

JUST WHAT WILL BE THE NEW WORLD ORDER?

One World Govt and One World Religion or United Europe and Catholic Church?

Several prominent world leaders have referred to the New World Order and it is something that features prominently in conspiracy theories, especially those which speak about world control.

In the prologue to his article on this subject entitled “Pax Germanica & U.S. of Europe — Or A New World Order - Which?” Craig White introduces the subject with these comments:

A debate has emerged within the Sabbatarian groups about the nature of the end-time Beast and Religious system. Traditionally we have understood that the Roman system has revived from time-to-time in the form of the German-led European Holy Roman Empire and that this system is poised to rise again.

In contrast, some are now teaching that American bankers are working toward a Beast system — a world government or New World Order and that this is the system prophesied to arise in the book of Revelation. They further teach that the converging of world religions is just around the corner and that the Babylonian Mystery Religion is a New Age eastern amalgam with Christianity. Some go so far as to describe New York as 'Babylon'.

What is the truth? Will the Beast system be a Jewish-Illuminati aiming for a world anti-Christian dictatorship; or another system which has been dominated by Germany and the Roman Church for 1,600 years known as the Holy Roman Empire? Only the Bible and history can provide the answers.

In this section on the New World Order we will look into the question whether there will be a New World Order with a world-ruling government and one world religion in the end time before Christ returns that will be the Beast Power and Babylonian Religion of the Book of Revelation or will these powers be a United Europe ruling together with the Roman Catholic Church.

We will look at the strengths and weaknesses of these viewpoints and the key organisations and individuals that figure in conspiracy theories as it pertains to the subject of the New World Order.

Introduction to the New World Order viewpoint

One of the most prolific authors on prophecy amongst the evangelical churches is Tim LaHaye. He is the co-author of the popular fictional series Left Behind about the rapture and the Great Tribulation which have since been made into movies. He founded the Tim LaHaye School of Prophecy and the Pre-Trib Research Center.

Most of Tim LaHaye prophetic views are the same views shared in common with Hal Lindsey which we have already analysed. One prophetic viewpoint of Tim LaHaye that is not expounded on in Hal Lindsey's “The Late Great Planet Earth” is that of a one world government and led by the Antichrist or the Beast — a New World Order.

To introduce this subject before we analyse it I would like to firstly quote a short article from the Tim LaHaye School of Prophecy website entitled "The Struggle for World Dominion" (http://www.schoolofprophecy.com/struggle_world_domination.html):

We have now moved to the final round in the struggle for world dominion. The collapse of communism has removed one of the significant players in what one writer has called the "Great Millennial Endgame." But the end of the Cold War is by no means the end of the struggle for world supremacy. As we approach the third millennium of church history, we may well be running out of options - and time!

Everyone realizes that we are standing on the edge of a new day in world politics. The dramatic changes we have witnessed in Europe, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union tell us that the world is undergoing a massive transformation. The aftermath of World War II finally has been shaken from us like an old rag. Eastern Europe is awakening to a new day of hope and freedom.

At the same time, there is great concern about where all these changes are taking us. Charles Colson recently said, "We sense that things are winding down, that somehow freedom, justice, and order are slipping away. Our great civilization may not yet lie in smoldering ruins, but the enemy is within the gates. The times seem to smell of sunset." He goes on to suggest that Western civilization is facing the greatest crisis encountered since the barbarians invaded Rome.

Our neglect of God's revelation has pushed us to the limits of our own rationalization. We have abandoned rationality for irrationality in the attempt to hold onto belief in something - anything-beyond ourselves. All through the 20th Century, we allowed godless secularism to replace the Judeo-Christian values of our society. God has been deliberately and systematically removed from prominence in our culture and in our intellectual lives. We have made him irrelevant to our culture. Tragically, we have also made our culture irrelevant to God. In so doing, we have abandoned our spiritual heritage. The Christian consensus that once dominated Western culture is now shattered. The world is already mired in the quicksand of secularism, relativism, and mysticism. It is a wonder we have survived as long as we have.

In the place of Biblical Christianity, people are now calling for New World Order that consists of the very elements Scripture warns will signify the empire of the Antichrist:

1. World Government

Globalists are now insisting that national governments should surrender their sovereignty to a one-world government [the United Nations]. Such a government would operate through a world headquarters, a world court, and even a world military.

2. World Economy

This aspect of globalism is already upon us. No developed nation of any kind can survive today without networking with the global economy. There is almost no such thing as an "American" product that is not dependent on parts, trade, or investments from foreign countries.

3. World Religion

This will be the final phase of the New World Order. The idea of a new world religion or peace and cooperation is already being proposed. Religious unity has been endorsed by Pope John Paul II, the Dalai Lama, and leaders of the World Council of Churches.

What we are witnessing today may well be the fulfillment of the biblical prophecies of the end times. **Revelation 13** predicts the rise of a powerful world ruler who is able to

control the world politically and economically. This ruler will have at his side a false prophet who promotes a one-world religion.

The New World Order

Today there is a new wave of optimism sweeping across Europe. By the end of 1992, the economic unification of the European Community became complete. "We are past the point of no return," announced Jacques Delors, the father of European unification. The Europe of the future may well become a political union, the United States of Europe. If this happens, Europe, not America, will be the strongest and most powerful "nation" on earth - economically, politically, and even militarily. And if the current European Community were to continue to expand into the former Soviet satellites of Eastern Europe and even into Russia itself, Europe would stretch from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean for the first time in history!

The key players in the New Europe will be England, Germany, and Russia. The unification or cooperation of these three superstates could well determine the issue of who controls the world of the future. Already Chancellor Helmut Kohl of the reunified Germany is calling for Germany to "take a bigger role ... in the community of nations."

Many Christians believe that the resurgence of the New Europe fulfills the biblical prophecies of a revived Roman Empire in the last days. Like the architects of the Tower of Babel, advocates of the New World Order believe that "coming together" will consolidate what were formerly volatile or weak economies and foster global peace and cooperation. Helmut Kohl has said, "The United States of Europe will form the core of a peaceful order ... the age prophesied of old, when all shall dwell secure and none shall make them afraid."

The real tragedy in all this talk of global unity is the absence of any emphasis on the spiritual roots of democracy and freedom. The Gospel has been blunted in Western Europe for so long that there is little God-consciousness left in the European people. Without Christ, the Prince of Peace, there can be no hope for manmade orders of peace and prosperity. There will be no Millennium without the Messiah!

Where Are We Now?

What is now more clear than ever is that we have taken a quantum leap toward the fulfillment of the biblical prophecies of the last days. The stage is now being set for the final climatic act in the long history of the human drama. Things could not have been arranged more perfectly to set the stage for the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end times:

1. The fall of communism has paved the way for a world economy and a world government. The global web is tightening around us every day.
2. Secularism is giving way to New Age mysticism as the do-it-yourself religion of our times. The end result will be the watering down of religious beliefs so that they are more palatable to the general public.
3. Global economic interdependence will eventually lead to a global political system that dominates national sovereignty.
4. Materialism and selfism will replace spiritual values. Mankind will be left in the mindless pursuit of material prosperity as the basis for meaning and value in life.
5. The spiritual vacuum that results will leave the world ready for the ultimate deception: The Great Lie of the Antichrist that will deceive the whole world.

6. A world leader will quickly arise on the international scene promising to bring peace and economic stability. He will receive the support of the European community and eventually control the whole world.
7. A crisis in the Middle East will trigger this world leader's intervention militarily and politically. He will eventually sign a peace treaty with Israel, only to break it later.
8. A False Prophet of international fame will suddenly emerge to gain control of the world religious system and use it to reinforce the worship of Antichrist.
9. All resistance to the world system will be crushed by a massive worldwide persecution. Men, women, and children will be slaughtered in the name of the World State.
10. Israel will become the central figure in the conflict with the World State. The Antichrist will eventually break his covenant with Israel and invade her land, setting the stage for the Battle of Armageddon.

The interest in the New World Order viewpoint grew at the time of the end of the Cold War when the Communist rule of the Soviet Union collapsed and the Gulf War shortly after when America and a great alliance of nations under a United Nations agreement liberated Kuwait from invasion by Iraq. World leaders such as Gorbachev and George Bush used the term "new world order" on a number of occasions. Let's look at a few of them:

December 7, 1988 -- In an address to the U.N., Mikhail Gorbachev calls for mutual consensus:

"World progress is only possible through a search for universal human consensus as we move forward to a new world order."

May 12, 1989 -- President Bush invites the Soviets to join World Order. Speaking to the graduating class at Texas A&M University, Mr. Bush states that the United States is ready to welcome the Soviet Union "back into the world order."

August 17, 1990 -- President Bush [Senior] announces that the Iraqi invasion "shall not stand, because it threatens the New World Order".

September 11, 1990 -- President Bush calls the Gulf War an opportunity for the New World Order. In an address to Congress entitled *Toward a New World Order*, Mr. Bush says:

"The crisis in the Persian Gulf offers a rare opportunity to move toward an historic period of cooperation. Out of these troubled times... a new world order can emerge in which the nations of the world, east and west, north and south, can prosper and live in harmony.... Today the new world is struggling to be born."

September 25, 1990 -- In an address to the U.N., Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze describes Iraq's invasion of Kuwait as "an act of terrorism [that] has been perpetrated against the emerging New World Order." On December 31, Gorbachev declares that the New World Order would be ushered in by the Gulf Crisis.

October 1, 1990 -- In a U.N. address, President Bush speaks of the: "...collective strength of the world community expressed by the U.N...an historic movement towards a new world order... a new partnership of nations... a time when humankind came into its own... to bring about a revolution of the spirit and the mind and begin a journey into a... new age."

1991 -- President Bush praises the New World Order in a State of Union Message: "What is at stake is more than one small country, it is a big idea -- a new world order... to achieve the universal aspirations of mankind... based on shared principles and the rule of law.... The illumination of a thousand points of light.... The winds of change are with us now."

February 6, 1991 -- President Bush tells the Economic Club of New York:

"My vision of a new world order foresees a United Nations with a revitalized peacekeeping function"...

Late July, 1991 -- On a Cable News Network program, CFR member and former CIA director Stansfield Turner (Rhodes scholar), when asked about Iraq, responded:

"We have a much bigger objective. We've got to look at the long run here. This is an example -- the situation between the United Nations and Iraq -- where the United Nations is deliberately intruding into the sovereignty of a sovereign nation...Now this is a marvelous precedent (to be used in) all countries of the world..." (<http://www.threeworldwars.com/nwo-timeline2.htm>)

The expression "new world order" in the above quotes needs to be seen in the context of the time. The Cold War had ended and with the economic problems that Russia had America was the only remaining superpower. Communism was no longer the threat it used to be. There was an opportunity to create a new and better world now that Russia was embracing democracy and China was economically becoming more capitalist though still politically Communist.

George Bush's comment about welcoming Russia back into the world order strongly implies he still believed in national sovereignty in his view of the "new world order" though with a greater peacekeeping role for the United Nations.

The following are extracts from the Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.com) and its article on the subject of the New World Order:

The modern use of the phrase "new world order," according to conspiracy theorists, originated in the early 1900s with Cecil Rhodes, who advocated that the British Empire and the United States should jointly impose a Federal World Government (with English as the official language) to bring about lasting world "peace".

Conspiracy theorists see a sinister motive in the fact that Rhodes founded the Rhodes Scholarship as a global brotherhood of future leaders. Lionel Curtis, who also believed in this idea, founded the Rhodes-Milner Round Table Groups in 1909, which led to the establishment of the British-based Royal Institute for International Affairs in 1919 and the U.S.-based Council on Foreign Relations in 1921.

The concept was further developed by Edward M. House, a close advisor to Woodrow Wilson during the negotiations to set up the League of Nations (it is unclear whether it was House or Wilson who invented the actual phrase). Another important influence was the futurist H.G. Wells, a vigorous advocate for world government.

One official mention which has garnered attention was in Gerald Ford's "Declaration of Interdependence" on 24 October 1975; according to the ex-general counsel of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Peter Beter, the Declaration of Interdependence states that:

"We must join with others to bring forth a new world order....Narrow notions of national sovereignty must not be permitted to curtail that obligation."

Elements are present in the populism of the nineteenth century. In present form this can be traced to the collapse of the Soviet Union and President George H. W. Bush's new world order speech of 11 September 1990. In it he described the United States' objectives for post-cold-war cooperation with the former Soviet Union, using the phrase "new world order"...

Paleoconservative Patrick J. Buchanan asserts the Council on Foreign Relations (itself alleged to be a front for international bankers, as well as, it is claimed, the inspiration for the founding of the Bilderberg Group, Trilateral Commission, and World Trade Organization) is behind the conspiracy. He claims that the international banking interests are planning to eventually subvert the independence of the United States of America by subordinating national sovereignty to the United Nations.

This thesis agrees with the right-wing libertarian opinion who sees a future socialist World State as the only way to achieve an Orwellian collectivist oligarchy freed from the need to subordinate the world's production to the consumers of a free market economy. The conspiracy would replace it with a monopolist planned economy capable of rationing the resources, converting populations into public property. Their usual image is an egalitarian slavery under a global scientific dictatorship...

The phrase *novus ordo seclorum* [on the American Great Seal] means "New Order of the Ages". Some of those who believe that the Freemasons are involved in the conspiracy to create a New World Order claim that the motto is inspired by Freemasonry, and is one of the clues to the True Masters of the World. By circumscribing the 6 pointed hexagram, or Star of David, over the pyramid, 5 of the 6 apices (the 6th being the 'All-seeing eye'), point near letters spelling S-M-O-N-A, which can be rearranged to spell Mason. (In Hebrew the word "oman" (plural "omanim") means artisan or skilled labourer, hence the possible reference in the word mason)...

Military coup

The understanding of some believers is that the New World Order will be created by a military coup, using UN and possibly American troops, against all the nations of the world to bring about a singular world government.

Black helicopters

Black helicopters are part of some conspiracy theory thinking, especially among the US militia movement, that claims that special unmarked "black" helicopters are being used now in secret military operations and are going to be used by secret agents of the New World Order to implement their plans

UN takeover of the USA; internment camps

Another related set of believers maintains that the United States is to be taken over, by troops nominally loyal to the United Nations but in fact controlled by a trans-national group (sometimes referred to as Faction One). The takeover is to include the detention of 'patriots' and those hostile to the conspiracy in secret internment camps in remote parts of the country, to which elements of the population will be taken for processing before being released as "work-units."

