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'TROUBLE AHEAD': [FROM THE GUYS WHO'VE BEEN GETTING IT RIGHT....]

We've been going over just what the most accurate futurists and economic prognosticators have been writing about the near future. Here's some of what they're saying about what's just ahead. Hold on tight! If they're right again we're in for quite the bumpy ride!

The European think tank, LEAP 20/20 began writing about what was then the 'coming' global economic crisis back in February of 2006 – a full 2 ½ years before it hit. They called it a “major global crisis” that would mean “the end of the West the way we have known it.” Even back then they talked about the “disintegration of US power” in the world and the break-up of the social order as well as the relationships in the international community. Here's what they're saying now. The events in the Arab world “are the early signs of the fall of all the regimes that depend on Washington for survival.” Next we can expect to see the “rapid collapse of the system supplying oil to the United States.” The revolts in the Arab world are all just part of the “global systemic crisis” they've been writing about for 5 years now. Now they believe “that the end of 2011 will be marked by...the 'Fall of the petro-dollar Wall', that will immediately generate a major monetary oil shock for the United States.”¹ The very realistic analyst Marc Faber concurs. “I think we are all doomed. I think what will happen is that we are in the midst of a kind of a crack-up boom that is not sustainable, that eventually the economy will deteriorate, that there will be more money-printing, and then you have inflation, and a poor economy, ...and, eventually...countries go to war.”²

Are things really that bleak? Well a lot of folks with some really good records in prognosticating future trends believe so. Israeli security believes that the troubles in the Middle East are putting such pressure on the oil supplies that one more significant event could lead to global catastrophe. Saudi Arabia is the key. A revolt there could send the entire world economy into a tailspin. Israel's Gal Luft told the Jerusalem Post: “The first thing that will happen is, the poor people of the world will starve; there will be no oil to distribute food in places like Africa. Then all the world markets will collapse.” He went on to point out that “every single recession since World War I except for one has been preceded by an oil crisis. When there is an oil crisis, very shortly after, you see a major recession.”³

Finally, let's hear from Gerald Celente – another guy who was way ahead of the curve on this entire crisis situation – with all the gory details included. He talks about how the Fed and the other central banks around the world have managed to temporarily paper over the crisis by throwing newly printed money at it in the form of bailouts, stimulus and rescue packages. But it was “an illusive and superficial recovery” and the bill will soon come due. What we're seeing now in the way of political unrest – from Bahrain to Wisconsin – is the “jolt” that is “shattering” that “recovery illusion”. Celente recently looked at the developing world situation and explained to his subscribers: “The media, pundits and politicians have misrepresented the historic geopolitical events that have occupied the news since the onset of the New Year. Virtually overnight, the revolutions have been glorified as courageous fights for freedom and liberty by democracy-hungry-masses. But it is not hunger for democracy that drives them. Democracy, autocracy, theocracy, monarchy – right, center, left – it is mostly a gut issue...an empty gut issue. When the money stops flowing down to the man in the street, the blood starts flowing in the streets. It's a simple equation.”⁴

We've covered here before how the US Government – through the offices of FEMA, Homeland Security and the Pentagon – are preparing for that very eventuality. It may be closer than you think. It is then we must remember the call of 2Chronicles 7:14 to God's people to humble ourselves, to repent and pray and seek the face of the Almighty; that He might “hear from heaven” and forgive our sin and heal our land. And here are the words of Jesus Himself: “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:36) But we needn't fear. “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” (Luke 21:28)

THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD: HISTORY & PROPHECY – PART III

Last time out we made the case for the very controversial contention that the Palestinian People is an artificial construct of the 1960's – designed to build the case for the Arab control of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Arab Palestine IS The Big Lie! Today we conclude that case and render God's verdict in the matter.

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Let's review the making of the modern state of Israel from the perspective of the international community. The land called 'Palestine' was an arid, largely unproductive territory sparsely populated by Jews and itinerant Arabs. It had not served as a national homeland for any nation since the expulsion of the Jews centuries before. Population and productivity began to increase with the onset of the Zionist movement in the

1880's. The arriving Jews were reclaiming the land. This meant more economic opportunity which drew an Arab population seeking employment. In 1917, in the middle of WWI, while the Turks controlled 'Palestine'; - The British government issued the Balfour Declaration which "looked favorably" on turning all of Palestine into a National Homeland for the Jews. After the war, Great Britain was awarded Palestine by the League of Nations.

