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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

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**From my “it’s well past time to expose this mess” file:** I have been watching *Hillsong* for a long time. The church, the bible school, their massive worship export industry. I have been disturbed about Hillsong for a long time, not only because of Brian Houston, but also those who guest the pulpit such as Joyce Meyers, Steven Furtick, TD Jakes, Rick Warren, and Joel Osteen – and naturally the heresies that follow on their heels regarding Chrislam, homosexuality in the church, and pentecostal excesses. They also have a bible college that draws in large numbers of young people from around the world. Now, each church has to decide if they want to load Hillsong songs onto their playlists, but at least we have not been remiss in letting the churches know within our earshot why they may not wish to. Read the links below as well, and process this info as you see fit....MD

## The Origins of Hillsong: The New Order of the Latter Rain (Part 1)

By churchwatcher / January 23, 2016

Many people assume that the origins of Hillsong originated from Charismaticism, Pentecostalism or the Salvation Army. This is not true.

Hillsong’s roots were founded in the Canadian New Order of the Latter Rain (NOLR) cult. Today, this is internationally recognised as the New Apostolic Reformation cult.

The New Apostolic Reformation cult preach a false Jesus, false gospel and New Age metaphysical teachings and strategies in an attempt to bring heaven to earth.

This series of articles looks at the history of the New Order of the Latter Rain (NOLR) and how it overran the AOG in NZ, the AOG in Australia and how this was done through Frank Houston, the founder of Hillsong/Christian Life Center.

### PENTECOSTALISM AT WAR WITH THE NEW ORDER OF THE LATTER RAIN



The NAR/NOLR cult is openly at war with Christianity and specifically targets and converts churches into its movement. In its early days, the New Order promoted aggressive ‘divide and conquer’ tactics in local churches while pushing the idea of ‘unity in the spirit’. For instance, in its early years in Canada, the New Order attempted an unethical takeover of churches in the ‘Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada’.

*Sharon Orphanage, 1948, where the ‘New Order of the Latter Rain’ revival occurred.*

It is important to note that Pentecostalism (the American Pentecostal AOG) was the first denomination to denounce the New Order of the Latter Rain and its 'revival'.

On the 3rd of September in 1949, the General Council of the American Assemblies of God condemned and rejected the NOLR.

They write:

RESOLVED, That we disapprove of those extreme teachings and practices which, being unfounded Scripturally, serve only to break fellowship of like precious faith and tend to confusion and division among the members of the Body of Christ, and be it hereby known that this 23rd General Council disapproves of the so-called, " New Order of the Latter Rain" , to wit:

1. The overemphasis relative to imparting, identifying, bestowing or confirming gifts by the laying on of hands and prophecy.
2. The erroneous teaching that the church is built upon the foundation of present day apostles and prophets.
3. The extreme teaching as advocated by the " new order" regarding the confession of sin to man and deliverance as practiced, which claims prerogatives to human agency which belong only to Christ.
4. The erroneous teaching concerning the impartation of the gift of languages as special equipment for missionary service.
5. The extreme and unscriptural practice imparting or imposing personal leading by the means of utterance.
6. Such other wrestings and distortions of Scripture, interpretations which are in opposition to teachings and practices generally accepted among us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we recommend following those things which make for peace among us, and those doctrines and practices whereby we may edify one another, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit until we all come unto the unity of the faith.

The motion was made and seconded that this resolution be adopted. After brief debate it was adopted with an overwhelming majority. The motion was then made, seconded and it was adopted that in order that the entire constituency may have the benefit of this decision, the resolution be printed in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. [Source] (From 'Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center)

## SALVATION ARMY

The founder of CLC/Hillsong, Frank Houston, grew up in the New Zealand Salvation Army. It was the Salvation Army who expelled the Houstons when church members of Avondale corps in Suburban Auckland accused them of stealing church money to buy themselves a car. It appears that Frank Houston brought the musical aspect of the Salvation Army into his new model of church in Australia,, using musical outreach to draw people in to hear the gospel or to attend the church. (This is one reason why Hillsong was very influential in their early years. They used catchy praise and worship music when they did outreaches into the hippy communes of Sydney.)

