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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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**Even though President Trump has made his decision to opt out of the Iran deal despite DEBKA's speculation (below), it's still a worthy article and underscores how volatile the region is. It also tells us that no matter how hard we try to be current with prophecy articles, the headlines can change hourly. MD**

## By striking Iran in Tehran as well as Syria, Israel opened another war arena outside Syria

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Israel has been braced for Tehran's revenge – and on high war alert – for three weeks, after opening two war fronts against the Islamic Republic. One in Syria, by means of air and missile strikes on Iran's Syrian infrastructure (on Feb. 10, April 9 and April 29) and two, an intelligence coup in the heart of Tehran, where Israel agents raided the secret hideout of Iran's Atomic Archive and walked off with its contents. This breach of a top-secret site wrought as much damage to Iran's security as the theft of the documentary trove. The next stage of the Israeli-Iranian conflict may therefore reach for the first time outside the Syrian-Lebanese arena to Iran proper, and open the door for a direct reprisal for Israel's assaults from Iranian soil.

DEBKAFfile's military sources note that Tehran has a choice of options, aside from a direct ballistic missile attack on Israel, such as, for instance, an assault on an Israeli target in the Red Sea region.

Tehran and Hizballah may have been holding back on their revenge attacks until after certain key dates – Lebanon's elections on May 6, Iraq's polls on May 12 and a decision on the same day by US President Donald Trump on whether or not to restore sanctions and signal America's exit from the 2015 nuclear accord. But those dates are fast approaching and their deterrent effect on Tehran fading in relevance. So what happens next?

DEBKAFfile's Washington sources report the impression that Trump will decide not to decide on May 12, and so leave the status of the nuclear accord hanging fire. Tehran will then have two swords hanging over its head, the threat of a US economic and financial campaign and continued Israeli warfare. This uncertainty may prove too much for the Islamic regime in Tehran to bear, especially when plagued with a falling currency, a deep economic crisis and a restive, disaffected population.

Israel too will find a long period of uncertainty hard to live with. The IDF has completed its preparations

for war at some time, barring only the full mobilization of the reserves, a step only taken when Israel is at war. This uneasy situation was summed up by three US officials talking to NBC TV on Monday, April 30, the morning after Israel's reported air strike on two Iranian bases outside Hama and Aleppo, which killed two dozen Iranian troops and blew up a large weapons depot. The Americans commented: "On the list of the potentials for most likely live hostility around the world, the battle between Israel and Iran in Syria is at the top of the list right now." This means that a war confrontation between Israel and Iran could flare up at any moment, although no one knows when, where or in what form.

Of major relevance is Moscow's continuous silence during and after Israel's missile strike on April 29. This may be interpreted as the Kremlin prudently biding its time as the situation evolves. For now, Russian military personnel are not in harm's way and Moscow may see profit in the steady degrading by Israel of Iran's military strength in Syria.

## Emmanuel Macron to Visit Vatican in June: More Dots to Connect

ON MAY 6, 2018 BY GERI UNGUREAN

After the victory of the youngest leader of France since Napoleon, one of the first declarations of this seemingly pompous man was this: "I will govern like a Roman god."

Which "god" was Macron referring to when he spoke such lofty words? It was Jupiter who is the Roman equivalent of Zeus, who is the highest Greek god. If you wonder if these "gods" are just mythology (which is what we were taught in school) you'd be wrong. All of these gods are demons. And Zeus and Jupiter have been called "Satan" himself.

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) – President Emmanuel Macron, accused of straining France's secular foundations by saying he wanted to mend ties with the Catholic Church in his country, will travel to the Vatican in June to meet Pope Francis, the Vatican said on Friday.

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said both sides were organizing a visit for late June but no further details were available.

In April, Macron called for stronger ties between the state and the Catholic Church, a move critics said blurred a line that has kept French government free of religious intervention for generations.

The issue is particularly sensitive in historically Catholic France, where matters of faith and state were separated by law in 1905 and which is now home to Europe's largest Muslim and Jewish communities. France's guiding principles also hold that religious observance is a private matter, for all faiths. Raised in a non-religious family, Macron was baptized a Roman Catholic at his own request when he was 12.

Under a tradition that began in the 15th century when France was a monarchy, French leaders are automatically given the title of "First and Only Honorary Canon" of the Rome Basilica of St John's in Lateran, which is also the pope's cathedral in his capacity as bishop of Rome.

Most French leaders visiting Rome usually attend a special service there.

As Bible prophecy students, we are told in the Word to watch the signs of the times. For years some have wondered if Pope Francis could possibly be the False Prophet spoken of in Scripture.