By 1923, the British began to have a change of heart. At that time they divided Palestine into two districts; - 75% for Arabs and about a quarter for Jews. This was the creation of Jordan (or Trans-Jordan), a state designated for the Arabs of Palestine to the east of the Jordan River. The Arab population was not satisfied. They launched a campaign of attacks against Jewish Palestinians that included the Hebron massacres of 1929 and the Arab Revolt of 1936-39. After WWII, Britain announced it was turning this troubling province back to the UN. In 1947, the UN divided the one-quarter of Palestine that was still allotted to the Jews even further. The Jews accepted this new arrangement while the Arab population rejected it, demanding all of Palestine.⁵ The surrounding Arab nations prepared to destroy the fledgling state. Despite the odds and knowing the consequences of their actions, the Israelis went ahead with their declaration. The next day, five Arab nations invaded the new country. The troops of Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Transjordan and Lebanon invaded from all points of the compass. God's Word had spoken to this, thousands of years before. **"Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children."** (Isaiah 66:7-8) Israel had indeed been born in one day and the labor of war followed the birth of the nation.

Now before the Arab nations invaded, they broadcast word to the Arabs living in the Jewish territories to leave in order to facilitate the slaughter of the Jewish population there. They wanted their armies to have free reign to deal with Jewish combatants and civilians alike. This commitment to the destruction of the Jews was a natural outgrowth of the Arab / Nazi alliance. This ideological cooperation began when Hitler took office and involved Syria, the Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt and the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who personally supervised the execution of Jews in Bosnia during the war.⁶ In the event, about 300,000 to 400,000 Arabs left the land before or early in the war, creating the refugee problem that has persisted ever since.

After 8 months of fighting against overwhelming odds, Israel won its independence, taking about 50% more territory than was allotted by the second partition of the land. The second Arab / Palestinian state that was to be set up by that partition, (besides Jordan), never came into being. Egypt occupied the Gaza Strip and Jordan took the Biblical lands of Judea & Samaria, or what became known as the West Bank. The "Palestinian" Arab population living there was given Jordanian citizenship, - as originally envisioned by the League of Nations plan. Although the British Balfour declaration had originally envisioned a Palestine that was 100% Jewish, Arabs occupied almost 85% of that territory. Yet those Arabs were not satisfied, demanding a full 100% of the land. Interestingly, during this period from 1949-1967, - while Gaza was held by Egypt and the West Bank by Jordan, - no attempt was made to set up a Palestinian State. No mention was ever made of the 'rights of the Palestinian People'. The PLO, (Palestinian Liberation Organization) was not founded until 1964 and did not discover their "ancient" identity as a people until Israel took those territories after the Arab-caused '67 War.⁷

That war began when Egypt, Jordan and Syria massed along the Israeli borders, intent on annihilating the Jewish State. Israel instead launched a preemptive attack that led to total victory. Israel took over the much more defensible borders of Gaza, the West Bank, the Sinai and from Syria; the Golan Heights.⁸ (Much later when peace was made with Egypt, Israel gave back the oil rich Sinai.) Israel also re-conquered their ancient capital of Jerusalem.

The Truth Comes Out

It was these territorial losses that ironically inspired the Arabs to invent the national aspirations of the so-called Palestinian People. In reality, the Palestinians were just the ancestors of Arabs who had migrated to the Land beginning in the late 19th century. They are ethnically, historically, religiously and culturally the same as those living in Jordan; - the state created for them out of the old British Mandate. This was strangely acknowledged by Zahir Mushein, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee. (Remember: The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), - forerunner of today's Palestinian Authority (PA), - was ostensibly founded to pursue the rights and national aspirations of the Palestinian People. Here's what he told the Dutch newspaper Trouw back in 1977: "The Palestinian people does not exist...[A] Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the state of Israel". Mushein went on to cite "tactical reasons" for the creation of a 'Palestinian People'. He finished his thought with this revealing statement: "...the moment we reclaim our right to all of Palestine, we will not wait even a minute to unite Palestine and Jordan".⁹

