

LONG-TERM ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND RELIGIOUS IMPACT OF WAR WITH IRAQ

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Part I

FRENCH PRESIDENT OFFERS TO WORK WITH VATICAN!

The vast majority of the French people are Roman Catholic. French President Jacques Chirac is working hard to restore France to what he believes is its rightful place as the leader of Europe, and, for that matter, a position of leadership in the world.

For one thing, he is working on launching the French response to both the BBC and CNN, to be called “CNN *a la Francaise*.” Citing the huge audiences of the British and American cable news networks, Chirac, who believes the world should speak French, intends to create a French language network which would “get our message across.”

Chirac knows that CNN claims it is viewed by over 160 million people in 200 different countries, and that the BBC claims even more - 253 million in 200 countries. To counter this English-language monopoly on news and propaganda, Chirac wants to broadcast the French message in the French language to the whole world. A major part of that message is that “American power must be restrained.”

As I have reported in previous commentaries, not all of Mr. Chirac's concerns are based merely upon French revanchism (of which Germany has been aware), desire for hegemony, or historical greatness. There are many major French firms which have been doing lucrative business with Saddam Hussein, along with two giants in the energy business, *Elf Aquitaine* and *Total*, who were hopeful Hans Blix and company would somehow manage to stave off the U.S. and Britain, give Saddam a clean bill of health, lift U.S. sanctions, and let all that Iraqi oil begin to flow with those two French firms in on the ground floor.

The move to create a global French-language cable news network comes at the same time that Chirac has made overtures to the Vatican and the pope!

According to a leading British daily, the French President is now turning to the pope in Rome in his attempt to further emphasize what he calls the illegitimacy of the war against Iraq.

Chirac is basking in the afterglow of being labeled by the French media as a “Warrior for Peace.” Working hard to undermine the American and British led coalition now engaged in battle, Chirac is offering to work with the pope to ensure that what he calls the “primacy of law” prevails in the future.

In a letter to the Vatican, he wrote, “I profoundly regret the launch of military operations, while hoping that they end as quickly as possible and with the least loss of human life . . . It is essential that the international community rediscovers its unity around the most fundamental human values, starting with respect for one another and tolerance.

Because they share very similar views on all these subjects, the Holy See and France must work together so that law, justice; and dialogue between peoples prevail.”

How strange that a nominal Christian leader - a Roman Catholic - should seemingly take the part of Islamic nations against nominal Christian nations, and should solicit the aid of the pope of Rome in doing so!

The French President is smarting under his failure to prevent the war from commencing; his having to sit on the sidelines while he watches a client country, and countless millions of francs in military hardware and infrastructure being destroyed. He is smarting because he sees France being shrugged off (to use a typical French gesture and characteristic); isolated internationally.

Bible prophecy shows that the final coalition of ten nations comprising the “Beast” power will be in collusion with a great false church. That church is called the “mother” church, who has daughters. “I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

“And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.

“Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

“But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments” (Isaiah 47:6-9). If those who comprise the “daughters” of the lady of kingdoms knew who they were; they would be very concerned, indeed!

There is one great nation which is called the “fatherland.” There is one great religious organization which calls itself “the mother church.” A German protestor, many centuries ago, began a process whereby “daughters” came out of the great mother church; daughters which adopted practically all of her creeds and doctrines, but which eschewed her granting of indulgences and procedural abuses, while retaining much of her liturgy, many of her rites, and her refusal to obey God's Sabbath and holy days, along with her sun worship, idolatry, and pagan holidays such, as “Ishtar” (silent “h,” pronounced “Easter” today):

This “lady of the kingdoms” is characterized as a great whore; a licentious old “mother of harlots” who has concourse with the heads of state of the world: “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters [symbol of many nations]:

“With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication [her false doctrines and political agendas].

“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast [scarlet is the color of the College of Cardinals], full of names of blasphemy [they call themselves “holy”], having seven heads and ten horns.

“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (Revelation 17:1- 5).

Of this great false church, *Halley's Bible Handbook* says, “This description of Babylon the great harlot, seated on the seven-headed ten-horned beast, while it may have ultimate reference to a situation yet to appear, exactly fits Papal Rome. Nothing else in world history does fit.

