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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

Jinn (Arabic: جنّ , al-jinn), also romanized as djinn or anglicized as genies, are supernatural creatures in early Arabian and later Islamic mythology and theology.

Islam: The Jinn is out of the bottle

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Europe is on fire, in a social and financial crisis of its leaders' own making. Its public places are now spectacles of the obscene, and its women are sexual objects for a predatory race of invaders. Its social systems are stretched to the breaking point by belligerent "refugees" who are devouring their host countries at will, while Europe's leaders defend the invaders and blame their own citizens.

Western civilization is under attack, and rational citizens are at a loss to understand why their leaders are allowing the destruction of their societies.

Much has been written about the outrageous acts that have been committed by Muslim migrants, so we need not repeat them here. We can simply agree that the situation in Europe is disastrous, and it's getting worse. And America is not far behind.

Western leaders are aiding and abetting this insanity with a consistency and single-mindedness of purpose that can only be explained in one way: they must think they have something to gain from the chaos created by this crisis.

What other conclusion can be drawn from the brazen ascendancy of Islam in the western world, and the deafening silence that permits its success? Clearly, Western leaders think they can use Islam for their own ends, to consolidate their own power.

Whether their motivations are globalist, nationalist, pro-Islam, or merely megalomaniacal, they all seem to hold one belief in common: the belief that they can control Muslim migration to create the chaos necessary to justify their predetermined solutions.

These European -- and American -- leaders think they can control what is pouring out of the Pandora's box they've thrown open; they think they can put the Jinn back in the bottle at their whim.

But they are dangerously underestimating those they presume to use as pawns.

In the First Century, "the Moors" -- Muslims of antiquity -- invaded and nearly conquered the entire European continent (Spain, France, Greece, Turkey, etc.) It was only the strength of Christianity and the unity this inspired, which turned back the scourge of Islamic imperialism in Europe.

The world of today is very similar, but with one key difference. Europe, and less so America, now exist in a moral and religious vacuum. There is no concrete ideology or religious paradigm posing a credible challenge to the radical adherents of Islam.

Islam is now controlling most of Europe, either actively, or passively, due to the absence of any response from local governing authorities -- a curious void of law and order. "Peace in our time" has now given way to the "Religion of Peace."

Unless Europeans and Americans rise up now to reverse this trend, one of two things will occur. Either those in power will succeed in using this crisis to advance their aims and fundamentally transform their societies, or, more likely, Islam will become dominant in the West past the point of no return.

"The Moors" have come home. The Muslim hoard hastily imported into Europe over the cries and screams of voters are living up to the archetypes people in the West have come to fear, especially when cartoons result in lynch-mobs, and when a woman clothed according to western custom is mercilessly raped by "migrants."

Some would say that the murderous attacks perpetrated by Islamic radicals should be considered an aberration and unrelated to the religion of Islam. Very well; then consider:

The head of the "moderate" Muslim group CAIR Omar Ahmad (which was investigated by Congress and then ignored by Congress), wants to replace the Constitution with the Qur'an, saying, "The Quran ... should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on earth."

Sirraj Wihhaj, unindicted co-conspirator in the 1993 WTC bombings and the original person selected by President Obama to give the prayer before the 2012 DNC, also believes the Constitution should be replaced: "It is my duty and our duty as Muslims to replace the U.S. Constitution with the Quran."

A majority of Muslims living in Britain say they want full Sharia law, a separate Muslim police force, and death for anyone who speaks against Mohammed. The same survey revealed a majority percentage also favor terrorist attacks against Britain and the United States. 51 percent of American Muslims also say they want Shariah and the US government to become Islamic.

The Netherlands openly advocates placing Shariah -- the desert law which commands death for adulterers, death for gambling, death for leaving the faith (or having no faith), and death for homosexuals -- on the ballot.

German courts are already enforcing Shariah when requested, and the impetus for this golden nugget originated in Nuremburg.

France has over 751 "no-go zones," i.e. areas of land ruled by Islamic law and totally unrecognizable as French. This was verified again after the recent French attacks.

