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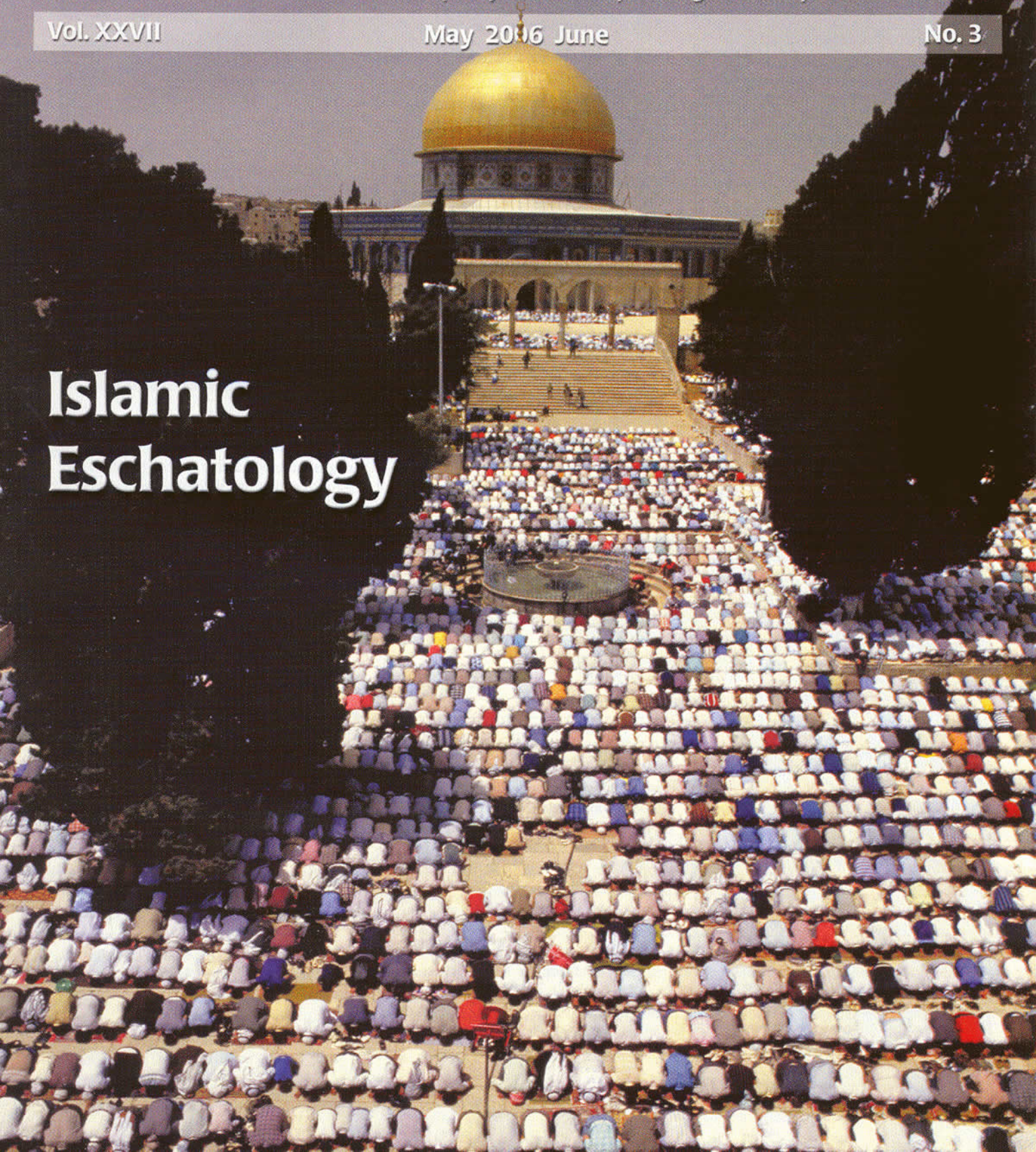
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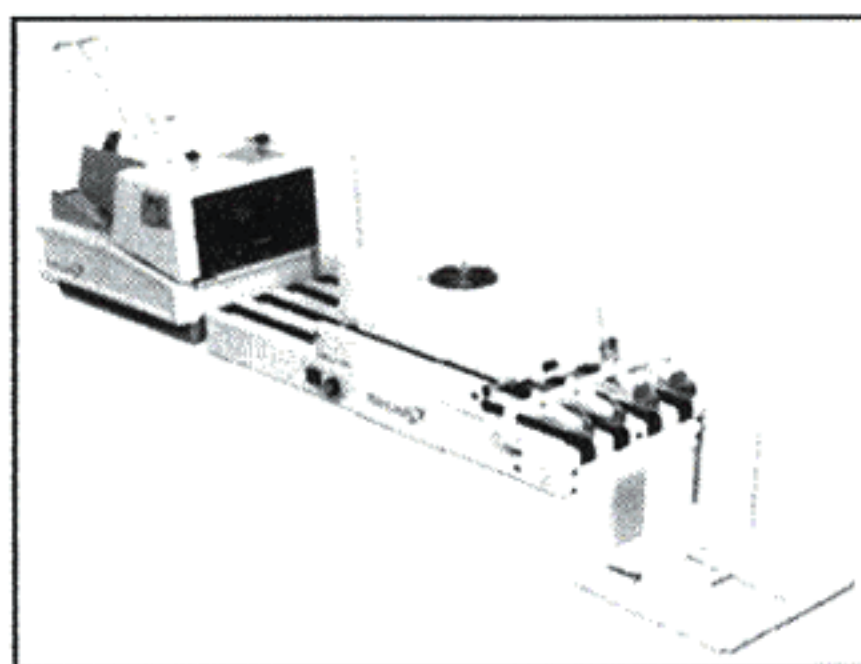
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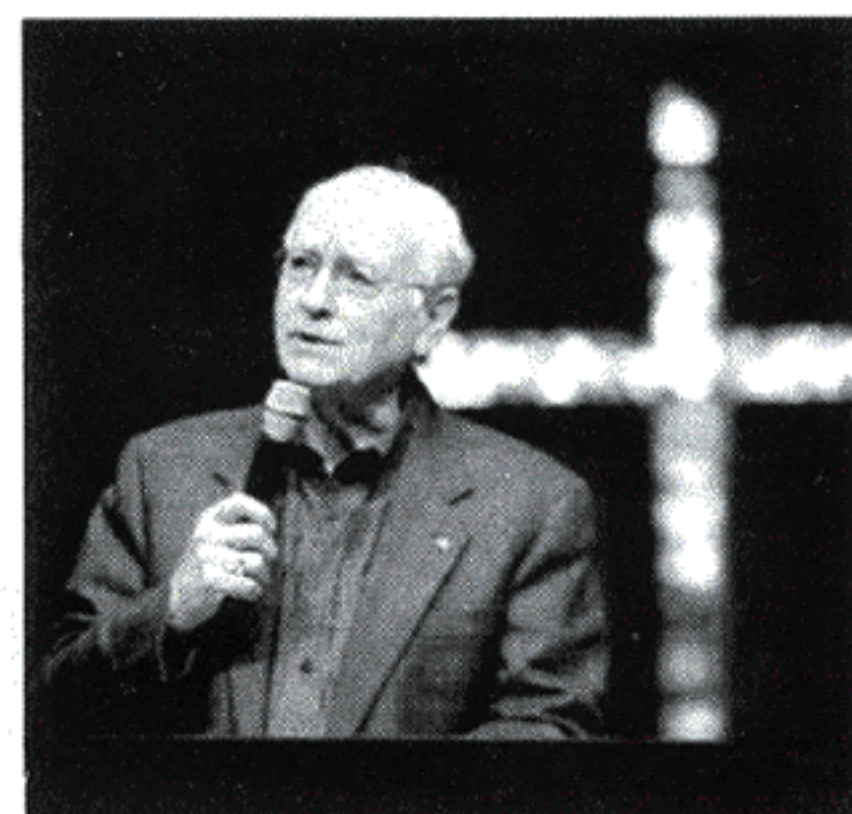
I also want to thank all of you who contributed to the fund to help us purchase a computerized mailing system to handle the mailing of this magazine.



The day the check arrived that put us over our goal of \$12,000, our mail room crew was processing the March-April edition whose theme was "The Meaning of Hell." One of the crew members remarked to me that the magazine had an appropriate theme since it was the last one that would be processed by hand!

This Month's Cover

Our cover this month features a photograph of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The event is the regular Friday Islamic worship service. Notice that all the men are bowing away from the Dome of the Rock toward Mecca in the south.



Preaching at Central Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas.

This month's lead article on Islamic Eschatology was a very difficult one to put together. It took many hours of research and study. I found some very good resources, but I never really found anyone who had systematized all the various ideas contained in the Islamic view of the end times.

Our Next Issue

Our next issue, the one for July - August, will focus on the Seventh Day Adventists. It will feature several articles about this group. The preparation of this issue is also requiring a great deal of research time.

The first article will address the question of whether or not the Adventists constitute a cult. We will see that some cult watchers consider them to be a cult, while others do not. I will try to demonstrate why there is such ambivalence.

Another article will focus on Adventist eschatology. We will see that it is very strange in nature. For example, the Adventists believe that the Millennium will take place in Heaven and that during that time, Satan and his angels will be confined to a devastated earth. So, they deny that the Millennium will be a time when the earth will be filled with peace, righteousness, and justice, as the waters cover the sea. ✚

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Islamic Eschatology

What are the end-time prophecies of Islam?

Dr. David R. Reagan

The holiest book of Islam is the Qu'ran, often spelled Koran in English. It supposedly contains statements of the Islamic god, Allah, which were given to his prophet, Mohammad, by the Angel Gabriel.

Mohammad was illiterate, so scribes wrote down what he said over a 23 year period of time, until his death in 632 AD. Much of the content of the Qu'ran was delivered by Mohammad while he was experiencing seizures that even his first wife considered to be demonic in nature. The scribes began compiling the Qu'ran shortly before Mohammad's death. The Qu'ran is about the length of the New Testament. (Copies of the Qu'ran can be purchased at any general bookstore. An interactive copy can be found on the Internet at www.hti.umich.edu/k/koran.)

The second most sacred book of Islam is called the Hadith. It is mainly a collection of Mohammad's sayings that were not considered to be revelations directly from Allah. The Hadith also contains stories about things Mohammad did.

The Hadith was compiled in the 9th Century, about two hundred years after the death of Mohammad. There were several compilations made during that time, but the most authoritative is considered to be the one by al-Bukhari. He collected a total of 600,000 sayings of Mohammad and stories about him. These came from the writings of both friends and family members. Many came from Mohammad's 15 wives. Al-Bukhari verified 7,000 as "genuine." These became the Hadith. (For an interactive copy of the Hadith on the Internet, go to the University of Southern California website at www.usc.edu.)

Strangely, the Qu'ran contains very little prophecy about the end times. It mainly affirms that history will consummate with "the Hour" when the resurrection and judgment will take place. So, the Hadith is the major source of Islamic eschatology.

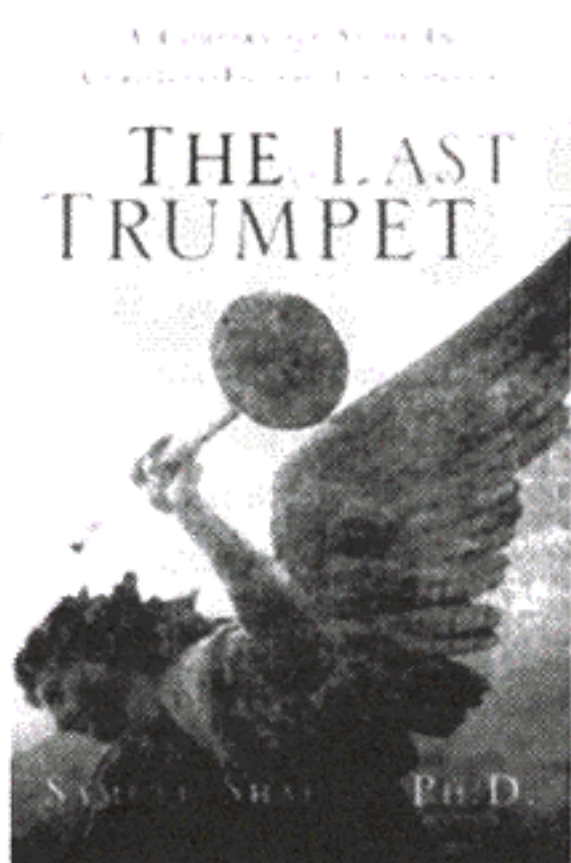


An Islamic Puzzle

It is extremely difficult to piece together the Islamic concept of the end times. The information is greatly disjointed, being spread throughout the Hadith. Also, unlike Christian prophecy scholars, Islamic students of prophecy have not attempted to systematize their concepts into charts and diagrams which show how all the events are related to each other.

I have done my best to piece together all the events of Islamic eschatology, and I believe that what follows is a fair representation. But keep in mind that Islamic scholars disagree on the nature and order of some events, just as Christian experts do regarding the end-time sequence of Bible prophecy.