“The desire for worldly power began to manifest itself in the church, on a broad scale, in the fourth century, when the Roman Empire ceased its persecutions and made Christianity the state religion. The spirit of Imperial Rome passed into the church. The church gradually developed itself into the pattern of the empire it had

conquered...The Vatican is where the palace of the Caesars was. The popes have claimed all the authority the Caesars claimed, and more. The Papal Palace, throughout the centuries, has been among the most luxurious in the world: Popes have lived in pomp and splendor unsurpassed by earthly kings...`Full of names of blasphemy,' Popes claim to hold on earth the place of God, they have supreme authority over the human conscience, to forgive sin, grant indulgences; and that obedience to them is necessary to salvation. How could anything be more blasphemous?

“Scarlet' is the color of the beast and the harlot, and also of the dragon [Rev. 12:3], is the color of the Papacy. The Cardinal's hats and robes are scarlet" (Halley's, pp. 731, 732).

One need not wonder about the interpretation of the ten horns, nor about the location or identity of the great harlot who rides the Beast.

John was told, “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast [the power of a king is absolute; the power of his economy and his military]. These have one mind (one policy; one agenda; they are in complete agreement), and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

"These shall *make war with the Lamb*, and the Lamb shall overcome them [this DATES the prophecy insofar as the sequence of events; it is the FINAL economic/military coalition prior to Christ's return!]: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

“And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

“And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire [study the 18th chapter of Revelation].

“For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

“And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth” (Revelation 17:12-18).

To which great world capital city do the heads of state go? To whom do they appeal? To the Dalai Llama? To a representative of Islam, or Buddha? No, they go to the pope in Rome! It is this city, more than any other which has “reigned over the kings of the earth.” Over the centuries, Rome has crowned them, or taken away their crowns.

The most revered human religious leader in the world today is the pope. He issues statements about the wars of the world; about the Mideast; about politics and religion.

It is not strange in the least, in the light of Bible prophecy, to see the head of the great nation of France, which will be one of the final ten nations of the Beast, calling upon the pope for his help. It will be very interesting to see which one of the Cardinals, which includes a German, a Black from Africa, and even a Jew, will be the successor to pope John Paul.

Part II

WILL OPEC BANKRUPT THE U.S.?

Hailed as a major stepping stone to victory in the war against Iraq is the capture of the southern oil fields, as well as off-shore pumping stations, the Al Faw peninsula, and a strategic seaport.

Once it was known the coalition had captured those oil fields, the U.S. stock market reacted with a positive jump -- right in the middle of a war.

As I write, technicians are working to extinguish the last of some seven to nine oil wells deliberately set on fire by retreating Iraqi soldiers.

With the bulk of worrisome mines apparently moved from the shallow waters leading to Iraq's only major seaport, a British ship has docked, offloading emergency humanitarian supplies.

Coalition possession of the southern oil fields is said to be critical to the "oil for food" program, which is once more being urged by U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair. In effect, since major French oil firms such as *Elf Aquitaine* and *Total* were in on the ground floor when the original oil for food program began in the mid-90s, this allows the French to have their cake and eat it too. Without sharing in the dangers of war; without committing a single soldier to the coalition forces, France will nevertheless be allowed to share in the spoils.

In one of the most shameful and shocking displays of arrogance and hostility, the French Foreign Minister, when asked recently whether he hopes to see a coalition victory in Iraq, refused to answer! His silence said it all.

Indications are that George Bush was not sanguine about Blair's desire to go once again to the UN, and request Kofi Anan's support to crank up the oil for food program so as to avoid a humanitarian disaster in Basra and the rest of Iraq. Nevertheless, following their recent discussions at Camp David, Blair went the same evening to New York for talks with Kofi Anan about that very thing.

Of course, the U.S. government hopes that obtaining Iraqi oil at prices which can be set by the U.S. itself will help defray the untold billions of dollars this war will cost. President Bush has already gone to congress with a request for a supplemental budget allowance of many billions to help pay for the war.

Once the oil starts to flow again, it may be *Europe*, and not the United States, which will receive a double benefit. The U.S. has now begun to be attacked in a subtle, yet very real, global economic repositioning! It could mean bankruptcy!

For decades, oil-rich Arab countries (and, for that matter, nations such as Nigeria and Venezuela) have been awash in a sea of "petrodollars." The U.S. dollar has been the primary global currency. Such wealth is why Kuwaitis had NO taxes; had free public services, free education and health care -- all because of a little country which was the richest, in per capita terms, in the world.

Such nations have traditionally invested their excess dollars in U.S. securities and government paper.

However, as the new European central currency, the euro, has gained strength, some of these same countries have already switched to demanding euros for their oil instead of dollars.