The Baptists and the Salvation Army in New Zealand were very cautious in avoiding the 'Pentecostal' AOG in New Zealand. Hazel Houston in her book 'Being Frank' revealed her conservative baptist judgment of New Zealand 'Pentecostals'. At this stage , the Pentecostal New Zealand AOG was usurped and taken over by the New Order of the Latter Rain cult. Sadly, the NZ AOG embraced the ideas of the Healing Revivals in America that promoted Latter Rain teachings. One prominent figure was William Branham.

## WILLIAM BRANHAM

One of the spearheads that largely influenced the New Order of the Latter Rain 'revival' and the Latter Rain movement was William Branham.



Latter Rain heretic: William Branham

William Branham heavily influenced Hillsong's founder Frank Houston through Gordon Lindsay's book 'A Man Sent From God'. With Pentecostalism already condemning the Latter Rain movement and the New Zealand Salvation Army and Baptists distancing themselves from NZ AOG (which was infiltrated by Latter Rain reprobates), it is easy to see why Frank Houston rapidly climbed to the top of the NZ AOG: he was ticking all the New Order's apostolic and prophetic boxes.

The fact is, Hillsong is a New Apostolic Reformation Church, influenced by the New Order of the Latter Rain cult. With this background in mind, Hazel Houston specifically writes about Frank Houston being influenced by Latter Rain teaching through Gordon Lindsay and William Branham in her book 'Being Frank'.

*"I was upset when Frank woke up utterly miserable with a soaring temperature, his body aching in every joint. Obviously this had to be a day in bed. Usually sickness turned him into a self-pitying invalid, bored to tears with time dragging. This turned out to be four days of revelation. One of our self-confessed Pentecostals brought him a book with the interesting title 'A Man Sent From God'.*

*Gordon Lindsay had captured what to Frank were amazing insights into the prophetic ministry of William Branham at the height of his ministry. From the moment Frank opened the book, Frank forgot to grumble about being sick. 'This man could tell people all about themselves, even to where they lived and their phone number. Isn't that marvellous,' he said to me.*

*'Sounds like fortune telling.' I was sceptical [sic].*

*'But he also healed the sick and he gives scriptural references for what he did.'*

*'Frank, don't get carried away with such things,' I warned.*

*'You should read it for yourself.'*

*'Not me. I don't like to read stuff like that. Those things don't happen today.' I closed the conversation and my mind but Frank pondered the possibility of New Testament-type miracles in the 1940s. Tears touched his cheeks at the thought of the possibilities. Next Sunday's sermons contained references to the book. Statements concerning the possibility of Jesus healing without the aid of medicine stirred up some objections from the congregation, Ernie Hall latched on to every word...*

*'Captain, ten minutes ago the doctor told me I can't live more than two months. I want you to come round tonight to anoint me with oil. I'll get some of the believing saints to join us and we'll have a healing meeting.' Frank was shocked. It was one thing to believe and preach about healing but another thing to act on his preaching.*

*It seemed that Frank couldn't avoid the issue. He decided he wouldn't tell me what he had to do. He didn't want any unbelievers there and I was an unbeliever with a mind as tightly closed as a can of bake beans.*

*By the time he arrived at the house, sixteen believing Salvationists gathered. After some enthusiastic chorus singing, sister Allison handed Frank a saucer containing oil. He stared at it. How on earth did you anoint someone? Should he sprinkle oil on Ernie's head or pour it over him. [sic] He'd start by reading James 5:14. There was safety in that.*

*'If any of you are sick let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil.' Not much instruction there. He'd have to do something.*