UPC marking and RFID tagging

Some Theorists from the Christian community believe that the New World Order is the rulership of Earth by the Anti-Christ, and identify the coming of Satan's reign with mark of the beast (666) mentioned specifically in the Book of Revelation (see

Revelation 13:16). Because the Mark of the Beast is linked to the act of "buying and selling", this mark has been at various times considered identical with the collection of sales tax, the use of Social Security card numbers, and the bar-coding of retail goods with UPC (Universal Product Code) markings...

Literature promoting such conspiracies often contain or presuppose a rich mythology of occurrences including the following examples of potential fundamental changes, typically with a USA-bias:

- "Black helicopters", militias organized from a combination of UN troops, paramilitary police forces and the National Guard; the imposition of martial law; FEMA operated dissident camps.
- National and local elections monitored by the UN, with an implication of election rigging.
- The UN assuming the sovereignty and responsibilities of the US government.
- Foreign military troops on US soil for alleged "peacekeeping" or "humanitarian" missions.
- The US constitution replaced by the UN Charter (requiring a redrafting of the charter, since the current form is not sufficiently robust, nor intended, to serve as a document of national basic law).
- UN control of a unified, global economy - Often correlated with Globalization.
- All cash money eliminated; currency or "credit" exchanges made using microchips, implanted or otherwise; See Smart card, VeriChip, the more recent Real ID Act. Often correlated with the Biblical book of **Revelation 13:16-17**: And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Economic Globalisation

To better understand the trends toward political regionalisation and globalisation that figure prominently in the New World Order prophecy viewpoint we should understand the background story of economic globalisation which has accelerated greatly in the last 20 years due to deregulation of industries, the creation of free trade blocs and the emergence of technologies such as the internet which has allowed funds to be transmitted on a global scale.

This has created a far greater degree of interdependence between nations than we have ever seen in the past. My first quote on this subject comes again from the Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.com) from its article entitled "Globalization":

Globalization in its largest extent began...in Portugal. The country's global explorations...linked continents, economies and cultures as never before. The Kingdom of Portugal kicked off what has come to be known as the Age of Discovery, in the mid-1400s.

The western-most country in Europe, it was the first to significantly probe the Atlantic Ocean, colonizing the Azores, Madeira and other Atlantic islands, then braving the west coast of Africa.

In 1488, Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias was the first to sail around the southern tip of Africa, and in 1498 his countryman Vasco da Gama repeated the experiment, making it as far as India [This exploration was prompted by a need for new route to the silk road to China opened up by Marco Polo after the land route was blocked by the Ottoman Empire].

In 1500, Pedro Álvares Cabral discovered Brazil. The Portuguese Empire would establish ports, forts and trading posts as far west as Brazil, as far east as Japan and Timor, and along the coasts of Africa, India and China. For the first time in history, a wave of global trade, colonization, and enculturation reached all corners of the world.

Globalization is viewed as a centuries long process, tracking the expansion of human population and the growth of civilization, that has accelerated dramatically in the past 50 years.

Early forms of globalization existed during the Roman Empire, the Parthian empire, and the Han Dynasty, when the silk road started in China, reached the boundaries of the Parthian empire, and continued onwards towards Rome.

The Islamic Golden Age is also an example, when Muslim traders and explorers established an early global economy across the Old World resulting in a globalization of crops, trade, knowledge and technology; and later during the Mongol Empire, when there was greater integration along the Silk Road.

Global integration continued through the expansion of European trade, as in the 16th and 17th centuries, when the Portuguese and Spanish Empires reached to all corners of the world after expanding to the Americas. Globalization has had a tremendous impact on cultures, particularly indigenous cultures, around the world.

In the 17th century, Globalization became a business phenomenon when the Dutch East India Company, which is often described as the first multinational corporation, was established. Because of the high risks involved with international trade, the Dutch East India Company became the first company in the world to share risk and enable joint ownership through the issuing of shares: an important driver for globalization.

In the 19th century it was sometimes called "The First Era of Globalization" a period characterized by rapid growth in international trade and investment, between the European imperial powers, their colonies, and, later, the United States.

It was in this period that areas of sub-saharan Africa and the Island Pacific were incorporated into the world system. The "First Era of Globalization" began to break down at the beginning with the first World War, and later collapsed during the gold standard crisis in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

Continuing on with the fascinating story of economic globalisation I'd like to now quote from from the transcript of an excellent DVD series entitled "Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World Economy" (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/commandingheights/lo/story/index.html>):

DANIEL YERGIN: During the 1920s, while Europe was continuing to suffer the wounds of the first world war, in American cities, at least, it was boom time. Americans were spending money. They were dancing. They were partying. They were buying cars. They were buying bathtub gin. And they were buying stock -- lots of stock. The stock market, the New York Stock Exchange, had become a national pastime. The Americans couldn't get enough of it. And the favorite stock of the day was in these new radio companies. Radio was like the Internet of the 1920s, an industry that had come from nowhere. And the number one glamour stock was RCA,

which in just a few years went from a dollar and a half a share to \$600 a share. Americans couldn't get enough of it.

NARRATOR: It was a classic stock market bubble. Then, on Black Thursday, October 24, 1929, the bubble burst. Prices plunged. The downward spiral proved unstoppable. Eight hours after the market had closed, the tickertape machines were still tapping out the bad news. The stock market crash started America's slide into despair...

NARRATOR: Banks collapsed. Industry ground to a stop. Millions were out of work. In Britain, working men, many of them war veterans, marched the length of the country to petition the government for the simple "right to work." In Italy, Spain, and Germany, they marched to a different drum. With the failure of capitalism, fascism cast its shadow ever wider. John Maynard Keynes saw his nightmare coming true.

In Cambridge, Keynes set out to save capitalism from itself by writing a book about what caused the Great Depression and what to do about it. He aimed to rewrite the rules of economics, to see a country's economy as a whole, as a machine that could be managed...

ROBERT SKIDELSKY: It was written against the background of not only the collapse of the world economy, but the potential collapse of democratic government. Hitler became chancellor of Germany in 1933. Democracy seemed to be losing ground, and with democracy, the system of liberty. So Keynes had to produce an answer to the Great Depression, or democracy would be swamped by totalitarianism...

NARRATOR: Privately, Roosevelt feared the market system had failed, so he created an entire alphabet of new agencies to regulate banks, the stock market, capitalism itself. New headquarters built for the Interstate Commerce Commission celebrated government regulation, which reined in market forces and curbed capitalism. Under the New Deal, industry became subject to a host of new rules and regulations.

DANIEL YERGIN: And the airline industry was a very good example of that. You had people go into this business, be very competitive, they'd go bankrupt. New people would come in, they would go bankrupt. It was very unstable, so the New Deal stepped in and said, "We're going to stabilize this industry. We're going to set the prices that you can charge for tickets. We're going to tell you what routes you can fly." And with that system they eliminated these very vicious cycles of boom and bust in the aviation industry, and in a sense, that was what they were aiming to do throughout the American economy...

NARRATOR: Socialism was on the march; capitalism and free markets were on the retreat...

NARRATOR: The war left Germany in ruins. Its economy had disintegrated. Markets had broken down. Shops were empty. Already the Russians occupied East Germany and were waiting for the rest to fall into their lap. In the American and British occupation zones, raging hyperinflation had made the German currency worthless.

In the winter of 1948, the Allies appointed as director of economic affairs a rotund, cigar-chomping economist named Ludwig Erhard. A staunch anti-Nazi, Erhard was a free-market economist who shared many of Hayek's beliefs and ideas. He also believed the Allies' economic rules were making a bad situation worse.

MILTON FRIEDMAN: The occupying authorities had imposed a system under which there were extensive wage and price controls, supposedly to control inflation, but of course wage and price controls never control inflation. And you had essentially an economy that was brought to a halt.

ALFRED BOSCH, Economist and Friend of Hayek: In this situation the black markets formed, and American cigarettes were its form of currency.

MILTON FRIEDMAN: Nobody smoked cigarettes. They were for small transactions. Cognac was a medium of circulation for large transactions.

NARRATOR: The Allies introduced a new currency, the Deutsche Mark, to replace the worthless German money. But for Erhard, that was not enough. So without informing the Allies, Erhard went on the radio and made a startling announcement.

KARL OTTO POHL: Ludwig Erhard, a legendary man, he decided, without asking anybody and against the will of the American occupation powers, he decided to give up all price controls.

NARRATOR: Next day, Gen. Lucius Clay, the man in charge of occupied Germany, demanded to know what Erhard thought he was doing.

ALFRED BOSCH: Clay said, "What have you done? You have changed the Allied price controls." Erhard replied, "Herr General, I haven't changed them; I've abolished them." And Clay said, "My advisors tell me it is a big mistake." Erhard replied, "Herr General, my advisors tell me the same thing."

NARRATOR: Overnight the black market disappeared. People stopped hoarding, and goods not seen for 10 years went on sale.

MILTON FRIEDMAN: It started the markets working, with free prices. Instead of nothing being in the windows of the shops, everything started to come up. And that began the German economic miracle.

NARRATOR: Germany's "social market economy" combined free markets with a strong welfare state. Within a few years, Germany's social market economy overtook Britain's more planned economy. But back then, nobody wanted to model themselves on Germany. Most countries preferred to plan their economies...

NARRATOR: Liberals may have loathed the Chicago School, but Hayek felt on home ground in an intellectual atmosphere so like the Vienna of his youth.

ARNOLD HARBERGER: Our vision is that the forces of the market are just that: They are forces; they are like the wind and the tides. If you want to try to ignore them, you ignore them at your peril. If you find a way of ordering your life which harnesses these forces to the benefit of society, that's the way to go...

RICHARD CHENEY: I always remember the debate we had during the Nixon administration when the public was convinced that food prices were going up. So the political debate was whether or not we should impose a freeze on food prices.

NARRATOR: The supposedly conservative Republican Nixon opted for wage and price controls...

DANIEL YERGIN: Right away the economy went out of whack. People couldn't cover their costs. Ranchers stopped sending cattle to market; farmers started drowning their chickens. Instead of controlling inflation, they were creating shortages...

NARRATOR: In the airline industry, the host of regulations enacted during the Great Depression were still in force. It was a classic example of regulated capitalism. But deregulation was in the air.

Stephen Breyer, now a Supreme Court justice, then a Harvard professor, was asked by liberal Democratic senator Ted Kennedy to head a Senate investigation of airline regulations.

STEPHEN BREYER, U.S. Supreme Court Justice: You discovered that basically the same firms that had been there in 1938 were still there. Those were the major carriers and nobody new...

STEPHEN BREYER: And it turned out that 5 percent of their time went to stop prices that were too high and 95 percent of their time went to stop prices that were too low, but always the effort was to keep the price high and not low.

NARRATOR: Naturally, the established airlines were quite happy with this arrangement.

STEPHEN BREYER: And we'd say, "When was the last time you granted a new route? Well?"

NARRATOR: Regulations meant that major carriers like Pan Am never had to compete with newcomers. But some cut-price charter flight operators wanted to break this club...

ALFRED KAHN, Civil Aeronautics Board, 1977-1978: When I got to the Civil Aeronautics Board, the biggest division under me was the division of enforcement -- in effect, FBI agents who would go around and seek out secret discounts and then impose fines. We would discipline them. It was illegal to compete in price. That means it was illegal to compete in the discounts you offer travel agents. So we regulated travel agents' discounts. Internationally, since they couldn't cut rates, they competed by having more and more sumptuous meals. We actually regulated the size of sandwiches.

NARRATOR: By the time Kahn had finished, the C.A.B. had nothing left to do but close itself down.

SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD: Competition is the rule, and because of it, the consumers are better served than ever.

NARRATOR: Airline deregulation led to painful turbulence as new carriers came and went. Like her father, Judith Hamill works in the airline industry.

JUDITH HAMILL, Administrator, Chicago O'Hare Airport: My dad was a jet mechanic with Braniff. At the age of 59 he found that his skills were no longer desirable or needed. When Braniff came back because of the duty to hire, he came back at half the salary that he had made before. When you live by the rules and then the rules change, it's sad.

NARRATOR: But 20 years later, the industry was employing two times as many people to fly almost three times as many passengers.

STEPHEN BREYER: The industry vastly underestimated the demand for airfares at lower prices, and what's happened is that as the prices went down, demand went up dramatically.

ALFRED KAHN: And once they were free to compete, you began to get super-saver fares and super-apex fares and potato fares and peanuts fares - an explosion of discounting and competition. Well, those were dramatic...

MARGARET THATCHER (interviewed in 1993): The spirit of enterprise had been sat upon for years by socialism, by too-high taxes, by too-high regulation, by too-public expenditure. The philosophy was nationalization, centralization, control, regulation. Now this had to end.

NARRATOR: Thatcher squeezed government spending and cut subsidies to business. Thousands of bankruptcies and higher unemployment followed. Many saw her as uncaring. Britain had rarely been so divided...

NARRATOR: Thatcher had no time for conventional, Keynesian economists who urged her to use government money to lessen the pain...

JOHN REDWOOD, Head of Prime Minister's Policy Unit, 1983-1985: A whole lot of people who were left of center thought that nationalization was Britain's great gift to the world, and one of my phrases at the time was that having exported the disaster of nationalization to the world, Britain should offer them the antidote; it was the decent thing to do, to say we're very sorry, it didn't work.

MARGARET THATCHER (interviewed in 1993): So the whole efficiency of nationalized industries was running down. Why should they be efficient? They had access to the Treasury purse.

NARRATOR: Thatcher wanted to end their dependence on government subsidies and submit them to the discipline of the marketplace.

JOHN REDWOOD: The nationalized industries fell to pieces. They lost huge sums of money; they put the prices up massively and still weren't able to make a profit. They were bleeding the nation dry, the taxpayer dry, and they weren't doing a good job for their customers...

JOSEPH STANISLAW: What Margaret Thatcher did in Britain and the principles that she introduced were imitated worldwide -- Asia, Latin America, even in Africa and to some degree in the Middle East...

GEORGE SHULTZ: You had in Reagan and Thatcher at the same time two, what I call, idea politicians. They had ideas they were convinced were the right ideas, and they put them into effect.

MILTON FRIEDMAN: The coincidence of Thatcher and Reagan having been in office at the same time was enormously important for the public acceptance worldwide of a different approach to economic and monetary policy...

LAWRENCE SUMMERS: The old debates were about what the role of the market was, what was the role of the state. I think it's now generally appreciated that it's the market that harnesses people's initiative best. And the real focus of progressive thinking is not how to oppose and suppress market forces but how to use market forces to achieve progressive objectives...

YASHWANT SINHA, Indian Finance Minister: The government of India went into business in a big way, and they decided to control whatever was there in the private sector also as firmly and fiercely as they could.