Iraq was probably the first to move to the euro. This fact simply did not appear in the U.S. media. You probably never heard of it. There may have been at least four major reasons for the move. First, the U.S. has frozen Iraqi dollar-based assets in U.S. banks. Second, there is enough hatred and resentment to justify the move. Third, Europe has proved to be more of an ally of Iraq than of the U.S. and U.K. Fourth, the euro has gained in strength against the dollar, and as of the moment, stands at \$1.05 to the U.S. dollar.

Following suit, Iran has already begun converting the bulk of its central bank assets to the euro. Will it also begin asking for euros in return for the sale of oil?

Not surprisingly, North Korea has joined in, beginning to switch from dollars to euros in its trade. Again, this is most likely a punitive measure. Venezuela is reportedly thinking about doing the same thing; demanding euros,

not dollars, for its oil. It is a major oil exporter. But most ominously of all, it was during the April 14th, 2002 meeting of OPEC (oil producing and exporting countries) ministers in Spain, that some began saying they were interested in leaving the dollar for the euro.

Never forget that OPEC is made up primarily of Arabic, Islamic nations, hostile to the U.S. While the Saudi regime gives lip service to the U.S., it is well known that the vast majority of the restive Islamic population hates the U.S. All but one of the 9/11 terrorists were Saudis; Osama bin Laden is a Saudi.

Major riots occurred in Mecca many years ago as Islamic fundamentalists sought to overthrow the government.

If the Saudis toss their people the delectable bone of switching to the euro, explaining behind the scenes how this would *injure the U.S. economy*, they could do so with impunity. Any economist understands a nation trying to earn more money, and obtain the best price for its exports. The U.S. might complain, but, short of another war to conquer the Saudi Arabian peninsula, there would be little they could do about it. An oil embargo could strangle the economies of the world.

Should the Saudis and OPEC switch to euros, it would force: U.S. banks and the Fed to get rid of their dollar holdings in favor of euros.

If a major move such as this occurs, it would mean the market will be flooded with U.S. dollars. Some economists claim that could cause the dollar to drop by virtually fifty percent!

What do you suppose foreign investors would then do? They would pull their dollars out of the U.S. stock market and government securities. Foreign-made goods would skyrocket in price. Oil would continue to be high priced for a long time to come, and could go even higher. The already burgeoning trade deficits would balloon to impossible heights.

The U.S. is already the world's largest debtor nation. Others own much of our economy; huge slices of our real estate. The Japanese own most of the big buildings in Hawaii; a few years ago, it was reported they owned 80 percent of the high rise buildings in Los Angeles. Next year, if the European Union admits the additional ten nations knocking on the door, the expanded EU will be up to a third larger than the U.S. in consumer demands – *especially oil*. It is in their best interests to demand that the oil-rich nations, who have received euros for their oil, invest those euros in European central banks, not in the U.S.

After all, even considering the U.S. and Japanese demands for foreign oil, an expanded European Union would represent *fifty percent of OPEC oil*.

Is there another hidden reason for the U.S. and U. K. to mount a preemptive attack against Iraq? Will the U.S. and U.K. make sure that any new “oil for food” program is paid for by dollars, and not euros? It is most certainly in U.S. interests to make sure OPEC does not abandon U.S. dollars as its reserve currency!

Is there another more subtle message being sent to other oil producing countries beyond the production of WMD and harboring terrorists? Is the message that it is hazardous to the regime to abandon the U.S. dollar and switch to the euro?

For decades, I have known that despots and dictators do not arise in nations whose economies are humming along; nations which are experiencing low unemployment, high productivity, and relative peace. Instead, they arise in times of terrible economic distress; of joblessness and despair; of social disequilibrium, riots, crime, and a breakdown of society.

One of the major features of the coming BEAST power to arise in Europe is that of its ECONOMY! It will Be gigantic TRADING bloc; a financial giant. Notice how the visions seen of John in the Apocalypse are of a church/state combine which grows vastly rich: “For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her

fornication [metaphor for false religious doctrine and political propaganda], and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her [have engaged in close political, financial and military alliances], and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3).

Later, when the Beast power turns on the great false church, depicted as a whore, God says; "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

"The merchandise of gold, and silver (representing monetary devices), and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

"And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men [they will be engaged in slavery once again; this time, captured Israelites].

"And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

"The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

"And saying, Alas, alas; that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls ["Babylon the Great" a modern metaphor for the headquarters of the Beast to come]!

"For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off" (Revelation 18:11-17).

For decades, I have written articles and spoken on how a major TRADE WAR; an ECONOMIC war would weaken the U.S. and Britain! Many months ago, when I knew another war in the gulf was looming, I told my audiences it would not come any time soon for the simple reason that it takes *time and a lot of money* to replenish exhausted military supplies!