*The Catholics would make the sign of the Cross. Perhaps that would do. Frank dipped his fingers in the saucer and drew two oily lines in the shape of a cross on Ernie's forehead as he offered a prayer of faith. Without warning the power of God sent them all reeling backwards. Ernie fell on the floor with a big smile on his face. When he'd*

*scrambled to his feet again he picked up a kitchen chair with his left hand, raising it high above his head, something he hadn't been able to do for months.*

*Frank could scarcely believe his eyes. This was a spiritual dimension untapped by most Salvation Officers he knew.*

*[...] This forerunner of future events lent weight to the reasons some people gave for calling us Pentecostal."*

Source: By Hazel Houston, Published 1989 (UK: Scott Publications), Being Frank, pg.

PART II coming soon I hope.....

#### **READ MORE:**

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<http://hillsongchurchwatch.com/tag/amy-spreeman/>

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## Rebuilding The Jewish Temple On The Horizon?

<http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/images/recent/templejan202016.jpg>

BY MATT WARD JANUARY 20, 2016

"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes." (Malachi 4:5)

The world is suddenly awash with talk of rebuilding the Jewish Temple. This is one of the last pieces of the jigsaw that yet needs to fall into place. It is another significant indication that we are right at the gates of the Tribulation period itself.

The second Temple of Jesus' time was constructed over a period of thirty to forty years. If the Temple were to be constructed today, it would be built in a fraction of that time. The Temple Institute in Israel has already made many of the sacred artifacts needed for use in the Temple itself.

The Temple Institute has prefabricated large sections of the Temple structure, as well as having drawn up comprehensive and complete architectural plans, so that when the right time comes these pre-made sections can simply be taken to the site and built into the superstructure of the Temple itself. It is even possible to visit their website and view an in-depth three dimensional computer tour of what the newly-built Temple will look like after its completion.

Other crucial pieces of the Temple, much more difficult to construct than the building itself, has also been completed and are now ready for use. Based in the Old City area of Jerusalem, the Temple Institute has completed the reconstruction of the sacred Temple altar, to the specific and exacting standards prescribed in the Pentateuch.

This absolutely essential piece of the puzzle means that the Jewish nation now has the holy altar necessary once again to begin offering sacrifices. It is the altar itself which would make the sacrifices offered on it holy before God. Aside from the Holy of Holies, it is the lynchpin of the entire Temple. It is now ready for use.

The significance of this development should not be underestimated. Building this altar has been quite an undertaking; approximately 5 meters (16 feet) tall and 16 meters (52.5 feet) wide, with four "horns" or raised corners, and a ramp. It is unique. Nothing like this altar has been seen on this earth in two thousand years.

To complete the preparations, the Temple Institute has also made all the priestly garments necessary for the

priesthood to minister, even going so far as to train priestly families in the conduct and expectations of a Priest who ministers inside a newly built Temple.

Passover sacrifices have been reenacted and practiced so that the mechanics of the process are understood and closely adhere to the standards laid out by the Law of Moses. They have, in effect, carried out historically accurate trial runs in preparation for the real thing.

Understanding the various processes is, in itself, is also no small undertaking. The roots of sacrifice are found in the Book of Exodus. In preparation for the 10 plagues on Egypt, the death of the firstborn, God tells Moses to speak to the people of Israel and instruct each household to obtain a lamb on the 10th of Nisan. The lambs should be kept until the 14th, when the people of Israel should slaughter them at dusk.

Next, they should take its blood and put it on the doorposts and on the lintel of the house in which they were eating. The fire-roasted lamb should then all be consumed that night with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. This Feast of Passover has been observed ever since, with one exception. Ever since Jesus Christ died on Calvary as the spotless Lamb of God, the sacrificial lamb has been missing from the Passover celebration. See also: Revelation 5.6

Pure olive oil, fit for use in the Menorah of the Temple, has been produced in the last few months, the only time this has happened since the fall of the Second Temple. The production of four and a half litres of the precious olive oil this year was an extremely complex process due to the necessity of keeping it pure according to Jewish law.

