirit, when their bodies died during the flood, there was no place for their spirits to go and they became the demons or evil spirits of the Bible – differing from fallen angels in the fact that demons (Nephilim spirits) seek embodiment in humans. The Book of Enoch says:

[Why have] you abandoned the high, holy, and eternal heaven, and slept with women and defiled yourselves with the daughters of the people, taking wives, acting like the children of the earth, and begetting giant sons? ...But now the giants who are born from the union of the spirits and the flesh shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, because their dwelling shall be upon the earth and inside the earth. Evil spirits have come out of their bodies.... They will become evil upon the earth and shall be called evil spirits.... The spirits of the giants oppress each other; they will corrupt, fall, be excited, and fall upon the earth, and cause sorrow. They eat no food, nor become thirsty, nor find obstacles. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of the people and against the women, because they have proceeded forth from them. (Enoch 15:3-12; italics added for emphasis)

The Book of Enoch also explains how long this curse will continue on the spirits of the Nephilim and human beings:

From the days of the slaughter and destruction, and the death of the giants and the spiritual beings of the spirit, and the flesh, from which they have proceeded forth, which will

corrupt without incurring judgment, they will corrupt until the day of the great conclusion, until the great age is consummated, until everything is concluded...

The Testament of Solomon is another Hebrew text that has never been canonized. While it is thought that the Book of Enoch was written about 300 BC, the Testament of Solomon is written in Greek and is believed to have been penned about 100 AD. Although its authenticity is even far more suspect than Enoch, it does have one passage that could shed some light on the future, if true:

I [Solomon] commanded another demon be brought to me, and he [Beelzeboul] brought me the evil demon Asmodeus, bound. I asked him, "who are you?" He scowled at me and said, "and who are you?" I said to him, "you dare to answer so arrogantly when you have been punished like this?" He continued to give forth the same look and said to me, "how should I answer you? You are the son of a man, but although I was born of a human mother, I am the son of an angel, it is impossible for one of heavenly origin to speak an arrogant word to one of the earthly origin.... You have us to torture for a little while; then we shall disperse among human beings again with the result that we shall be worshipped as gods because men do not know the names of the angels who rule over us." (Introduction to Testament of Solomon, italics added for emphasis)

That makes a definite distinction between demons and fallen angels. It is possible that the angels who committed fornication with women in Genesis 6 are the same ones who are now chained and awaiting judgment in 2 Pet. 2:4, and 1 Pet. 3:19-20 "...through who also he [Jesus] went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the day of Noah while the ark was being built." Jude 6-7 says "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh..." (KJV, bolding added for emphasis)

There is an ongoing debate about whether or not angels can even have intercourse, but the Bible doesn't say that they are incapable of it, only that they do not marry (Mark 12:25). Angels are not referred to as "its" in scripture, but as "sons of God." If they are able to take on human form, one can surmise that in a fallen state, sex might be a possibility for them, too.

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People who have been "abducted" by aliens, claim that the beings have an intense fascination about studying the human reproduction system, and seem to be trying to create a human-alien hybrid. "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." (Matt. 24:37) Are we seeing a repeat of the angelic antics that precipitated the flood? If aliens are really evil spirits, what is their purpose in carrying on this enormous hoax for so many years?

Alien agenda

All of their agendas have a common denominator: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy..." (John 10:10), and the means to accomplish this feat is *deception*. Enoch gives the account of a typical class of Deception 101 in the Nephilim school of "higher learning":

Amasras' taught incantation and the cutting of roots; and Armaros the resolving of incantations; and Baraqiyal astrology, and Kokarer'el [the knowledge of] the signs, and Tam'el taught the seeing of the stars, and Asder'el taught the course of the moon as well as the deception of man. (Enoch 8:2-4; underline added for emphasis)

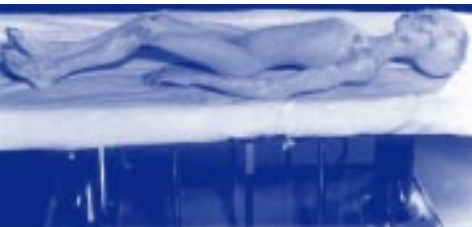
Coming between God and his highest creation is what drives these demonic spirits, and the host of tools in their arsenal runs deep: Cast doubt on the Bible, present alternate ways of salvation, discredit Jesus' deity, foster an interest in the occult and even appear to be angels of light (1 Cor. 11:13)—bringing a message of hope which is designed to deceive people into the pit of hell. Jesus warns in Matthew 24:24 that in the last days there will be many false Christs and prophets which will "appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect — if that were possible." Could these false Christs be demons, perhaps even fallen angels appearing as alien gods, claiming to be the Messiah?