If you've noticed: The underlying theme of Arab / Islamic ideology is the complete destruction of Israel. They care not for the divisions of the land envisioned by past agreements. The founding documents of Hamas, Fatah, the Palestinian Authority, Hezbollah and other nationalist-terror groups all call for the eradication Israel as a nation. The PLO's original charter admits in Article 1 that the: "Palestinian people are part of the Arab nation".¹⁰ Even Yasser Arafat, was Egyptian.

The fact is, as Dennis Prager points out: The Arabs want nothing less than the whole enchilada. At Camp David, Arafat rejected a settlement that would have created a Palestinian state on 97% of the West Bank. It wasn't enough. They "don't want a second state. They want Israel destroyed."¹¹ Shortly after the 1967 War with Israel, the united Arab countries offered Israel: "No peace, No recognition, No negotiations." They have not wavered since. The peace process is a sham. Even Arafat's Jerusalem representative called the Oslo agreements a "Trojan Horse". "We are setting an ambush for the Israelis and cheating them."¹² They mean to have it all. Thus is the legacy handed down from Nazi to Islamo-Fascist. But it goes back even farther than that, to the split between Abraham's 2 sons; - Ishmael, by a slave woman being the father of the Arab race and Isaac, the son of Sarah, Abraham's wife. While the Lord promised to make Ishmael **"into a great nation"** He also promised that by **"My covenant I will establish with Isaac"**. (Genesis 17:20-21) And so, the resentment has grown over the centuries, as prophesied in Genesis 16:12. **"And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him"**.

Now though her Arab neighbors may say: **“Come...let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more”** (Psalm 83:4), God has other plans! God sees Palestine as His land.¹³ All of it! And He has given it to Israel, through the line of Isaac. Forever! **“Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession”**. Simple like that! Scratch beneath the surface - and it all starts to come together.

‘REASON’ TO BELIEVE – PART VII

In Part VI we looked at the intellectual struggle to suppress any notion that forces outside of nature could have given birth to the Cosmos. Of course, this denies any evidence that could give a real, meaningful explanation for the origin ofwell, ‘Everything That Exists’. Rather a problem, that is! Well this time we’ll get into the meat of it as we begin to examine both Intelligent Design Theory (ID) and the flaws in the Neo-Darwinian evolutionary model. The evidence abounds.

THE VERY INTELLIGENT DESIGNER

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.... And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.... So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him” (Genesis 1:1-3, 25, 27)

The theory of evolution has long been entrenched in the academic establishment. For decades it was not seriously questioned. But in recent years winds of doubt have begun to blow, and the theory, once thought sacrosanct, is being increasingly challenged by the notion of intelligent design. ID is not 6-Day Creationism. It is not religion in any form. It counts among its chief proponents, avowed agnostics. The leading atheist in the world, Anthony Flew, was so impressed by ID, that he was led to abandon his atheism for, a form of Deism, taking on a belief in an unknowable God. Earlier this year over 400 scientists from various disciplines, (including 70 biologists), signed a formal document sponsored by the Discovery Institute which expressed their dissatisfaction with the Darwinian explanation for the origin of the universe. One called evolution the “...great white elephant of contemporary thought”. One Russian bioorganic chemist was quoted saying, “The ideology and philosophy of neo-Darwinism which is sold by its adepts as a scientific theoretical foundation of biology, seriously hampers the development of science and hides ... the field’s real problems.”¹⁴