In addition, ceramic flasks to hold the oil also had to be made to conform to the standards of religious purity required for use in the Temple itself. The production of the olive oil required precise knowledge of an extremely specialized and complex area of Jewish law.

Oil of this quality has not been produced since the beginning of the Diaspora of the Jews in 70AD. Literally nothing like this has been seen in Israel for almost two millennia.

Another significant development is the quest for a perfect Red Heifer or Para Adumah, a three-year-old female cow with totally red hair that is supposed to be able to restore a state of purity after ritual slaughter, something necessary for temple worship. There have been no perfect Red Heifers in Israel for over 2,000 years, however the Temple Institute is trying to change that.

In late 2015 the Temple Institute attempted to raise funds with its "Raise a Red Heifer in Israel" campaign on crowdfunding site Indiegogo. Earlier in 2015, the Temple Institute's previous Indiegogo campaign successfully raised over \$100,000 which will be used to develop architectural plans for the Holy Temple.

According to the crowdfunding site:

"The Temple Institute has joined forces with experienced cattle ranchers here in Israel. These experts in the science of animal husbandry, under the halachic supervision and guidance of the rabbis of the Temple Institute, will utilize the technique of implanting the frozen embryos of Red Angus cattle in Israeli domestic cattle. The end result of this program will be the introduction of the Red Angus breed into Israel. This method, authorized and approved by Israel's Ministry of Agriculture, has already proven successful with the birth of a number of male Red Angus. The location and other details of the cattle ranch will remain undisclosed to the general public during the initial stages of the project.

Although the campaign fell short of its \$125,000 goal the Temple Institute still plans to move forward as funds become available. The Temple Institute is not alone in planning for a red heifer. There have been reports of red heifers several times in the past few years from ranchers in the United States, although all have gone on to later be disqualified.

Many Rabbis within Israel believe that when a perfect red heifer is found it will be a clear indication that the rebuilding of the temple is imminent.

The Temple will ultimately be rebuilt in Jerusalem as it is crucial to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Beginning with

Daniel, who had a vision of the Temple in Daniel 9:27, Jesus Himself echoed Daniel's warning about an abomination standing in the holy place in the Last Days in Matthew 24:15. Paul also mentioned it in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. The Temple Institute is making fulfillment of this Biblical prophecy a near reality through their work and dedication.

The only thing that seems to be missing is the political will, the 'go ahead', to move this process forward. All things humanly possible are being done to prepare for the rebuilding of the Third Temple.

However, hugely significant problems remain which must be overcome before even a stone can be put down.

For political and safety reasons, rebuilding a Temple would seem almost an impossibility at present. This is because Islam currently controls the Temple Mount and for Jews to destroy the Dome on the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque so as to build the Jewish Temple would likely provoke an immediate world war.

Amazingly, these political and safety impediments on rebuilding the Temple are not the most significant problems.

The current raging debate within Judaism is exactly who has the authority to begin the rebuilding process of the Temple itself? Is it God, the Messiah or someone else? Nobody really knows and there is no consensus on this absolutely vital issue within Judaism.

Without resolution of who has the authority to rebuild there can be no Temple, and these are the reasons why.

The question of who has the authority to begin the rebuilding process exists because nobody today really knows exactly where the Holy of Holies from the Second Temple was located on the Temple Mount. This is the reason why Jews are forbidden from entering the precise area where the second Temple was built, lest they inadvertently stand on the sacred and consecrated area which housed the Holy of Holies. To do so, even inadvertently, is punishable by death under Mosaic Law.

The second major stumbling block is that all Jews are currently ritually impure, which also prevents any Jews from entering the precise area where the Temple used to stand. In order to become ritually pure Jews would need the ashes of a Red Heifer, administered by a priest who could trace his family and ancestral lineage back far enough to validate his claim to priesthood. No such priest exists who can trace his lineage to this exacting standard. The reason is that when Israel and Judah were dispersed to the four corners of the world, all lineage records were lost.