The most helpful source I was able to discover was a book by Dr. Samuel Shahid called *The Last Trumpet*. He attempts to show that the major concepts of Islamic eschatology were borrowed from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Christian New Testament, and the concepts of Zoroastrianism. Dr. Shahid is the director of Islamic studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. (See a complete bibliography at the end of this article).



Dr. Shahid proves conclusively that Mohammad secured many of his ideas orally from Christians, Jews, and followers of Zoroastrianism. In the process he got many of the stories and principles confused. For example, the Hadith states that the mother of Jesus was Mary, the sister of Moses!

Dr. Shahid also points out that the Hadith was compiled at a time when Islamic authorities knew much more about the Bible and Christian traditions and literature.

Thus, many Hadith passages were manufactured and embellished and were heavily influenced by Christian sources.

Hadith passages concerning the end times are highly contradictory, and thus it is difficult to nail down a lot of specifics. Only a general outline of end time events can be compiled.

The Islamic Signs of the Times

There are both minor and major signs that point to the climactic event in Islamic eschatology — namely, “the Hour,” which is the time of resurrection and judgment. There is a Second Coming of Jesus in Islamic end time events, but it is not considered to be the decisive event. Rather, it is viewed as a sign pointing toward “the Hour.” The beginning of the end times is marked by the appearance of the Antichrist, who is called the *Dajjal*.

As with the Christian Scriptures, the order of the major end time events is not always clear in the Qu’ran and Hadith, and therefore, in Islamic tradition they are placed in various chronological order.

Also — as is the case with Christianity — Islam teaches that only God knows the timing of the end time events. But there are signs to watch for that will indicate the season. There are both major and minor signs.

Many of the minor signs have to do with general trends in society. Others relate to specific events that will occur before the appearance of the Antichrist. The major signs relate to specific prophesied events that will occur between the time of the appearance of the Antichrist and “the Hour” of resurrection and judgment. The listings of both the minor and major signs vary greatly.

The Minor Signs

The minor signs which speak of general trends are a mirror of Christian end time signs.

- 1) An increase in ignorance concerning the fundamentals of the faith.
- 2) Increasing instability of the faith (Muslims becoming Christians overnight).
- 3) An increase in false prophets.
- 4) An increase in apostasy (as evidenced by Muslims following false christs).

- 5) An increase in religious pretentiousness (as in the building of luxurious mosques).
- 6) An acceptance of astrology.
- 7) An increase in alcohol use and illicit sexual relations.
- 8) An increase in natural calamities.
- 9) An increase in political corruption.
- 10) People longing for death (due to the increase in calamities and wickedness).
- 11) Increasing paganism. (Muslims will increasingly follow the life-styles of non-Muslims.)
- 12) An increase in war and civil wars (even wars among Muslims).

There are a number of minor signs that are peculiar to Islam. They are as follows:

- 1) Women will outnumber men by 50 to 1. (No reason is given, but it is likely due to the expectation of many jihad martyrs in the end times.)
- 2) The caliphate (the seat of Islamic authority) will be established in the Holy Land. (This prophecy is a problem. What was meant by “Holy Land?” If it refers to Palestine, it is unfulfilled. If it refers to Saudi Arabia, it was fulfilled 1400 years ago.)
- 3) The Arabs will be destroyed. (This is another troublesome prophecy. What does “destroyed” mean? The Ottoman Empire, controlled by Turkish non-Arabs, conquered all the Middle East in the 1500’s. Some argue this was a fulfillment of the prophecy. But it did not lead to “the Hour.” And now the Arab nations have reasserted themselves.)
- 4) The habitations of Medina must be greatly extended.
- 5) The Muslims must fight the Turks and “the people whose shoes are made of hair.” (This has been applied to past battles with the Turks and the Tartars. Yet, “the Hour” has not come.)
- 6) The Arabs must conquer Constantinople. (The city, now called Istanbul, was conquered by Muslims in the 15th Century, but not by Arabs.)
- 7) Mecca will be reduced to ruins.
- 8) A people will emerge who eat with their tongues as cows do.
- 9) Time will contract, with a year being like a month and a month like a week.
- 10) Wild beasts will speak to men.
- 11) The Euphrates River will uncover a mountain of gold.

The Major Signs

The major signs pointing to “the Hour” are all critical events that are part of the end time sequence of events, beginning with the appearance of the Antichrist. Muslim scholars generally do



not try to present a strict chronological order of what is going to ultimately transpire, but the order presented below is representative:

1) **The Appearance of the Antichrist**, called the *Dajjal*. Despite the importance of this individual, he is never mentioned in the Qu'ran, only in the Hadith. He will be a Jew born in Iran to parents who have been childless for 30 years. He will have only one eye. He will claim to be a prophet, and then he will claim to be divine. He will deceive many by his godliness and his miracles. He will go forth with an army of 70,000 Jews and 70,000 Tartars, and he will conquer all the world except Mecca and Medina. His reign will last for 40 days during a time when one day will be like a year. Some passages of the Hadith indicate that he will have the word "Infidel" written on his forehead. His reign is characterized by cruelty and deceit. He has a militaristic mentality. His purpose is to be deified, worshiped, and to reign. There are many parallels between the Islamic Dajjal and the Antichrist revealed in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.

2) **The Return of Jesus** will put an end to the reign of the Antichrist. (Keep in mind that the Qu'ran teaches that Jesus was not crucified or resurrected. Rather, he was simply lifted up to Heaven before His enemies could kill Him. One of the reasons He must return is so that He can experience death, like all other men.) Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives and then head to Damascus to confront the Antichrist. He will pursue the Antichrist south into Israel and will kill him "at the gate of Ludd." That is modern day Lod, located near Tel Aviv. It is the site of Israel's international airport. The defeat of the Antichrist will result in the eradication of the Jewish people.



Allah in Arabic

3) **The Invasion of Gog & Magog** will occur at this point. This is mentioned in the Qu'ran (18:83-99 and 21:96). It is developed in many Hadith passages. Gog and Magog are presented as two nations with an army so large that when its soldiers finish drinking from the Sea of Galilee, no water will be left in the sea! They will invade Palestine from the north, and they will besiege Jesus and His companions. Jesus will cry out to Allah to save them, and Allah will respond by sending deadly insects (similar to the locusts of Revelation 9) who will destroy the invading armies. (All this imagery is based on Ezekiel 38 and 39.)

4) **The Reign of Jesus** will follow the defeat of Gog & Magog. Jesus will proclaim Islam to be the true religion and all Christians will convert. All other religions will be eliminated. All crosses will be broken, and all pigs will be exterminated. Jesus will be the sole ruler on earth, heading up an Islamic theocracy. He will be a just ruler. Every harmful beast will be domesticated. There will be abundant rain and plentiful harvests. All weapons of war will be converted into tools of agriculture, and there will be world wide peace. (All of this imagery is taken from the book of Isaiah.) The reign of Jesus will last for 40 years. He will go to Mecca regularly to perform rituals of pilgrimage. Twenty-

one years into His reign, He will marry and beget children. Nineteen years later He will die. He will be buried in Medina next to Mohammad where He will await the Day of Resurrection like all other humans who have died. When Jesus dies, all believers will also die peacefully and gracefully. (This is the Islamic equivalent of the Rapture — that is, the removal of all the righteous from the world.) Unbelievers will be left behind to indulge their passions.

5) **The Appearance of the Beast** — At this point a good "Beast" will be "produced from the earth." The Beast will call the world to acknowledge Allah. He will wear the ring of Solomon and carry the rod of Moses. Those who reject his message will have the word "Infidel" written on their foreheads. What ultimately happens to the Beast is never revealed.

6) **The Smoke** — According to the Qu'ran, a cloud of smoke will suddenly arise and engulf the world. This phenomenon will cause severe suffering.

7) **Three Land Slides** — Additional suffering will be caused by three great landslides which will occur in three different parts of the earth, one in the East, one in the West, and one in Arabia.

8) **A Miracle of Nature** — One of the last signs before "the Hour" will be an incredible miracle. The sun will rise in the West!

9) **A Great Fire** will break out "south of Eden" (in the area known today as Yemen). The conflagration will become worldwide and will be so intense that it will drive Mankind to the place of final assembly before the Day of Resurrection. That place will be in Syria (which includes modern day Palestine).

We are now almost ready for "the Hour," the Day of Resurrection. But first, some comments about the Islamic concept of the intermediate state between death and resurrection. Muslims believe in the immortality of the soul. Upon death, the grave is visited by two angels named Munkar and Nakir. These angels question the person and assess his deeds. They then make a preliminary determination as to the person's ultimate fate. If that is Paradise, the grave is loosened for relaxation and the person is in a state of bliss until the Day of Resurrection. If the angels decide the person deserves to go to Hell, the grave will be tightened and the person will remain in a state of torture until the Day of Resurrection. So, all people are subjected to two judgments, a preliminary one at death, and a final one at the time of the resurrection.

10) **The Three Trumpets** — After the worldwide gathering of people to Syria, the first of three trumpets will be blown. The first is called "the trumpet of terror." It is a wake-up call that will strike terror in the hearts of all people. After an unspecified period of time, a second trumpet will be blown. It is called "the trumpet of the swoon." It will result in every living thing in Heaven and on earth dying except God Himself, any He desires to spare, and the martyrs who are alive in Paradise. Even the angel of death will experience death! When the universe becomes void of all life, Allah will proclaim His sovereignty. Three times He will

shout, "I am the Mighty One!" Then He will shout three times: "To whom does the kingdom belong today?" When no one answers, He will say, "It belongs to the only One God, the Conqueror." The time period between the second and third trumpets is not specified, but during that time, Allah creates new heavens and a new earth. Upon their completion, the third trumpet will be blown. It is "the trumpet of resurrection."

- 11) **"The Hour" or the Day of Resurrection** — The inhabitants of Heaven will be the first to be resurrected. While this is occurring, Allah will cause the bodies of the dead on earth to start regrowing underground. When these bodies are ready, He will order the blowing of the third trumpet and the spirits of the dead will enter their bodies and the bodies will come forth from their graves. There is only one resurrection. The saved and the unsaved are resurrected at the same time. Mohammad will be the first human being to be resurrected. All those resurrected will be naked, barefooted, and uncircumcised. Abraham will be the first person to be clothed by Allah. He will be seated facing Allah's throne. Mohammad will then be clothed and will be seated at the right hand of Allah.

- 12) **The Day of Reckoning** — There will be an interval after the resurrection before judgment is conducted. This "Day of Reckoning" will be a time of unbearable toil and agony due to both physical and psychological suffering. Great fear will grip the hearts of people. No one will be exempted from this anguish except the prophets and those devout Muslims whom Allah decides to spare. No reason is given for this period of suffering. For pagans, it is a continuation of their suffering in the grave. For believers, it seems to serve some purgatorial purpose. How long this time of suffering will last is unspecified.



- 13) **The Day of Judgment** — At this point Allah descends from Heaven to judge all humanity and the *jinn*s. The *jinn*s are genies created from smoke. These are supernatural spirits that play a prominent role in Islamic literature. The Qu'ran indicates that the *jinn*s are subject to condemnation because they heard the message about Allah and His Prophet, and they rejected it because they were allured by the pleasures of the world. People will be judged as to their reception of Mohammad's message and their ethical conduct. Allah will validate the preliminary judgment at the grave by weighing the good and bad deeds of each person. This is called the concept of "the Scale." The deeds of all people will be weighed in Allah's scales to determine their eternal destiny.

- 14) **Crossing the Bridge** — Following judgment, every person must cross a bridge that spans the gulf of Hell. Mohammad will be the first to cross. Those who are condemned will fall from the bridge into Hell. The faithful will be able to

cross to the other side. But because Allah is an arbitrary god, even the faithful will cross in fear, hoping He does not change His mind.

- 15) **The Gathering at the Pool** — Once the faithful cross the bridge safely, they will gather at the Pool of the Prophet. They will be allowed to drink from the pool, and the intense thirst that afflicted them on the Day of Reckoning will finally be satisfied.
- 16) **The Intercession** — At the pool, Mohammad will begin to intercede with Allah to allow the faithful to enter Paradise. How long this intercession will last is not stated, but Allah will finally give in to it and allow the faithful to enter Paradise. Simultaneously, a second form of intercession will take place. The angels, the prophets, the martyrs, and the faithful will intercede in behalf of those who have been condemned to Hell, asking that if they have "an atom of faith" in their hearts Allah will show mercy toward them by delivering them from Hell. To prove He is merciful, Allah will dip His hand into Hell and bring out a formidable number of people. Dr. Samuel Shahid observes: "In this case, the mercy of God annuls His justice and the laws of God become dysfunctional or inapplicable" (p. 218). Only the polytheists will be eternally consigned to Hell where there will be no end to their suffering.
- 17) **Paradise** — The Eternal Abode is divided into several parts. Heaven itself is the eternal abiding place of God, with His prophet Mohammad at His right hand. There are seven heavens beneath God's Heaven. The first, of pure virgin silver, is Adam's residence. The second, of pure gold, is where Jesus and John the Baptist will reside. The third, made of pearls, is for Joseph; the fourth, of white gold, is for Enoch; and the fifth, of silver, is for Aaron. The sixth and seventh are reserved for Moses and Abraham. The rest of humanity will live in what is referred to as "the Garden." It is a perfect environment where all desires are granted and fulfilled. People are richly adorned and live in mansions. They are involved in never-ending feasts. Perpetual virgins are awarded to the faithful. Ordinary Muslims receive 40 each. Martyrs who died in jihad receive 72 each. No matter how many times one of these women engage in sex, they become a virgin once again. The sexual desires that were strictly limited on earth are unleashed in Paradise. This prospect serves as an incentive for young men to give themselves as suicide martyrs in the cause of jihad. Much of the Islamic imagery about Paradise is borrowed from Zoroastrianism.
- 18) **Hell** — Like the Islamic Heaven, the Muslim Hell is made up of seven levels. The first level is the purgatorial area that some Muslims will have to pass through. Christians are confined to the second level. The third level is for Jews. A people called the Sabeans are relegated to the fourth level. The fifth level is for Zoroastrians, the sixth is for idolaters,



An artist's conception of Mohammad.

and the seventh is for hypocrites. Humans will be punished in Hell by demons. The tortures will continue eternally. One Hadith passage says that Mohammad claimed that most of the occupants of Hell would be women.