For the last several years now, scientists have been questioning evolution’s underlying assumptions. The publication of *Darwin’s Black Box*, by Michael Behe, showed the serious flaws in Darwinian Theory from the standpoint of molecular biology. Michael Denton’s *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*, seriously questioned the adequacy of the evidence for the theory. The work of William Dembski, and Charles Thaxton among others is making a compelling case for the purposeful design of the universe. And coming from a historical / philosophical perspective, Philip Johnson has demonstrated the weakness of the assumptions underlying the purely naturalistic approach to the origins of life and the cosmos. The fact is, that the evidence for naturalism is comparatively weak when viewed in the light of the latest scientific work. Naturalism survives because it is the underlying assumption of science. What the relatively recent evidence has demonstrated however, is that the adequacy of naturalism as a theoretical process to explain the origin of matter, of life - and of man as merely the product of naturalistic forces, - is sorely deficient. Darwinism fails precisely in the attempt to describe the origin of the genetic code or the gradual emergence of the eye, or other highly complex organ systems. But locked into the assumptions underlying naturalism, its proponents struggle desperately, - against the evidence, - to maintain at least the appearance of a coherent theory. That is why, despite the fossil evidence that has never provided a ‘missing link’, despite the fact that geochemistry has demonstrated that the earth’s early atmosphere did not possess the conditions for the spontaneous generation of life, and despite the fact that even the ‘Big Bang’, points to a definite beginning for the existence of time and matter; - they continue to hold to the notion of an accidental universe. It is not truth they seek but the very idea of God they abhor.¹⁵

A quick look at a few areas will demonstrate the depth of their problem and the many directions they must face to defend their position. The probability of our chemical makeup accidentally combining has been calculated at one in ten to the 40,000th power. Is this mere coincidence or evidence of design? Dr Charles Thaxton holds that the inference of design is inherent in the evidence of human biology. The scientific discipline of Information Theory tells us that the existence of codes or patterns, is the sure sign of an external intelligent agent. If we happen upon a book, or a watch, for instance, - we immediately conclude that it was produced by an intelligent agent, - man. Consider DNA. It contains not only the information for the formation of life on the cellular level but also defines its processes. It therefore is most certainly an informational code requiring an intelligent source; - and therefore the very definition of intelligent design. DNA then an example of where the inference of design is inherent in the science. Where there is design there is a designer.¹⁶

An even more basic issue arises when we consider the creation of matter itself. The First Law of Thermodynamics states that matter can be neither destroyed nor created. Yet it is just such a ‘*super-natural*’ event that is necessary to explain the spontaneous generation of hydrogen atoms out of the great nothing that the pure naturalist would have us believe. A belief in pure materialism necessitates accepting that matter *did* generate itself out of nothing. This is a notion that runs contrary to the known laws of physics they claim to defend. More pointedly, it forces its atheistic adherents to claim as the basis for all existence that the universe was called into being out of nothing, by no one, for no particular purpose and in violation of the physical laws generated by that act of creation.

Science’s belief in the Big Bang theory has further undermined the foundation of Darwinian evolution. Over the last half-century or so, cosmologists came to believe that the universe did have a beginning and that it occurred about 15 billion years ago. Not only did this lay to

rest the notion of an eternally-existent universe, but a few simple calculations debunked any idea that there would have been anywhere near enough time for the earth to produce life through evolution, in the less than 100 million years allotted to it by those scientists.¹⁷ Add to that the rediscovery of the Cambrian explosion. Fossil evidence now shows, that in a short period of time, virtually every animal phylum came into being without any traceable pre-Cambrian ancestor. The record displays an explosion of life forms in a geologically short period of time. Darwinian theory predicts that through thousands of generations diversity should have increased. New phyla should have appeared and there should have been intermediate forms and evidence of branches that went extinct because they could not compete. But the record shows nothing of the sort. Instead of the increase in variation required by Darwinism, (the number of phyla), has actually gone down since the Cambrian period from 50 to 37. Since then, there has been no branching-off into new and more varied forms. Further, no transitional forms have been discovered. That evidence has refuted two of the most basic tenets of Darwinian naturalism.¹⁸

Michael Denton in his book: *Evolution; A Theory in Crisis*, levels a blistering critique of Darwinism. As summarized by William Dembski, its shortcomings include, "...the origin of life, the origin of the genetic code, the origin of multi-cellular life, the origin of sexuality, the gaps in the fossil record, the biological big bang that occurred in the Cambrian era, the development of complex organ systems, and the development of irreducibly complex molecular machines".¹⁹ It is precisely the most basic contentions of the evolutionary model that are the most weakly supported. Darwinian Theory has not been able to explain how amino acids became DNA, or find the link between reptile and bird or the early primates and man. And as more and more fossil evidence is assembled the problem of the 'missing link', the connecting transitional form, is increasingly evident. It is not just the link between ape and man that is missing, but the problem is evident across all times and species. Denton, writing about this says, "...the infinitude of connecting links has still not been discovered and the fossil record is about as discontinuous as it was when Darwin was writing the Origin."²⁰ (Just for the record, at the time of this quote, Denton is writing as an agnostic scientist.)

