Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong - September 30, 2022

Greetings from Tyler,

We're all seeing the catastrophic devastation along the path of Hurricane Ian. You can only imagine the emotional impact of seeing your home leveled and everything destroyed. But people have not even been able to return to pick through whatever remains. The clean-up will take years. The storm raged for some nine hours wreaking the devastation we've all seen. The wind was blowing 155 miles an hour, and it went on for hours. Causeways are breached, roads are impassable, and it may be some time before we know the death toll and the extent of damage. An early estimate is \$20 billion. Meanwhile there is no electricity, no gas, no water. This storm is still churning its way north.

So who bombed the Nordstream pipeline? There's all kinds of conjecture, and we don't know who did it. Unfortunately there's video of the pretender saying he'd "end" the Nordstream pipeline. When a shocked female reporter asked, "How are you going to do that?" He stammered and said, "I promise you we'll end it." We're all wishing he hadn't said that.

Predictions are all over the map as to what happens with energy in Europe this winter. Some have dire warnings, others think Europe will figure something out. Russia's not the only one with oil and gas to sell. Logistics will have to be overcome.

Italy appears to have elected Giorgia Meloni as its first female Prime Minister. Europe doesn't know whether to panic or what to do. She's being painted as "far right," and comparisons are being made with Mussolini (CNN, you might have guessed.) At a time when the EU has bought in to every new wave doctrine, she's talking about God and family and normal people. Not about pronouns or saving the planet. She's not on board with the immigration from the Middle East and is encouraging Italians to have babies. She's a "euro-skeptic," not campaigning to pull out of the EU, but unabashed in her criticisms. She sounds way too much like somebody we know to be accepted by the media or the smug politicians who run the EU. This makes things all the more interesting.

You might have guessed, *YouTube* removed one of her speeches due to her stated positions on several sensitive issues. How dare she address the downside of popular policies, outraging the conventional wisdom! These social media companies can call whatever they want "disinformation." Dare dispute one of their sworn beliefs with insults and they'll be swift to punish. Apparently it didn't work. She won Italy with 44% of the electorate.

She's anti-LGBTwhatever and the mainstream is pretty sure she'll go rogue. She'll be a fascist and end up disappointing all her supporters. You don't suppose a backlash is beginning to build in Europe? Nothing would disgust the mainstream media more. After all, they've been choking us with nonsense for years, and they thought they had Europe in the bag. Maybe not.

With the storm moving north and expected to make landfall again, we're worried about our Feast site in Myrtle Beach. It's a location that has suffered storms and floods in the past, and we can only hope and pray that the Feast of Tabernacles will go as planned. Panama City seems to have escaped the brunt of it. We hope everyone has made plans and preparations, and we're all looking forward to a time of joy in spite of all the calamity around us.

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