The Nephilim theory seems to be the ideal solution that could tie together all end-time prophecies. The question that looms on every analyst's mind is how are the globalists going to get the people of the world, especially Americans, to accept the UN as a world government? Even the most avid liberal would run from such an idea. Likewise, how are they going to fool the Christians, who should be on their guard against this effort? The Nephilim/alien theory provides the perfect answer.

Most people are now ready to accept these kindly beings as saviors to fix the world's seemingly unsolvable problems. To do this, it would be only natural that the aliens would insist that the world come together under a common government. Ironically, this idea is supported by

Corso who believed that "the civilian intelligence agencies" involved in the Roswell project, led by the CIA, had a blueprint for a "world order based upon an international government." Since many Christians are Bible illiterate, they would likely join the rest of the world in welcoming the miracle-producing benevolent visitors — thus becoming perfect pawns to assist in advancing this global agenda. Jesus said that in the last days there will be a great and bitter falling away from the faith: "At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people." (Mat. 24:10-11)

Although there is a lot of circumstantial evidence to support it, the Nephilim theory cannot be proven. Most end-time prophecies can be fulfilled in other, more readily-accepted ways as well. Nonetheless, *something* is happening out there. "Aliens" have been seen too many times by too many credible people to be just mass hysteria, and it is difficult to imagine that some sort of alien deception will not play a



Model of an alien used in making the movie Roswell. It is on display inside the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, N.M. (Eric Draper/AP Photo)

significant factor in the end times, orchestrated by Satan himself. Rather than being "enlightened" from the message of these visitors, we may find that they are drawing us ever further into the shadows.

Christians need to "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (Eph. 6:11) We must arm ourselves with knowledge of God's Word as a safeguard against deception. If not, we may wake up one morning to screaming headlines: **UFOs ARE REAL—ALIENS HERE TO HELP HUMANITY!**, and find ourselves being sucked in to the greatest deception in the history of mankind, fulfilling 2 Thessalonians 2:9, "The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders."

Regardless of what you believe, keep this in mind, "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God..." (1 John 4:1), because in the last days many will be led astray. Don't fall into that trap, because what you don't know can hurt you. † bm and mc

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reasons to whine. "It's alienating," one lawyer said. "He's using public spaces to have a personally meaningful event to which I would not be welcome, nor would I feel welcome." Oh, *paleeze*. Ashcroft made it clear that anyone is welcome, but it is doubtful that the lawyer was invited to any of Clinton's "personally meaningful events" with Monica Lewinski.

President George W. Bush is facing criticism for his faith, as well. *USA Today* on May 18 stated that he "starts every day on his knees, praying. He reads the Bible each morning and studies a daily Bible lesson." Why? "I find great comfort in my faith. It helps me realize that I am a person that has a lot of responsibility, but I am just a person — nothing more than a human being who seeks redemption, solace and strength through something greater than me," he told Fox News last month. It is a refreshing rarity in this self-centered world to see a man who, in humility, seeks a strength bigger than his own. A man is never bigger than when he is on his knees in prayer.

One would assume that Ashcroft, the head of the US legal system, would have "done his homework" to make sure that he wouldn't be placing himself in legal hot water by having morning devotions with his coffee. As a matter of fact, he is much more aware of the proper interpretation of law than the "separation of church and state" soapbox squad. Perhaps that is what prompted him to make this perceptive statement at a Christian Coalition event in 1998, "...a robed elite have taken the wall of separation designed to protect the church and they have made it a wall of religious oppression."