NARRATOR: The British raj was gone. Now people were subjected to the "Permit Raj," because everything needed a government permit. India became a byword for red tape and bureaucracy. Businessmen found it almost impossible to get things done.

NARAYANA MURTHY, Chairman, Infosys Technologies: It used to take us about 12 to 24 months and about 50 visits to Delhi to get a license to import a computer worth \$1,500...

JAIRAM RAMESH, Indian Government Advisor, 1991-1998: The economic environment was simply not conducive to efficiency or profitability. We were in a shortage economy. My father waited 15 years to buy a car.

NARRATOR: Take India's beloved Ambassador car. It is made by Hindustan Motors, which started manufacturing in the same year as Japan's Toyota. Fifty years later, Toyota makes five million cars a year. Hindustan sells 18,000 Ambassadors, and still to the same design.

MANMOHAN SINGH, Finance Minister, 1991-1996: If you have a controlled economy, cut off from the rest of the world by infinite protection, nobody has any incentive to, in a way... nobody has any incentive to increase productivity, to bring new ideas.

NARRATOR: Overprotected, over-administered, overplanned, the Permit Raj was quite literally a brake on the Indian economy...

DANIEL YERGIN: The dependency theory said that if you want to get high economic growth in your country, what you need to do is put up barriers, tariffs that restrict the flow of import into the country, develop and build your own domestic industries, and that if you don't do that, you're going to be victimized by world trade.

The theory was very attractive. It said you would develop on your own, and you would be more self-sufficient. The reality is that you cut yourself off from flows of technology, flows of investment, from flows of know-how, and instead of getting ahead you were falling back.

MOISES NAIM, Editor, Foreign Policy Magazine: Because they are not threatened by competition, you create very lazy, noncompetitive companies that produce not very good goods at higher prices. It may create jobs here and there, but in the long term it may create even more poverty...

NARRATOR: In Santiago, the junta [military coup of General Pinochet] called on the Chicago Boys to rescue the economy. Five hundred state-owned businesses were privatized. Government budgets were cut. Import tariffs were swept away. The markets were given free rein...

NARRATOR: But by 1985, it was not just economics students who were asking what was wrong. When Mikhail Gorbachev became leader of the Soviet Union, he was appalled by the economic decay.

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, General Secretary, Communist Party, 1985-1991: There was a government commission to examine the problem of women's pantyhose. Imagine a country that flies into space, launches Sputniks, creates such a defense system, and it can't resolve the problem of women's pantyhose. There's no toothpaste, no soap powder, not the basic necessities of life. It was preposterous and embarrassing to work in such a government.

DANIEL YERGIN: Mikhail Gorbachev was what the Soviet Union had been waiting for - a new, young, dynamic leader who was going to reform the system. But that system had been propped up for a decade and a half by high oil prices, and just after he came in, the price of oil collapsed, which meant that the economic problems facing the Soviet Union were even more enormous.

NARRATOR: Gorbachev's attempt to restructure the economy was called "perestroika."

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV: Perestroika was a reform that aimed at gradual political change to create an infrastructure for market economics. We had several generations with no experience of markets. You can't just announce the markets and see them appear overnight. I was actually saying it will take a generation for it to start working...

NARRATOR: Ever since Gorbachev's first visit to Britain, Margaret Thatcher never missed the opportunity to debate him on the evils and inefficiencies of communism and its system of central planning.

OLEG GORDIEVSKY: Speaking to Gorbachev, she said: "Mikhail, you see how your economy is organized -- centralized, entirely led by the Kremlin. Look at me in Britain and the West. We have market economy, and it is running itself. I don't have to tell different industries what to do. I don't deal with it at all. My job compared with your job is much easier. And you would be able to enjoy your job as head of the Soviet Union much more if you had a market economy"...

JOSEPH STANISLAW: The Chinese decided to keep the political system of communism, but to get rid of the economic system called communism and go towards market socialism. With that, they could keep political control, but also have the benefits of the marketplace.

DANIEL YERGIN: By the mid-1980s, China embarked on its era of high economic-growth rates, moving towards a market system, moving towards engaging with the world economy...

NARRATOR: India's Permit Raj was ended, state control reduced. Government subsidies were cut, tariffs and trade barriers reduced, and regulatory licenses eliminated.

MANMOHAN SINGH: We got government off the backs of the people of India, particularly off the backs of India's entrepreneurs. We introduced more competition to release the innovative spirits, which were always there in India. The economy turned around much sooner and much more deeply than I had anticipated. Indian industry boomed. We created a record number of jobs, we were able to control inflation, and the economy was growing at the rate of 7 percent per annum, so our critics were completely silenced...

NARRATOR: In India, Narayana Murthy no longer needs 50 trips to Delhi for permission to import one computer. Instead he has built one of the world's biggest software companies. India's economy has loosened up, and it is growing...

In the 1990s, a worldwide capitalist revolution fueled the new era of globalization, the greatest expansion of world trade in history...

Onscreen title: 1992 presidential debate

ROSS PEROT, Reform Party Presidential Candidate, 1992: You have to admit that NAFTA, the Mexican trade agreement, where they pay people a dollar an hour, have no health care, no retirement, no pollution controls, etc., etc., etc., you're going to hear a giant sucking sound of jobs being pulled out of this country.

GEORGE BUSH, U.S. President, 1989-1993: Ross says with great conviction that he opposes the North American Free Trade Agreement. I am for the North American Free Trade Agreement. My problem with Governor Clinton is that one day he says he's for it, the other he wants to make some changes. When you're president of the United States, you cannot have this pattern of saying "I'm for it, but I'm on the other side."

BILL CLINTON: I am the one who's on the middle on this. Mr. Perot says it's a bad deal; Mr. Bush says it's a hunky-dory deal. I say it does more good than harm if we can get the Mexicans to live up to their own labor standards, their own environmental standards, and if we have genuine protection for workers displaced in America...

BILL CLINTON: This debate about NAFTA is a debate about whether we will embrace these changes and create the jobs of tomorrow, or try to resist these

changes hoping we can preserve the economic structures of yesterday. Nothing we do in this great Capitol can change the fact that people can move money around in the blink of an eye. I tell you, my fellow Americans, that if we learned anything from the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the fall of the governments of Eastern Europe, even a totally controlled society cannot resist the winds of change that economics and technology and information flow have imposed in this world of ours.

NARRATOR: To some of his supporters, the president's change of heart on NAFTA was nothing less than a sellout.

THEA LEE, Assistant Director for International Economics, AFL-CIO: The AFL-CIO, the labor movement in the United States, opposed NAFTA as it stood because we saw that as a corporate-dominated trade and investment agreement, one that served the interests of multinational corporations, that improved their flexibility, their mobility, their clout. And at the same time NAFTA did nothing to protect the rights of workers to form unions, to bargain collectively, and to really raise their voices in the political system so that workers could be a formidable countervailing power to multinational corporations. I think Clinton did sell out his traditional blue-collar supporters on the NAFTA issue, and a lot of people haven't forgiven him for that...

NARRATOR: Sixty percent of congressional Democrats voted against NAFTA. It passed only with Republican support...

NARRATOR: Since NAFTA came into effect, about 400,000 American jobs have been "adversely affected" by trade with Canada and Mexico, according to the U.S. government. Exports to these countries have created more than a million new jobs, and over the '90s, global trade nearly doubled...

NARRATOR: We tend to think of trade as products and goods moving across borders. In fact, the biggest trade of all can't be seen. It is money, the continuous, 24-hour worldwide flows of stocks, bonds, and currencies. In the 1990s, practically anyone with savings in a pension or mutual fund became an investor in the global market. Onscreen caption: Trade in goods and services: \$8 trillion Trade in currencies: \$288 trillion...

NARRATOR: During the 1990s, technology, too, leapt over national borders, spreading commerce and ideas.

DANIEL YERGIN: It's hard to believe that at the beginning of the 1990s, e-mail was virtually unknown; most people didn't have it. And a decade later it was everywhere, and it would just become part of people's lives. And so this communications network is so powerful. The price of telephone calls plummeted. The number of telephone calls around the world skyrocketed. And people are in contact and connected in a way that had never happened before.

NARRATOR: In two decades, the number of international phone calls from the U.S. increased from 200 million to 5.2 billion.

This AT&T control center handles 300 million calls each day. Americans were often connected to the developing world without even knowing it. Consumers checking their credit-card balance could be routed seamlessly to call centers like this one in India, where operators identify themselves with made-up American names...

NARAYANA MURTHY: You know, I define globalization as producing where it is most cost-effective, selling where it is most profitable, sourcing capital from where it is without worrying about national boundaries...

TIM DRAPER, Venture Capitalist: We knew the Internet was going to change the whole way the world worked. You could do commerce; you could do communication; you could do all these things over the Web. India and Africa, Pakistan, China had all

been trapped, and they were not really participating in the world economy. They could now. They could because now they could communicate with the rest of the world through this Internet. It was a big opportunity, and we saw it; we jumped on it. I think entrepreneurship can happen anywhere. All it takes is someone with a vision and an idea for how to do something better...

NARRATOR: Thailand's currency, known as the baht, was pegged to the dollar. As the Thai economy weakened, financial markets sensed this policy couldn't last.

STANLEY FISCHER: Thailand had fixed the value of its currency in terms of dollars. It had a fixed exchange rate. And as people began to wonder, "Well, do they actually have enough dollars to always be able to give me dollars in exchange for the baht, the Thai currency I have?," and when they begin to wonder about that, they start asking for the dollars, and then they attack the currency.

MARK MOBIUS: The Central Bank kept saying no, no, no. And they were shelling out the U.S. dollars to protect the currency. So their foreign reserves were dwindling, and of course any hedge fund manager looking at that would say, "Hey, these guys are going to be in trouble, and I'm going to short the Thai baht."

NARRATOR: The baht came under relentless market pressure. In July 1997, the Thai government was forced to devalue. The bubble had burst. The Asian financial crisis was about to begin...

NARRATOR: The cost of living was rising. Everything was going up -- water, electricity, even soap. But the salaries were staying the same, or going down. With its economy in a virtual free fall, Thailand received an emergency rescue loan from the International Monetary Fund. When that didn't work, the Thai government asked Washington for even more help. No one imagined that an economy as small as Thailand's could spark a global crisis...

NARRATOR: Global markets worried that other Asian countries might have similar hidden flaws. Like a classic run on the bank, money began to pull out of the entire region. They called it contagion.

Onscreen caption: \$116 billion flowed out of Southeast Asian markets.

DANIEL YERGIN: And at each stage, the crisis turned out to have a virulence that became known as contagion, much greater than anticipated. And what that really reflected was indeed globalization, was the way these economies had become locked together and investors looked at emerging markets. They said there was a problem in Thailand; well, then there's a problem in these other countries. And so each step of the crisis created these shock waves that carried on into the next...

LEE KUAN YEW: The fund managers didn't know the difference between Indonesia and Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore. They just said, "I want out." Property prices collapsed; companies collapsed. And in the case of Indonesia, the social fabric collapsed. Churches have been burnt; mosques have been attacked; they have killed each other. This will take years to heal. And it's all the fallout of an economic collapse.

NARRATOR: This was a new kind of financial crisis, unlike anything the International Monetary Fund had ever encountered. The IMF organized huge loans for Indonesia and other Asian nations, on the condition they cut government spending, raise interest rates, and eliminate corruption...

LAWRENCE SUMMERS: It's always difficult to sell open markets. There's a basic cost of open markets. Whether it's somebody losing a job particularly or very obvious, the benefits are much less clear. Who said on Christmas day, "Gosh, thanks -- without open markets I would have been only able to buy half as many toys for my

kid"? Or whoever says, "You know, I'm not that great a worker, but they really had no choice to promote me given the surge and export demand"? On the other hand, every job loss that can be remotely connected to international trade, people do. So this problem of invisible beneficiaries and visible losers is one that bedevils the political economy of trade...

I remember when deregulation started to occur in Australia. In Australia the Labor Party was returned to power in 1983 with Bob Hawke the new Prime Minister and Paul Keating, his Treasurer and later successor as Prime Minister. Though politically left-winged they shared the same passion for market economics as Reagan and Thatcher.

Soon after coming into office they deregulated many industries including the banking industry and floated the Australian dollar. It previously was fixed by the state at around US\$1.10 and, similarly like the US dollar ten years earlier, lost 30 percent of its value after being floated. At its lowest mark it was half the US dollar and now since the serious fall in the greenback's value it is close to the same value as the US dollar as I write this.

Both exports and imports rose significantly. The recession around 1990, infamously referred to as "the recession we had to have" by Paul Keating, saw interest rates peak at 18% when the money supply was contracted (less money printed and old money not replaced) yet the Australian economy did recover very well.

Having worked in the banking industry I have come to disdain banks for the way that they have abused the new freedoms that deregulation provided them profiteering from fees way in excess of user pay returns and squeezing workers and customers for as much as they can get at a time when the new global banking opportunities have helped them return ridiculous levels of profit. While I believe in deregulation I don't believe in complete deregulation and some basic regulations are needed to balance the interests of customers and workers with those of businesses.

There is no question that fewer state regulations provide more easy creation of businesses which mean more competition and lower prices for consumers as well as more overall production of goods and services. The overall pie of trade income to share around is much increased by deregulation and little state fixing of prices and economic and labour rules.

Free markets are good for business interests, especially multinational corporations, but obviously businesses are not always on the side of workers or always have their interests at heart so it cannot be a completely equitable situation leaving everything to the forces of the market. In an equitable society there would need to be just enough regulations to protect the interests of workers. That said, we certainly live in interesting times with the amazing growth of economic globalisation in the past 20 years that has made nations more interdependent.

Europe has been able to successfully create a single currency for the EU with the Euro. Globalists quite cleverly see that the best way to unite the world economically is to begin first with creating regional currencies like the Euro in other regions of the world as a first stage and then unite those regional currencies into a single global currency. Political globalists see economic unity as a key step towards political unity.

A website profiling the proposed North American Monetary Unit (or the Amero to replace the US dollar) has this to say about this grand plan (http://www.oldthinkernews.com/Articles/oldthinker%20news/world_government.htm):

On June 14, 2007 BankIntroductions.com told their clients that in the next 10-20 years, as the global economy moves toward regional trading blocs, the amero or "North American Monetary Unit" (NAMU) will be introduced. The power elite's plan is to form regional unions with their own currencies and then link them into a world government with one global currency.

Relevant to this, Reuters reporter Emmanuel Jarry on October 23, 2007 wrote "Sarkozy (French President) Calls for Mediterranean Union Launch in 2008." And the African Union's African Central Bank plans to mint the "Gold Mandela" as a single African currency by 2010 (the date the NAU is supposed to form).