Sunni vs Shiite

The prophetic outline produced above is the one that is held by Sunni Muslims. The majority of Muslims in the world are Sunnis. They trace their heritage back to Mohammad. About ten per cent, located mainly in Iraq, Iran and Lebanon, are Shiites. Iran is the only nation with a Shiite majority. The split occurred in the 10th Century over the nature of the theocratic leadership of Islam. Shiites believe Islam's leader should be a descendant of the Prophet Mohammad. Sunnis say leaders should be chosen by consensus. Shiites believe in free will whereas Sunnis adhere to the concept of predestination. Shiites exalt their Imams (spiritual leaders) as inspired teachers who have the authority to interpret Islamic law. For Sunnis, the interpretation of Islamic law has been theoretically closed since the 10th Century.

With regard to eschatology, the major difference between the two groups centers around a Messianic individual called the Mahdi. This individual is the embodiment of the earnest longing and hope of the Shiites who have been oppressed and persecuted throughout the course of Islamic history. There is no direct reference to the Mahdi in the Qu'ran. However, Shiites argue that he is inferred. In the Shiite scheme of end time events, the Mahdi takes the place of Jesus as the one who will defeat the Antichrist and create a kingdom that will fill the earth with goodness and justice. He is the one who has been destined from eternity to save the world from the forces of wickedness. In Shiite eschatology, Jesus is limited to assisting the Mahdi. Jesus' specific mission is to propagate Islam among Christians and Jews. ✚



An artist's conception of the Islamic Mahdi.

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The Hadith

The Hadith is a record of Mohammad's words and deeds according to his wives, relatives, and companions. Next to the Qu'ran, it is the most important part of Islamic law. Its teachings are considered as binding as those contained in the Qu'ran.

The most recognized compilation of these sayings is the one by Sahih Al Bukhari. Some examples of the bizarre sayings of Muhammad which are contained in Bukhari's nine volumes are reproduced below:

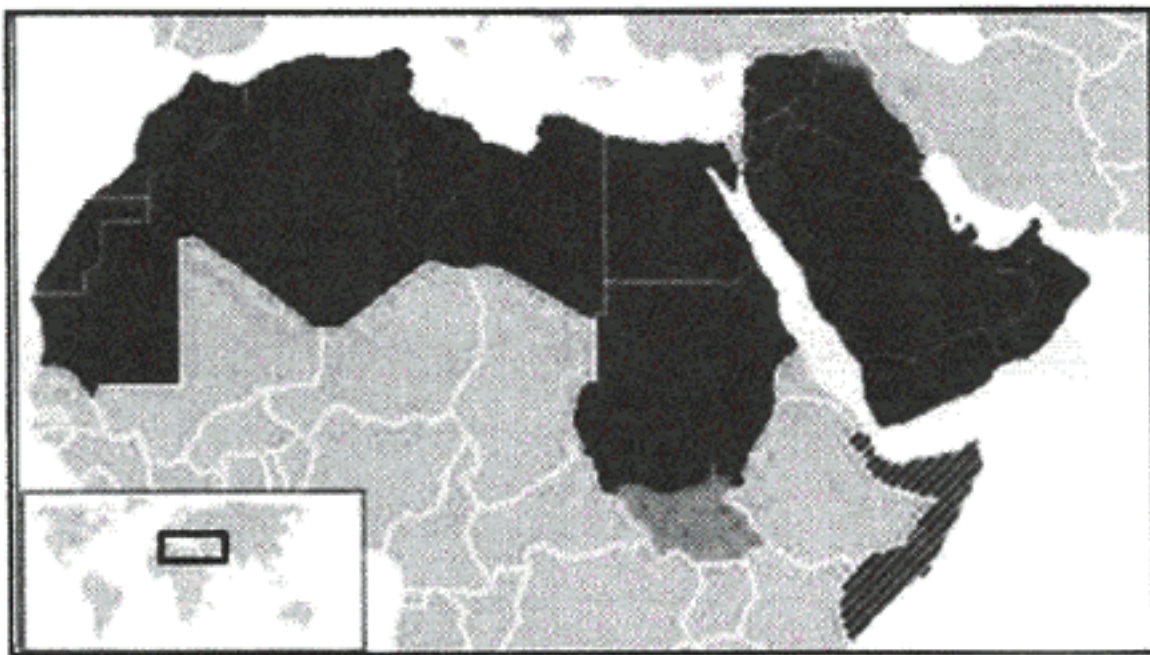
- ▶ Women are deficient in mind (2:541 and 3:826).
- ▶ The majority of people in Hell are women (1:28, 301; 2:161; 7:124).
- ▶ Women are a bad omen (7:30).
- ▶ Drinking camel urine will make you healthy (7:590).
- ▶ A fly in your drink can cure you of disease (4:537).
- ▶ Fever comes from the heat of Hell (7:619).
- ▶ "Though I am an apostle of Allah, yet I do not know what Allah will do to me" (2:375).
- ▶ If you speak badly about a deceased person, that person will go to Hell (2:448).

The Fate of Islam in Bible Prophecy

Dr. David R. Reagan

There is much about the Arabs in Bible prophecy, but the Bible is relatively silent about Islam. This may seem to be a strange statement to some because many people identify the Arabs with Islam.

It is true that most Arabs are Muslims, but not all. There are, for example, Christian Arabs. But the Arab world (approximately 300 million people) constitutes a minority of the 1.4 billion people in the Muslim world. The largest Muslim country in the world is Indonesia (242 million). Other large non-Arab Muslim countries include Pakistan (162 million) and Bangladesh (144 million). Countries in the Middle East that are Muslim but not Arab include Turkey (70 million) and Iran (68 million).



The Arab World
The Arabs in Prophecy

Concerning the Arabs, the Bible tells us that they will come against Israel in the end times and try to take its land. God will respond by rendering the Arab lands desolate (Ezekiel 35:6-7, 15), probably through the military campaigns of the Antichrist.

But the future for the Arabs is not all bleak. Like the Jews, a remnant of the Arabs will emerge from the Tribulation with their hearts turned to the one and only true God, Yahweh (Jeremiah 12:14-17).

The most remarkable prophecy concerning the future salvation of an Arab remnant is contained in Isaiah 19:16-25. Isaiah says that when the Lord strikes Egypt and Assyria, they will turn to Him and He will have compassion on them and "heal them." Isaiah then presents an incredible picture of Egypt, Assyria, and Israel living together in peace, worshiping the same God!

A Specific Prophecy Involving Muslim Countries

With regard to Islam in general, the only clear prophecy I see about it in the Scriptures has to do with the end time invasion of Israel that will be led by Russia (Ezekiel 38 and 39). The Bible states that Russia will be accompanied by certain specified allies (Ezekiel 38:1-6). The allies include Persia (modern day Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan), Ethiopia, Put (Libya), Gomer (Western Turkey), and Beth-togarmah (Eastern Turkey). As you can see, all of these are countries with a Muslim majority.

Ezekiel 39 reveals that these forces will be destroyed



supernaturally by God upon the hills of Israel (Ezekiel 38:18-23 and 39:3-6). Even the Jewish people will realize that the forces were destroyed by God (Ezekiel 38:23 and 39:7).

The End Time World Religion?

Some Bible prophecy teachers are now asserting the belief that Islam will serve as the end time world religion of the Antichrist. This assumption is based in part on the fact that some Muslims are looking forward to the appearance of a Messiah called the Mahdi, and because of this expectation, some theorize that the Muslim world will rally to the Antichrist when he appears, thinking that he is their Mahdi.

I don't believe this expectation is valid. First of all, the concept of a Mahdi is held by less than ten percent of all Muslims. It is an aspect of Shiite eschatology, not the vast majority of Muslims who are Sunnis.

Second, the Bible teaches that the Antichrist will be of Roman descent and will rise to power in Europe. I can't imagine the Muslim world rushing to endorse any European leader. Africa, Asia, and Latin America have spent the past 200 years divesting themselves of European colonial rule. They are not going to willingly submit themselves to such rule again, regardless of how dynamic, charismatic, and wise the Antichrist may prove to be.

There is a third problem with the idea that the Antichrist will

utilize Islam as his world religion. I believe the Bible teaches that the initial religion that the Antichrist will use is Catholicism. This seems to be the teaching of Revelation 17 where the religion of the end times is represented by a whore who is "drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus" (Revelation 17:6). She is pictured as being seated on "seven mountains" (Revelation 17:9). This is imagery which, in the apostle John's time, could only be referring to Rome. This identification is affirmed at the end of the chapter when John asserts that the woman is also "the great city which reigns over the kings of the earth" (Revelation 17:18). Again, in John's time, this could only be a reference to Rome.

The Bible further indicates that at some point in the Tribulation, possibly at its mid-point, the Antichrist will turn against the Catholic Church and destroy it, probably because it becomes a threat to his absolute power (Revelation 17:16). He and his False Prophet will then create a new religion that will mandate the worship of the Antichrist as god on earth (Revelation 13:11-17).

An Intolerant Religion

Of all the world's religions, Islam is the most intolerant. It simply will not tolerate the existence of other religions in areas that it controls. I cannot even imagine any European leader associated with the Catholic Church being able to secure the allegiance of Muslims. I believe, instead, that the Muslim world will revolt against any attempt of the Antichrist to bring them within his domain. The result will be a war (Revelation 6) that will ultimately escalate into an all-out nuclear conflagration (Revelation 8 and 9). These wars result in the death of half of humanity during the first three and a half years of the Tribulation.

In summary, I believe the most likely scenario of the end times is one whereby God will unleash the Antichrist on the Muslim world and will judge them through him. The Antichrist will be successful. We are told in Revelation 13:7-8 that he will become the first true dictator over all the world because he will achieve "authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation" (Revelation 13:7).

The Antichrist's victory will be a Pyrrhic one. A third or more of the earth will be left in ruin. And the one-half of humanity left alive will suffer radiation poisoning, resulting in people covered with sores that will not heal (Revelation 16:2 and 11).

At the middle of the Tribulation, when the Antichrist desecrates the Temple in Jerusalem and declares himself to be god, the Jews will reject him, and he will become obsessed with annihilating them during the last three and a half years of the Tribulation (Revelation 12:13-17). He will be successful in killing two-thirds of them (Zechariah 13:7-9).

While he is obsessed with the Jews, the Bible indicates that his worldwide empire will fall apart at the seams. The nations of Asia will revolt against him, sending an army of 200 million to overthrow him (Revelation 9:13-18, Revelation 16:12, and Daniel 11:44-45).

So, in summary, I would contend that Islam will suffer its judgment during the Tribulation when it refuses to accept the Antichrist as the world's leader. ✚

Iran's Craziness

The President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, feels that he is the John the Baptist of Islam who is to prepare the way for the coming of the Shiite Messiah, called the Mahdi. In a speech given in Tehran on November 16, 2005, the president said he sees his main mission as that of "preparing the path for the glorious reappearance of Imam Mahdi, may Allah hasten his appearance."



President Ahmadinejad

In a videotaped interview Ahmadinejad claimed that during a speech he gave in the fall of 2005 to the United Nations he was suddenly surrounded by a supernatural aura when he mentioned the name of Mohammad. He claimed it was a light from Heaven that validated his call to prepare the way for the Mahdi.

In a similar irrational manner, the man rants and raves against Israel. He has questioned the historical validity of the Holocaust. He has called for Israel "to be wiped off the face of the earth." And he has called for the Jews to be moved to Europe.



Meanwhile he continues to stonewall the United Nations regarding his nation's production of enriched uranium which can be used in nuclear weapons.

In 1981 Israel destroyed Iraq's nuclear facility with a surprise air raid, and of course, the world condemned Israel. It appears that the Israelis may once again have to come to the world's rescue. But this time the task will be far more difficult because many of Iran's nuclear facilities are located under ground. ✚

The Cartoon Intifada

Dr. David R. Reagan

In early February, Muslim riots broke out all over Europe and the Islamic world in protest against some cartoons depicting Mohammad which were published in a Danish newspaper. The riots were prompted by the fact that Muslims regard any depiction of their prophet Mohammad to be sacrilegious.