Jesus said it best in John 15:18-19, "If the world hated you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you." Darkness will always be uncomfortable when confronted by the Light of the Word. "Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. (John 3:19-20) That is the real reason that people are offended. Don't be afraid to read your Bible at work or at school. You have the right. † bm

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War in Israel reaches new heights, *continued*



European Union Foreign Policy and Security Chief meets with Yasser Arafat on May 21. Solana, architect of the Kosovo plan, has assumed the role of international peace negotiator. (AP Photo)

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Immediately following the May 18-19 bombing by the IDF, Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer had telephoned US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to tell him Israel held Arafat "personally responsible" for the spate of recent suicide bombings. "Arafat is pushing and supporting terror of all groups, be they from the opposition or from the Palestinian Authority." Ben-Eliezer justified Israel's harsh retaliation by saying, "Israel was defending the security of its residents and strengthening regional stability, since Arafat was threatening this vital interest."

Arafat has demonstrated time after time he speaks from both sides of his mouth. While proclaiming the Palestinians wanted a peaceful solution to the violence, he was gradually ratcheted up the violence to produce staged photo ops for the world press to show Israeli troops shooting at young children. Every time Israel declares a ceasefire, Palestinian terrorism increases. As DTT has been reporting for the past six months, Arafat is attempting to create the conditions where he can exact a Kosovo-like solution that will give the Palestinians

far more than could ever be obtained with direct peace negotiations with Israel. Arafat has been quietly working with Javier Solana, the European Union Foreign Policy and Security chief – and principle architect of NATO's bogus Kosovo efforts.

Following the June 1 suicide bomb, Sharon's spokesman seemed to seal Arafat's fate. "The finger is pointing only in one direction and that is the chairman of the Palestinian Authority [Yasser Arafat] and the Palestinian leaders ... in their responses to our call for a ceasefire," he said. Ironically, just before the June 1 suicide bombing the *Washington Times* reported that Israeli President Moshe Katsav had said, "It is a question of a few days, not more, for Yasser Arafat to decide [to end the bombing]. Prime Minister Sharon said Israel would not reoccupy territory now administered by the Palestinians, but would be "an attack on the centers and sources of the terrorism," which would Mr. Arafat's leadership group. Time seems to have run out for Arafat and his peace games. If or when the attack from Israel comes it

will be an all-out effort or war to surgically eradicate Arafat and his leadership as well as that of Hamas and Islamic Jihad. So far, however, the immediate response by Israel of the June 1 attack was to totally seal off all Palestinian territory, physically isolating the Palestinians from the rest of the world. Even peace-seeking Foreign Minister Simon Peres is now convinced that Israel must prepare for war. The

is to prevent the danger of war and attain peace." Peres said it is very important to prevent a situation in which Western countries make excuses for Palestinian terrorism. "They must not tell us 'there is terror because of your settlements' ... It is very important there should be no justification or excuses" for terrorism.

What next?

Just as DTT predicted in July 2000, the Camp David Peace Summit has led to a condition of war in which the international community is systematically moving ever closer to intervening and force a peace covenant on Israel – just as the Bible says would happen. If Israel goes after Arafat and the terrorist leadership, the Arab nations will have to respond. Likewise, if the Hizballah launch a rocket attack into Israel, Israel will likely retaliate by massive attacks



The recent rash of suicide bombings during an Israeli ceasefire that have left dozens of Israelis dead has caused citizens to say enough. It is time to wage war on Arafat and the Palestinian leadership.

both on Hizballah positions in Southern Lebanon and against Syria proper, since Israel holds Syria responsible for anything the Hizballah does. That action will likely draw Iraq into the fray, and the fighting will spin out of control into a regional war, which now seems inevitable.

Israel will win, but if Saddam can unleash some of his missiles, they will take out a lot of Israeli citizens before he is stopped. Israel will have to use its neutron bombs to stop Saddam which will horrify the world. Especially when the first pictures of dozens or hundreds of Iraqi soldiers that look perfectly alive but are dead – along with absolutely everything else in site – and little to no visible damage caused by the bomb itself.

Although Israel will win, it will lose once and for all in the court of public opinion. The media will make sure of that. That will then provide the perfect justification for the international community to impose a forced peace and possibly make Jerusalem an "international city." † mc

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