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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

Biden brings the world closer to nuclear war

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Over the past six months, the world has edged closer to nuclear war than it has been since the Cuban Missile Crisis. The Doomsday Clock is ticking toward midnight. The global power balance has been dramatically reshuffled, and the potential for disastrous miscalculation hasn't been so high in 80 years. The match and fuse for this is instability — an exaggerated sense of U.S. weakness and lack of capability and resolve — that could lead to huge, aggressive military miscalculations and mistakes by our enemies. The Biden administration has set the table for such a catastrophe.

The timing could not be more dangerous. China has changed strategic direction and has been building its nuclear stockpile and delivery systems. China also has continued to develop hypersonic weapons, including stand-off “carrier killers,” space weapons and cyber capabilities to blind opponents’ strategic and conventional systems. Russia has been advertising (mostly for domestic consumption, but nonetheless worrying) its “unstoppable” delivery systems, and has a very capable nuclear stockpile and military. Iran will continue to move forward with building nuclear weapons. Pakistan and India both have significant nuclear capability in an increasingly unstable part of the world. Nuclear-armed North Korea is again assuming a more belligerent posture. Israel has a full nuclear triad (land, air, subs) to respond to existential aggression. The U.K. and France have significant nuclear deterrents. The world is a powder keg.

In Hollywood terms, today’s capacity for nuclear holocaust is thousands of times greater than the era portrayed in the Armageddon films “On the Beach,” “Fail Safe,” or “Dr. Strangelove.” There would not be anything left for “Mad Max.” Climate disasters may be unfolding over the next hundred years. Nuclear disaster is unfolding now. COVID-19 has killed more Americans than the flu typically does. Nuclear war could kill us all. Our leaders must get their priorities straight.

The danger lies in the growing global perception of weakness and incompetence in the Biden administration, combined with claims of the politicized weakening of the FBI, CIA, State Department and Defense Department. This has crystallized in Secretary of State Antony Blinken's unsure Anchorage meeting with the Chinese, Biden's wooden Geneva summit with Russia's Vladimir Putin, the colossal failure of the Afghan withdrawal, which may devolve into a humiliating hostage crisis for America, and the budget- and inflation-based defunding of Defense. In addition, the fully politicized Intelligence and Armed Services committees on Capitol Hill add to the danger. Our enemies may decide that now is the time to move.

It would be a huge miscalculation.

Catastrophic mistakes at this scale often unfold when isolated events light powder kegs, which then inexorably explode into global conflict.

An incident in Sarajevo lit a powder keg of nationalistic, economic and ambitious personality struggles in Europe to unleash World War I. A century later, possible "Sarajevos" are numerous: China's overly aggressive and self-confident People's Liberation Army pushing for the use of military force against Taiwan, calculating a weak and ineffective U.S. response, leading to the sinking of a U.S. carrier and a potential march toward nuclear exchange. Major North Korean aggression against South Korea, or an off-course North Korean missile hitting a Japanese city. A successful Iranian (Hamas, Hezbollah) terrorist attack against an Israeli city. The seizure of one or more Pakistani nuclear weapons systems by a Taliban or another terrorist-linked group. Overt aggression or a "misunderstanding" between Pakistan and India. A "Crimson Tide" communications error. Proof that a devastating bioterror attack was intentional. The list of potential doomsday scenarios is endless.

The one powerful factor holding back such miscalculations has been coherent U.S. foreign policy and resolve, combined with pragmatists in Moscow and Beijing. But in the past six months, the world's confidence in the U.S. leadership has begun to slip. An agonizing hostage crisis would make it even more dangerous. Added to that is the potential that a stubborn and wounded U.S. administration might overreact to try to show its strength. The U.S. has devastating countermeasures for all enemy strategies, and an enemy underestimating that power, combined with a White House trying to prove itself, could be disastrous.

Some will say it started with Donald Trump. That may be true, but it's irrelevant, and there is some evidence from China, Russia and North Korea that Trump's loud, unpredictable behavior kept things far more in check than Joe Biden's overt weakness and blunders.

In addition, there is no room for "disarmament," "peace movement" or "the squad" nonsense politics. Today, "treaties" are useful but cannot prevent disaster. The return to safe global strategic balance will require America regaining the world's respect, and our enemies' fear. That is the only course to create the strategic balance to avert Armageddon. And it requires full bipartisan support — recent patterns of cynical opportunism have no place when facing these threats.

The only way forward is to fully recognize the growing danger and for this administration to immediately replace the inept National Security Council, State Department, Defense and perhaps intelligence teams with truly capable, first-class, experienced leaders. Most of the current team should go. Global security demands an immediate leadership, strategy, organization and process reset.