If you look at the top of the website for the Single Global Currency Association (SGCA), there is a quote by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, saying: "A global economy requires a global currency." The SGCA "is dedicated to the goal of implementing a single global currency by 2025...managed by a single international central bank." I have already indicated that on the cover of THE ECONOMIST (June 9, 1988) is a picture of "The Phoenix," a global currency suggested for implementation in 2018. (http://www.augustreview.com/news_commentary/north_american_union/the_north_american_union_and_the_larger_plan_2007121884).

The Road to Global Governance

The builders of the European Union have always had more in mind than just uniting Europe economically. Originally it was called the Common Market and then the European Economic Community. The change in name to the European Union reflects the overall goal of uniting Europe as much as possible not just economically but politically as well.

A bank newsletter that focused on the EU that I read in my time working for the Commonwealth Bank (dated 1992) stated that the EU planned the Euro to be up and running by 1999 (very close to the mark) and that they were aiming for political union by 2010.

Alongside of the builders of the EU there have been another group of visionaries with the goal of uniting the world politically under a world government. Are these men sincere idealists or greedy globalists wanting to control the world for their own means or are they a combination of both? Human nature, being a mixture of good and evil, would lead us to conclude that they are a combination of both.

What are their plans? What is their modus operandi? And what is prophesied? Will world government be achieved by consent or by conquest? Will it even be achieved at all?

To begin to answer these questions let's look at the story of the rise of global governance which focuses mainly on the development of the United Nations and the globalists who have been behind it. I'd like to quote at length now from an excellent article entitled "Global Governance: Why? How? When?" that appears on the Conspiracy Archive website (http://www.conspiracyarchive.com/NWO/Global_Governance_1.htm):

By 1941, Hitler had invaded Russia and Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor. For the next five years the world tried to commit suicide. Those not caught up in the war, the CFR, realized that the war provided an excellent reason for the nations of the world to try once again to create a global institution that could prevent war. Two weeks after Pearl Harbor, Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, recommended the creation of a Presidential Advisory Committee on Post War Foreign Policy. The committee was the planning commission for the United Nations. Ten of the committee's 14 members were members of the CFR.

The process of creating the United Nations lasted throughout the war. The first public step was the Atlantic Charter (August 14, 1941), signed by Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, which committed the two nations to a "permanent system of general security." Because Stalin was under attack by Germany, Russia was forced to join the allies in the Moscow Declaration (October 30, 1943) which declared the necessity of establishing an international organization to maintain peace and security.

The Dumbarton Oaks Conversations (August, 1944) which produced the World Bank, also settled political and legal issues that were drafted into the UN Charter. The Yalta Summit (February, 1945) produced a compromise which gave the Soviets three votes (USSR, Byelorussia, and the Ukraine) in exchange for voting procedures demanded by the U.S. Edward Stettinius made another extremely significant concession.

He agreed that the UN official in charge of military affairs would be designated by the Russians. Fourteen individuals have held the position since the UN was created; all were Russians. The committee designed and FDR sold the United Nations to the 50 nations that came to the San Francisco conference in 1945. Among the 47 CFR members in the official U.S. delegation were: Edward Stettinius, the new Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, Adlai Stevenson, Nelson Rockefeller, and Alger Hiss. To ensure that the new organization would be located in America, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., donated the land for the UN headquarters...

The ink on the UN Charter had not yet dried when the Charter for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) was presented in London, November, 1945. UNESCO swallowed and expanded the Paris-based International Institute for Intellectual Cooperation which was a holdover from the League of Nations. Julian Huxley was the prime mover of UNESCO and served as its first Director-General.

William Benton, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State, told a UNESCO meeting in 1946:

"As long as the child breathes the poisoned air of nationalism, education in world-mindedness can produce only precarious results. As we have pointed out, it is frequently the family that infects the child with extreme nationalism. The school should therefore use the means described earlier to combat family attitudes that favor jingoism...We shall presently recognize in nationalism the major obstacle to development of world-mindedness. We are at the beginning of a long process of breaking down the walls of national sovereignty. UNESCO must be the pioneer"...

The third force competing for world dominance was not the United Nations, but the people whose dreams of a world government were frustrated by what the United Nations turned out to be. The annihilation of the League of Nations by the U.S. Senate left the advocates of world government with a large dose of reality. They realized that the UN could exist only by the grace of the U.S. and the Soviets, and that the UN itself could have no authority or power over the major powers. But it was a real start toward global governance which provided an official, if impotent, mechanism for the incremental implementation of their global aspirations.

During the 1950s and 1960s, the UN was little more than a debating society that occasionally attempted to referee disputes among the major world powers...

In 1961, newly elected President John F. Kennedy presented a disarmament plan: Freedom From War: The United States Program for General and Complete Disarmament in a Peaceful World, also known as the Department of State Publication 7277.

The plan called for three phases which would ultimately result in the gradual transfer of U.S. military power to the United Nations. The plan called for all nations to follow the U.S. lead and disarm themselves to "a point where no

state would have the military power to challenge the progressively strengthened UN Peace Force.”

It is neither fair, nor accurate, to say that these documents were the product of the CFR. It is accurate, and instructive, to realize that these documents were developed by men who were members of the CFR...Like FDR and every President since, JFK filled his State Department and surrounded himself with individuals who were, perhaps coincidentally, members of the Council on Foreign Relations. Lovett, John McCloy, Dean Rusk, McGeorge Bundy, and Adlai Stevenson (JFK's Ambassador to the UN), all members of the CFR, guided Kennedy through the disastrous “Bay of Pigs” operation and the Cuban missile crisis.

That members of the CFR have exercised extraordinary influence on foreign policy cannot be denied. Whether that influence is the result of organizational strategies, or the result of individuals who simply happen to be members of the same organization, is an endlessly debated question. Richard Harwood, of the Washington Post, observes that members of the Council on Foreign Relations:

“...are the closest thing we have to a ruling Establishment in the United States. The President is a member. So is his Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State, all five of the Undersecretaries, several of the Assistant Secretaries and the department's legal adviser. The President's National Security Adviser and his Deputy are members.”

Article 11 of the UN Charter gives the General Assembly authority to “consider” and “recommend” principles governing disarmament and the regulation of armaments, but virtually no authority to enforce disarmament. Kennedy's proposal was a bold first step toward giving the UN the power which early, necessary compromises had stripped from the original vision of a world government.

The Kennedy plan has never been revoked. Though modified and delayed by political necessity, the essential principle of relinquishing arms, as well as control of the production and distribution of arms, to the UN has guided the disarmament policy of every American President since JFK. Prior to the Kennedy Disarmament Plan, the UN sponsored a Truce Supervision Operation in 1948, and a Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan in 1949. Since the Kennedy Disarmament Plan, the number of UN Peace-keeping operations has steadily increased...

[Some] 130 UN agencies and organizations...proliferated during and since the Cold War. While the UN organization was expanding exponentially, out of the media spotlight which was focused on race riots and the arms race, UNESCO plodded forward with its mission to educate the world. Robert Muller, long-time Secretary-General of the UN's Economic and Social Council under which the UNESCO operates, delivered a speech at the University of Denver in 1995. His musings and recollections provide valuable insights into the kind of education UNESCO was preparing for the world. From Muller's comments:

“I had written an essay which was circulated by UNESCO, and which earned me the title of 'Father of Global Education.' I was educated badly in France. I've come to the conclusion that the only correct education that I have received in my life was from the United Nations. We should replace the word politics by planetics. We need planetary management, planetary caretakers. We need global sciences. We need a science of a global psychology, a global sociology, a global anthropology. Then I made my proposal for a World Core Curriculum”...

The Clean Water Act of 1972 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 served as beacons to attract the energies and idealism of a generation of young people who had successfully forced the world's most powerful government to abandon a war they saw to be unjust. The 1970s witnessed an unprecedented explosion in the number of

environmental organizations and in the number of people who joined and supported these organizations.

Among the more important but lesser known organizations formed during this period are the Club of Rome (COR — 1968) and the Trilateral Commission (TC — 1973). The COR is a small group of international industrialists educators, economists, national and international civil servants. Among them were various Rockefellers and approximately 25 CFR members. Maurice Strong was one of the "international" civil servants. Their first book, *The Limits to Growth*, published in 1972 unabashedly describes the world as they believe it should be:

"We believe in fact that the need will quickly become evident for social innovation to match technical change, for radical reform of the institutions and political processes at all levels, including the highest, that of world polity. And since intellectual enlightenment is without effect if it is not also political, The Club of Rome also will encourage the creation of a world forum where statesmen, policy-makers, and scientists can discuss the dangers and hopes for the future global system without the constraints of formal intergovernmental negotiation" ...

Another COR publication, *Mankind at the Turning Point*, provides further insight into the thinking that underlies global governance:

"The solution of these crises can be developed only in a global context with full and explicit recognition of the emerging world system and on a long-term basis. This would necessitate, among other changes, a new world economic order and a global resources allocation system...A 'world consciousness' must be developed through which every individual realizes his role as a member of the world community...It must become part of the consciousness of every individual that the basic unit of human cooperation and hence survival is moving from the national to the global level."

A companion work by the same authors, Mihajlo Mesarovic and Eduard Pestel, entitled *Regionalized and Adaptive Model of the Global World System*, introduced and described a system of regionalization which divided the globe into 10 regions, each with its own hierarchical system of sub-regions...

The fundamental idea upon which America was founded — that men are born totally free and choose to give up specified freedoms to a limited government — is not the prevailing philosophy at the UN, nor at the CFR, the COR, the TC, or the IUCN. Instead, the prevailing philosophy held by these organizations and institutions is that government is sovereign and may dispense or withhold freedoms and privileges, or impose restrictions and penalties, in order to manage its citizens to achieve peace and prosperity for all. In his book, *Freedom at the Altar*, William Grigg says it this way:

"Under the American concept of rights, the individual possesses God-given rights which the state must protect. However, the UN embraces a collectivist worldview in which 'rights' are highly conditional concessions made by an all-powerful government"...

Throughout the 1970s, college students and others joined environmental organizations in droves. They protested, carried placards, picked up litter, preached recycling and organic gardening, mostly unaware that their leaders were attending conferences and promoting agendas based on the same philosophy that America had opposed in Vietnam, Cuba, and the Soviet Union. Carefully crafted documents, magnified by a cooperative media, elevated the environment to a most noble cause.

The object of near-worship for an army of energetic activists, "the environment" as an international issue was ripe for the picking by the advocates of global governance...

A work that began in 1973 was completed in 1981 — the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. The U.S. and the USSR wanted the Convention limited to navigational questions. But a group of 77 developing nations, known as G-77, hijacked the conference and the subsequent negotiations and wrote into the treaty the principles of the New International Economic Order (NIEO) — a UN taxing authority. The treaty created the International Seabed Authority (ISA) which would have jurisdiction over all non-territorial waters and the seabed. No seabed activity, mining, salvaging, and so forth, can occur without a permit from the ISA.

Application fees begin at \$250,000 and a schedule of royalties is set forth in the Convention. The Convention is the first to give direct taxing authority to the UN. It is a legal mechanism for the redistribution of wealth from developed nations to developing nations. The U.S. had avoided the Convention until 1994 when President Clinton signed the Treaty. Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, has announced that ratification of the treaty will be a priority for the Clinton Administration in 1997...

By November 9, 1989, when the Berlin Wall collapsed, it became clear to the world that events had out-run Gorbachev's intentions. The Soviet Union, along with 70 years of utopian-communist dreams, collapsed as thoroughly as did the wall. The vacuum thus created in the global political balance was seen as an invitation to usher in a new, permanent balancing force — global governance.

The role and capacity of NGOs was greatly enhanced in the mid 1980s when Donald Ross of the Rockefeller Family Fund — the same Rockefeller money pot that launched the Council on Foreign Relations — invited the leaders of five other Foundations to meet informally in Washington. From that meeting grew the Environmental Grantmakers Association, a nearly invisible group of more than 100 major Foundations and corporations. They meet annually to discuss projects and grant proposals and decide which NGOs will be funded.

Having gained a measure of national prominence in his failed bid for the White House in 1988, then Senator Al Gore, as chair of the Senate Science and Technology Committee, assumed the responsibility of advancing the global environmental agenda in America...

It was Gore who led the Senate to approve the Montreal Protocol which banned refrigerants. It was Gore who brought James E. Hansen, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, to the Senate chambers to testify that he was "99% certain that greenhouse warming had begun."

The decade of the 1980s was a pivotal period for the advocates of global governance...The NGOs, coordinated by the IUCN/WWF/WRI triumvirate, and funded by the Rockefeller-coordinated Environmental Grantmakers Association, launched a world-wide campaign to convince the world that the planet stood at the brink of environmental disaster.

It could be averted only by a massive transformation of human societies which would require all people to accept their spiritual and moral responsibility to embrace their common global heritage and conform to a system of international law that integrates environmental, economic, and equity issues under the watchful, regulatory authority of a new system of global governance.

A decade of world conferences and international commissions in the 1980s proved to be only practice sessions for the world conferences and UN commissions of the 1990s, beginning with the World Summit for Children in New York City in 1990. The Convention on the Rights of Child was adopted by the UN General Assembly on November 20, 1989, and the Summit was designed to promote the Convention for acceptance by the world.

The Convention's preamble says: "Recalling that in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations has proclaimed that childhood is entitled to special care and assistance," and the Convention designates the UN to guarantee that "special care" and determine what "assistance" is needed. The Convention grants to children the right to express their own views freely in all matters (Article 12.1); the right to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas of all kinds (Article 13.1); the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion (Article 14.1); the right to freedom of association and peaceful assembly (Article 15.1); and the right to privacy in the family, home, or correspondence (Article 16.1).

Many Americans believe that children have no such rights until they have been earned through the painful process of growing up, and then it is the parent's rightful privilege to grant those rights to the child.

Ratification of the Convention would be tantamount to the U.S. government giving the UN the authority to grant those rights to children, and the authority to guarantee and enforce those rights, even when parents disagree...

In Copenhagen, the UN's World Summit on Social Development was the occasion for advancing the road to global governance. The central theme of the conference was the "eradication of poverty." The agenda also included population policies, the reduction of consumption, and elevating NGO participation. More than anything else, the conference was about money, getting it to the UN, and increasing the power of the UN to collect it and spend it.

The conference proposed an international "20/20 Compact" which would require developing countries and aid donors to allocate 20 percent Official Development Assistance (ODA) to "human development priorities." Commitment 8 in the Draft Conference Document calls on nations to target .07 percent of Gross Domestic Product to Official Development Assistance.