This therefore means that under Mosaic Law there are no priests eligible to administer the ashes of a Red Heifer and therefore able to make Jews ritually pure enough to enter the Temple complex area. It is a terrible Catch-22 situation.

The next major problem concerns the Altar of the Temple itself, specifically the location of the Altar. The Law of Moses is very precise about exactly where the Altar must be located. It cannot go just anywhere; it needs to be in exactly the right place. When they built the Second Temple the Jews used reliable witnesses who could testify to the correct spot. In fact, the prophets Haggai, Zephaniah and Malachi are believed within Judaism to have been the three witnesses used to verify the Altar's correct location.

No such witnesses exist today. Even if a Temple could be built, they could never offer sacrifice as they simply do not know where to locate the Altar. They have absolutely no idea where it should go; no idea whatsoever.

Assuming that they were able to rebuild the Temple in exactly the right spot and then locate the Altar allowing for sacrifice, also in exactly the right spot, the Temple would still need Priests whose genealogy can be absolutely determined and verified. No such verification exists anymore. It would be a Temple with no priests.

The next major issue is the High Priest. There can be no functioning Temple without a functioning High Priest. To appoint a High Priest there needs to be a Sanhedrin, 70 - 71 ordained Rabbis acting as the Supreme Council of all Israel. There can currently be no Sanhedrin that satisfies Mosaic Law because each Rabbi must satisfy Mosaic Ordination, which was transmitted from Rabbi to Rabbi since the time of Moses. Mosaic Ordination ceased in 358 AD because of persecution.

Although a re-established Sanhedrin was set up in 2004 it still lacks the religious and governmental authority

needed to take the process forward. There can be no legitimate Sanhedrin and therefore no legitimate High Priest.

[Note: the priesthood was a familial thing, i.e. you were born into it; not ordained to it. All the priests were Levites; of the Tribe (family) of Levi. This problem of identifying legitimate priests is now being simplified through the use of DNA]

These problems would seem insurmountable. There is no human solution to them. On the face of things then, there can be no Temple.

Jewish tradition does provide an answer though, as does scripture. Scripture strongly suggests that the person who may well provide the necessary authority to begin the rebuilding process of the Third Temple will be the Prophet Elijah himself.

Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel revealed that at the end Elijah, "...will restore all things..." (Matthew 17:11). According to Jewish tradition it will be Elijah who will reveal himself to the Jews before the advent of Messiah. He would have the necessary authority to reveal the exact location of the Holy of Holies and the precise location of the Altar.

Elijah would be able to reveal to the Priesthood their exact genealogies and reinstitute Mosaic Ordination for Rabbis, thus finally enabling the reestablishment of a legitimate Sanhedrin and High Priest.

And further to satisfy Mosaic Law, which prescribes the presence of Two Witnesses as being necessary for legal satisfaction (Deuteronomy 19:15) Elijah will also likely return with another great prophet of old, Moses, through whom the Law was delivered.

This is exactly the picture we see revealed in Revelation during the first half of the Tribulation period,

"And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner." (Revelation 11: 4-6)

In the book of Jude, we come across the strange passage detailing Michael, the Archangel, disputing with Satan over the body of Moses,

But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "the Lord rebuke you". (Jude 1:9)

There is clearly something unique about the body of Moses and although he did die, perhaps God has a miraculous purpose for him in the last days. The only other person besides Elijah to not die was Enoch, who was taken up to heaven, and as such many scholars also suggest he could yet be this 2nd witness who accompanies Elijah.

These two men appear to be the only exception to the scripture in Hebrews that tells us man is "appointed once to die" (Hebrews 9:27) and perhaps it is because of this role in the last days in which their death and miraculous resurrection on the streets of Jerusalem would yet fulfill this scripture and baffle the world.