The Basis of the Riots

The Danish newspaper, *Jyllands-Posten*, commissioned the cartoons in order to make an important point about freedom of speech. It had come to the attention of the newspaper's editors that a Danish author could not find an illustrator for his children's book about Mohammad. No artist would agree to illustrate the book for fear of being harmed by Muslim extremists. Appalled by this self-censorship, the newspaper invited Danish artists to submit drawings of Mohammad. They published a total of twelve.

The Nature of the Cartoons

Some of the drawings, like the one on the right, simply depicted what the artist imagined Mohammad to look like. Others, like the one above on the right, were caricatures of the prophet.

A few carried a political message. One showed the prophet wearing a bomb for a turban. Another showed the prophet at the gate of Heaven telling warriors killed in jihad, "Stop, stop! We have run out of virgins." This, of course, was a play on the Islamic belief that anyone killed in a holy war against infidels will automatically go to Paradise where he will be given 72 virgins for his eternal pleasure.

The Nature of the Riots



The cartoons were mild by Western standards, yet they sparked an international uprising. Riots took place throughout Europe and the Muslim world. Embassies were attacked, buildings were burned, and people were killed.

The ominous thing about these riots is that evidence has surfaced that they were anything but spontaneous. For one thing, the cartoons were published in the Danish newspaper in September of 2005 and were reprinted in several European newspapers the same month. They were also reprinted on the front page of Egypt's *al-Fagr* (the Dawn) in October during the holy month of Ramadan.

So why did it take four months for the riots to break out? And why were there no protests against the Egyptian newspaper? The evidence, according to several international news sources, is that

the riots were staged at the urging of the leaders of Syria and Iran.

The firebrand president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, denounced the cartoons as an expression of "impudence and rudeness." He blamed them on "the Zionist [Jews] ruling these countries against Islam and Muslims."

Muslim leaders called for European countries to pass laws prohibiting such cartoons, and they threatened further violence against anyone who would draw such pictures in the future. The irony here is that Muslim newspapers daily publish vile and sordid cartoons about Jews and Western leaders like President Bush.



Relax! It's just a cartoon by a Dane.

The American Response

On the home front here in the United States, our news sources caved in to the threats. The Associated Press refused to distribute the cartoons, and our major newspapers, like the *New York Times*, refused to print them. These are the very same news sources that are more than willing to print any anti-Christian trash that comes down the pike.

The bloody riots and the capitulation of the U. S. press prompted some strong commentaries by courageous columnists who are not afraid of speaking the truth about Islam. Some representative examples are given below.



Doug Giles — Let me see if I get this right: in smarmy, liberal America-ville, it's cool to celebrate a painting of the virgin Mary covered in dung, a picture of Jesus marinating in urine, a play in which Jesus is depicted as gay, and TV shows and movies that mock Christ and Christianity; but it is uncool to run

a Danish cartoon slamming Islam's irrational rage, because that would be a "gratuitous assault" on the Muslim religion? Well, cock-a-doodle-do!



Jeff Jacoby — Hindus may consider it odious to use cows as food, but they do not resort to boycotts, threats, and violence when non-Hindus eat hamburger or steak. They do not demand that everyone abide by the strictures of Hinduism and avoid words and deeds that Hindus might find upsetting. The same is true of Christians, Jews, and Buddhists:

They don't lash out in violence when their religious sensibilities are offended. They certainly don't expect their beliefs to be immune from criticism, mockery, or dissent.

But radical Muslims do.

The current uproar over cartoons of the Muslim prophet Mohammad published in a Danish newspaper illustrates yet again the fascist intolerance that is at the heart of radical Islam . . .

Make no mistake: This story is not going away, and neither is the Islamofascist threat. The freedom of speech we take for granted is under attack, and it will vanish if it is not bravely defended. Today the censors may be coming for some unfunny Mohammad cartoons, but tomorrow it is your words and ideas they will silence. Like it or not, we are all Danes now.

Jan Markell — The Muslim world has featured some of the most deplorable, sick, and racist cartoons in their media. From Jews with hooked noses, to Anne Frank in bed with Hitler, to Holocaust denial and mockery, to Ariel Sharon eating a Palestinian baby, to George W. Bush in unmentionable poses, and more. Did the Jews, Ariel Sharon, or George W. Bush have a temper tantrum, burn buildings, and kill people as a pay back? This is a clash of cultures that only the Antichrist and the coming Prince of Peace can tame.



But perhaps the greatest perplexity in this is where is the "moderate Muslim outrage"? For that matter, where was it after 9/11, Spain's 3/11, London's subway bombings, the murder of school children in Russia, the beheading of school girls in Indonesia, the filmed beheadings and shootings of innocent hostages in Iraq, the massacres in Israel at Passover meals, and more?

I agree with Charles Krauthammer who says, "A true Muslim moderate is one who protests desecrations of all faiths. Those who don't are not moderates but hypocrites, opportunists, and agents for the rioters."



Rich Tucker — What the Islamic protesters are saying is, "Our religion doesn't allow for depictions of Mohammad, therefore nobody (whether they are Islamic or not) may depict Mohammad." Imagine if other faiths took this approach.

Many Roman Catholics don't eat meat on Friday. Would they be within their rights to demand that all steakhouses be closed on Friday? Should they be allowed to firebomb any restaurants that serve meat on Friday? Of course not. Tolerant people understand others aren't bound by the strictures of their religion . . .

Muslims are free to be offended by drawings of Mohammad. They should feel free to march or boycott Danish products. But they don't have the right to tell non-Muslims what we may or may not do. And they certainly don't have the right to insist that Europe change its laws on press freedom.

Clifford D. May — The international intifada that has erupted — ostensibly in response to 12 cartoons first published in a Danish newspaper last September — is merely the militant Islamists' latest tactic. The charge most frequently leveled against the protestors is hypocrisy. How can they be up in arms over a few cartoons lampooning Muslims when, in many Muslim societies, Jews and Christians are routinely characterized in the most vicious terms and images? But that misses the point.



The militant Islamists are not demanding equality. They are demanding superiority. They are Muslim supremacists — ideological heirs to those who, in the 20th Century, fought for Aryan supremacy and white supremacy . . .

Militant Islamism is least of all about religion. It's mostly about power. The cartoon intifada has not been a spontaneous uprising in response to a gratuitous insult. It's one front in an expanding war of arms and ideas being waged against the West.

A Related Incident

In the same manner in which America's newspapers knuckled under to Islamic pressure, our nation's largest Christian TV network, TBN, recently caved in to Islamic threats. Last November, several of their broadcasters — including John Hagee, Perry Stone, and Hal Lindsey — received notices that TBN would no longer tolerate criticism of Islam. When Hal Lindsey refused to give in to this pressure, his program was suspended for the month of December.



Hal Lindsey

To the public, the network claimed that the program was being "temporarily suspended" to make room for "special Christmas programming."

But come January, Lindsey's program was not back on the network. He announced that he had decided to withdraw his program from TBN because he could not abide by the self-censorship they were imposing regarding the discussion of Islam. Lindsey moved his program to the DayStar Network.

Protest letters and email messages sent to TBN were answered with a statement that the network had taken the action because it feared Islamic threats. The bottom line is that America's largest Christian television network has been intimidated into silence by Islamic terrorists! Who would have believed we would ever witness such a thing?

Take the time to contact Hal Lindsey and thank him for his refusal to be muzzled. You can send him an email message at hal@hallindseyoracle.com. Or, you can write to him at P.O. Box 1131, Murrieta, CA 92564. ✚



The Collapse of the Road Map

Dr. David R. Reagan

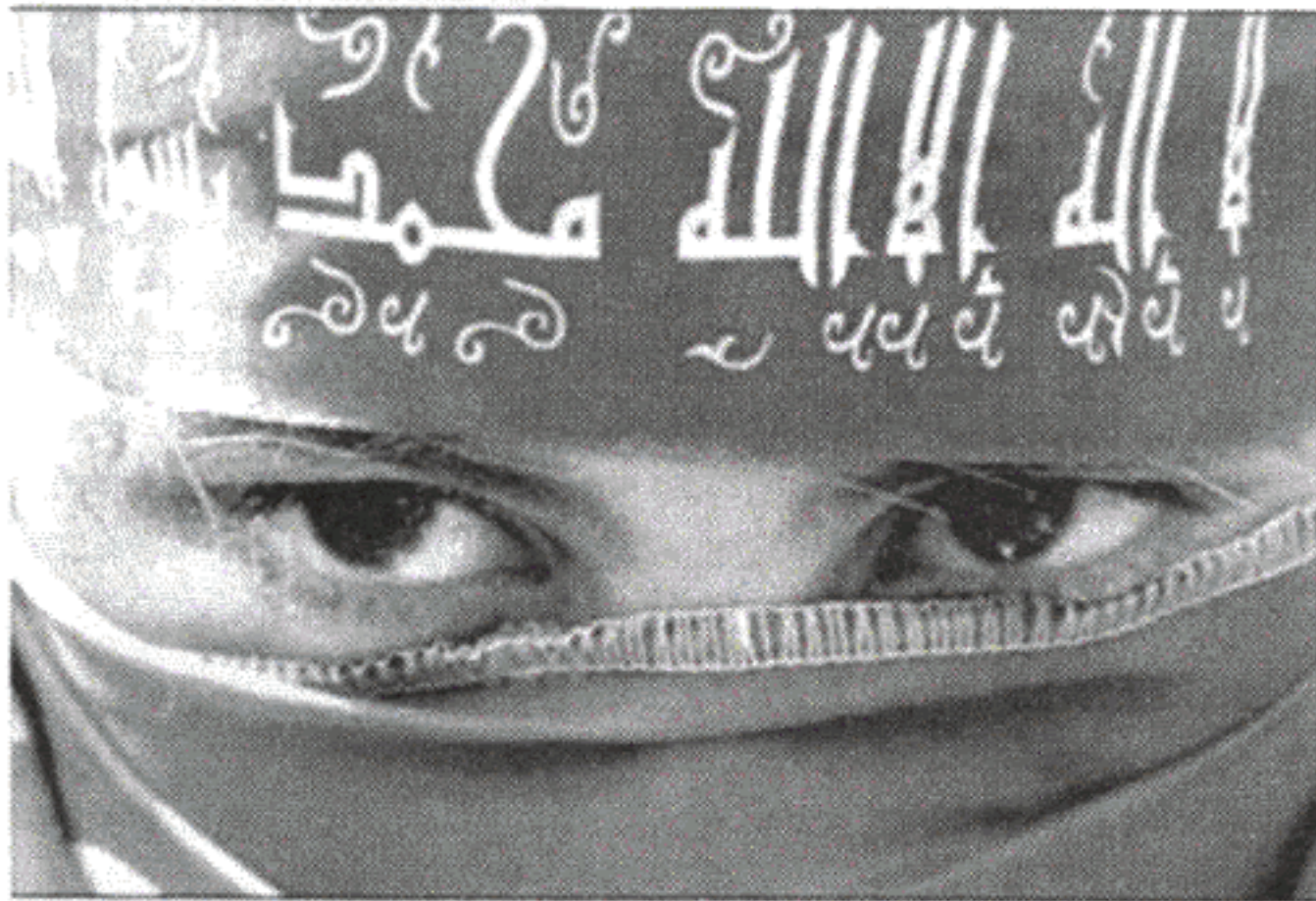
The Road Map to Peace in the Middle East was presented to Israel and the Palestinian Authority on April 30, 2003.¹

This unbiblical plan was devised by an ungodly quartet made up of Russia, the United Nations, the European Union, and the United States. The plan was performance-based and goal-driven, with clear phases, timelines and benchmarks. The goal was the establishment of a permanent peace in the Middle East through the creation of a Palestinian state that would be committed to existing side-by-side with the nation of Israel.