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Will Vaccine Passports Create Two-Tier Society? Canada Is About To Find Out



Of the many terms we've become accustomed to over the course of the pandemic, "vaccine passport" is perhaps one of the more ominous ones. Although the idea was initially dismissed as little more than a conspiracy theory, many people now believe that "showing your papers" is a reasonable prerequisite for participating in normal public life.

Indeed, New York City has already implemented a vaccine passport, and many other municipalities are also considering it.

Two years ago we would have called this dystopian. Today, we call it a public health measure. Canadians in particular have embraced the idea of vaccine passports, and two provinces (Quebec and British Columbia) have now announced plans to implement vaccine passport systems in the coming weeks.

Quebec was the first to announce that they would be implementing the policy. "People who have made the effort to get their two doses must be able to live a somewhat normal life," Premier François Legault said in the announcement on August 5. "We will give certain privileges to those who have agreed to make the effort to get their two shots," he continued. "Some non-essential services will be available only to vaccinated people."

The system, which comes into effect on September 1, will apply to places with high capacity and a high rate of contact, including festivals, bars, restaurants, gyms, and training facilities.

Drawing on Quebec's example, British Columbia recently became the second province to introduce a vaccine passport. Their initiative, which goes into effect on September 13, will likewise restrict access to high capacity areas for unvaccinated people. The list of restricted areas includes indoor concerts and events, movie theatres, gyms, and restaurants (including patio dining), as well as "organized indoor events" which include weddings, parties, conferences, meetings, and workshops.

Though Quebec and British Columbia are currently the only two provinces planning comprehensive vaccine passport systems, other provinces have also introduced vaccine-related privileges in recent months.

Manitoba, for example, has an immunization card which exempts vaccinated individuals from the self-isolation requirements upon entering the province and allows them to visit loved ones in personal care homes and hospitals. Prince Edward Island has also introduced a pass offering similar privileges.

Federally, things aren't looking much better for the unvaccinated. On August 13, the government announced that it will soon require that all federal public servants, some 300,000 people, be vaccinated as a condition of their employment. They also announced that all commercial air travelers, passengers on interprovincial trains, and passengers on cruise ships will have to be vaccinated.

Taking these measures as a whole, it's hard to deny that Canada is well on its way to creating two classes of citizens, the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. Activities that were once considered basic

human rights, such as assembling in various social settings or boarding a flight, have now become "privileges" that are reserved for the vaccinated class alone.

In many ways, these policies are eerily reminiscent of the laws that were used to target marginalized groups in the past such as women, blacks, and jews. Of course, the oppression in those cases was often far more egregious. But the moment we concede that some people should have more rights than others, we are operating within the same paradigm. The differences between those historical injustices and the present-day treatment of the unvaccinated are merely differences of degree, not kind.

Indeed, the principle of equal rights and equality under the law really is the crux of the matter here. If a private business wants to discriminate against someone based on their vaccination status, that is their right.

But when the government gives legal privileges to a certain group and systematically discriminates against another group, it has crossed a major line. Make no mistake, this is how you get second-class citizens. This is what subjugation looks like.

Now, in theory, one of the ways to prevent this kind of unequal treatment is to create a constitution that enshrines certain universal human rights. Canada, being a liberal democracy, naturally has such a constitution, and one of its most important features is the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which is essentially the Canadian version of the Bill of Rights.

The relevant section of the Charter is section 15, which states the following.

"Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability."

The Supreme Court of Canada has stated that the purpose of section 15 is to prevent "discrimination against groups suffering social, political and legal disadvantage in Canadian society." At first glance, it might seem obvious that vaccine passports constitute legal discrimination, and are thus unconstitutional. But while there's certainly an argument to be made there, the counter argument is that the Charter doesn't actually protect these rights in an absolute sense. Note the language in section 1.

"The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society."

So are vaccine passports unconstitutional? It's hard to say. But as far as I'm concerned, it doesn't actually matter. To borrow language from Lysander Spooner, "whether the Constitution really be one thing, or another, this much is certain--that it has either authorized such a government as we have had, or has been powerless to prevent it. In either case, it is unfit to exist."

The point is, the constitution has failed to uphold equality under the law. Whether it failed by impotence or by design is an interesting legal question, but practically speaking it hardly makes a difference.

Constitutions and Cultures

Sadly, this isn't the first time the Canadian constitution has failed to uphold human rights. It has also been failing since the beginning of the pandemic at upholding freedom of assembly, despite describing that right as a "fundamental freedom" in section 2 of the Charter.

So for those who still look to the constitution as a safeguard of liberty, the lockdowns and now the vaccine passports ought to be a wake-up call. Clearly, something is not working. If the constitution was designed to uphold individual rights, it has failed miserably. And if it wasn't designed to that end, then there's little reason to have it in the first place.

The lesson we ought to take from this is that constitutions by themselves do not actually protect people's rights. They are just pieces of paper. What really matters is the culture, and specifically, the degree to which people in society value liberty.