The conference was used by the UN-funded Commission on Global Governance to float a trial balloon: global taxation. Buried in the UNDP's 1994 *Human Development Report* was an idea advanced by James Tobin calling for a "uniform international tax on international currency transactions."

When the UNDP report was presented to the conference, it was heralded as the way to provide "substantial reliable funds for sustainable human development."

Conference documents describe the proceeds from the tax as "immense, over \$1.5 trillion per year (150 times the current total UN budget) to be devoted to international and humanitarian purposes and to be placed at the disposal of international institutions."

Other global taxes were also proposed: international travel; telecommunications; and taxes on resource use — especially energy resources...

Gorbachev's State of the World Forum convened in San Francisco, September 27, 1995. Though not an official UN function, the Forum was designed to advance global governance. Forum President and founder of the Christic Institute, Jim Garrison, told the *San Francisco Weekly*:

"We are going to end up with world government...we have to govern and regulate human interaction." Gorbachev told the hand-picked audience of celebrities and dignitaries that "we are giving birth to the first Global Civilization."

Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's National Security Advisor, told the audience that "regionalism" must precede world government.

New-age guru, Sam Keen received enthusiastic applause for his pronouncement:

"If we cut the world's population by 90%, there won't be enough people left to do ecological damage."

The Forum's agenda called for the transfer of all armaments to the UN, the initiation of global taxation, stricter population control programs, and the elimination of nationalism and national borders...

Throughout all the conferences of the 1990s, emphasis has been placed on expanding the role and functions of NGOs in the decision-making process and the management and administration of government programs at every level. Habitat II Director-General, Wally N'Dow, said:

"The road to Istanbul has been marked by many innovations. One of seminal importance has been a pioneering change in the rules of procedure — a change that was initiated during the preparatory process and subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly [Rule 61] in recognition of the important role of local authorities and NGOs. As a result, all the organizations and institutions of civil society will receive unparalleled recognition at a UN conference, nominating their representatives to participate in a formal session...They speak for countless millions of men and women in the cities and towns across the planet, the true constituents of Habitat II."

This rule change officially elevates NGOs to participatory status in the policy-making process of the United Nations. Policy making by individuals who have no direct or indirect accountability to the electorate is a foreign concept in America. It is common — in fact expected — in socialist countries.

In America, if voters do not like the way America is being represented in the UN, voters can remove the President who appoints UN delegates and elect someone else who more accurately reflects American values. American voters cannot unelect representatives from the Sierra Club, or the president of a gay feminist NGO, or any other NGO who may be selected by their peers to make global policies which affect Americans.

Moreover, Rule 61 invites participation by local officials. Heretofore, the UN has served its member nations as represented by official delegates. This rule is the first step toward bypassing the official national government to extend UN influence, programs, and eventually money, regulations, and enforcement — directly to the people within the nation. This is the essence of governance by civil society, orchestrated by the United Nations. This is the first wave of the reality of global governance...

Voluntary acceptance of global governance is the preferred means of achieving it.

Education programs to teach the "global ethic" have been underway by UNESCO and by UNEP for more than 20 years. That the U.S. government, through its representatives to the various UN agencies, has not already crushed this global governance agenda is a testament to the effectiveness of the UN's education program. But the Commission is not content to rely upon voluntary acceptance. An intricate maze of international, enforceable law is encircling the planet in the form of Conventions, Treaties, and Executive Agreements.

To implement, administer, and enforce global governance, the Commission has recommended a major restructuring of the UN system. The Commission recommends an "Assembly of the People" which "should consist of representatives of organizations accredited to the General Assembly as Civil Society Organizations...A Forum of 300-600 organs of global civil society would be desirable and practicable"

(p. 258-259). A new "Petitions Council" is recommended, to consist of five to seven representatives of "civil society," for the purpose of reviewing petitions from NGOs in the field to direct to the appropriate UN agency for enforcement action (p. 260).

A new Economic Security Council (ESC) would replace the existing Economic and Social Council. The new ESC would consist of no more than 23 members who would have responsibility for all international financial and development activities. The IMF, the World Bank, and the WTO — virtually all finance and development activities — would be under the authority of this body. There would be no veto power by any nation, nor would there be permanent member status for any nation (p. 266f).

The existing Security Council would be restructured. Veto power of the five permanent members would be eliminated, as would permanent member status over time. With the Secretary-General's office expanded to include the function of Commander-in-Chief, the Security Council would oversee a new UN standing army, complete with support and transport capabilities. (p. 100f) The Commission calls for an international convention on curtailment of the arms trade (p. 129), a demilitarization of international society, and disarming of civilians. (p. 131) ...

The Commission believes that the UN should protect the "security of the people" inside the borders of sovereign nations, with or without the invitation of the national government. It proposes the expansion of an NGO "early warning" network to function through the Petitions Council to alert the UN to possible action. It has recommended implementation of the Tobin Tax, and several other taxing schemes. (p. 217f) It has called for a world conference in 1998 to present the treaties and other documents necessary to bring about complete global governance by the year 2000.

In the New Republic magazine dated March 15, 1999 there appeared an article by Charles Krauthammer entitled "A World Imagined" that looked at how the primarily left-wing liberal politicians of our world are trying to bring about a new world order of peace and stability. He writes:

The one world philosophy that pervades the foreign policy decisions of these people is built upon three pillars — internationalism, legalism and humanitarianism.

Internationalism is where international interests have primacy over national interests. It is the legal, moral and strategic primacy of international institutions over national institutions. The interests of the whole world as a community take precedence over our interests as a nation.

Legalism is the belief that the sinews of stability are laws, treaties and international contracts that can domesticate the wild international arena.

Humanitarianism is the belief that the prime world role of the U.S. and the U.N. is to quote Madeline Albright, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, "to terminate the abominable injustices and conditions that still plague civilization".

The purpose of this one world philosophy is to create an international community that will somehow bring peace to the world and all the world's problems — to remake the international system in the image of domestic civil society. The reason we are able to have peace and prosperity in a domestic or single nation like the U.S. is because we have a set of laws, contracts and obedience to laws and we have a government that's able to enforce those laws.

What holds civil society together are a supreme and central authority with sanctity of contracts and the goodwill, civility and decency of individual members but what holds the international arena together, what keeps it from degrading into total anarchy is not a central authority, it is not the phony security of treaties, it is not the vested goodwill

amongst nations; what stability we do enjoy is due to the overwhelming power and deterring threat of a superpower like the U.S. that defines international stability as a national interest. In other words, it's in the U.S.'s national interest that there is international stability.

The new internationalism is about creating a new world order not based on power but based on interdependence through global banking and economics, etc. To achieve this vision of this one world order that is the dream of liberal politicians we have to move from a unipolar to a multipolar, to ultimately a democratized international system where everyone lives under new self-governing institutions and new self-governing international norms and America's power and independent sovereignty is thus an affront to this new internationalism. The new internationalism is about levelling the playing field and creating an entangling web of interdependence.

There have been many significant steps forward towards global governance through the United Nations as the above research points out.

On the subject of military power little has been achieved on that front though. The size of the UN peacekeeping security forces are a mere fraction of the large military powers in the world.

The main efforts have been trying to persuade nations to surrender part of their military armaments to the UN which has not gotten far at all. Moves toward global taxation look promising for the UN but haven't eventuated yet. Only by that significant increase in funding could the UN otherwise hope to build an army privately without being at the mercy of what sovereign nations are willing to offer them.

The major way that the UN and its affiliates are trying to persuade the nations to sign away some of their sovereignty and give more power to the UN is by trying to scare them that a global ecological crisis is imminent and that we need a strong global government to deal with it.

This is why global warming is getting so much of the headlines despite the fact that most reputable scientists in the field conclude that global warming is nowhere near as bad as Al Gore, in particular, is trying to make it out.

Joseph Bast wrote the following short article entitled "Eight Reasons Why Global Warming Is a Scam" (<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=11548>) that was published in the *Heartlander* magazine (February 1, 2003). In it he writes:

Concern over global warming is overblown and misdirected. What follows are eight reasons why we should pull the plug on this scam before it destroys billions of dollars of wealth and millions of jobs.

1. Most scientists do not believe human activities threaten to disrupt the Earth's climate. More than 17,000 scientists have signed a petition circulated by the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine saying, in part, there is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. (Go to www.oism.org for the complete petition and names of signers.) Surveys of climatologists show similar skepticism.

2. Our most reliable sources of temperature data show no global warming trend. Satellite readings of temperatures in the lower troposphere (an area scientists

predict would immediately reflect any global warming) show no warming since readings began 23 years ago. These readings are accurate to within 0.01°C, and are consistent with data from weather balloons. Only land-based temperature stations show a warming trend, and these stations do not cover the entire globe, are often contaminated by heat generated by nearby urban development, and are subject to human error.

3. Global climate computer models are too crude to predict future climate changes. All predictions of global warming are based on computer models, not historical data. In order to get their models to produce predictions that are close to their designers' expectations, modelers resort to flux adjustments that can be 25 times larger than the effect of doubling carbon dioxide concentrations, the supposed trigger for global warming. Richard A. Kerr, a writer for *Science*, says climate modelers have been cheating for so long it's almost become respectable.

4. The IPCC did *not* prove that human activities are causing global warming. Alarmists frequently quote the executive summaries of reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a United Nations organization, to support their predictions. But here is what the IPCC's latest report, *Climate Change 2001*, actually says about predicting the future climate: The Earth's atmosphere-ocean dynamics is chaotic: its evolution is sensitive to small perturbations in initial conditions. This sensitivity limits our ability to predict the detailed evolution of weather; inevitable errors and uncertainties in the starting conditions of a weather forecast amplify through the forecast. As well as uncertainty in initial conditions, such predictions are also degraded by errors and uncertainties in our ability to represent accurately the significant climate processes.

5. A modest amount of global warming, should it occur, would be beneficial to the natural world and to human civilization. Temperatures during the Medieval Warm Period (roughly 800 to 1200 AD), which allowed the Vikings to settle presently inhospitable Greenland, were higher than even the worst-case scenario reported by the IPCC. The period from about 5000-3000 BC, known as the climatic optimum, was even warmer and marked a time when mankind began to build its first civilizations, observe James Plummer and Frances B. Smith in a study for Consumer Alert. There is good reason to believe that a warmer climate would have a similar effect on the health and welfare of our own far more advanced and adaptable civilization today.

6. Efforts to quickly reduce human greenhouse gas emissions would be costly and would not stop Earth's climate from changing. Reducing U.S. carbon dioxide emissions to 7 percent below 1990's levels by the year 2012--the target set by the Kyoto Protocol--would require higher energy taxes and regulations causing the nation to lose 2.4 million jobs and \$300 billion in annual economic output. Average household income nationwide would fall by \$2,700, and state tax revenues would decline by \$93.1 billion due to less taxable earned income and sales, and lower property values. Full implementation of the Kyoto Protocol by all participating nations would reduce global temperature in the year 2100 by a mere 0.14 degrees Celsius.

7. Efforts by state governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are even more expensive and threaten to bust state budgets. After raising their spending with reckless abandon during the 1990s, states now face a cumulative projected deficit of more than \$90 billion. Incredibly, most states nevertheless persist in backing unnecessary and expensive greenhouse gas reduction programs. New Jersey, for example, collects \$358 million a year in utility taxes to fund greenhouse gas reduction programs. Such programs will have no impact on global greenhouse gas emissions. All they do is destroy jobs and waste money.

8. The best strategy to pursue is no regrets. The alternative to demands for immediate action to stop global warming is not to do nothing. The best strategy is to invest in atmospheric research now and in reducing emissions sometime in the future if the science becomes more compelling. In the meantime, investments should be

made to reduce emissions only when such investments make economic sense in their own right.

This strategy is called no regrets, and it is roughly what the Bush administration has been doing. The U.S. spends more on global warming research each year than the entire rest of the world combined, and American businesses are leading the way in demonstrating new technologies for reducing and sequestering greenhouse gas emissions.

Time for Common Sense

The global warming scare has enabled environmental advocacy groups to raise billions of dollars in contributions and government grants. It has given politicians (from Al Gore down) opportunities to pose as prophets of doom and slayers of evil corporations. And it has given bureaucrats at all levels of government, from the United Nations to city councils, powers that threaten our jobs and individual liberty.

It is time for common sense to return to the debate over protecting the environment. An excellent first step would be to end the global warming scam.

There is no question that the globalists who are behind the United Nations exert great influence over politicians, the media and the academic institutions. On the topic of military control the Council of Foreign Relations (primarily through Henry Kissinger) were responsible for influencing the United States government to squander a 7:1 military and nuclear advantage that the United States had over the Soviet Union in 1962 to an equal parity at the end of the 1960's.

Such disarmament also occurred during the Clinton administration, however both the Reagan and Bush administrations have gone against this trend by substantially building up the U.S. military.

That said, if the Democrats are returned to the White House then watch the trend toward disarmament and possibly transference of some of that military power to the United Nations.

Recently the U.S. and the EU signed a treaty to move them towards a single economic free trade market which, in turn, could potentially lead to a single currency between the two further down the line.

On this topic I would like to quote an article entitled "EU/US 'single market' next stage in Bilderberg/Trilateral plan for world government" (http://www.oldthinkernews.com/Articles/oldthinker%20news/world_government.htm) by Daniel Taylor which has a pro-conspiracy theory leaning:

Plans for a world currency and world government have gone one step forward with the signing of a new 'transatlantic economic partnership' between the US and the European Union, with the two powers agreeing on a 'single market'. As reported by the BBC, "the pact is designed to boost trade and investment by harmonising regulatory standards, laying the basis for a US-EU single market."

The European Union - as well as its single currency - itself is a product of the secretive Bilderberg group, which began planning for its creation in the 1950's. An 'American Union' was also discussed by Bilderberg in 1987 in Cernobbio, Italy. Jim Tucker, who has been following the shadowy elite for many years was able to retrieve this information from within Bilderberg through his various contacts. Media coverage of Bilderberg in the United States has been in a blackout, while overseas reporting has been steadily growing in recent years making the Bilderbergers squirm in their

seats. David Rockefeller, founder of the Trilateral Commission and one of the top globalist architects expressed his gratitude to the U.S. media for their vow of silence before the Trilateral Commission in 1991.

Rockefeller stated,

"We are grateful to The Washington Post, The New York Times, Time Magazine and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost forty years. It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of publicity during those years. But the work is now much more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries."