The British already have actual Shariah courts in operation all over the United Kingdom. These "courts" are chaired by a man who thinks amputation for petty crimes is a great idea, something he wants to "offer British society."

Americans and Europeans need to stop acting surprised when Muslims behave like Muslims. They are acting according to what the Qur'an says to do. It's there in plain sight for anyone to read. And its ultimate aim is conquest and complete domination of any other culture but Islam.

Winston Churchill referred to it as a "militant and proselytizing faith."

Like the Moors, history is repeating. And not only is history repeating, but it is repeating on a crash timetable, and with the perverse backing of the host countries destined to be remade in the image of Islamic hegemony. Why would any true German, Frenchman or Briton cooperate in their own organized destruction if there were not some goal or elusive purpose to be accomplished by the ever less accountable and more distant governments that make such decisions?

It would only be logical to deduce that French leaders, German leaders and British leaders have determined that there is an acceptable cost to property and lives if the chaos resulting from the indiscriminate welcoming of new migrant hordes can be directed towards an unspoken goal. This is not out of left field. Angela Merkel calling her own people “neo-Nazis” and turning water cannons on her own citizens is indicative.

Amazingly, this mindset is evident in every recent action to open the borders of Europe and America to their new visitors. Controlled chaos is the desired result. We underestimate the depravity of Western leaders if we think the lives of American and European citizens mean anything more to them than plot points in a narrative, one leading inevitably to the end of national sovereignty.

The old expression, “the genie is out of the bottle,” comes from Arabic folklore, surrounding the devilish character known as the “Jinn” who grants wishes in exchange for the soul of the seeker. Western leaders have let the “Jinn” out of the bottle, and like Pandora’s box, the resulting chaos will not be contained.

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Syria, Russia and Iran Update

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First, in early February, it was reported that Russia’s Pres. Vladimir Putin has decided to impose a political settlement on the warring factions in Syria and Pres. Obama has agreed to go along with him. According to the report, Pres. Assad and his entire clan will step down, but no date was set.

Whether or not this happens remains to be seen, but Iran is vehemently opposed to it. This is a dangerous development because in early 2012 Syria’s Pres. Assad said he will start a full-scale regional war with Israel before he will resign from office.

There is little doubt that the war in Syria needs to be stopped. Multitudes are being driven out of their homes, going hungry, dying, etc. But Russian’s move could take the Middle East from one war to another.

Second, God gave Ezekiel a message: In the latter days and latter years, He will drag Russia from her place in the far north to the mountains of Israel (Ezek. 38:4, 8, 16).

In this battle, called the battle of Gog and Magog, Russia will be aligned with Persia (Iran), Cush (perhaps Ethiopia and/or Iraq and/Sudan), Put (Libya), Togarmah of the north quarters (probably Turkey), Gomer (perhaps Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, etc. or Germany, but unclear) and others (Ezek. 38:5-6).

In various articles that appeared in early February, it was reported that the following nations are in Syria: Russia, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, the Islamic State and Turkey. The Islamic State probably has troops from some or all of the other nations.

This is the point: Compare the list of nations that the Bible says will attack Israel in the latter days and latter years with the list of nations that the news says is already in Syria. The lists are very similar.

But there is a problem. Instead of being aligned with each other against Israel like the Bible says, these nations are fighting each other. This means the battle of Gog and Magog won't take place until these nations agree to temporarily set aside their differences.

The UN and U.S. are already in an ongoing effort to make that happen. How long will it take? We don't know. The UN and U.S. could have immediate success or it could drag on for awhile.

But their temporary truce won't last. When these reconciled enemies get to the mountains of Israel, "every man's sword shall be against his brother" and these troops will kill many of their own troops (Ezek. 38:21).

Third, on Jan. 12, 2016, an Iranian naval unit detained 10 U.S. sailors when two U.S. vessels strayed into Iranian waters. Just recently, Iran's Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, said "divine forces" delivered the Americans into Iran's hands.

The book of Daniel mentions an evil spirit called the prince of Persia (or the Prince of Iran) that hindered the answer to one of Daniel's prayers for 21 days (Dan. 10:13).