The Nature of the Road Map

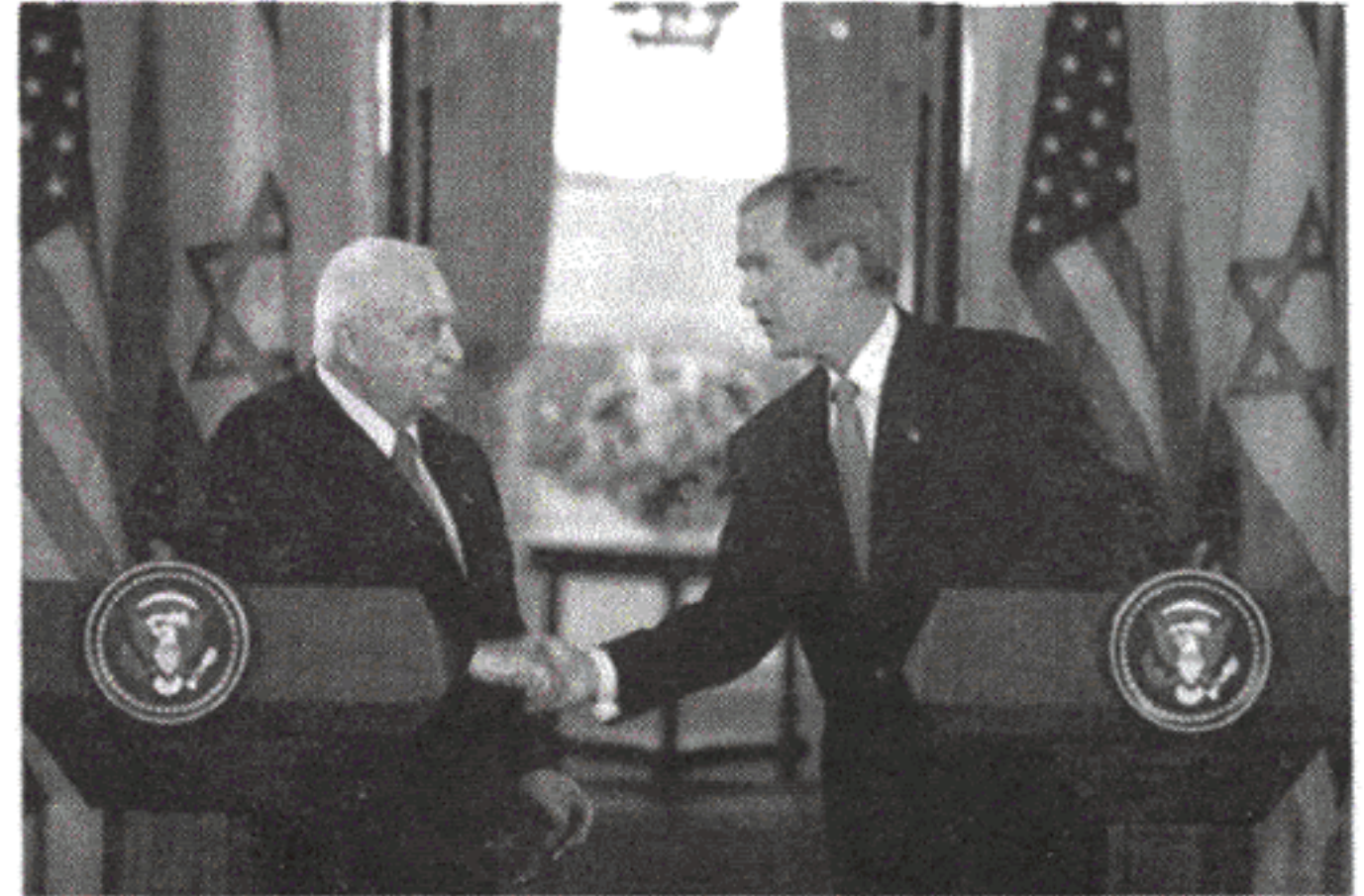
Phase 1 of the plan aimed at the ending of terror, the normalization of Palestinian life, and the building of Palestinian institutions for democratic self-government. Phase 2 was to be a transition period that would be marked by the creation of an independent Palestinian state. Phase 3 was to lead to an international conference that would produce a negotiated settlement on outstanding issues like the division of Jerusalem and the re-settlement of refugees. All of this was supposed to have been completed by the end of 2005.

The fatal flaw in the Road Map was the assumption that the Palestinians were willing to live in peace with the Israelis. The reality is that the Arabs are determined to destroy Israel, and any "peace" agreements they might make will be viewed as temporary concessions until they have the strength to launch the final attack to annihilate the state of Israel.



"The Phased Plan" of the PLO

The Arab plan for the destruction of Israel was formulated in 1974 when the PLO was in exile in North Africa. It was dubbed "The Phased Plan" because it envisioned taking over Israel in gradual steps.² The plan recognized the improbability of defeating Israel in an all-out war. So, the plan proposed that the Arabs utilize diplomatic pressure from the UN, the Europeans, and the US — as well as world public opinion — to force Israel into surrendering a parcel of its land for "peace." That foothold would



President Bush with Ariel Sharon.

then be used to demand more land until enough was acquired to launch a fatal attack from within the heart of Israel. It was a clever Trojan Horse approach, utilizing the policy of appeasement.

The Phased Plan has proved to be a success, primarily because of the pressure the United States began to apply to Israel in 1991 to start trading land for peace. We may be Israel's best friend, but we have proved to be the key to the implementation of The Phased Plan because of the enormous influence we have on Israel's leaders. They have gone out of their way to placate us, knowing that our veto in the United Nations is the only thing that stands in the way of resolutions that could easily cripple the Israeli economy overnight.

Another key to the success of The Phased Plan has been the self-deception of the Israeli leaders who have convinced themselves that they can truly make peace with the Arabs. The fact of the matter is that you cannot make peace with an enemy whose ultimate goal is to destroy you. The cold hard reality of politics in the Middle East is that if the Arab nations were to disarm, there would be peace; but if Israel were to disarm, Israel would cease to exist.

The Unexpected Bumps in the Road

Just a few months ago, as 2005 was coming to a close, The Road Map of the Quartet appeared to be on track. The Quartet had a Prime Minister in Israel, Ariel Sharon, who had knuckled under to their pressure and had turned his back on everything he had ever stood for, including the platform on which he was elected. And, they had a Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, who at long last was freed up from the restrictions that had been placed on him by Yasser Arafat.

Sharon had forced his people out of Gaza and had called for new elections believing he could greatly increase his support in the Israeli Knesset in behalf of a final agreement with the Palestinians that would involve a complete withdrawal of Israel from its heartland of Judea and Samaria.

The fact that this whole plan was going to prove to be another step in The Phased Plan for Israel's destruction never seemed to

register on anyone, except, of course, Abbas and his henchmen who must have been smiling from ear to ear!



Ariel Sharon

Then in a matter of days, the whole Road Map went up in smoke. First, Ariel Sharon was removed from the scene due to a massive stroke which he suffered on January 4, 2006. Then came the stunning Hamas electoral victory in the Palestinian elections on January 25th. This victory put Islamic fundamentalists in control of the Palestinian Authority.

Suddenly, almost overnight, the Middle East seemed once again to be on the brink of war.

Since that time, the leadership of Hamas, now the rulers of the Palestinian Authority, have made it crystal clear that they will never accept the existence of the state of Israel. And when both the United States and the European Union indicated they would cut off their financial support of the Palestinian Authority, Russia rushed in immediately to fill the vacuum, promising increased aid and support in an obvious attempt to reassert the leverage they had in Middle Eastern politics during the days of the old Soviet Union.



Ismail Haniyeh, the Hamas Prime Minister.

God's Orchestration of Events

To me, the hand of God in all this is very clear. God has not gone to the trouble of regathering the Jewish people from the four corners of the earth for them to turn around and give away the heartland of their nation to their enemy who is also an enemy of God.

Hopefully, the recent events will deliver both Israel and the United States from their delusion that any sort of meaningful peace can be made with the Palestinians. Hopefully, too, the appeasement policy of "land for peace" will be replaced with the drawing of a line in the sand that clearly says, "Enough is enough!"

The only thing the Arabs respect is power and the will to use it. Appeasement only whets their appetite.

The Most Likely Course of Future Events

I believe God will motivate the Jews to stand resolute, leading to a war between them and the Palestinians — a war that Israel should win quickly and easily. But I believe that victory will prompt the Palestinians to call for support from the Arab world. I suspect that support will come and that part of it will be Syrian missile attacks on Haifa and Tel Aviv which will force the Israelis to respond with nuclear weapons, blowing Damascus off the face of the earth (Isaiah 17:1-14 and Jeremiah 49:23-27).

At that point I suspect that a panicked Arab world will call for its natural ally, Russia, to come to its defense, and the Russians will accept the invitation with the intention of not only destroying

Israel but also grabbing the Arab oil fields. The Russians and their allies will be destroyed supernaturally on the hills of Israel (Ezekiel 39:1-6), causing a worldwide panic that will probably lead to the rise of the Antichrist who will claim to have a solution to the Middle East crisis.

In short, we are getting very close to the consummation of the Church Age. We are living on the threshold of the Tribulation. But despite the ominous days that lie ahead, we can rejoice that God is on His throne and in control (Psalm 2). ✚

Notes:

1) U.S. State Department Bureau of Public Affairs, "Roadmap for Peace in the Middle East," www.state.gov/r/pa/ci/rls/22520.htm, March 3, 2006.

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Excerpts from the Hamas Charter

Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it. [The point being that no secular movement like the PLO will ever be successful in destroying the Jewish state.]

The Islamic Resistance Movement [Hamas] is a distinguished Palestinian movement, whose allegiance is to Allah, and whose way of life is Islam. It strives to raise the banner of Allah over every inch of Palestine.

The slogan of Hamas: Allah is its goal, the Prophet is its model, the Qu'ran is its constitution, Jihad is its path, and death for the sake of Allah is its most sublime belief.

The Islamic Resistance Movement believes that the land of Palestine is an Islamic Waqf [an endowment] consecrated for future Muslim generations until Judgment Day. It, or any part of it, should not be squandered; it, or any part of it, should not be given up.

Initiatives, and so-called peaceful solutions and international conferences, are in contradiction to the principles of the Islamic Resistance Movement . . . These conferences are only ways of setting the infidels in the land of the Muslims as arbitrators. When did the infidels do justice to the believers?

There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad. Initiatives, proposals, and international conferences are all a waste of time and are vain endeavors.

Note: Many similar statements were contained in the charter of the PLO, but that was an organization of secular Arabs who were willing to make some compromises. Hamas is an Islamic fundamentalist group of terrorists who are unwilling to compromise.

Hollywood Paganism —

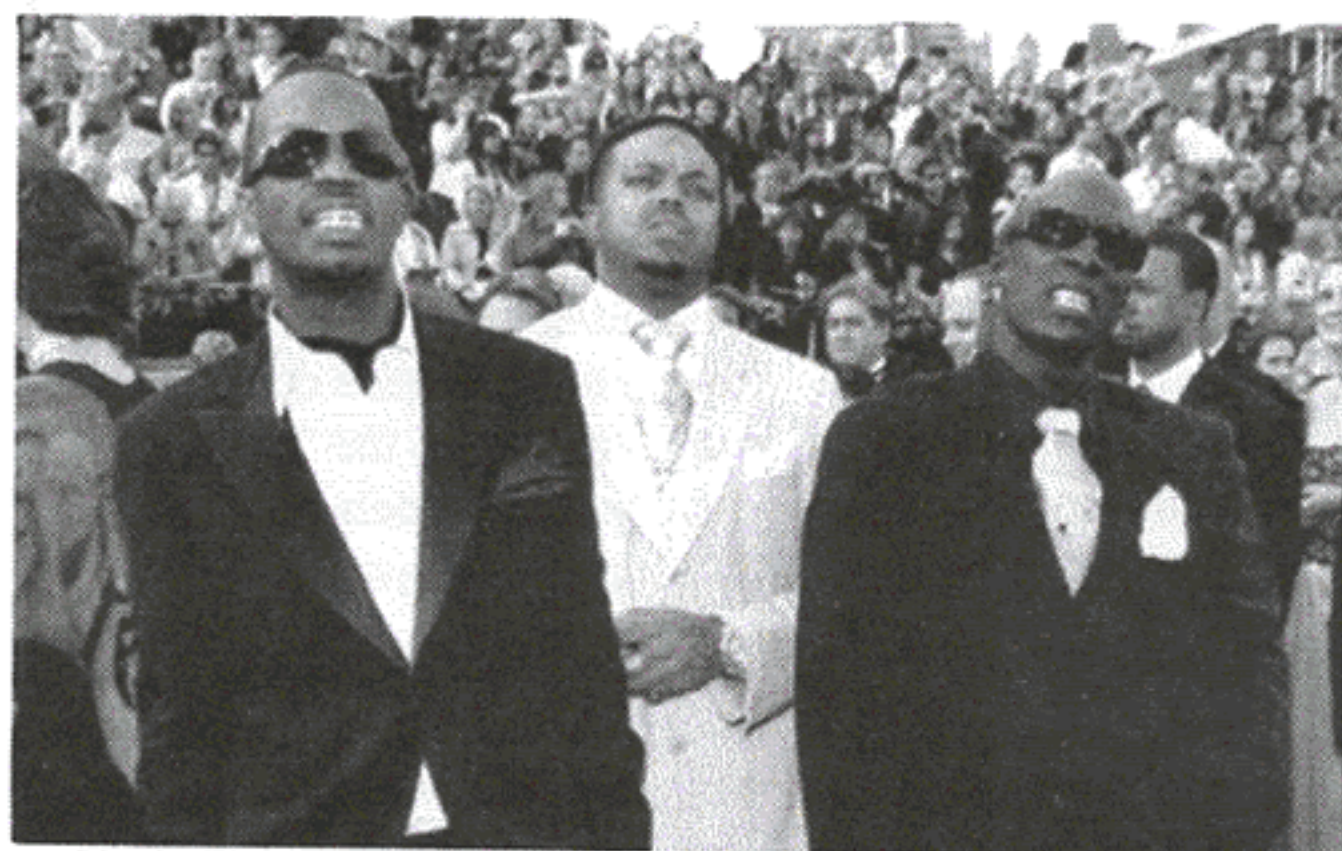
At the recent Academy Awards ceremonies, Hollywood celebrated sodomy, prostitution, blasphemy, and violence.

The film that seemed to capture the hearts of the critics was *Brokeback Mountain*, a story about a homosexual relationship between two cowboy sheep herders. The magnificent movie, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, which grossed more income than all five of the best picture nominees combined, was ignored by the Hollywood crowd.



Many were relieved when *Brokeback Mountain* failed to win the best picture award. But according to the *Dallas Morning News*, the film that won, called *Crash*, contained more profanity than any major film ever made.