When these men are put to death (temporarily) in Jerusalem, we are told in Revelation 11 the whole world sees it and celebrates. Interestingly enough, there is great controversy today among Israel, Jordan, the United States and the Palestinian Authority over a proposal to install security cameras in the Temple Mount area - which would capture such events for the whole world to see.

The testimony of these two witnesses would be during the first 42 months of the Tribulation Period and it would be a testimony for Jesus Christ against Antichrist.

Is it also incidental that 1,260 days is 42 months exactly, the amount of time God gives for the first half of the Tribulation period? Is it also merely coincidental that the amount of time the Jewish priesthood would need to perform all the necessary purification rites and rituals as prescribed in the Torah to purify and inaugurate the new

Temple would also last exactly 42 months, from the initial ritual of purification to the final one?

42 months of testimony, 42 months to complete purification, 42 months designated for the first half of the Tribulation.

Scripture tells us that at the midpoint of the Tribulation, after 42 months, the Temple will be desecrated by the Antichrist.

Scripture suggests that Elijah will return soon to the Jewish people at the very beginning of the Tribulation period. He will then restore all things, (Matthew 17:11). It is possible he will be the one to appoint the reconstruction of the Temple, reinstitute the Rabbinical priesthood according to the Law of Moses defining who is eligible for priesthood and who is not. He would have the authority to re-form the Sanhedrin which would then oversee the appointment of a new High Priest. Elijah could guide the building of this Temple once it has been started until it reaches its conclusion at the Tribulation's mid-point.

Scripture also tells us, ominously, one other important thing concerning the Two Witnesses,

"If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die." (Revelation 11:5)

Elijah and his companion will actively defend the Temple and its rebuilding process until the 42-month process is complete. They would have to, because if the Temple were to be rebuilt today, the whole Muslim world would come against them.

The growing excitement and speculation over the potential rebuilding of the Temple is a huge indicator that the very end of this age is at hand.

Read more at [http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent\\_news\\_id=66#FBhRXBUGup6yQsV8.99](http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=66#FBhRXBUGup6yQsV8.99)

## END OF THE WORLD: "MUHAMMAD MAHDI" IS COMING

Apocalyptic Muslims gear up for the global Islamic state.

January 26, 2016 Dr. Majid Rafizadeh

### **frontpagemag.com**

Two of the most dangerous apocalyptic Muslim groups—that strongly believe in establishment of a global Islamic state and believe in annihilation of non-Muslim nations—are the Islamic State and the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

They both share the same fatal ideology and mission with some minor differences. They believe that this is the end of the times for non-Muslims, and that they should prepare the world for the coming of the Imam Mahdi (also known as Muhammad al Mahdi) who would establish Islamic rule around the world and clean up the planet from those who do not practice Islam.

Apocalyptic Muslims have long believed that the appearance of Mahdi would coincide with a civil war in the lands of sham [Syria], which will destroy the country. In addition, Iraq will be engulfed with domestic militia wars. They also believe that other non-Muslims will become vulnerable to Muslims and Islamic rulers.

The Shiite clerics of Iran believe that Mahdi is the child of Muhammad, the "hidden Imam" and the twelfth Imam. They argue that Muhammad al Mahdi was born thousands of years ago and disappeared to reappear later when certain signs emerge. On the other hand, the apocalyptic Muslim leaders of the Islamic State believe that Mahdi has not yet been born but this is the time that he will appear in the world.

More importantly, anyone who rules the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic State (currently Khamenei and Abu Bakr Al Baghdadi) considers himself as the only true representative of Imam Mahdi on earth, as long as the Mahdi remains hidden. That is why Iran's Supreme Leader, calls himself "Imam" of the "ummah" (the people),

instead of calling himself the president or ruler of “Iran.” His predecessor, Rooh Allah Khomeini, did the same thing when he established the Islamic Republic.