It is said each laser-guided bomb costs up to \$ 100,000 dollars; that each cruise missile costs about the same as a small business jet!

Great concern is being voiced all over America about the enormous COSTS of the war. Of course, the Democrats are jumping on the anti-Bush and, to some extent, the anti-war bandwagon, complaining about burgeoning deficits and high spending. This is perhaps a bit strange, coming from Democrats, but then politicians have known to be able to instantly argue either side of an issue to their own benefit.

You now know that the U.S. and U.K. find themselves DIVIDED AGAINST EUROPE; that EUROPE is extremely hostile to our two countries. I have predicted that Europe will eventually emerge as a powerful ENEMY of the United States for DECADES! Perhaps this current flap will be papered over. But the antagonisms will not go away any time soon.

If you have not yet read my book [*Europe and America in Prophecy*](#), you may read it on our web site, or request it through sending an Email to the site, or writing directly to headquarters of the Garner Ted Armstrong Evangelistic Association at Box 747, Flint, TX 75762. It is free, of course. In its final pages, it contains information on the identity of the Beast; how it is formed; who is the woman who rides and controls the Beast, and its final end.

Part III

POINT OF VIEW

To millions of citizens in America and Britain, the war in Iraq is a war of liberation. To millions in Iraq, and across the entire Islamic world, the war in Iraq is an invasion; an attempt to overthrow a sovereign nation and occupy it.

Arabic television shows images, night and day, of civilian casualties and bombed-out civilian structures. U.S. and U.K. television show pictures of precision weapons, striking tanks, armored personnel carriers, or military and regime targets. One such video picture showed a precision weapon taking out a military vehicle hiding beneath a bridge, yet sparing the bridge.

An Iraqi “information minister” said today, sadly shaking his head, that “They are bombing the civilian population.”

To Americans and Britons, the frantic effort to clear mines so as to secure the port of Um Qasr, and allow humanitarian supplies to reach Basra and southern Iraq is a noble effort to alleviate civilian suffering. The regime deliberately cut off the water supply. Television footage shows frantic civilians fighting over boxes of food and water containers, with the soldiers who are delivering the supplies unable to hold them back.

To millions across the Islamic world, such attempts are to “colonize Iraq,” and are an attempt by the “American, British, Zionist” forces to “evangelize” Islam!

All this is called “point of view.”

One subliminal aspect of war is the battle for the hearts and minds of the enemy. The attacker seeks to bend the will of the enemy to the attacker's will; forcing the enemy to obey.

For centuries, the Islamists pursued the policy of “converting” millions at the edge of the Arabic scimitar, as hordes of Muhammadans swept into Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, and into the Balkans.

Today, the Islamic nation of Albania (the poorest nation in Europe or the Balkans) remains as mute testimony to the advance of Islamic armies to the very gates of Vienna, in Austria. Eventually, the green Islamic flag was to conquer nearly half of Africa, the entire Middle East, and to find its way into the subcontinent of Asia, and to Indonesia and the Philippines.

Then it was perfectly rational, “holy” and justifiable for the “one and only true religion” to be forcibly brought to lesser races; to be brutally applied to “infidels,” whether they were living in Sidi Ifni, Bangladesh, Sudan, or Morocco.

Even casual students of history may remember that significant aspects of Spanish culture came from the Moors. One can hear the very same plaintive wailing in the “flamenco” songs and dances as in Arabic music of the Middle East.

For a very long time, Spain was under Islamic dominance.

It was in 711 AD that a Berber Muslim army (the Berbers were a north African tribe, later known as “Moors”), under a leader with a familiar Islamic name, one Tariq ibn-Ziyad, crossed the Straits of Gibraltar Iberian peninsula. The Arabic pronunciation of the peninsula anciently called “Heber” made the “H” silent. Likewise, one of the principal rivers of Spain, the “Quadalquivir” was originally the “Wadi el Heber.” It was those of the half tribe of Dan (who abode in ships [Judges 5:17]) who left the name of their eponymous ancestor, Dan, as well as their ancient forebear, Heber, on way places during their journeys. It has been suggested that “Gibraltar” comes from “Altar of the Hebrews,” or “Hebraltar,” if the “G” is given the Spanish “J” sound.

The invasion of the Iberian Peninsula by Islamic armies resulted in the defeat of Roderick, last of the Visigothic kings of Spain, who was defeated at the Battle of Rio Barbate. By 719 the invading forces were supreme from the coast to the Pyrenees. Their progress north was arrested at a battle fought in France, between Tours and Poitiers, in 732 by the Frankish ruler Charles Martel.