The biggest surprise of the evening was the Academy Award for best original song. It went to a rap group called "Three 6 Mafia." The incredible name of the song was "It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp." That a song glorifying pimps would even be nominated is a sad commentary on the moral degradation that characterizes the Hollywood crowd.



The rap group, "Three 6 Mafia."

Steve Blow, a columnist for the *Dallas Morning News*, summarized the song as follows: "It's bad enough that so much of hip-hop sounds like an old Ford about to throw a transmission. But then you add lyrics that sound straight off the bathroom wall in some skanky cathouse."

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Some of the verses of the song contained language so vile that they cannot be repeated among civilized people. But to give you an idea of the nature of the song, here is one of the verses:
*Wait, I got a snow bunny, and a black girl too/
 You pay the right price and they'll both do you/
 That the way the game goes, gotta keep it strictly
 pimpin/ Gotta have my hustle tight, makin change off these
 women.*

Whatever happened to Henry Mancini?

Commenting on *Brokeback Mountain*, the syndicated columnist, Les Kinsolving, asked a penetrating question.

That *Brokeback Mountain* won three Oscars for its romanticizing of sodomy — one of our nation's most deadly health hazards — raises the inevitable question: When will Hollywood so glorify bestiality as it has sodomy?

Unfortunately, Hollywood has already answered that question. Believe it or not, at this past year's Sundance Film Festival a movie about bestiality called *Stay* was presented by comedian-turned-writer/director Bob Goldthwait. The film tells the story of a girl named Amy who decides that she and her fiancé should be completely honest with each other about everything. That's when she admits that she has performed oral sex on her dog!



The film was a hit at the festival and was picked up by major distributors who are now advertising it as "a wonderfully perverse tale that adeptly explores honesty, family, forgiveness, and courage."

Les Kinsolving posed another interesting question:

Brokeback director Ang Lee's acceptance speech of his Oscar included the following astounding contention: The movie was not just about a homosexual affair, but "the greatness of love itself." When will Mr. Lee direct a film glorifying the heart-wrenching love of a sadist as he beats a masochist?

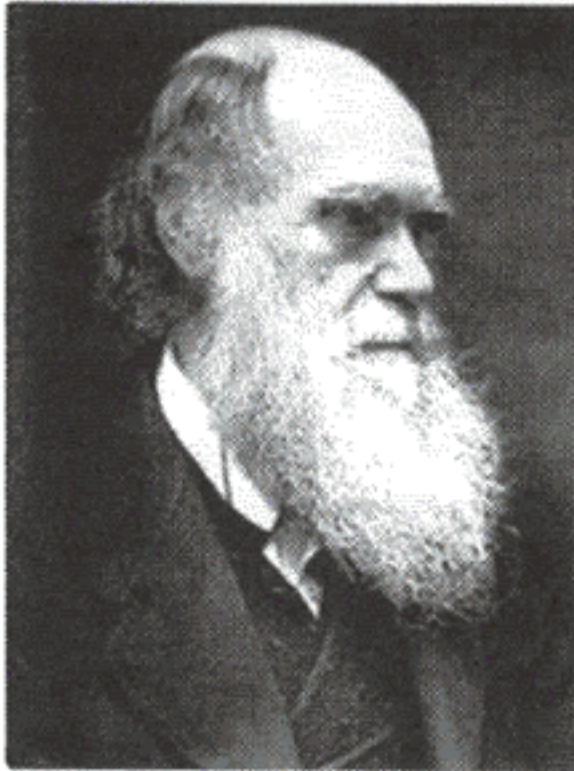
In 1969 *Midnight Cowboy* became the first and only X-rated movie to ever win the Academy Award for best picture. To demonstrate how far Hollywood has descended into the sewer since that time, today that film would probably receive only a PG-13 rating.

We are flooding the world with trashy movies and television programs that glorify violence and immorality and which contain one blasphemy of God's name after another. There is no way to get around the fact that we are the moral polluters of planet earth, and there is no way to avoid the fact that God will hold us accountable. ✚

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Promotion of Darwinism —



Charles Darwin

On February 12th over 400 churches participated in a nationally orchestrated event called a "Darwin Praise Service." Their entire Sunday morning worship services were dedicated to celebrating the 197th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, the father of evolutionary thought.

This ungodly event was the brainchild of Professor Michael Zimmerman of the University of Wisconsin (Oshkosh campus). He has been promoting what he calls "The Clergy Letter Project." Using the university's website, he has solicited clergy across the United States to sign a letter supporting evolution and rejecting the Genesis account of creation as literal history. As of March 1st, 10,250 Christian clergy had signed this horrible document.

Squelching of Chaplains —

Last December a very brave Navy chaplain by the name of Gordon Klingenschmitt began a public protest hunger strike to bring attention to limitations that had been placed upon the practice of his faith. He announced that he would not eat until the Navy relented.

He was a chaplain on the cruiser USS Anzio, based in Norfolk, Virginia, before he said he was transferred ashore and given a negative evaluation because of religious disagreements with his superior officers.

The chaplain said the dispute was triggered when he spoke on the ship at a Christian memorial service for a deceased sailor. In his remarks he said that one must be born again in order to go to Heaven, and he said that Jesus Christ is the only way to Heaven. He also prayed in the name of Jesus. Shortly after the service, he was rebuked by two senior chaplains because they said his service was not "inclusive enough" and therefore it might offend people.

Eighteen days after he began his strike, the chaplain received notification from the Navy that he could pray in the name of Jesus.

Over 60 chaplains have filed a class action lawsuit citing religious discrimination problems similar to the ones encountered by Chaplain Klingenschmitt. ✚

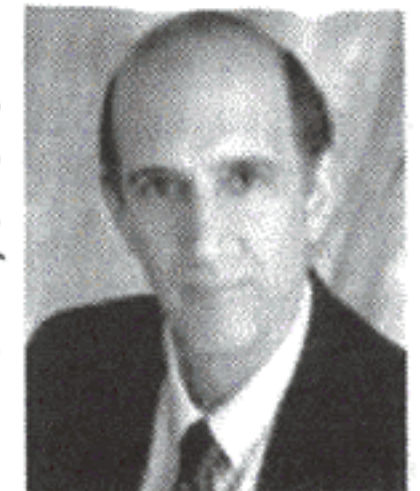


Chaplain Klingenschmitt



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The syndicated columnist, David Kupelian, recently wrote some very convicting thoughts about our unwillingness in this nation to face up to the fact that our enemy is Islamic fundamentalism. Here is some of what he wrote in an article for World Net Daily.



David Kupelian

"The phenomenon of captives developing an emotional bond with their captors, dubbed the 'Stockholm Syndrome,' has been observed in many hostage situations over the years . . .

"Could it be that many people are so intimidated by radical Islam, so fearful of being victims themselves, that their fear is transformed unconsciously into a strange sympathy and support for the terrorists, in an attempt to placate them? Could this be a factor in the absurd political correctness we see in America and Europe with regard to Islam?

- "Why is it that since 9/11 increasing numbers of students on American college campuses are extolling the 'Palestinian cause' and condemning Israel as a terrorist state . . . ?
- "Why is it that Muslims can riot day after day in and around Paris, burn over a thousand cars, ransack businesses and schools, rampage through 300 towns shooting at police and firemen — and the international press barely mentions that the rioters are Muslims?
- "Why is that every time a terror incident occurs in the U.S. — such as the Beltway snipers that terrorized the Washington, D.C. area — the government and press bend over backwards to downplay any possible Islamic jihad connection?
- "Why do the government and news media treat the Council for American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as a legitimate civil rights organization when it has been identified by two former FBI counter-terrorism chiefs as a front group for Hamas?

"If you consider Americans' understandable fear of radical Muslims, and add to that fear our culture's knee-jerk multicultural dread of being perceived as 'racist,' you can start to understand today's bizarre deference to Islam in the West."

Meanwhile, Cindy Sheehan continues to refer to Islamic terrorists in Iraq who are killing American soldiers as "freedom fighters" while calling President Bush a "jerk," a "gangster," an "evil maniac," a "war criminal," a "murderous thug", and, of course, a "terrorist." ✚

Tribute to a Great Man of God

Dr. David R. Reagan

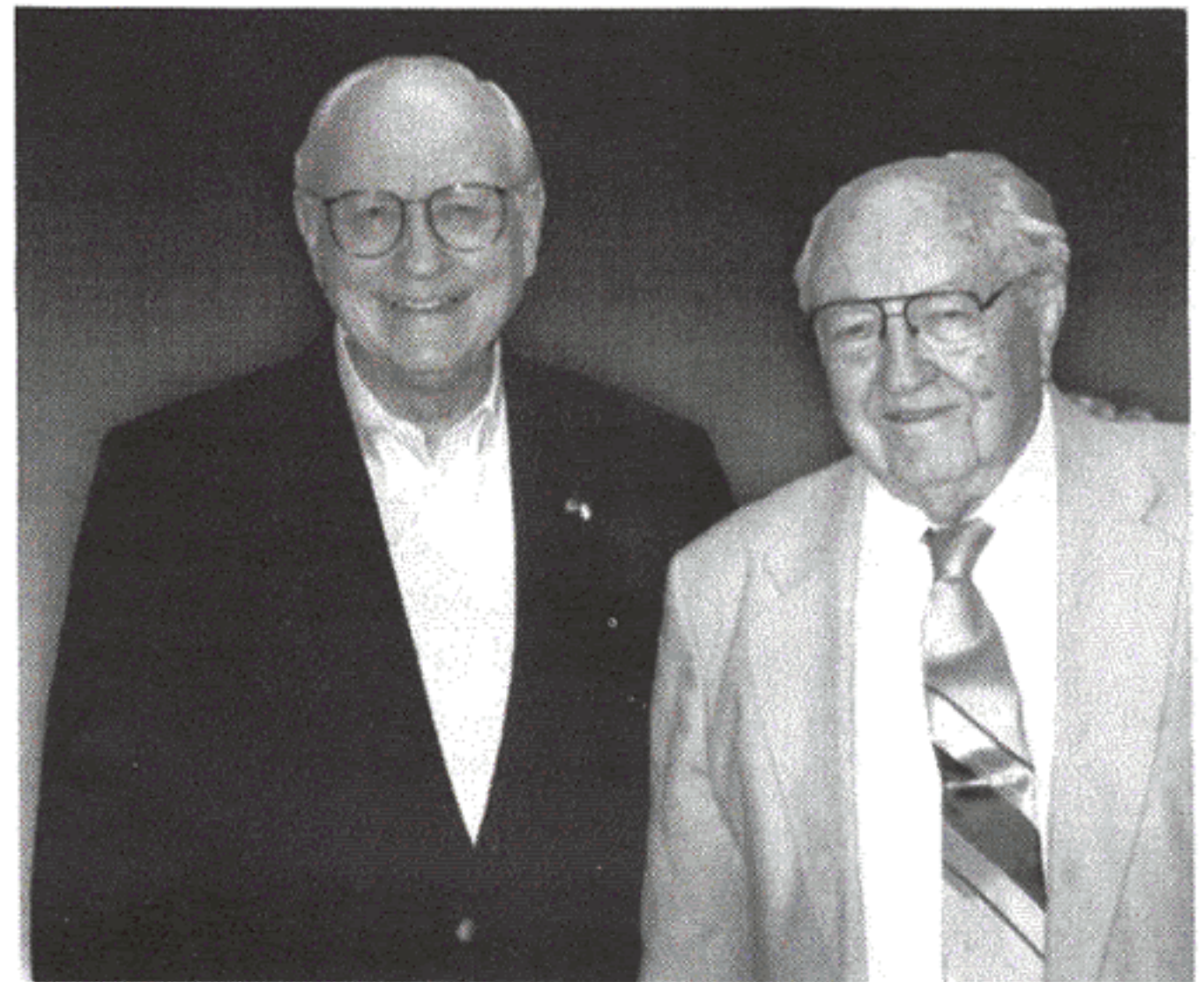
One of my heroes of the faith, Dr. Henry Morris, founder of the Institute for Creation Research in San Diego, died on February 25th. He was 87 years old. Dr. Morris was considered the father of the modern Creationist Movement.

Dr. Morris was born in Dallas in 1918. He attended Rice University where he studied civil engineering. He later earned a doctorate in hydraulic engineering at the University of Minnesota. He became the head of Virginia Tech's engineering department and wrote a classic textbook on hydraulics.

It was his 1961 book, *The Genesis Flood*, that catapulted Dr. Morris to national attention. The book was co-authored by John C. Whitcomb, an Old Testament scholar. In the book the authors replaced the evolutionary concept of uniformitarianism with what they called, "Biblical catastrophism."

Dr. Morris was a staunch "young earth" creationist who believed with absolute certainty that the earth was less than 10,000 years old and was created in six 24-hour days. He once wrote, "If the Bible is the Word of God, then it must be firmly believed that the world and all things in it were created in six natural days and that the long geological ages of evolutionary history never really took place at all."

Dr. Morris founded the Institute for Creation Research in 1970. Two of his sons now direct the ministry. Its great variety of materials designed for pre-schoolers through graduate students, can be found on the Internet at www.icr.org.



Dr. Reagan with Dr. Henry Morris in 2003.