Consider the fact that many totalitarian regimes also had constitutions and bills of rights (such as the Weimar Constitution in Nazi Germany). These documents were undoubtedly held in high esteem, but they likewise proved to be powerless when the prevailing culture became tyrannical.

So while some say that we can preserve liberty if we just get the right law, constitutional amendment, or supreme court ruling, this is a false hope.

Liberty lives and dies by the culture. If the culture hates liberty, no government edict can preserve it.

Then again, if the culture loves liberty, no government edict can take it away.

Prophetic Dominoes - EU Army Back On Table After Afghanistan Fiasco

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Many Bible prophecy scholars have commented on the significance of the Afghanistan pullout in relationship to passages in Ezekiel 38 as well as the potential ramifications of America's status on the world stage, but few had imagined a renewed call in Europe for the formation of an EU Army.

Twenty-six centuries ago, Ezekiel described a last days alliance that will invade Israel from the north. The Bible says a man named Gog will lead this massive invasion force (Ezekiel 38:2-6). Here are the nations who will join Gog, followed by their modern day names:

Rosh = Russia

Magog = Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Afghanistan

Persia = Iran

Cush = Sudan

Put = Libya

Meshech, Tubal, Gomer, and Beth-togarmah = Turkey

Until a few weeks ago all of these nations could feasibly have become involved in such a coalition against Israel except one - Afghanistan. With a pro-US government in place and US troops based in the country there it was extremely unlikely to be involved in such a coalition of nations. That has now all changed and with Islamic extremists back in power - they would be happy to join in a holy war against Israel and use US equipment left behind to do it.

What role the US plays in the End Times is up for debate. Some point out the similarities between Mystery Babylon and the United States in the book of Revelation which does not bode well for America if that is the case. Scripture is silent on it's direct role and thus we can only look for clues to it's future.

We do know that the United States has been a strong supporter of Israel since before it's modern inception and that God promises to bless those who bless Israel. However the US, Israel alliance has been slowly weakening as the Democratic party allows more and more anti-Israel policies to take hold - least of all is the support of clearly anti-Semitic members of Congress.

Biden is now pushing for a Palestinian state and dividing the land of Israel - which several Bible prophecy experts have linked to natural disasters hitting the US. Even evangelical support for Israel among the younger generations continues to drop as Biblical literacy continues to decline.

Some believe the US will fade from being a world power and unable or unwilling to help Israel in it's future battles. Such a demise would seem to be yet far reality but add an economic crisis to the already fragile social fabric of our nation or another future health crisis and look what can happen to nations in just a few months.

Natural disasters, cosmic events, conflict with China or even a sneak attack involving an electromagnetic pulse from Iran or North Korea could make America so focused on internal issues she is no longer able to play the role of global policeman.

Which brings us to the potential rise of a new world superpower. The European Union is already an economic superpower however it still doesn't wield the full potential of it's military powers, partly due to continued fragmentation among the members militaries.

Attempts to integrate Europe have seemed to have rolled backwards over the past few years with both political and popular opinion against further integration. The departure of Britain from the EU also dealt it a major blow. However, covid compliance issues have forced many EU member countries to work together to find common policies and now with seeing what happened with Afghanistan - many are re-examining the benefits of a united military under one command. One where they are not reliant on US policies to dictate foreign policy.

"What happened in Afghanistan was a defining moment," said Nathalie Loiseau, who chairs the European Parliament's subcommittee on security and defense.

When President Biden failed to keep U.S. troops in Afghanistan past the Aug. 31 deadline, European leaders felt this forced them to end their evacuation efforts early, despite thousands of citizens and allies still trying to escape the country.

Some of Europe's most prominent politicians have argued for years that to become a true global power, the E.U. needs its own defense force, one that is independent of the U.S.-European NATO alliance and does not rely on the United States.

Former President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, has suggested Europe transform itself into what he called a "superpower" that could act as a "global security power". He went on to say, "the Americans, to whom we owe much... will not ensure the security of the Europeans in the long term. We have to do this ourselves...."

E.U. foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, asserted that his proposed joint rapid-deployment force of 5,000 troops could have helped to secure the airport, and that a coordinated European security strategy would have allowed the bloc more influence over the "timing and nature of the withdrawal."

"The only way forward is to combine our forces and strengthen not only our capacity, but also our will to act," Borrell said following a meeting of E.U. defense ministers in Slovenia.

French President Emmanuel Macron is one of the biggest supporters of more integration and has been calling for a "true European army" since he took power.

Armin Laschet, who is vying to succeed German Chancellor Angela Merkel, said recently that Europe must be strengthened "such that we never have to leave it up to Americans."

E.U. defense ministers are currently debating a "strategic compass" document that will outline the bloc's security risks and policy goals.