When Emmanuel Macron came onto the world stage, many alarms went off in the Christian community. Macron was groomed by the Rothschilds, which in and of itself made the brethren sit up

and take notice. His cover photo on Time magazine, and his shocking declaration of “Ruling as a Roman God” has many Prophecy teachers wondering if we could be looking at Antichrist.

But we know that only our Father in heaven knows the answers to our questions.

In this last week, Macron said that he will bring a 10 Nation “Coalition of the Willing” EU Army to come together in case of emergency. 10 Nation? This is getting very interesting.

The world has been turned on its head. Good is evil – evil is good. Persecution of Christians is everywhere – not just in the Middle East. It’s right here in America. And I’m quite certain (if we are not raptured soon) that this will only grow, and our rights will be taken from us. Many of us will most likely be jailed.

In the last 5 years, more Christians have been slaughtered in the Middle East than in all of history since the first century church.

But Brethren, we share in His sufferings.

## **Enduring Hardship**

From gotquestions.com

What does it mean to endure hardship (2 Timothy 4:5)?

Answer: Second Timothy contains the poignant testimony of the apostle Paul, who says his life is “being poured out like a drink offering” and the time of his death had come (2 Timothy 4:6). In verse 5 he says, “But you [Timothy], keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.” There was no better man than Paul to give advice about endurance under suffering for the Lord Jesus. Paul had been imprisoned, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, hungry, cold, and destitute (2 Corinthians 11:23–28). In spite of all this and more, Paul managed to endure the suffering, finish the race, and keep the faith (2 Timothy 4:7).

Hardships come in a variety of ways. Temptations, illnesses, lost jobs, broken relationships, and persecution for one’s faith are all forms of hardship. Christians should not be taken by surprise when hardships come: Jesus warned us, “In this world you will have trouble” (John 16:33). The good news is that Jesus followed up His warning with this word of encouragement: “But take heart! I have overcome the world.” We can endure by His grace.

To endure is more than just continuing to exist; it is continuing to exist in the same manner as before the suffering began. If Paul had lived through his sufferings but at some point had thrown up his hands in defeat, stopped being obedient to God, or no longer worked for the cause of Christ, he would not have “endured.” If he had responded to his sufferings with an attitude of bitterness, anger, or retaliation, then Paul could not have said that he “endured.”

Paul’s response to suffering was not to buckle under the weight of circumstance but to realize Christ has called His church to endure hardship (John 16:33; Luke 14:27). Paul said that he rejoiced because in his flesh he was filling up what was lacking in Christ’s afflictions (Colossians 1:24). Every time Paul was beaten, chained, or hungry, he identified more with Christ in his flesh. Paul could rejoice because suffering in his flesh for the sake of the church is a privilege of sharing in the sufferings of Christ (Philippians 3:10).

As Christians, we should turn to God with our suffering, and He will be faithful to help us undergo every trial and overcome every temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). We can learn to have the same joy as Paul had during trials, knowing that suffering produces virtues such as endurance, godly character, and lively hope (Romans 5:3–5).

To “endure” does not mean simply to grin and bear it. Christians will feel sad, betrayed, or even angry at times. These emotions in and of themselves are not bad; they only become sin when we allow them to take root in our lives and produce bitterness, evil thoughts of revenge, or unforgiveness. Believers must remember that everything that comes into our lives is under the control of a sovereign God who has promised He is working all things out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

Jesus is the ultimate example of someone who endured hardship (Hebrews 12:2). The author of Hebrews reminds believers of Christ’s perseverance at the hands of sinners. Jesus, in spite of great suffering, never turned back, even from the cross (Hebrews 12:2–4). Hebrews 12:2 says Jesus endured the cross “for the joy set before him.” Although Christ knew the suffering the cross would provide, His anticipated joy enabled Him to keep going; He knew what the rewards would be—the redemption of mankind and a seat at the right hand of God. In the same way, Christians can find hope to endure when we consider the rewards God has promised us. “Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, ‘In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.’ And, ‘But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.’ But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved” (Hebrews 10:35–39). – source

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we should be on our knees- praying for the lost. We should be sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone whom we know is not saved. We should be in prayer about the atrocities which are happening globally. We should be praying for Israel.

I truly believe that we are on the cusp of a great war. I hope I am wrong, but I think that I am not. Iran, Russia and Turkey are being too silent in the wake of Kim Jong-un’s promise of denuclearization and friendship with the world.

## Bill Gates Backs Plan To Live Stream Entire Earth With Big Brother Satellites

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Bill Gates, the billionaire founder of Microsoft, has announced plans to invest in a start-up that is going to provide HD live streaming services of the entire Earth. The start-up in question, EarthNow, plans to do this by launching as many as 500 satellites to record every part of the globe.

