

### **A TANGLED WEB**

News is breaking on several fronts that may presage great changes for the Middle East in the coming months. The news involves Iran, and the Palestinians and America and the government of Prime Minister Olmert. Start with the fact that reports are surfacing of an Israeli intelligence “breakthrough” on the state of progress Iran is making on the nuclear front. Israel’s Mossad has found that the politically motivated US National Intelligence Estimate, which said that Iran stopped their nuclear weapons program in 2003, - is pure bunk. In fact, the US is expected to amend that estimate in the coming months as new evidence surfaces. This evidence is said to be of the same quality that discovered Syria’s Korean built nuclear program, which was taken out by the Israeli Air Force last September.<sup>1</sup> In fact, Israel’s former Defense Chief warned that Iran is likely to have mastered the uranium producing process by the end of the year, meaning that Tehran could be making their own bombs by the early Spring of next year. Analysts believe that that narrows the window of opportunity to strike the Iranian nuclear facilities considerably, with the strategic opportunity closing possibly by August of this year.<sup>2</sup>

The increasing Iranian involvement in the war in Iraq is also weighing heavily into the situation. Both American and British intelligence sources confirm that the Iranians exercise significant control and provide ample material support for the insurgent forces, especially around Basra. Somewhat hesitant to strike the Iranian nuke plants, the Pentagon is however drawing up plans to surgically bomb Insurgent camps located in Iran itself. They believe that this will send a powerful message to the government in Tehran. They know also that this could lead to an escalation in the fighting with forces backed by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards’ Quds Force.<sup>3</sup> Meanwhile Israel was putting no such ‘out of bounds’ sign on the Iranian nuclear plants. Defense Minister Barak does not “rule out any option” when it comes to Iran.<sup>4</sup> One American news source, CBS, was reporting that the US may be considering such a strike itself, against that same target.<sup>5</sup>

Now all of this somehow fits in with the recent revelations that have led to a fresh investigation and questioning of Israeli Prime Minister Olmert, that is threatening to topple his government. According to DEBKA, an anonymous American accuser has brought evidence of corruption against the PM relating to the time that he served as mayor of Jerusalem. Since the leaks began, three members of one of his allied parties in the Knesset have crossed the aisle, reducing the government majority to 64 in the 120 seat parliamentary body. And here’s where it gets complicated. Israel had from the beginning, resisted the findings of that US Intelligence Estimate that said Iran had given up on its nuclear ambitions. The point of that very political document was to tie President Bush’s hands so that he could not order a strike against those sites. One possible motive, offered by DEBKA is that the accuser wanted to destroy the Israeli opposition to that document. It is interesting that the accusations were made just days after the US and Israel cooperated in revealing the details of the Syrian nuclear plant and the strikes to take it out. Another possible motivation could be that the charges were leveled to restrain the ability of Olmert to give away parts of Jerusalem to the Palestinians.<sup>6</sup> In either case it suggest an involvement by factions, possibly within the American government or State Department that are operating to control the situation outside of official US government channels.

Then add this to the picture. The Palestinians in Lebanon are hoping to gather 100,000 strong and march on Israel’s northern border for that state’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Palestinian Chief Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah has been the key organizer in the event.<sup>7</sup> Meanwhile, also from Lebanon, Hezbollah has been training thousands of fighters in Syrian and Iranian camps for the next go-round with Jerusalem.<sup>8</sup> Israeli intelligence is warning that they have information that terror groups are planning a massive Independence Day attack.<sup>9</sup> Taken together it’s a recipe for chaos. And chaos is the prime tool of those that would bring us the New Age Christ.

## **WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IN CHURCH**

**“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power”. (2Timothy 3:1-2, 4-5)**

It's amazing what passes for church issues these days. Every few months it seems to get a little weirder. Take those lovable United Methodists for instance. They're putting the craziest things on the table, - and people who sincerely claim to be followers of Christ are pushing aside clear Biblical teaching to embrace social abominations. Just last year a pastor in Phoenix was allowed to maintain his position after undergoing a sex change operation. Members of the Mosaic Youth Network are rallying at the Methodist General Conference in Ft Worth, Texas, - to advance the cause of gay and transgender Methodists. Right now the church still holds that the behavior of practicing homosexuals is incompatible with Biblical teaching. But there are movements afoot to redefine the issue as something on which Christians in good standing may disagree and another to redefine marriage as the 'union of two loving adults'.<sup>10</sup>