I first became acquainted with Dr. Morris when I read his commentary on the book of Revelation, called *The Revelation Record*. I still consider it to be one of the best Revelation commentaries I have ever read. I invited him to be the featured speaker at one of our conferences which we held in Houston in the early 1980's. I found him to be a brilliant but very humble man who always concluded every presentation at the foot of the Cross, talking about the glory of Jesus' death and resurrection. I praise God for the faith and courage that Dr. Morris manifested in his life. ✚

Meet our Prophecy Partners

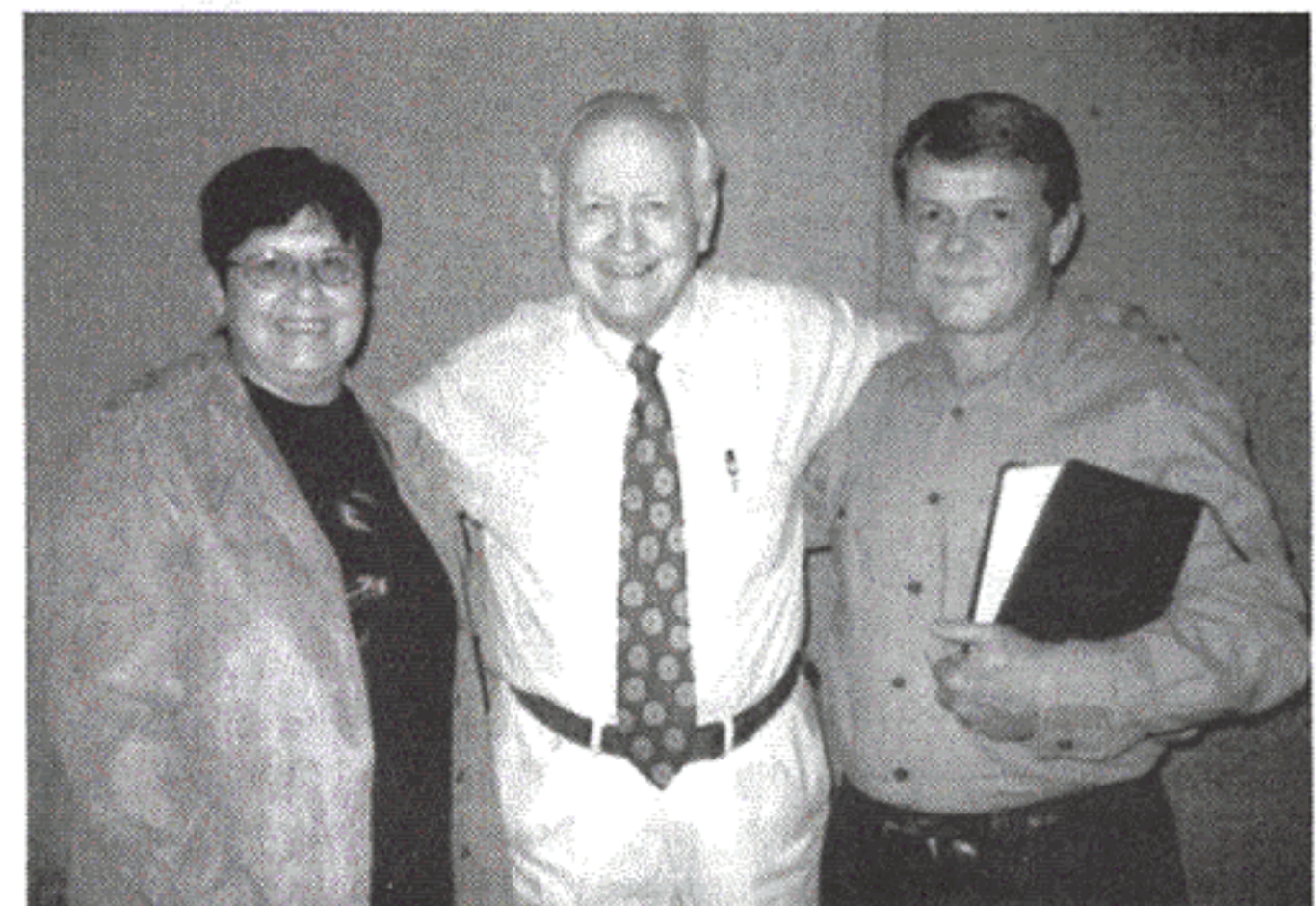
The financial foundation of this ministry is provided by the more than 1,600 Prophecy Partners who have made a commitment to provide this ministry with a monthly donation. They live all over the nation and come from all walks of life.

In each issue of this magazine this year we hope to introduce you to one or more of our Prophecy Partners. Last month we featured a couple from Georgia; this month our couple comes from Texas.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cain of Livingston, Texas. Buddy and Susan have been enthusiastic supporters of the ministry for several years. They have participated in two of our pilgrimages to Israel. They have a special knack for showing up wherever Dr. Reagan speaks in or near the state of Texas, and their presence is always a source of encouragement to him. The picture on the right was taken at a church in Santa Fe, Texas, located just south of Houston.

Buddy and Susan attend a Missionary Baptist Church in Livingston. Buddy is a forester who works for the International Paper Co. Susan is a women's health nurse practitioner.

Our Prophecy Partner program was launched in 1987 in response to the suggestion from a supporter in Florida. He came up with the idea of encouraging people to make a commitment of



Dr. Reagan with Buddy and Susan Cain.

one dollar a day for a year. That has remained the guideline to this day. The minimum for participation in the program is a commitment of \$20 a month. Most give \$30 per month or more.

Each month Dr. Reagan sends the Prophecy Partners a letter concerning the activities of the month, and he always includes a special gift, like a DVD containing one of our TV programs. To join the program, call 1-800-705-8316. Thanks! ✚

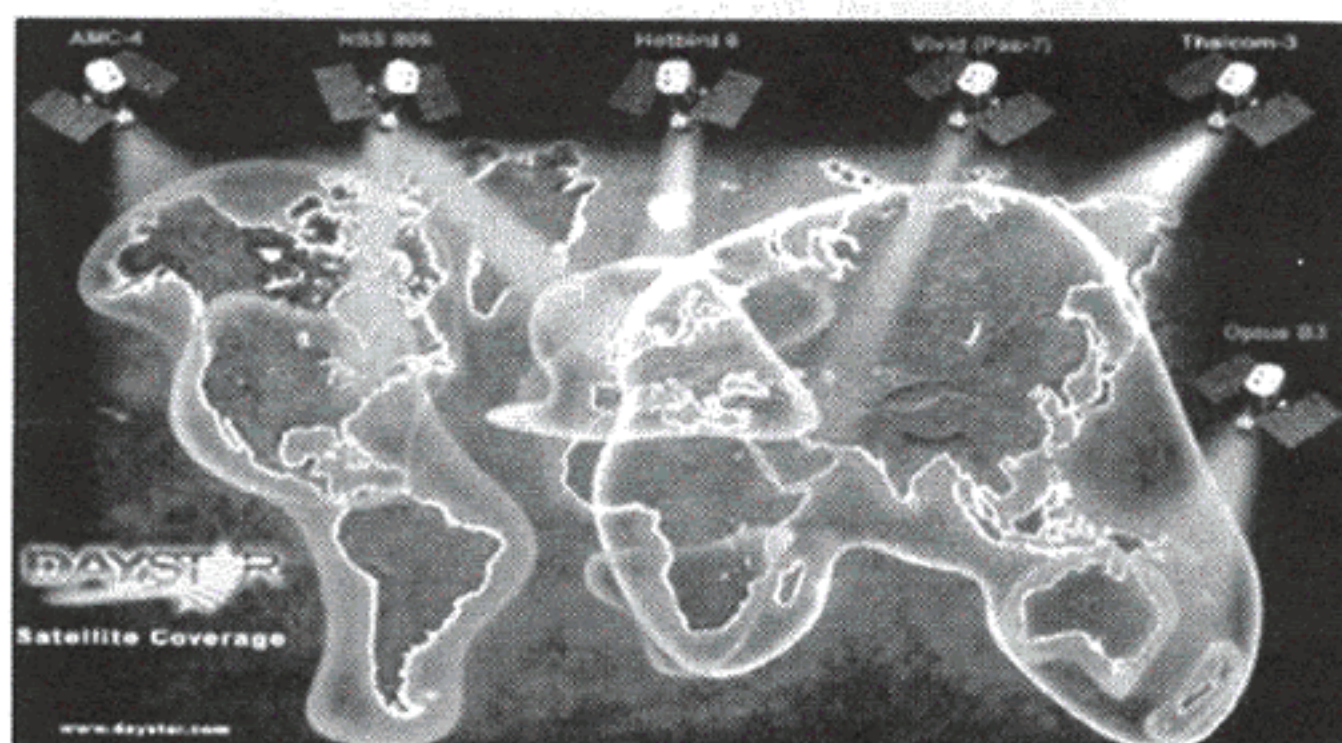
"Christ in Prophecy" Begins Airing on Third National Network



On April 2nd Lamb & Lion's television program, *Christ in Prophecy*, began broadcasting on **FaithTV**, a national network that is carried on the SkyAngel satellite and over 70 television stations across the United States. On SkyAngel, you can find FaithTV's programming on channel 9708. The program is broadcast on Sunday afternoons at 1:30pm Eastern, 12:30pm Central, 11:30am Mountain, and 10:30am Pacific. For more information about FaithTV, visit their website at FaithTV.com.

We were very blessed when FaithTV's vice president, Mark MacGregor, responded to our pilot program by saying that it was one of the finest quality programs he had ever seen produced by a Christian ministry. (Needless to say, our media crew has been difficult to live with since then!)

We continue to broadcast over the **DayStar** and **Inspiration** networks. DayStar is available on about 40 stations across the U.S., but their primary outreach is through the DirecTV satellite system. The Inspiration Network is carried by hundreds of cable systems throughout the nation. DayStar also covers the entire world through six international satellites as illustrated below:



DayStar Network				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Wed. 4:00pm	Wed. 5:00pm	Wed. 6:00pm	Wed. 7:00pm
	Sun. 10:30pm	Sun. 11:30pm	Mon. 12:30am	Mon. 1:30am

Inspiration Network				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Tues. 5:30pm	Tues. 6:30pm	Tues. 7:30pm	Tues. 8:30pm



We also continue to broadcast over a regional network called **Family Vision**. It covers all of southern Louisiana on three stations and 11 cable systems. The program is broadcast three times a week at the following times: Sunday at 6:30am, Monday at 8:30am, and Wednesday at 7:00pm. For detailed information about the stations and cable systems, go to the network's website at www.kajn.com/familyvision.

A Delightful New Program

In late May we will start broadcasting a series of new programs *About Heaven*. One of the programs will focus on the question, "Will we see our pets in Heaven?" It is a delightful program in which Dr. Reagan interviews the owners of three dogs and one cat before he presents the Bible teaching about the topic.

One of the dogs is a black dachshund named Molly. She is fondly referred to as the "evangelistic dog" because her owner, Debbie Blalock, uses her to share the Gospel with people. She does this through a trick she has taught the dog.

Debbie will say to her dog, "Molly! Are you dead in your sins?" Molly responds by immediately rolling over and playing dead. Then Debbie starts asking Molly a series of questions: "Molly, can Mohammad save you? Can Buddha save you? Can Abraham save you? Can the Pope save you?" Molly remains rigid during these questions — until Debbie says, "Jesus saves!"

Then, Molly jumps up and starts running around in circles. This trick is shown on the TV program. This particular program is available for sale for \$10. You can order a copy by calling 1-800-705-8316. This would be a great program to show a Sunday School class or a home Bible study group.



Dr. Reagan watches as Debbie Blalock guides Molly through her trick.

Television, Video and Meeting News

Television

In February the ministry was visited by a British television production company that is in the process of producing a two hour special for the BBC about Bible prophecy. The program is scheduled to be shown on channel 4 in Britain later this year as a primetime special. Tony Robinson, one of England's leading presenters of historical and religious documentaries has signed on to do the commentary for the program.

The crew interviewed Dr. Reagan for one and a half hours, asking him many questions about Bible prophecy in general and the book of Revelation in particular.



Lamb & Lion's media director, Don Gordoni, on the far left, is shown helping the BBC crew unload their equipment from a van. The person next to Don is Eamonn Matthews, the executive producer of the television program.

The most popular programs produced by the ministry during 2005 were the ones that featured four interviews with Dr. Ron Carlson concerning the cults. In response to our viewers who requested more interviews with Dr. Carlson, we invited him back to do a series of programs on world religions. Dennis Pollock assisted Dr. Reagan with the interviews. They discussed the distinctiveness of Christianity, the lure of Eastern religions, the essence of Islam, and the nature of the New Age Movement.



Dr. Reagan is shown on the left above with Dr. Ron Carlson in the middle and Dennis Pollock on the right. Dennis now has his own ministry called Spirit of Grace.

Video

Dr. Reagan recently videotaped an in-depth interview with Mr. Mike Gendron, founder and director of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries. This is a ministry designed to present the Gospel to Catholics. Mike is also a specialist in apologetics and Bible prophecy. The video will soon be available. It will be entitled, "Catholicism vs Christianity." Dr. Reagan took advantage of the time with Mike to also videotape two TV programs concerning false gospels and false christs.