The North American Union, coming straight from the Council on Foreign Relations, fulfills Bilderberg's dream of an 'American Union'. In the CFR's document, "Building a North American Community", mention is given to the Bilderberg group in a recommendation that private bodies be formed to direct policy between Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The document states,

"To ensure a regular injection of creative energy into the various efforts related to North American integration, the three governments should appoint an independent body of advisers. This body should be composed of eminent persons from outside government, appointed to staggered multiyear terms to ensure their independence. Their mandate would be to engage in creative exploration of new ideas from a North American perspective and to provide a public voice for North America. A complementary approach would be to establish private bodies that would meet regularly or annually to buttress North American relationships, along the lines of the Bilderberg ..."

The 'Amero' is to be the currency of the US, Canada, and Mexico. Steve Previs of Jefferies International mentioned the Amero on CNBC, "I think one thing for people who are dollar based need to focus on is the Amero, that's the one thing that nobody is talking about that I think is going to have a big impact ... on everybody's life in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico ..."

A world currency and a 'new economic order' are also part of the elites plans for global governance. Eventually - specifically by 2018 if plans go accordingly - the "Phoenix" will be the world currency.

Shown on the cover of *The Economist* in 1988, a phoenix is standing atop burning paper money symbolizing its rise out of their destruction, with the words "Get ready for a world currency" next to it.

The article carried in *The Economist*, titled "Get Ready for the Phoenix," states that, "THIRTY years from now, Americans, Japanese, Europeans, and people in many other rich countries, and some relatively poor ones will probably be paying for their shopping with the same currency."

The article goes on, stating that sovereignty will be lost with the advent of the new currency, but that trends towards globalization are already doing away with it anyway.

"The phoenix zone would impose tight constraints on national governments. There would be no such thing, for instance, as a national monetary policy. The world phoenix supply would be fixed by a new central bank, descended perhaps from the IMF. The world inflation rate - and hence, within narrow margins, each national inflation rate- would be in its charge. Each country could use taxes and public spending to offset temporary falls in demand, but it would have to borrow rather than print money to finance its budget deficit. With no recourse to the inflation tax,

governments and their creditors would be forced to judge their borrowing and lending plans more carefully than they do today. This means a big loss of economic sovereignty, but the trends that make the phoenix so appealing are taking that sovereignty away in any case. Even in a world of more-or-less floating exchange rates, individual governments have seen their policy independence checked by an unfriendly outside world."

Where President Bush stands on the subject globalisation is not entirely clear. His father was very pro-NAFTA and his softness on immigration laws appears to show he is pro-North American Union. This doesn't automatically mean he is pro-global government though, as he has bucked the CFR with the major buildup of the military under his presidency.

I would like to now quote from a series of articles from the Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.com) that discuss various continental and regional unions being developed around the world. Many nations are seeing many of the economic and other benefits being reaped by the EU and are wanting to co-operative more to achieve those benefits in their own regions.

The North American Union (NAU) is a theoretical continental union of Canada, Mexico and the United States similar in structure to the European Union, sometimes including a common currency called the Amero. Officials from all three nations have said there are no government plans to create such a union, although the idea has been discussed and proposed in academic and scholarly circles, either as a union or as a North American community as proposed by the Independent Task Force on North America. The formation of a North American Union has been the subject of various conspiracy theories...

Of the three leaders at the 2005 founding of the SPP (American president George W. Bush, Canadian prime minister Paul Martin and Mexican president Vicente Fox), and the two subsequent leaders (Canadian prime minister Stephen Harper and Mexican president Felipe Calderon), only Fox has voiced support for the ultimate goal of an entity like the North American Union.

Before the SPP and since, he has noted the success countries like Ireland and Spain have had in modernizing their economies and bringing higher standards of living for their citizens by joining what is now the European Union and has expressed the hope that Mexico could have a similar experience in a trade body of comparable scope in North America. However, he has also expressed frustration with the lack of progress towards that goal as issues such as immigration reform proved to be contentious within the United States. Various positive comments about a North American Union concept and an eventual common currency for the Americas by Vicente Fox, in particular some made during a promotional tour for a book in 2007, have been cited by critics as evidence that the body is in fact being enacted or planned.

However, the three current leaders of Canada, Mexico and the United States have all characterized the goals of the SPP as being far more modest than the goals Vicente Fox has expressed and what critics have alleged is actually being contemplated.

The Arab League, officially called the League of Arab States, is a regional organization of Arab states in Southwest Asia, and North and Northeast Africa. It was formed in Cairo on March 22, 1945 with six members: Egypt, Iraq, Transjordan (renamed Jordan after 1946), Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Syria. Yemen joined as a member on May 5, 1945. The Arab League currently has 22 members.

The main goal of the league is to: "draw closer the relations between member States and co-ordinate collaboration between them, to safeguard their independence and

sovereignty [The desire here is to maintain national sovereignty. The Bible speaks of a King of the South which form in this region so perhaps we may be some brief political unity], and to consider in a general way the affairs and interests of the Arab countries."

The Arab League is involved in political, economic, cultural, and social programs designed to promote the interests of its member states. It has served as a forum for the member states to coordinate their policy positions, to deliberate on matters of common concern, to settle some Arab disputes, and to limit conflicts such as the 1958 Lebanon crisis.

The Union for the Mediterranean, previously known as the Mediterranean Union, is a community established on the 13th July 2008 by French President Nicolas Sarkozy, as a development of the Euromediterranean Partnership. The act unionalizes all EU members with several non-EU countries that border the Mediterranean Sea. The idea was originally proposed as an alternative to Turkish membership in the European Union, whereby Turkey would instead form the backbone of the new Mediterranean Union. However, with modifications to the plan in March 2008, membership was no longer seen as an alternative to joining the European Union, and instead considered more as a stepping stone into the EU. Once Turkey was given a guarantee in March 2008 that the project would not be an alternative to Turkish EU membership, it accepted the invitation to participate.

The proposal was originally made as part of Sarkozy's election campaign. Following his electoral victory, the idea was reiterated, with plans being drawn up. Despite the potential division it could cause to the Muslim world, with part being united with Europe, and part separated, President Sarkozy sees the initiative as a way of promoting peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours. It is hoped that an institutional core will be established by the end of the French presidency of the European Union in 2008. On 23 October 2007 Sarkozy invited all Mediterranean leaders to a summit in France to take place in June 2008 where they would "lay the foundations of a political, economic and cultural union founded on the principles of strict equality."

Criticism of the proposal at these early stages included concern about the relationship between the proposed MU and the existing Euromediterranean Partnership, which might reduce the effectiveness of EU policies in the region and allow the southern countries to play on the rivalries to escape unpopular EU policies. There were similar economic concerns in the loss of civil society and similar human rights based policies. Duplication of polices from the EU's police and judicial area was a further worry.

At the start of 2008 Sarkozy began to modify his plans for the Mediterranean Union due to widespread opposition from other states in the EU and the Commission (see "Reactions" below). At the end of February of that year France's minister for European affairs, Jean-Pierre Jouyet, stated that "there is no Mediterranean Union" but rather a "Union for the Mediterranean" which would only be "completing and enriching" to existing EU structures and policy in the region. Following a meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel it was agreed that the project would include all EU member states, not just those bordering the Mediterranean, and built upon the existing Barcelona process. Turkey also agreed to take part in the project following a guarantee from France that it was no longer intended as an alternative to EU membership. The MU was launched on the 13 July-14 July 2008.

The Mediterranean Union would be a looser grouping than the EU. Sarkozy called on the Mediterranean people to "do the same thing, with the same goal and the same method" as the European Union, though he stated it would not be based on the EU model. When the project was modified in 2008, many proposals were dropped, such

as a Mediterranean Investment Bank (modeled on its European counterpart). Instead it would focus on more practical projects.

Under the original plans, members would form a regular council under a rotating presidency (similar to the current EU model) dealing with energy, security, counter-terrorism, immigration and trade. French nuclear power expertise would be exchanged for North African gas reserves. The Mediterranean and European Unions would work together and share some institutions, including a common judicial area to fight corruption, terrorism, organised crime and people smuggling. The predecessor to the Union for the Mediterranean, the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership was seen as a failure by some, because it included all EU members, which is considered to have distracted from focusing on purely Mediterranean issues. The original "Mediterranean Union", which would have included only Mediterranean states, was hoped to avoid this situation by having a clearer direction. However, when the Mediterranean Union was modified to become the Union for the Mediterranean, it was decided that all EU members would be involved.

The Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) is a body created in 2002 to promote Asian cooperation at a continental level, helping to integrate the previously separate regional organizations of political or economical cooperation such as ASEAN, SAARC or the Gulf Cooperation Council. A few individuals see it as a precursor to an "Asian Union".

"The idea of an Asia Cooperation Dialogue - ACD - was initiated by Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra of Thailand and was first raised during the First International Conference of Asian Political Parties held in Manila between 17-20 September 2000 by Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, then Deputy Leader of the Thai Rak Thai Party, on behalf of his Party Leader, Dr. Thaksin Shinawatra, who suggested that Asia as a continent should have its own forum to discuss Asia-wide cooperation. Afterwards, the idea of the ACD was formally put forward during the 34th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Hanoi between 23-24 July 2001 and at the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Phuket between 20-21 February 2002. Both Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai raised the idea of the ACD with various heads of state and government and foreign ministers and made various statements and speeches, receiving broad support and helpful comments and suggestions." In recent times, Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has expressed a desire to form an "Asian Union" based upon the existing European Union, stating "We need to have a vision for an Asia-Pacific community; The danger of not acting is that we run the risk of succumbing to the perception that future conflict in our region may somehow be inevitable."

The Union of South American Nations - USAN (Spanish: Unión de Naciones Suramericanas - UNASUR, Portuguese: União de Nações Sul-Americanas - UNASUL, Dutch: Unie van Zuid-Amerikaanse Naties - UZAN) is a supranational and intergovernmental union integrating two existing customs unions; Mercosur and the Andean Community, as part of a continuing process of South American integration. It is modelled on the European Union.

The UNASUR Constitutive Treaty was signed on May 23, 2008, at the Third Summit of Heads of State, held in Brasília, Brazil. According to the Constitutive Treaty, the Union's headquarters will be located in Quito, Ecuador. The South American Parliament will be located in Cochabamba, Bolivia, while its bank, the Bank of the South (Dutch: Bank van het Zuiden, Portuguese: Banco do Sul, Spanish: Banco del Sur), will be located in Caracas, Venezuela. The Union's former designation, the South American Community of Nations (Dutch: Zuid-Amerikaanse Statengemeenschap, Portuguese: Comunidade Sul-Americana de Nações, and

Spanish: Comunidad de Naciones Sudamericanas), abbreviated as CSN, was dropped at the First South American Energy Summit on April 16, 2007.

At the Third South American Summit on 8 December 2004, presidents or representatives from twelve South American nations signed the Cuzco Declaration, a two-page statement of intent announcing the foundation of the South American Community. Panama and Mexico attended the signing ceremony as observers.

The leaders announced their intention to model the new community after the European Union including a common currency, parliament, and passport. According to Allan Wagner Tizón, former Secretary General of the Andean Community, a complete union like that of the EU should be possible by 2019.

The African Union (abbreviated AU in English, and UA in its other working languages) is a federation consisting of 53 African nations as well as several intergovernmental organizations. Established on July 9, 2002, the AU was formed as a successor to the amalgamated African Economic Community (AEC) and the Organization of African Unity (OAU). The African Union's government consists of the Pan African Parliament, which is based in Midrand, South Africa, and several institutions that include the African Union Commission which is based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the Assembly of the African Union which has at least one summit annually in a different city every year, and the NEPAD secretariat which is also based in Midrand, South Africa...

The main administrative capitals of the African Union are Midrand in South Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and Dakar in Senegal. Among the objectives of the AU's leading institutions are to accelerate the political and socio-economic integration of the continent; to promote and defend African common positions on issues of interest to the continent and its peoples; to achieve peace and security in Africa; and to promote democratic institutions, good governance and human rights.

The African Union, is made up of both political and administrative bodies. The highest political organ of the African Union is the Pan African Parliament, also called the African Parliament. The parliament consists of 265 members, all of whom are elected by the parliaments of the AU member states. The president of the Pan African Parliament is Her Excellency Gertrude Mongella...

The AU's first military intervention in a member state was the May 2003 deployment of a peacekeeping force of soldiers from South Africa, Ethiopia, and Mozambique to Burundi to oversee the implementation of the various agreements. AU troops are also deployed in Sudan for peacekeeping in the Darfur conflict. The AU also has pledged to send peacekeepers to Somalia, of which the peacekeepers from Uganda have already reached Somalia.

The Pacific Union is a proposed political and economic intergovernmental community suggested in 2003 by a committee of the Australian Senate. The committee called for the formation of a Pacific Union composed of the member-states of the Pacific Islands Forum, but with a common charter, institutions and currency. Although the former Prime Minister of Australia, John Howard, spoke of a Pacific Union whilst in power, his government's emphasis was focused on bilateral relations and agreements with the individual states of the Forum.

There is already a good deal of regional cooperation and integration within the proposed Pacific Union nations. The most prominent example of pre-existing regionalism amongst countries of the Pacific Ocean is the Pacific Islands Forum, an inter-governmental organization which aims to represent the interests of its members

and enhance cooperation between them. The Pacific Islands Forum could be seen as a possible precursor organization to a Pacific Union but lacking a common charter, institutions and currency.

Even greater economic integration exists between particular states within the region. Closer Economic Relations (CER) free trade agreement between the governments of New Zealand and Australia allowing the free trade of most goods and services between the two nations without the hindrance of tariff barriers or export incentives. The Melanesian Spearhead Group is a more recent trade treaty governing the four Melanesian states of Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and recently, Fiji. The nations of Nauru, Kiribati and Tuvalu already use the Australian dollar while the Cook Islands, Tokelau and Niue use the New Zealand Dollar.

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM), is an organization of Caribbean nations and dependencies. Caricom's main purposes are to promote economic integration and cooperation among its members, to ensure that the benefits of integration are equitably shared, and to coordinate foreign policy. Its major activities involve coordinating economic policies and development planning; it also devises and institutes special projects for the less-developed countries within its jurisdiction. It also operates as a regional common market for many of its members (Caricom Single Market). It also operates the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), which serves as the final court of appeal for many Caricom members and also handles regional trade disputes...

The CARICOM Single Market and Economy treaty finally went into effect on January 1, 2006, with Barbados, Belize, Jamaica, Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago as the first full members. On July 3, 2006, the total membership was brought up to twelve when Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines became full members. The British overseas territory of Montserrat is seeking permission from the United Kingdom to become a part of the single market; Haiti will not join the market initially because of its difficult internal political situation; and the Bahamas will not join because of local opposition to a provision that allows skilled workers to move more easily among nations.