Bible scholars believe this prince of Persia is an evil spirit that rules over Iran. They believe an unseen war is going on in heavenly places behind the scenes between the angels of God and the demons of Satan, the Spirit of Christ and the spirit of Antichrist.

The Bible also teaches that Iran's defeat on the mountains of Israel will come at the hands of God's divine force (Ezek. 38:4; Dan. 12:1). One must wonder if Mr. Khamenei's divine forces are really the prince of Persia and his minions (Eph. 6:12).

We can also ponder if all of the turmoil in the Middle East is that of a cosmic struggle in the heavenly realm; and if the recent spread of violence in the Middle East means the intensity of this spiritual warfare has increased.

It is well to remember that we are dealing with a spiritual world and the Christian's hope is the return of Jesus for His church. Even so, come, Lord Jesus (Rev. 22:20).

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Progressive Christians - Remaking God In Our Own Image

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Not getting what you need from the Bible? Well, just listen for God's voice elsewhere, we're told. But here's a fair warning, we often do a convincing impersonation.

A page torn from an inspirational daily calendar of Bible verses is making rounds these days on social media. It features a pretty purple flower and a quote from Luke 4:7: "If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine."

It's meant to inspire, until you realize who said it: Satan.

Now whether this was an oversight by the calendar designer, or a clever Photoshop job, the takeaway is the same: Context matters when it comes to Scripture. But today, there's an even deeper problem with how we use Bible verses, and a recent article in the Huffington Post offers a sad example of why.

Brandon Robertson, a young Bible institute graduate, recounts how his faith was shaken when he couldn't find what he thought he needed in the pages of Scripture.

"Every time I found myself in turmoil," he wrote, "I would reach for the Bible & [but] I was most often coming back empty handed." That disappointment, he explained, left him "radically disinterested" in God's word.

Describing a moment of a particular personal crisis, Brandon looked to the Bible looking for comfort.

"With tears in my eyes," he writes, "I opened up the Scriptures and landed on Isaiah 3 a chapter about God judging and destroying his enemies ... not exactly the encouragement I was looking for," he said. "I turned to the typical 'encouragement' passages like Romans 8 and Philippians 3, but they didn't seem to be working."

Brandon recounts that his disappointment continued into college, until, during a lecture by biblical critic Peter Enns, he had an epiphany: "We need to be training our children to cultivate a relationship with God, not a relationship with the Bible."

Now at face value, of course, this statement is true. The purpose of the Bible is to reveal God. But for a growing number of progressive Christians, the God they want can't be found in the pages of Scripture. So they look for Him elsewhere, in personal experience, through relationships with other people, and through private interpretations of when they say God "speaks into" their life.

Effectively, this approach untethers God from the Bible. For example, the United Church of Christ recently insisted that "God is still speaking." Another true-at-face-value statement, until you realize they're actually suggesting that God's changed His mind on issues like morality and marriage, and that their ideas of who God should be trumps the God His Word reveals.

Many point to Jesus Himself as their alternative to Scripture. For example, Enns, in his book "The Bible Tells Me So," writes that "for Christians, Jesus, not the Bible, has the final word."

But in response, Christian blogger Derek Rishmawy asked a very important question: to which "Jesus" are these folks referring? "The only real Jesus we have intellectual access to," observes Derek, "is the Jesus revealed to us in the Bible." That Jesus reaffirmed the exclusivity of natural marriage, endorsed every "jot and tittle" of the Old Testament, and talked as much about hell and judgement as He did the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Jesus that progressive Christians claim has no source other than, well, themselves, their own feelings, beliefs, and preferences.

J. Gresham Machen wrote back in 1924, "The real authority, for liberalism, can only be & individual experience; truth can only be that which 'helps' the individual man. Such an authority is obviously no authority at all."

Our approach to the Bible is vitally important. God's inspired word is not a calendar of inspirational, therapeutic quotes. When we open the Bible, we are stepping into God's story, understanding our place in His design, and encountering Him on His terms. When we don't find what we're looking for, we should ask whether we're looking for the real God--or remaking a god in our image.