The document, to be published next year, will be the first test of how serious E.U. leaders are about strengthening their defense strategy, said Georgina Wright, head of the Europe program at Institute Montaigne.

The idea of an EU army idea has been around since the days of Churchill and seems to be revived every decade. While most attempts have failed there are some followers of Bible Prophecy who see the potential for a future 10 nation alliance out of Europe to fulfill the prophecies of the Book of Daniel & Revelation in which a 10 nation alliance from Europe (the Beast of Revelation) becomes the seat of power for the Antichrist on his way to global domination.

Some have speculated about whether these prophecies in Revelation refer to 10 nations, 10 world regions, or simply 10 leaders. When the European Union first emerged and eventually grew to 10 member nations, prophecy students were sitting up and taking notice, until the EU grew past 10 nations (current EU members total 27 nations). Then the excitement died down considerably as Europe failed to demonstrate any united military capability.

Now with talk of a fresh desire to merge military co-operation, people are starting to pay attention again. Especially as it coincides with so many other important prophetic events happening such as the shadow war between Iran & Israel, the players for Ezekiel 38 all in alignment (including Afghanistan), the advancement of technology that could fulfill the mark of the beast, natural disasters, the global impact of disease and the list goes on and on.

There are more questions and speculation than anything else at this point regarding the future of the European Union but with so many prophetic events converging at this time it is time to be paying attention more now than ever before.

IMF Proposing New World Currency to Replace U.S. Dollar & Other National Currencies

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Over the past few years, there have been many rumors about a coming global currency, but at times it has been difficult to pin down evidence that plans for such a currency are actually in the works but not anymore. A shocking new report by the IMF is proposing just that – a global currency beyond national control.

So says an article* on [theeconomiccollapseblog.com](#) which Lorimer Wilson, editor of [www.munKNEE.com](#), has reformatted into edited [...] excerpts below for the sake of clarity and brevity to ensure a fast and easy read.

(Please note that this paragraph must be included in any article reposting to avoid copyright infringement.)@Economic Developments The article goes on to say in further edited excerpts:

More on the Proposed New Global Currency

The IMF recommended on April 13, 2010 that the world adopt a global currency called the "Bancor" and that a global central bank be established to administer that currency. This is not hype and it is not a rumor. This is a very serious proposal in an official document from one of the mega-powerful institutions that is actually running the world economy. Anyone who follows the IMF knows that what the IMF wants, the IMF usually gets. So could a global currency known as the "Bancor" be on the horizon? That is now a legitimate question.

So where in the world did the name “Bancor” for a global currency come from? Well, it turns out that “Bancor” is the name of a hypothetical world currency unit once suggested by John Maynard Keynes. Keynes was a world famous British economist who headed the World Banking Commission that created the IMF during the Breton Woods negotiations and the IMF report referenced above proposed naming the coming world currency unit the “Bancor” in honor of Keynes.

So what about Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)? Over the past couple of years, SDRs have been touted as the coming global currency. Well, the report does envision making SDRs “the principal reserve asset” as we move towards a global currency unit....However, the report also acknowledges that SDRs do have some serious limitations. Since the value of SDRs are made up of a basket of currencies – U.S. dollar (44%); Euro (34%); Yen (11%); Pound (11%) – so anything affecting those currencies will affect SDRs as well.

The IMF report recognizes that moving to SDRs is only a partial move away from the U.S. dollar as the world reserve currency and urges the adoption of a currency unit that would be truly international. The truth is that SDRs are clumsy and cumbersome. For now, SDRs must still be reconverted back into a national currency before they can be used, and that really limits their usefulness according to the report....so the IMF report believes that the adoption of a true global currency administered by a global central bank is the answer [to the shortcomings of the SDRs].

The authors of the report believe that it would be ideal if the “Bancor” would immediately be used as currency by many nations throughout the world, but they also acknowledge that a more “realistic” approach would be for the “Bancor” to circulate alongside national currencies at first.

A global central bank would print and administer the “Bancor”. It would be something like the Federal Reserve, only completely outside the control of any particular national government.

Is that what we really need – a world currency administered by an international central bank modeled after the Federal Reserve? Not at all! The Federal Reserve has devalued the U.S. dollar by over 95 percent since it was created and the U.S. government has accumulated the largest debt in the history of the world under this system – so now we want to impose such a system on the entire globe? [I think not!] Considering how disastrous the Federal Reserve system and other central banking systems around the world have been, why would anyone suggest that we go to a global central banking system modeled after the Federal Reserve?

Conclusion

A global currency (whether it be called the “Bancor” or given a different name entirely) would be a major blow to national sovereignty and would represent a major move towards global government. The truth is, however, that there are some very powerful interests that are absolutely determined to create a global currency and a global central bank for the global economy that we now live in.

It would be a major mistake to think a global currency can't happen