Both sides take these critical beliefs and “divine guidance” from Muhammad’s statements that “at the end of the time of my ummah, the Mahdi will appear. Allah will grant him rain, the earth will bring forth its fruits, he will give a lot of money, cattle will increase and the ummah will become great ... his name will be my name, and his father’s name my father’s name ... Even if the entire duration of the world’s existence has already been exhausted and only one day is left before Doomsday, Allah will expand that day to such length of time as to accommodate the kingdom of a person from my Ahlul-Bayt [family of Muhammad] who will be called by my name. ...”

In addition, Iran’s Supreme Leader strongly believes in the prophetic statement of Ja’far al-Sadiq, the sixth Imam of the Shiites.

When someone asked the sixth Imam "O son of the Messenger of God! Who is the Mahdi of your clan?"

He answered, "The Mahdi will conquer the world; at that time the world will be illuminated by the light of Allah, and everywhere in which those other than Allah are worshipped will become places where Allah is worshiped; and even if the polytheists do not wish it, the only faith on that day will be the religion of Allah."

According to the Islamic Republic and the Islamic State, the first and second prophecies (civil war in Syria and Iraq) have already come true. The third one (vulnerability and weakness of non-Muslims) has also come true because of the capabilities of the Islamic State to inflict terror on non-Muslims and the recent nuclear agreement with Iran which proves the Western governments weakness in dealing with Iran. A deal that will empower Iran, ensure the hold on power of the Ayatollah, and put Iran on a certain path to nuclear bomb after the agreement ends.

For Khamenei, the appeasement policies of the West, and particularly the U.S. administration, are viewed as a sign that the non-Muslim nations are becoming weaker and that Muhammad’s “divine guidance” is coming true. The ayatollah does not view the lifting of sanctions on Iran as a “diplomacy” being triumphant, but rather reaffirming his religious belief in Allah and the Mahdi.

That is why this Islamist autocrat is escalating the anti-American and anti-Semitic rhetoric right after the sanctions were lifted. He gave an incendiary speech and wrote in a letter that there is a need to guard against the arrogant “Great Satan.”

While mainstream media often focuses on non-state Islamist groups, we need remain aware of the most dangerous form of radical Islam which comes from those Islamists who already have established a state and control territories: the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic State. The missions behind the leaders of these two Islamist regimes are more threatening to the U.S. and other non-Muslim nations than anything else.

Finally, the leaders of Iran and the Islamic State deeply believe that Allah and the Mahdi have appointed them to spread Islam across the world. They believe that anyone who is not following their religion is an apostate who is bringing “fesad” (or corruption on the earth). Subsequently, from their perspective, the killings of these “fessad” (or the “corruptors”) will bring Imam Mahdi to the world faster, grant them Allah’s blessings, and rid the world of impurity.

What the Obama administration and many Western leaders do not understand is that these apocalyptic Muslims will do anything—such as blowing themselves up—to accomplish Imam Muhammad al Mahdi’s mission. They see all the current signs as pointing to the victory of Islam, appearance of the “Mahdi,” and the imminent establishment of an Islamic State that will rule the world and implement Allah’s rules on everyone.

## Significant 6.1 Quake Hits Mediterranean

A 6.1 magnitude earthquake has been recorded in the Mediterranean Sea, 100 miles south-east of Malaga, Spain.

At 4:22am, the earthquake struck 38.5 miles north east of the Moroccan city of Al Hociema at a depth of 20 miles according to the US Geological Survey (USGS).

7.1 magnitude Alaska earthquake sparks power outages and tremors  
This quake was followed by a 5.1 magnitude tremor 12 minutes later.

In an initial assessment, the USGS said there was a low likelihood of casualties and damage'.

In 2004 a 6.3 earthquake hit near Al Hoceima killing 631 people, CNN reports.

This latest earthquake comes a day after a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck Southern Alaska where four homes were destroyed by a gas explosion.