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Hal Lindsey: This Week's Summary

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This week, America's eyes have been on New Hampshire. But we've been so focused on the outcome of the presidential primaries, we have not noticed the dark specter that is rising there.

According to several recent polls, the number one concern for New Hampshire residents is not who will be the Democrat or Republican nominee. It's not the economy. It's not even President Obama's number one concern: climate change.

Surprisingly, the issue that is uppermost for the greatest number of New Hampshire residents is drug abuse.

In 2014, drug abuse was the top concern of 3% of the citizens of the "Granite State." By 2015, that number had grown to 25%.

Why? Because there is a heroin epidemic in New Hampshire. According to the Boston Globe, "Drug overdoses have become the second most common cause of death in New Hampshire and could move into the top spot soon."

Heroin? Didn't that go out with the '60s?

Apparently not.

Most of us associate heroin users with big cities and dingy tenements and blighted urban areas. But the largest city in New Hampshire is Manchester, with a population of only 110,000.

Heroin, once a main problem of metropolitan ghettos, is now flowing into small town America. Study after study indicates that massive amounts of cheap heroin are rolling into rural and suburban areas every day.

I would dare say that most people thought that, as a society, we had become enlightened enough to identify the dangers of drug abuse and avoid them. Especially the hard, absolutely devastating stuff like heroin. But not only are we not avoiding drug abuse, we are embracing it. Whole states are legalizing the use of recreational drugs.

But those of us who believe the Bible's predictions about the end times should not be surprised in the least. In fact, the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation notes that excessive drug use will be a hallmark of the end times.

So don't be surprised when this problem increases ferociously in the coming months and years. It will be just like the other "birth pangs," growing in frequency and intensity as we approach the return of Jesus Christ to snatch away His true followers.

The New York Times says that some of President Obama's national security advisers are urging him "to approve the use of American forces in Libya to open another front against the Islamic State."

Now, I doubt that will happen. I think, instead, that he will just pass this problem on to his successor. But the fact that this Nobel Peace Prize-winning President's counselors think he needs to engage in yet another war speaks volumes about the wisdom of his choices thus far.

He was elected, in large part, to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was re-elected on his guarantee that peace was at hand. But reality has a nasty way of peeling back our facades.

He didn't finish the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, he quit them. And now, those two nations are in turmoil, with the Taliban and al-Qaeda about to regain control of Afghanistan and Iraq gravitating to Iran's orbit.

Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton grossly mistook the Arab Spring for a reprise of the Fall of the Berlin Wall. They actively helped force Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (arguably the greatest stabilizing influence in the Middle East) out of office in favor of the terrorist godfathers, the Muslim Brotherhood -- the assassins of that region's most courageous peacemaker, Anwar Sadat.

They assisted in the removal of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi -- certainly an evil man, but undeniably another irreplaceable stabilizer in the Middle East. And now, Libya has descended into chaos.

The murder of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and others on September 11, 2012, was a needless byproduct of their unbelievable naivete. Obama and Clinton, like George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter, mistakenly believed that when given the chance, "liberated" Muslims would choose democracy and freedom. Instead, they chose terrorism and worse repression. Why? Because, by and large, Islam is incompatible with democracy. The more Islamic a country, the less likely it will embrace democratic principles.

The result of this naivete? ISIS, a resurgent al-Qaeda, a reborn Taliban, a brutal civil war in Syria, and a Libya on the verge of becoming another Afghanistan, this time with ISIS in control.

By the way, Citigroup, the third largest bank holding company in the U.S., thinks the world economy is circling the drain. In a recent report, Citigroup officials called it, "Oilmageddon, a significant and synchronized global recession."

Ultra-low oil prices have been dragging down stocks around the world. The supposed savior of the global economy, the tech sector, has proven itself a huge disappointment -- financially speaking. And everybody knows that China is lying when it says its economy is expanding by 6.9%. China is operating on borrowed money and borrowed time.

Though it feels like we import everything from China, it may prove that the ultimate Chinese import could be a major recession.