Meanwhile a leading theologian has left the Anglican Church of Canada over what he's described as the “poisonous liberalism” that has infected that body of believers. James Packer has explicitly rejected the ‘progressive’ leadership of Vancouver Bishop Michael Ingham; - the final straw being when Ingham sanctioned the blessing of same-sex couples in his diocese. The conservative Packer was attacked by critics for an overly “literalistic” interpretation of the Scriptures.<sup>11</sup> Staying in the same country, we find that a Christian ministry was fined \$23,000 for requiring that its employees sign “morality statements” in which they pledge to refrain from “immoral behavior, including pornography, pre-marital, extra-marital, and homosexual activity as a condition of employment”. The ministry lost its case when an employee, who had signed such a pledge in 2001, decided to prance the life fantastic, slaking in the pleasures of the lesbian lifestyle, - yet wanted to maintain her job. Now other employees are being “forced to attend a homosexual oriented ‘human rights training program’”.<sup>12</sup>

Finally, let's return to the US for this. Here's the rather puzzling headline. “Pagans find a sometimes uneasy home among Quakers”. OK, - So there's this gay Quaker, - see, - and well his partner dies, - and then appears to him in a dream. So this gay-Quaker-guy gets in to Wicca, and nature worship, “surrounding himself with pentacles, candles and incense. And it seems he's not alone. There are lots of these people of “dual faith, gravitating to a 30,000 strong liberal Quaker sect, where they are finding a somewhat warm welcome.”<sup>13</sup>

## **THE EVOLUTION MYTH – PART V**

**(A series by guest contributor Pastor Lynn Zankl)**

Hi folks, Pastor Lynn here again. Today we are going to look at the geologic record and how both creationists and evolutionists use it. Evolutionists use the fossil record as evidence that evolution has taken place over billions of years. Evolution is based on the presupposition that billions of years have occurred. Using things like radiometric dating and other dating methods, evolutionists believe that life began on earth about 3.5 billion years ago. Creationists, on the other hand, using the Bible as a starting point, believe that the earth is about 6,000 years old. What a huge difference! Why? Evolutionists subscribe to something called *uniformitarianism*; this assumes the forming of the fossil record at a very slow and steady rate, therefore the billions of years. The creationists believe that the world-wide fossil record is best explained by a catastrophic process, which would be rapid and abrupt, thus the much shorter 6,000 years. Observational science has shown that fossils and rocks can form at a rapid rate. The ideals of creation and evolution are not compatible.<sup>14</sup> What are some of the things being taught in our high school textbooks today? That the sequence of fossils in geologic strata is proof of evolution!<sup>15</sup>

The earth formed about 4.5 billion years ago. Life appeared 3.9 billion years ago.<sup>16</sup> The fossil record supports the evolution of dinosaurs into birds.<sup>17</sup> Radiometric dating provides a reliable way to know the age of rocks.<sup>18</sup> It is interesting to note that all of these textbook statements are taught as fact in our schools, but have no basis in reality; they are basically presupposition based on “billions of years of evolution”. From an observational science standpoint they are simply un-provable.

Uniformitarianism is the idea that present day processes, at their currently observable rates, operated at the same rates over the past billions of years, and account for the changes found in the geologic record.<sup>19</sup>

Catastrophism is the idea that change in the geologic record resulted from a physical process, and operates at a much higher rate than is observed today.<sup>20</sup>

The difficulty with uniformitarianism is that there is no verifiable way to measure the processes of the past, and therefore one has to presuppose the past processes. Yet this idea is applied to almost all sciences; - biology, geology, nuclear physics, and astronomy.

Catastrophism is also a presupposition, as no one alive today was there to witness any catastrophe such as a world-wide flood. Using observational science, by studying the fossil record, the rock strata, and the layers the fossils and rocks are in, it is easier to observe that there are fossils found in places where they shouldn't be found. One of these places is for instance, layers of rock with unbroken 90 degree bends in them, that really could not have happened over billions of years but are much more consistent with a catastrophic flood.