Mike Gendron, his wife Jane, and Dr. Reagan

Meetings

Dr. Reagan has had a very busy speaking schedule since mid-January. In addition to speaking at churches in Nevada, Kansas, Kentucky, and Texas, he spoke at the famous Graceland Baptist Church in New Albany, Indiana. This church is known for a great revival that broke out there in May of 1980 and continued unabated for 18 weeks.



Dr. Reagan was also one of the featured speakers at the Stealing the Mind Conference that was held in San Juan Capistrano, California, in February.



Dr. Reagan is pictured above at the Stealing the Mind Conference with prophecy expert Chuck Missler and Bob Howard, one of Lamb & Lion's Prophecy Partners from Indianapolis.



Ministry News

Endorsement — The quality of Lamb & Lion's financial operations was recently given national recognition by an organization called Charity Navigator. This agency reviews the federal financial reports of all American non-profit organiza-

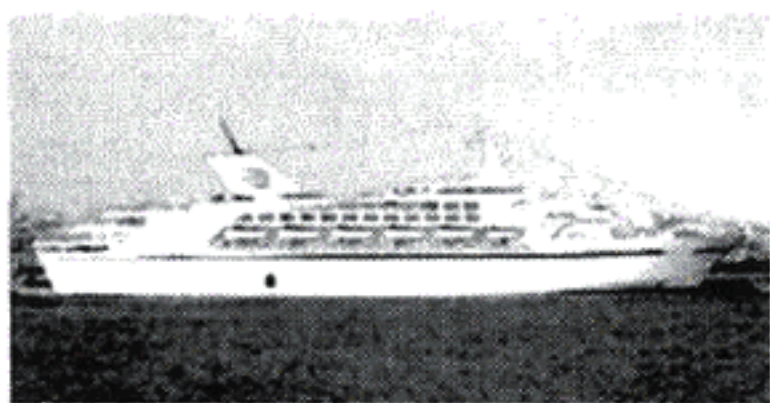
tions and then ranks them from one to four stars, depending upon the percentage of their expenditures that go for fund-raising and administrative costs, as compared to expenditures on programs.

Lamb & Lion was awarded the agency's highest, four star, rating. In the letter we received from them, they said, "Less than a quarter of the charities we've rated have received

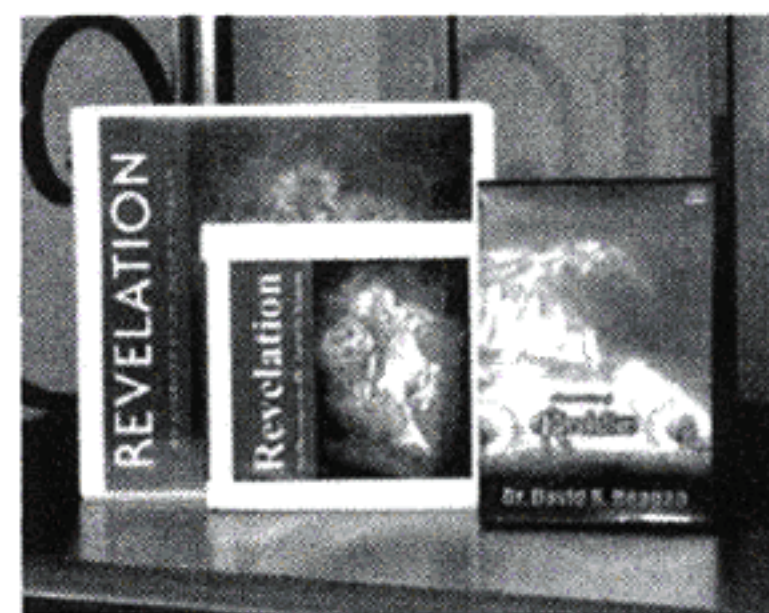


our highest rating, indicating that Lamb & Lion Ministries outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible. This 'exceptional' rating from Charity Navigator differentiates Lamb & Lion Ministries from its peers and proves that it's worthy of the public's trust." To see the detailed report on Lamb & Lion, go to www.charitynavigator.org.

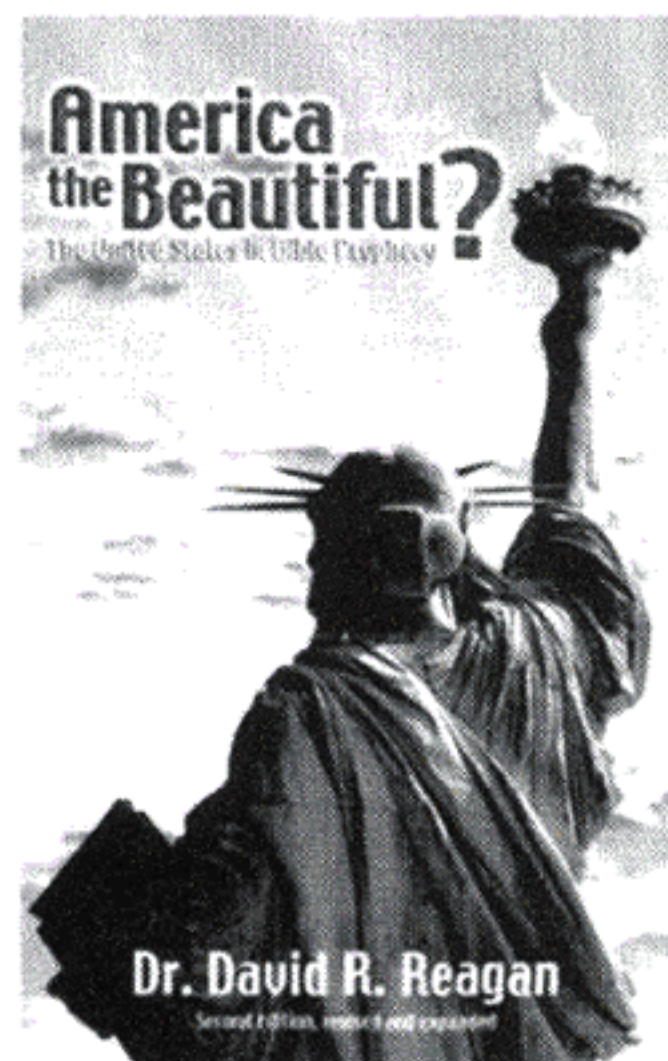
Speaking Schedule — In **May** Dr. Reagan will speak at the Stealing the Mind Conference which is being held at Calvary Chapel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (20). In **June** Dr. Reagan will speak at Cross Road Christian Church in McKinney, Texas (18). Dr. Reagan and three other Bible prophecy experts will speak at the annual Prophecy Partner Weekend which will be held at the ministry's headquarters in Princeton, Texas (23-24). During the last week of June, Dr. Reagan and his wife, Ann, will host a ministry display at the North American Christian Convention in Louisville, Kentucky (27-30). In **July** Dr. Reagan will be speaking at Northside Christian Church in Clovis, California (8-9).



Biblelands Cruise — Dr. Reagan has been invited by Compass Ministries to be one of several hosts on their annual Biblelands cruise in late October and early November. Dr. Reagan's group will fly to Athens and tour that city for a day before departing on the cruise. The ship will sail first to Ephesus in Western Turkey and then to the Isle of Patmos where the apostle John wrote the book of Revelation. The next day, while sailing to Egypt, a Bible conference will be held on board featuring a variety of speakers. After a tour of the pyramids, the ship will sail to Haifa, Israel, where the group will spend a day touring the Galilee, with visits to Nazareth and Capernaum. The next day the group will visit Jerusalem. Another Bible conference will be held the last day as the ship cruises from Israel back to Athens. For a detailed brochure, call 1-800-705-8316. Dr. Reagan's wife, Ann, will be accompanying him on this trip.



Revelation Albums — One of the ministry's most popular study resources has always been Dr. Reagan's audio commentary on the book of Revelation. It is used all over the world for both individual and group study. Until recently, this resource has been available only on cassette tape (12 tapes in an album). Now, we are providing this audio program in two other formats. It is available on 12 CDs that come packaged in an album, or you can get it in MP3 format on one disk. The MP3 format will play on computers and DVD players. It will also play on recently manufactured CD players. The costs are as follows: Cassette Tape Album, \$35; CD Album, \$35; MP3 Album, \$15. To order, call 1-800-705-8316. Regardless of format, each album contains 12 hours of audio.



Revised Edition — A new second edition of Dr. Reagan's book, *America the Beautiful?* has just been published. It has been revised and expanded from 127 pages to 152 pages. The book is subtitled, "The United States in Bible Prophecy," and although it deals specifically with America, it also outlines in detail the biblical principles that guide how God deals with all nations. This is an easy to read but very thought provoking book. It sells for \$10. To order, call 1-800-705-8316. Call between 8am and

5pm, Central time, Monday through Friday.

Associate Needed — Dr. Reagan is looking for a new associate evangelist. Persons applying should send a letter and resumé to Dr. Reagan at P.O. Box 919, McKinney, TX 75070. Mark the envelope, "Personal for Dr. Reagan." Qualifications include the following:

- 1) A knowledge of Bible prophecy.
- 2) A zeal for proclaiming the Lord's soon return.
- 3) Proven communication skills in both speaking and writing.

Website — Have you visited our website recently? A lot of changes have been made, and a lot of new resource materials have been added. The site's address is www.lamblion.com. The site has a very effective search engine that you can use to find articles about specific topics like the Rapture. One new feature is a section containing copies of all the covers of the past issues of our magazine. These can be used to illustrate Power Point presentations about biblical themes. ✚

Insight into Islam

Palestinian-born Dr. Anis A. Shorrosh, former pastor in Jerusalem and international evangelist for the past 40 years, has authored his tenth book, *Islam: A Threat or a Challenge?* His previous book, *Islam Revealed* has been printed eight times and is one of the best-sellers on the subject at Amazon.com.

This new book is insightful and informative from beginning to end. Dr. Shorrosh responds to an array of fascinating questions, including the following:

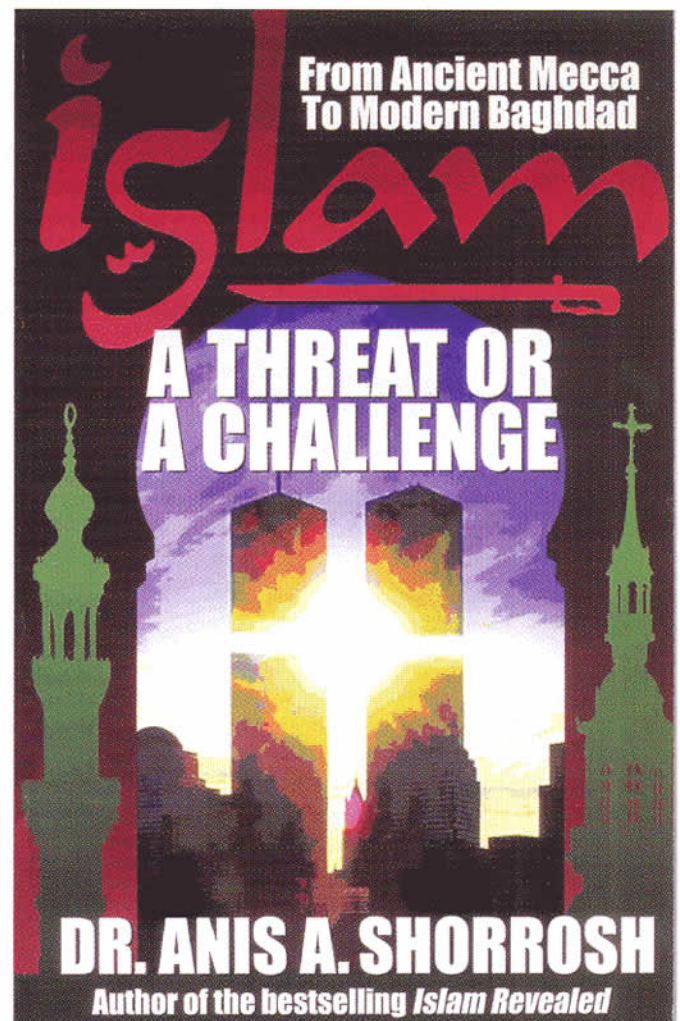
- Is Islam a schizophrenic religion with one face for peace and another for war?
- What is the source of the violence in Islam — Muhammad, the Qu'ran, or both?
- Will American Muslims support the U.S. constitution or the Qu'ran in the war against terror?
- What motivated the attack of 9/11?
- What are the goals of Al Qaeda?
- Is there any hope for democracy in Iraq?
- Will the Arab-Israeli conflict ever be solved?



In addition to having been born in the Middle East, Dr. Shorrosh has visited the area more than 40 times since he moved to the United States in 1967.

He heads up the Anis Shorrosh Evangelistic Association located in Fairhope, Alabama. His website can be found at [www.islam-in-](http://www.islam-in-focus.com)

[focus.com](http://www.islam-in-focus.com).



Dr. Shorrosh is known worldwide among Muslims for having debated Ahmed Deedat, the world's leading Islamic apologist. This debate took place in Glasgow, Scotland in May of 2005.

The book runs 294 pages in length. It contains charts and color photos. It sells for \$15. To purchase a copy, call 1-800-705-8316. Call between 8am and 5pm, Central time, Monday through Friday. ♦



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