Why is this so important to know? The Bible says that the Antichrist's road to power will be paved with lives shattered through economic upheaval. And when major economic upheaval begins to occur on a global scale, it's time to look up more fervently!

Finally, this week I'm going to open the pages of my book, Satan is Alive and Well on Planet Earth. As we observe the upheaval that is convulsing our world, you don't have to be a meteorologist to see that storms are bearing down on us.

I'm going to examine a ferocious storm on the Sea of Galilee that portended disaster for the disciples, then triumph, then near disaster again. But because Jesus was there, all ended well.

It's the same with our lives. We all have storms. We all face disasters. But if we keep our focus on Jesus, not on the problems bearing down on us, then we, too, can make it through in one piece. Maybe sopping wet, but whole.

Hawaii declares state of emergency over Zika virus, dengue fever outbreak

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February 2016 – HAWAII – Hawaii Gov. David Ige declared a state of emergency to fight mosquito borne illnesses including dengue fever and the Zika virus. The state has been in the midst of a dengue fever outbreak on Hawaii's Big Island, where there were more than 250 confirmed cases. There have been no locally transmitted cases of the Zika virus in Hawaii, Ige said in a news conference Friday. But there's concern that the islands could be at risk because mosquitoes that can carry dengue fever also can carry the Zika virus. "We are doing everything we can to be prepared, to be proactive, to prevent vector borne diseases here in Hawaii," Ige said. The emergency proclamation could help the state

acquire more money to control outbreaks.

Hawaii is rushing to build up its mosquito control staff after a December report from the Centers for Disease Control highlighted deficiencies in the state's vector control department. The state slashed its mosquito control and entomology staff during the economic downturn, from 56 employees in 2009 to 25 positions in 2016. Health officials are now searching for funding to rebuild the staff, and the Department of Health plans to hire 10 new staffers with money the governor released, said Virginia Pressler, director of department, on Friday.

"We are actively hiring new staff, an entomologist that will be dedicated to Hawaii Island that will be starting next week as well as additional communications and vector control staff," Pressler said. Officials stressed that Hawaii is still a safe place to visit. No travel advisories have been issued about Hawaii, and tourism is off to a strong start in 2016, said George Szigeti, president and CEO of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

The proclamation also will give the state more power to take preventive measures, including the ability to spray pesticides regardless of a homeowner's wishes. "There are some who are holding out and not allowing us to be on their property," Pressler said. "One of the things that this emergency declaration from the governor will allow us to do is that we can in fact enforce that we will come and take care of mosquitoes on a property that someone is refusing, because it is a public health emergency." –Fox News

Virus continues to spread through Latin America: An epidemiology bulletin from Colombia's national health institute said there were 31,555 cases of the mosquito-borne virus in the country, including 5,013 pregnant women. The virus is believed to be linked to a neurological birth defect known as microcephaly, in which babies are born with abnormally small heads and suffer incomplete brain development. At the end of January, the Colombian health minister, Alejandro Gaviria, reported roughly 20,000 Zika infections, placing the country second only to Brazil in the severity of its outbreak. No figure for pregnant women was given at the time.

The World Health Organisation has said the virus is also suspected of being linked to the rare neurological disorder Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), in which the body's immune system attacks part of the nervous system, causes gradual weakness in the legs, arms and upper body and sometimes leads to complete paralysis. The WHO said in a weekly report published on Saturday: "In the context of the Zika virus outbreak, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Suriname and Venezuela have reported an increase of GBS." It added: "The cause of the increase in GBS incidence observed in Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador and Suriname remains unknown, especially as dengue, chikungunya and Zika virus have all been circulating simultaneously in the Americas."

Investigations continued to determine the cause, the WHO said, noting that there was no laboratory confirmation of Zika virus in patients with GBS in Colombia and El Salvador. WHO officials said it was now critical to stop the spread of Zika.

Around 220,000 soldiers were deployed across Brazil on Saturday in a massive campaign to raise awareness of the virus and offer advice on how to eliminate the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito that spreads it. –The Guardian