The first years of their rule, the Islamic Moors, as the Berber conquerors came to be known, controlled all of Spain except for the Basque country. Spain became a dependency of the Province of North Africa, a division of the caliphate of Damascus. After 717 the country was ruled by emirs, appointed by the caliphs. The term "Caliph" means "Successor" of the prophet Mohammed. Eventually, there became a struggle between the Umayyad and Abbasid dynasties for control of the caliphate. The last of the Spanish emirs, Yusuf, favored the Abbasids, but the local officials of the empire supported the Umayyads. The Umayyads faction invited Abd-ar-Rahman I, a member of the family, to become the independent ruler of Spain. In 756 Abd-ar-Rahman founded the powerful and independent emirate, which later developed into the caliphate of Cordoba.

The Muslims remained mostly in control of Spain until about 1056, when Ferdinand came to the throne.

The point is, and there are more than a dozen countries whose histories prove it, that the spread of Islam was *at the point of the sword* - bloody warfare and brutal suppression of populations -- rather than patient teaching and missionary work.

Never forget, education is that attempt by the older generation to instill in the younger generation the values, religion, beliefs and practices of the older generation. History is filled with lies, exaggerations and minimizations. In many cases, history is the study of the garbage dumps of societies, or the perusal of the lies written against them by their enemies.

See those precious little Iraqi children, coming forward hesitantly with their little brown eyes, receiving food and water from an American soldier?

Their parents have already planted the seeds, and will nourish and fertilize those seeds of Islamic fundamentalism, anti-Americanism (and anti-West, anti-Jewish) sentiments, until, by age fifteen or sixteen, they will join the millions of others who regularly take to the streets in Jordan, Cairo, Gaza, Damascus, Jidda and Baghdad, bouncing, dancing, waving their hands in the air, as they demonstrate against the "Great Satan."

It is called "point of view."

Do Iraqi citizens BELIEVE the U.S. and U.K. are engaged in a war against civilians? Yes. Do they BELIEVE we are in a war of conquest, not liberation? Yes. Do they BELIEVE what their clerics and parents tell them? Yes.

Many are drawing analogies from the days of the Crusades. To them, this entire struggle is nothing short of an attempt by the nominal Christian forces of the West to evangelize the Middle East; to abolish Islam, and force them into an unwanted western culture.

No less a monstrous tyrant than Napoleon Bonaparte said, "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

The news media of the Islamic world spews out a daily torrent of lies, distortions, propaganda, hate and nationalistic and religious fervor. Those who watch it, listen to it, and read it BELIEVE it and accept it as truth.

To help you understand this sad fact, do you remember the elderly gentleman who denied that Americans had ever landed on the Moon? When shown actual pictures; he shook his head sadly, and opined that the pictures had been "shot in the Arizona desert."

Do you want to see how far some of the leftist, liberal information media go in their “reporting” of the news, even in western societies? Here is a sickening example: “Far more terrible than the pictures of dead British soldiers, however, is the tape from Basra's largest hospital [shown on “A1 Jazeera” Arabic television] that shows victims of the Anglo-American bombardment being brought to the operating rooms shrieking in pain.

“A middle-aged man is carried into the hospital in pajamas, soaked head to foot in blood. A little girl of perhaps four is brought into the operating room on a trolley, staring at a heap of her own intestines protruding from the left side of her stomach. A blue uniformed doctor pours water over the little girl's guts and then gently applies a bandage before beginning surgery. A woman in black with what appears to be a stomach wound cries out as doctors try to strip her for surgery. In another sequence, a trail of blood leads from the impact of an incoming - presumably British - shell. Next to the crater is a pair of plastic slippers.

“The al-Jazeera tapes, most of which have never been seen, are the first vivid proof that Basra remains totally outside British control.” This report, which appeared on a liberal web site, is indicative of the kind of emphasis placed on civilian injury and death which re-supports the twisted beliefs of millions of believers in Islam. Hatred knows not truth or objectivity, it knows only blinded emotion. And, the “fog of war” is indeed blinding.

God says, “*The way of peace they know not*; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

“Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

“*We grope for the wall like the blind*, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

“We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

“For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

“In transgressing and lying; against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

“And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter” (Isaiah 59:8-14).

As has been said; “Truth is the first casualty of war.” Will the millions of Islamists ever know the truth? Not until the time of the world rulership of Jesus Christ! THEN they will know, but not until then.

No wonder Christ commands us to pray, “...Thy kingdom come!”

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