Evolutionary scientists use a process they call “absolute dating” to determine the age of surrounding rocks. They do this by employing a method called *radiometric dating*. Radiometric dating is based upon the fact that radioactive isotopes decay to form isotopes of different elements. The starting isotope is called the parent, the ending is called the daughter. The time it takes for one half of the parent atoms to decay into the daughter atoms is called the half-life. If you know certain things and all remain consistent, then you can determine the amount of time since the parent began to decay. This all sounds like observational science, but actually is based on three very large assumptions.

- A. The rate of radioactive decay is known, and is consistent since the rock formed.
- B. There has been no loss or gain of the parent or daughter isotopes from the rock.
- C. The amount of parent to daughter isotope decay is known when the rock was formed.<sup>21</sup>

Finally, evolutionists believe that a progression through the history of life can be seen as you move up the geologic layers. It is assumed the rock layers have been laid down over billions of years, and that the rocks at the bottom should contain the fossils of the simplest life forms, and the top layers the most complex. Darwin realized that if this theory were true, a large number of transitional fossils would be found in the record, and that his theory would be falsified if this record did not appear.<sup>22</sup> To this day that fossil record has not appeared. Until the next time....

## **ARMAGEDDON CHECK – PART II**

*We've got just a little business to finish up in this short series. In the 1980's, Peter Lemesurier's Armageddon Script outlined the steps to the New World Order. Last week we looked at the plans for a decisive Arab / Israeli War, Terror Attacks on the West, a nuclear crisis in Korea, the Chinese invasion of Taiwan and the manufacturing of an extraterrestrial presence. We'll finish up today with a peek at the rest of the progress made on the remaining steps that are necessary to create the conditions from which the Antichrist will rise.*

## The Final Steps

A Stock Market Crash – You don't have to be a genius, - perhaps only barely awake, - to see that the global economy is in dire straits. The American dollar, the world's reserve currency is in freefall. Gold and oil and food and the euro are all rising. America's debt stands at about \$3 billion. Iran, OPEC's second largest oil producer has stopped trading in dollars and instead is accepting euros and the Japanese yen.<sup>23</sup> Now the Gulf oil states are considering dropping their ties to the American currency.<sup>24</sup> These are potentially huge blows. In 1973, Kissinger negotiated a deal with the Saudis and OPEC that tied almost all petroleum trading to the American dollar, ensuring the dollar's strength. Now that system seems to be falling apart. The stage is being set.

Global Earthquakes – Back at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, you'd find maybe one or two major earthquakes a decade. In one recent survey I made the USGS reported about 50 in just a six-month period. Jesus said **“there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of birth pangs”**. (Matt 24:8) Like birth pangs, famines and earthquakes are rapidly increasing in both frequency and intensity.

Global Panic – That will be the necessary condition to drive the population of the world to accept the New World Order. As Henry Kissinger said: “Today, America would be outraged if UN troops entered Los Angeles to restore order. Tomorrow they will be grateful! This is especially true if they were told there were an outside threat from beyond, whether real or promulgated, that threatened our very existence. It is then that all peoples of the world will plead to deliver them from this evil....When presented with this scenario, individual rights will be willingly relinquished for the guarantee of their well-being granted to them by the world government”.<sup>25</sup>

The New Age Christ Appears – That's the plan. Now I've just seen an advertisement in my home town paper, the Buffalo News, for a seminar with someone claiming to be the Islamic Mahdi and the revelation of the Messiah. He may not be on the scene yet... but that's definitely the plan! The New World Order types have revealed that they will spare no effort to create this New Age Messiah. So Jesus warned us in Matthew 24:24: **“For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect”**.

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## A COUPLE OF YADAS TO GO

Raging Winds – A massive cyclone has struck Myanmar (Burma). At this writing the toll from the storm stands at 22,500 with as many as 30,000 missing and is expected to get much higher.<sup>26</sup>

Food Crisis Man-Made – The President of the World Bank, believes the food crisis that has impacted over 100 million people is a man made disaster. Robert B Zoellick said, “Make no mistake; there is nothing natural about this”. A US government commission is investigating whether, - driven by the diversion of food grains to bio-fuels, - investors buying up food futures are driving prices out of the range of many people. Control of the food supply is a long-held goal of the NWO types. In response, the UN is moving to assert greater control of the world's food.<sup>27</sup>

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