On Friday, January 7, 2005, the Republic of Suriname became the first full member state to officially launch the new bloc "CARICOM Passport". The new passports boast having better security and are also machine-readable. The full member states of the Caribbean Community had agreed to establish a common passport in order to make intra-regional and international travel easier for their citizens. The passports are also thought to save additional costs for member states by using a similar cover design, the designs will also follow newly updated international standards on Passport design...The expectation is that all the member states will have introduced the CARICOM passport by 2008 when the stock of their old passports is depleted...

Future proposals

- * Airline amalgamation
- * Civil Society Charter
- * Currency Union
- * Freedom of Movement
- * Political Union(s)
- * Regionalised Stock Exchange

The traditional Church of God viewpoint is that we will see a revival of the Roman Empire in the end time with a United Europe and the beginnings of this are clearly to be seen in the moves towards political unity in the EU.

I'd like to now quote from some articles of recent developments and news relating to the EU treaty which is aimed at pooling more sovereignty from individual nations in Europe to an EU superstate. The following three articles appeared in the July 18 2008 issue of the Daily Express newspaper:

SOLD OUT TO EUROPE BROWN MAKES QUEEN SIGN AWAY OUR SOVEREIGNTY

Gordon Brown was last night accused of betraying Britain with a "grubby" surrender to Brussels.

Under a cloak of secrecy, the Government finally ratified the Lisbon Treaty earlier this week and committed the country to a new deluge of European meddling.

In a sign of the Prime Minister's personal embarrassment over the betrayal, the historic step was only made public yesterday – 24 hours after the covert ceremony had taken place.

The instrument of ratification was signed by the Queen, who had no choice. Because Mr Brown had signed the treaty, she was constitutionally forced to follow suit.

The document was then flown in a diplomatic bag to Rome and delivered to the Italian Foreign Ministry at noon on Wednesday.

Mr Brown was last night facing widespread revolt and even the threat of further legal action after forcing the treaty into law without the promised referendum.

Tory Shadow Foreign Secretary William Hague said: "Gordon Brown has no democratic or moral authority to sign Britain up to what is a renamed EU constitution. This move is a total breach of trust with the British people and a flagrant breach of his solemn election promise. It is a sign of how arrogant and out of touch this Government has become that it is totally uninterested in what the British people want on Europe.

"It also means that the Government is joining in the ugly bullying of the Irish people, who have clearly rejected this treaty in a referendum. Trying to push ahead with the treaty shows an utter lack of respect for the Irish voters' democratic decision.

"As long as the Irish decision is not reversed, the EU treaty will not be in force at the next general election. A new Conservative Government would then take back the instrument of ratification and put the treaty to a referendum, recommending a 'No' vote.

"That is the honourable and democratic thing to do."

He pointed out that Mr Brown signed the treaty last year in a bizarre solo ceremony separate from the EU's 26 other national leaders.

Mr Hague added: "Whether it's Brown turning up late to sign the treaty or slipping out the news that they've finally handed over the crucial document, Labour has never had the guts to come out and put a case for the repackaged EU constitution."

Tory backbencher Douglas Carswell, a leading Euro-sceptic, said: "The way this treaty was signed was underhand and grubby and a betrayal of the UK. It shows this treaty has no proper legitimacy. And I think it also shows how useless our Parliament is.

"While MPs were debating their expenses and deciding whose snout should go in which trough, another serious erosion of British sovereignty was taking place."

Lorraine Mullally, of the Euro-sceptic think-tank Open Europe, said: "The Government has been dishonest and cowardly about this right from the beginning.

"First Gordon Brown signed it in Brussels in secret and now they've ratified it on the sly. They are ashamed of it because they know people don't want it. Gordon Brown has behaved in a cowardly way because he is scared of the voters."

Andy Smith, of the Campaign For An Independent Britain, said: "The whole history of this treaty is one of trickery and deceit. They reckon they can slip it through."

A Foreign Office spokesman last night claimed the timing of the British ratification was dictated by the administrative process of drawing up the documents and getting the required signatures.

"Ratification is a matter for each individual EU nation. There is no question at all of Ireland being bullied," the spokesman added.

DRIP-DROP SURRENDER TO EU SUPERSTATE:

The secret ratification of the EU Treaty is the latest in a long line of surrenders as Labour has quietly handed over sovereignty to Europe.

In almost every one of its 11 years in power, Labour has methodically dismantled large parts of Britain's traditional system of governance.

The process began when Tony Blair was unsuccessful in his goal of persuading Britain to ditch the pound and adopt the euro.

Despite this, one of the first acts of his Government was to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law in 1998, leading to huge increases in rights for minority groups and allowing nine Afghan hijackers to stay in the UK.

Mr Blair also signed the 2001 Treaty of Nice, the EU document which paved the way for the Treaty of Lisbon and handed more power to Brussels bureaucrats.

In 2002, Britain was one of the founder members of the International Criminal Court, which means that British soldiers now face the risk of being tried by international judges instead of a jury of their peers.

Since 2004, British citizens have also faced the risk of being detained under European Arrest Warrants issued in countries such as Greece and Italy.

Opponents have repeatedly branded the Lisbon Treaty a cynical re-heat of the hated plan for an EU Constitution, which collapsed after rejection in polls in France and Holland.

They fear it is a major step towards a Europe-wide superstate which will eventually wipe out individual nations.

The new treaty scraps national vetoes over EU decisions in dozens of policy areas. Some experts fear that Britain will even lose control over immigration and the criminal justice system.

It sets up a new EU President and EU foreign affairs envoy, while also calling for the creation of a European armed force which would see British soldiers answer to foreign leaders.

On Wednesday, Britain's submergence into a federal Europe moved a step closer when the Instruments of Ratification - set out on special chlorine-free paper, which remains pristine for centuries, and signed by the Queen - were handed to the Italian Foreign Ministry.

But the Government only confirmed the move with a terse statement from Foreign Secretary David Miliband yesterday. Neither he nor Mr Brown was prepared to make a statement to the Commons. Neither the No 10 nor the Foreign Office website made any mention of the ratification last night, either.

Eurosceptic tycoon Stuart Wheeler, who has launched a High Court action over the failure to hold a referendum, was appalled.

He was consulting lawyers about a possible further challenge on the grounds that the ratification came before judges had delivered a decision on his appeal against an earlier court ruling. Mr Wheeler said:

"This is disgraceful. The Government said they would wait, then they have gone ahead. I am returning to the High Court. I wouldn't say I was optimistic, but I am hopeful we have a chance. I believe the British people deserve a say about the future of this country."

The Prime Minister's spokesman last night denied that the Government had been underhand, claiming the formal ratification of previous EU treaties had not been announced in advance.

Critics still hope the treaty can be destroyed, however. All 27 nations in the EU must ratify it for it to come into force. If the Irish cannot be persuaded to reverse their rejection, the treaty will die.

So far 10 nations. Including the UK, have formally ratified it. A further 12 are close to completing the process.

Europe Minister Jim Murphy said: "It is right to ratify the Lisbon Treaty since both Houses of Parliament voted by substantial majorities in favour of it.

"The Tories are playing games and engaging in political stunts as usual. The fact is that the cannot be trusted to save Britain's interests in Europe."

LOSING OUR 55 RIGHTS TO SAY 'NO'

The treaty will end Britain's right to set its own laws in 55 areas.

And the EU will be able to push through laws without winning the unanimous approval of all 27 member states.

A simple majority of votes will be enough in areas ranging from justice and home affairs to sport, transport and energy policy.

The EU will also get powers to define criminal offences and set minimum sentences in the UK. British firms will also be forced into adopting costly EU employment law. Tony Blair and Gordon Brown have both claimed that so-called "red line" opt-out clauses for Britain protect our interests.

But critics argue the "red lines" have no legal force. The treaty will also mean the creation of an EU President, chosen by Europe's leaders to chair their summits and set the EU agenda.

Tony Blair has been tipped for the £200,000-a-year post, which carries a two-and-half-year term. It will also create a job for a foreign affairs minister representing the EU overseas.

The Treaty of the European Union closely resembles the earlier proposed EU Constitution.

It was designed as a new rule book for running the union after the expansion to 27 member states with the entry of new countries including Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

It gives legal backing to controversial workplace legislation, the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Under Herbert Armstrong the Church of God teaching was that Britain in the end would not be a part of the United Europe as Britain will be conquered by Europe in the Great Tribulation. If this occurs, as we understand Bible prophecy, this will most likely be with the use of the most powerful non-nuclear bombs (ones like the one shown in the movie Outbreak) as Britain is far too close to Europe for them to even consider using nuclear weapons at their own risk.

The controversy and division over the EU treaty may lead to the return of an idea that has been floated before where there would be an inner core of nations more willing to pool their sovereignty in a United Europe while the second tier of nations would have more of an economic rather than political union with the rest. This would match well with the toes of the great image of Daniel 2 being a mixture of iron and clay.

The CFR, Trilateral Commission, Bilderberg Group and Club of Rome

There are four main power groups which most of the major globalists are a part of and which most new world order conspiracy theories revolve around – the Council on Foreign Relations, The Trilateral Commission, the Bilderberg Group and the Club of Rome.

There is quite a lot of overlap of membership within these groups with many globalists being a member of more than one of these groups. These groups appear to be strongly linked to and be the driving force behind the development of the United Nations.

Before we look at each of these four groups let's look at the one individual who is the lightning rod for most new world order conspiracy theories. He has been the chairman of the Council of Foreign Relations and was the one who founded the Trilateral Commission. His name is David Rockefeller. The following is a short biography of him found in the Wikipedia (<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article13783.htm>) about him:

David Rockefeller, Sr. (born June 12, 1915) is a prominent American banker, statesman, globalist and the current patriarch of the Rockefeller family. He is the youngest and only surviving child and grandchild, respectively, of the prominent John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and the billionaire oil tycoon John D. Rockefeller, founder of Standard Oil. His five deceased siblings are: Abby, John D. III, Nelson, Laurance and Winthrop...



Rockefeller joined the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) as a director in 1949, the youngest to be appointed to that position up to that time; he was later to become head of the nominating committee for future membership; much later he became chairman of this influential foreign policy think-tank. It was later established, however, that his connection to the Council predated this directorship in 1949. He had earlier played a role in the Council's deliberations as the secretary of the CFR Study Group on "Reconstruction in Western Europe", that met over the years 1946-47. The deliberations of that group are credited with influencing the Truman administration's decision to reconstruct war ravaged Europe with American financial aid, subsequently known as the Marshall Plan.

Thus began a lifelong association with the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations, which had been financially supported for its establishment, in 1921, by his father, who also provided major funding for its first headquarters. Further ongoing funding was provided by the family's Rockefeller Foundation and family-created oil companies; along with a Standard Oil executive's widow providing the mansion for its expanded New York headquarters, Harold Pratt House, in 1944...

Under his stewardship the Chase spread internationally and became a central pillar in the world's financial system, including being the leading bank for the United Nations. It has a global network of correspondent banks that has been estimated to number about 50,000, the largest of any bank in the world. A notable achievement was the setting up of the first branch of an American bank at One Karl Marx Square, near the Kremlin, in the then Soviet Union, in 1973. This was also the year Rockefeller traveled to China, resulting in his bank becoming the National Bank of China's first correspondent bank in the United States...

In 1965, Rockefeller and other senior businessmen formed the Council of the Americas to stimulate and support economic integration in the Americas. The Council subsequently played a key role in the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)...

A lifelong globalist, due to the strong influence of his father, he had at an early age further spread his connections when he was invited to attend the inaugural elitist Bilderberg Group meetings, starting with the Holland gathering in 1954.

He has been a consistent attendee through the decades and has been a member of the "steering committee", which determines the invitation list for the upcoming annual meetings. These have frequently included prominent national figures who have gone on to be elected as political leaders of their respective countries including Bill Clinton who first attended in 1991...

Rockefeller maintains that, although Bilderberg's role is not to resolve disputes, because of the wide-ranging experience of the various attendees participants are 'free to report on what they have heard' to their respective heads of government.

It was a dissatisfaction with the failure of this group to include Japan that subsequently led to him forming the Trilateral Commission (TC) in July 1973, influenced by, among others, Zbigniew Brzezinski, the National Security Advisor under Carter and the author of *Between Two Ages: America's Role in the Technetronic Era*, published in 1970.

They discussed forming the organization at a Bilderberg Group meeting in Belgium in 1972; Brzezinski subsequently became the inaugural United States director. The Commission also launched its own magazine, the *Dialogue*...

"For David Rockefeller, the Presidency of the United States would be a demotion." — The standard joke in America for a time in the 1970s, as quoted in Harr & Johnson

The Rockefeller Conscience; An American Family in Public and in Private, 1991, (p.217)...

David Rockefeller is like the Medicis, his shadowy yet powerful political role one of the 'secret things' of Washington, DC. There is a range of anecdotal evidence to support this assessment.

In 1999, for example, the Irish rock star Bono (from U2), then trying to secure support for Third World debt relief, received an important lesson about the United States power structure from then CFR President Leslie Gelb.

He had explained to Bono 'the great chain of influence' — from David Rockefeller to UN Ambassador Richard Holbrooke to United States Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin to former Chairman of the Fed, Paul Volcker to a number of key Republicans — that led from Wall Street to Washington and back again.

Gelb, though, disputed Bono's suspicion that there must be an 'Elvis' — a 'single figure with enough clout' to achieve anything in the United States political system — and informed him that 'he would need the support of every one of these American dignitaries'. Sure enough, Bono, working with Bobby Shriver, met with World Bank President James Wolfensohn, Paul Volcker and then with David Rockefeller...

"For more than a century, ideological extremists at either end of the political spectrum have seized upon well-publicized incidents such as my encounter with Castro to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions.

"Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will. If that is the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it." — From Rockefeller's "Memoirs", (p.405).

"We are grateful to the **Washington Post, the New York Times, Time magazine**, and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost forty years. It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of publicity during these years. But the world is now more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government which will never again know war, but only peace and prosperity for the whole of humanity.

"The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national autodetermination practiced in the past centuries. It is also our duty to inform the press of our convictions as to the historic future of the century."

—Allegedly said to a Bilderberg meeting in Baden-Baden, Germany, 1991 [2]. Quoted from The New American in William Jasper's article, European Nightmare. The quote ultimately came from the French periodical, Lectures Francaises, according to Jasper's article and Will Banyan's research in The Proud Internationalist (see "The Missing Quote," pg. 67). The authenticity of the quote is unverified, and the original source has been characterized as a far right publication nostalgic for Vichy France: Lectures Francaises (in French).