Gates is not the only heavyweight to back these plans. Softbank CEO Masayoshi Son, and aircraft maker Airbus are also involved. That gives this project a lot of legitimacy and increases the chances of it being completed successfully.

Experts estimate that this project will cost around \$1 billion, but the actual amount these individuals and companies have contributed so far remains undisclosed. This estimate is based largely on the costs of building and launching the 500 satellites, as well as the various permits and licenses involved.

The stated applications for this satellite network include tracking illegal fishing, weather forecasts, as

well as keeping track of natural migrations. The live stream will be available to individuals on their phones, as well as scientists. However, the services of EarthNow will be initially available only to large companies and governments.

Though the stated purpose for this project is without a doubt noble, many groups and individuals have raised serious privacy concerns in the wake of these announcements. The main question about this project is what the satellites will actually be able to see, and how far they will be able to zoom.

Right now, it doesn't seem as though individual privacy is in danger from this project. The cameras mounted on these satellites would likely not be able to monitor individual activity on the ground. However, there are even more important concerns than your individual privacy.

Namely, these satellites could be able to see into military bases and other classified sites. It is worth remembering that this satellite network will be in the hands of a private corporation, which is not accountable to the public. They could misuse the network to spy on governments or the business operations of their competitors.

That is why the EarthNow project is being likened to George Orwell's Big Brother, constantly watching over you; ever-present but invisible. The leaders and backers of this project may say that it is for scientific purposes only and that it won't be able to monitor individuals, but who is to say that their technology won't improve to the point that they will be able to track you?

The reader may be reminded of the government surveillance scandal revealed by WikiLeaks some years ago. However, this project has the potential to be even more invasive and problematic. EarthNow is a private company, controlled by its shareholders, which now include Bill Gates and Masayoshi Son.

Inasmuch as this will be a truly global company, it would be hard for any government to rein it in on its own. There would have to be a broad agreement among various countries in order to regulate such a company.

Even more importantly, U.S. adversaries, Russia and China will likely see this as a provocation, which could induce them to collaborate on their own satellite surveillance project, in order to get access to information on U.S. bases and operations.

All in all, even though this project may seem innocuous and even noble, it sets a dangerous precedent in both international and domestic affairs. Private companies should not be given the right to watch over us without any sort of oversight by the people. This message needs to be hammered home at every turn until our representatives finally do something about it.

## How Russia's New Doomsday Torpedo Works

Kanyon can evade enemy defenses to destroy enemy fleets, cities.

By Kyle Mizokami

One of the five new nuclear weapons systems Russian President Vladimir Putin unveiled last week was a terrible new doomsday torpedo that can cross entire oceans to deliver a multi-megaton punch. A video that originally part of Putin's presentation has surfaced on the Internet to explain how it works.

Images of the system known as Kanyon, or Status-6, were first leaked in 2015. The details sound so terrible there were initially doubts it was real, but those were put to rest last month when the weapon

surfaced in the Pentagon's Nuclear Posture Review.

Kanyon is a first-of-its-kind weapons system. Described as an intercontinental autonomous underwater vehicle with a thermonuclear warhead payload, Kanyon is approximately 80 feet long and torpedo-shaped. As the video shows, it uses four propellers to reach speed up to 100 knots (115 mph).

Kanyon is carried by a mother submarine and can be released thousands of miles from its target. The weapon is self-guiding, meaning once launched it doesn't rely on guidance commands. It can steer around obstacles by varying the pitch of individual propellers. Being nuclear-powered, it is almost certainly a noisy and easily detectable weapon, but its sheer speed makes it difficult to intercept.

#### Pentagon Confirms Existence of Doomsday Torpedo

Once Kanyon has arrived at its destination, it detonates a 100-megaton thermonuclear warhead. Against sea-based targets like an aircraft carrier battle group, this is likely powerful enough that the weapon can detonate miles from actual enemy fleet and still destroy it. Although carrier battle groups would typically have anti-submarine screens up and running in wartime, Kanyon's high speed and ability to kill at a distance would give defending forces very little time to react.

Against a land target like the San Francisco Bay Area, Kanyon would be far more devastating: a Kanyon self-detonating at the Golden Gate Bridge would completely obliterate San Francisco, killing 1.3 million across Northern California and injuring another 1.1 million, with a dangerous cloud of radiation spreading as far east as Montana. Kanyon is also allegedly a "salted" bomb that includes dangerous, long-lasting radioactive isotopes that practically "salt" the earth (think Carthage), making them uninhabitable.

Kanyon, like the rest of Putin's superweapons, is designed to get around American anti-missile defenses. Although the U.S. ballistic missile shield is too weak to protect against an all-out Russian nuclear attack, from Moscow's perspective anything that could conceivably be used to undermine the concept of nuclear deterrence is a danger to the country's security.