Perhaps an even more pressing problem for evolutionary theory is coming up with a mechanism "...explaining how anything can evolve that doesn't make biological sense when incomplete". Of what benefit to the organism is an eye that cannot yet see, or wings that cannot produce flight. How or why would an insentient nature *select* for such as these?²¹ According to the law of natural selection, nature could only select for components that in themselves produced a definite survival advantage for the organism. A sightless eye or flightless wings would produce no such advantage. So how could the complex systems, (known to exist on all levels, from the molecular to fully articulated organ systems), ever be developed? Michael Behe in *Darwin's Black Box* argues exhaustively that it could not. Behe shows that on the molecular level, the information required by the complexity of the process requires more than a mere chemical reaction. Complex information screams *design*.²² It is, in Behe's phrase, 'irreducibly complex'. Behe argues convincingly in his thesis that so much of the cell life on the molecular level is just that, - irreducibly complex.²³

Then there are those little matters that we will not have space to fully develop. First there is the precise mathematical structure and form apparent in all of nature. All that is, can be explained using just five laws encompassing eight different equations; - The laws of mechanics, electrodynamics, statistical mechanics, quantum mechanics and general relativity. These govern our universe, regulating everything from the sub-atomic to the cosmic, providing for stable systems at all levels and making life possible.²⁴ This leads us to a second area, the existence and fine-tuning of the universal constants. These constants need to be precisely what they are in order to have life exist here or anywhere. The degree of inter-related precision is almost unimaginable and flies in the face of all statistical probability. The more we understand the precision that is necessary and the overlapping dependence and delicate relationship between these variables the more we see the mark of unmistakable design. These constants include; - the strong nuclear force, the weak nuclear force, the electromagnetic force, the ratio of electro to proton mass, the expansion rate of the universe, - 34 constants in all. The precision required for the existence of life has been calculated at one part in 10 to the 120th power. That all of these constants came together in such a precise way as to produce life, is like winning the lottery a billion times over. The hand of the designer is showing.^{25 26}

So we come to the question: Are the underlying assumptions of naturalism a valid basis on which to order our beliefs. I think not. The weaknesses of pure naturalism are both apparent and inherent. A belief in materialism or naturalism, demands a great leap of faith, - against the assembled evidence. The materialist must believe that 'all that came to be' was the result of a causeless, process. Everything that exists came from nothing without apparent reason. Universal laws came into being without direction. Randomness alone explains the delicate relationships between the physical laws. Pure chance must account for the precise ordering of the universe in relation to the earth which makes life possible. Life spontaneously appeared, and developed complex systems of organs and internal organization. It did so guided by an extremely complex information system, DNA, which appeared as the result of accidental processes. Against the existing biological and fossil evidence, great evolutionary leaps were made. Chemicals became life. Microscopic life begot plants and animals and eventually man. Naturalism seems to require quite the miracle!²⁷

So we began by considering the challenge of scientific claims against the validity of Biblical truth. On which side does the evidence lie? In examining the increasingly questioned claims of pure naturalism, we found that much of its foundation rests on the pre-conceived notions of what constitutes legitimate science. Take away these foundational assumptions and you are left with a philosophy trying very hard to fit the contradictory evidence into its world-view. The advance in the study of Intelligent Design has left the position of naturalism essentially bankrupt, unable to satisfactorily explain the world we find. Intelligent design is not Creationism. But using the methods of science, it has undermined the religion of atheism that has taken over our education system. In the process it has made room for the Creator. A very Intelligent Designer indeed!

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