There are some interesting points to note in the above short biography. The story about Bono thinking that there is a single Elvis figure with enough clout to achieve anything in the U.S. political system is an interesting one. The then CFR president had to tell him that it

didn't work like that. There isn't one individual, or group for that matter, with near omnipotent power controlling the government.

Another point to note is that Rockefeller is a Republican. This seems like an oxymoron for the world's prime globalist. Just as the Democratic party, like most left-wing parties, tends to favour the interests of workers, the Republican party tends to favour the interests of businesses and capitalists, such as tax cuts and free trade agreements to help businesses grow.

From an economic point of view Rockefeller sides with Republican views but the globalists, such as him, have a very socialist and humanistic viewpoint when it comes to moral and social issues. We only have to look at the political correctness pushed by the media and academia to know what these kind of views are. The globalist power groups are very much behind the political correctness that is being pushed onto our western nations.

The humanist values of political correctness are being used as tool to weaken nationalism and promote equality of races and cultures including religious culture and this is important to achieve their global one-world goal.

They promote mixing of the races through the media and soft immigration laws. The globalists are promoting acceptance of all cultures and religions (every religion and cultural thing no matter how pagan is as good as another), feminism, homosexuality, euthanasia, abortion (as a means of population control) and many other things.

Some of these such as race mixing and feminism the church has been soft on and the Church of God needs to be more vigilant and forthright on those along with the many other forms of political correctness.

An example of the ridiculous depths that we see political correctness occur in our western nations occurred in New York City where Muslim terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and killed several thousand Americans where the Empire State Building changed its neon lighting to the Arab colours to honour Ramadan like they do for the Jewish Hannukah.

The idea that every religion and culture is as good as another is an example of the globalists trying to ignore reality and this kind of humanism and political correctness will one day be seen as an example of the Emperor's new clothes (which were no clothes at all on the Chinese emperor).

On the subject of population control we saw the following in the Global Governance article I quoted earlier:

The Global Biodiversity Assessment concluded that:

"A reasonable estimate for an industrialized world society at the present North American material standard of living would be 1 billion. At the more frugal European standard of living, 1 to 3 billion would be possible...

New-age guru, Sam Keen [at the 1995 State of the World Forum] received enthusiastic applause for his pronouncement:

"If we cut the world's population by 90%, there won't be enough people left to do ecological damage."

A more radical minority within the globalist camp may well view deliberate war and disease as a means to have a more sustainable world population. The four horseman (**Revelation 6**), including war and disease, will certainly reduce the world's population. The Bible says that they will be responsible for killing a quarter of the world's population.

The oldest of the four power groups we will look at in this section is the Council on Foreign Relations. The following are quotes from the Wikipedia article about this organisation:

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is a nonpartisan foreign policy membership organization founded in 1921 and based at 58 East 68th Street (corner Park Avenue) in New York City, with an additional office in Washington, D.C. Through its membership, meetings, and studies, it has been called the most powerful agent of United States foreign policy outside the State Department. It publishes the bi-monthly journal *Foreign Affairs*. It has an extensive website, featuring links to its think tank, The David Rockefeller Studies Program, other programs and projects, publications, history, biographies of notable directors and other board members, corporate members, and press releases.

The Council's mission is promoting understanding of foreign policy and America's role in the world. Meetings are convened at which government officials, global leaders and prominent members debate major foreign-policy issues. It has a think tank that employs prominent scholars in international affairs and it commissions subsequent books and reports. A central aim of the Council, it states, is to "find and nurture the next generation of foreign policy leaders." It established "Independent Task Forces" in 1995, which encourage policy debate. Comprising experts with diverse backgrounds and expertise, these task forces seek consensus in making policy recommendations on critical issues; to date, the Council has convened more than fifty times.

The internal think tank is the The David Rockefeller Studies Program, which grants fellowships and whose programs are described as being integral to the goal of contributing to the ongoing debate on foreign policy; fellows in this program research and write on the most important challenges facing the United States and the world.

At the outset of the organization, founding member Elihu Root said the group's mission, epitomized in its journal *Foreign Affairs*, should be to "guide" American public opinion. In the early 1970s, the CFR changed the mission, saying that it wished instead to "inform" public opinion...

From its inception the Council was non-partisan, welcoming members of both Democratic and Republican parties. It also welcomed Jews and African Americans, although women were initially barred from membership. Its proceedings were almost universally private and confidential. It has exerted influence on U.S. foreign policy from the beginning, due to its roster of State Department and other government officials as members; as such, it has been the focus of many controversies (Perloff 37, et passim). A study by two critics of the organization, Laurence Shoup and William Minter, found that of 502 government officials surveyed from 1945 to 1972, more than half were members of the Council...

The Council served as a "breeding ground" for important American policies such as mutual deterrence, arms control, and nuclear non-proliferation...

The CFR is seen in conspiracy theorist circles to be helping implement the idea of a one world government, and lends its ideals to the idea of a New World Order. Many of its powerful members have gone on record stating that they wish to implement a one world government...

The Council has been the subject of many controversies, partly due to the number of high-ranking government officials in its membership, its secrecy clauses, and the

large number of aspects of American foreign policy that its members have been involved with, beginning with Wilson's Fourteen Points. The John Birch Society believes that the CFR plans a one-world government. Wilson's Fourteen Points speech was the first in which he suggested a worldwide security organization to prevent future world wars...

The next one I'd like to look at is the Trilateral Commission. While the membership of the Council of Foreign Relations is just American the Trilateral Commission has a more international membership based in three regions (hence the name Trilateral) – America, Europe and Pacific Asia (originally just Japan). Again I quote from the Wikipedia:

The Trilateral Commission is a private organization, established to foster closer cooperation between America, Europe and Japan. It was founded in July 1973, at the initiative of David Rockefeller; who was Chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations at that time. The Trilateral Commission is widely seen as a counterpart to the Council on Foreign Relations.

He pushed the idea of including Japan at the Bilderberg meetings he was attending but was rebuffed. Along with Zbigniew Brzezinski and a few other people, including individuals from the Brookings Institution, Council on Foreign Relations and the Ford Foundation, he convened initial meetings out of which grew the Trilateral organization.

Other founding members included Alan Greenspan and Paul Volcker, both eventually heads of the Federal Reserve system.

Its first executive committee meeting was held in Tokyo in October 1973. In May 1976, the first plenary meeting of all of the Commission's regional groups took place in Kyoto, attended by Jimmy Carter. Today it consists of approximately 300–350 private citizens from Europe, Pacific Asia (Asia & Oceania), and North America, and exists to promote closer political and economic cooperation between these areas, which are the primary industrial regions in the world. Its official journal from its founding is a magazine called *Dialogue*...

The conservative John Birch Society believes that the Trilateral Commission is dedicated to a one-world government. In 1980, Holly Sklar released a book titled *Trilateralism: the Trilateral Commission and Elite Planning for World Management*.

Since many of the members were businesspeople or bankers, actions that they took or encouraged that helped the banking industry have been noted. Jeremiah Novak, writing in the July 1977 issue of *Atlantic*, said that after international oil prices rose when Nixon set price controls on American domestic oil, many developing countries were required to borrow from banks to buy oil: "The Trilaterists' emphasis on international economics is not entirely disinterested, for the oil crisis forced many developing nations, with doubtful repayment abilities, to borrow excessively.

All told, private multinational banks, particularly Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan, have loaned nearly \$52 billion to developing countries. An overhauled International Monetary Fund (IMF) would provide another source of credit for these nations, and would take the big private banks off the hook. This proposal is the cornerstone of the Trilateral plan."

An interesting point to note from this summary of the Trilateral Commission is that it was formed because David Rockefeller didn't get his way when he asked for Japan to be included in the Bilderberg Group annual conferences which shows that the next group we

will look at it is not that interested in world government. That said, many or even most in the Trilateral Commission probably are interested in pushing for a world government.

Now we move onto the next group – the Bilderberg Group. For its summary of this group I quote again from the Wikipedia:

The Bilderberg Group, Bilderberg conference, or Bilderberg Club is an unofficial annual invitation-only conference of around 130 guests, most of whom are persons of influence in the fields of business, media and politics.

The elite group meets annually at luxury hotels or resorts throughout the world — normally in Europe — and once every four years in the United States or Canada. It has an office in Leiden, South Holland, Netherlands. The 2007 conference took place from May 31 to June 3 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Istanbul, Turkey.

The original Bilderberg conference was held at the Hotel de Bilderberg, near Arnhem in The Netherlands, from May 29 to May 31, 1954. The meeting was initiated by several people, including Joseph Retinger, concerned about the growth of anti-Americanism in Western Europe, who proposed an international conference at which leaders from European countries and the United States would be brought together with the aim of promoting understanding between the cultures of United States of America and Western Europe.

Retinger approached Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, who agreed to promote the idea, together with Belgian Prime Minister Paul Van Zeeland, and the head of Unilever at that time, the Dutchman Paul Rijkens. The guest list was to be drawn up by inviting two attendees from each nation, one each to represent conservative and liberal (both terms used in the American sense) points of view. The success of the meeting led the organizers to arrange an annual conference...

The declared purpose of the Bilderberg Group was to make a common political line tie between the United States of America and Europe in their opposition to the USSR and the global communist threat to their common monetary interests...

Critics say the Bilderberg Group promotes the careers of politicians whose views are representative of the interests of multinational corporations, at the expense of democracy. Journalists who have been invited to attend the Bilderberg Conference as observers have discounted these claims, calling the conference "not much different from a seminar or a conference organized by an upscale NGO" with "nothing different except for the influence of the participants"...

Reporter Jonathan Duffy, writing in BBC News Online Magazine states "In the void created by such aloofness, an extraordinary conspiracy theory has grown up around the group that alleges the fate of the world is largely decided by Bilderberg."

Denis Healey, a Bilderberg founder and former British Chancellor of the Exchequer, decries such theories. He was quoted by BBC News as saying "There's absolutely nothing in it. We never sought to reach a consensus on the big issues at Bilderberg. It's simply a place for discussion."

There are some further points in this summary of the Bilderberg Group that gives further evidence that this group doesn't have world government as it's goal unlike many individuals who are a part of the previous two groups.

The reasons for its forming to promote better understanding between the peoples on either side of the Atlantic and the fact that invitees are deliberately chosen from both sides of the political spectrum lend support to this belief.

The majority of the Bilderberg Group attendees appear more interested in a single market between Europe and North America, rather than a political world government as a small minority of its attendees are interested in.

A distinction also needs to be made between secrecy and privacy. Just because an organisation does not share what goes on behind closed doors that doesn't mean its motives and its dealings in secret are impure. One author who wrote "Difficult Questions About Freemasonry" (<http://mastermason.com/rfire/masonry/difficult.html>) has this about this point:

A better term than "secrecy" would be **privacy**. Masonry is not a public organization like a school board or a city council. It is an association of private citizens, just like a country club or a church. No one who is not a member has a right to know about the internal workings of any of these things. They are *private* to the group, not "secret."

Moving on now let's look at the last of these big four organisations linked to the push for world government - the Club of Rome. I quote again from the Wikipedia:

The Club of Rome is a global think tank that deals with a variety of international political issues. It was founded in April 1968 and raised considerable public attention 1972 with its report Limits to Growth.

The Club of Rome was founded in April 1968 by Aurelio Peccei, an Italian industrialist, and Alexander King, a Scottish scientist.

The Club of Rome raised considerable public attention with its report Limits to Growth, which has sold 30 million copies in more than 30 translations, making it the best selling environmental book in world history.

Kevin J. Krizek and Joe Power article: "A Planner's Guide to Sustainable Development" (Planning Advisory Service Report # 467, American Planning Assoc.) mentions this source and his author as stating that Paul Ehrlich's predictions in his 1968 book, "The Population Bomb" will come true within a century. Published in 1972 and presented for the first time at the ISC's annual Management Symposium in St. Gallen, Switzerland, it predicted that economic growth could not continue indefinitely because of the limited availability of natural resources, particularly oil.

The 1973 oil crisis increased public concern about this problem. However, even before Limits to Growth was published, Eduard Pestel and Mihajlo Mesarovic of Case Western Reserve University had begun work on a far more elaborate model (it distinguished **ten world regions** and involved 200,000 equations compared with 1000 in the Meadows model)...

The current President is Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan. Other active members include: Benjamin Bassin, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, Juan Luis Cebrian, Orio Giarini, Talal Halman, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, Javier Solana, Mugur Isarescu, Kamal Hossain, Esko Kalimo, Ashok Khosla, Martin Lees, Roberto Peccei, Maria Ramirez Ribes, Victor A. Sadovnichy, Keith Suter, Majid Tehranian, Raoul Weiler, Anders Wijkman, and Mikhail Gorbachev...

Critics have charged the Club of Rome with "Neo-Malthusianism" and strong elitism in its membership, which interlocks with European power elite groups such as the Bilderberg Group and to a lesser degree Anglo-American elite members. Conspiracy theorists occasionally link the Club with various world conspiracies, notably the New World Order.

I'd like to quote again the extract about the Club of Rome from the previously quoted article on Global Governance (http://www.conspiracyarchive.com/NWO/Global_Governance_1.htm):

The COR is a small group of international industrialists educators, economists, national and international civil servants. Among them were various Rockefellers and approximately 25 CFR members. Maurice Strong was one of the "international" civil servants. Their first book, *The Limits to Growth*, published in 1972 unabashedly describes the world as they believe it should be:

"We believe in fact that the need will quickly become evident for social innovation to match technical change, for radical reform of the institutions and political processes at all levels, including the highest, that of world polity. And since intellectual enlightenment is without effect if it is not also political, The Club of Rome also will encourage the creation of a world forum where statesmen, policy-makers, and scientists can discuss the dangers and hopes for the future global system without the constraints of formal intergovernmental negotiation" ...

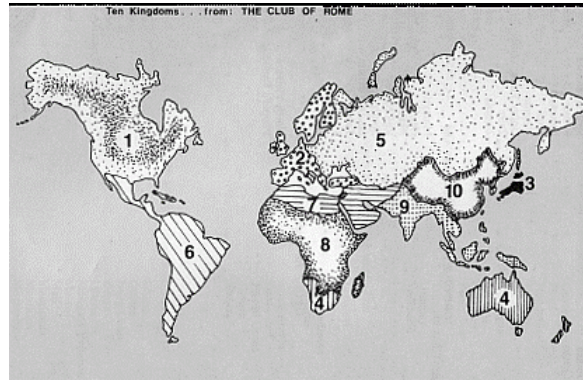
Another COR publication, *Mankind at the Turning Point*, provides further insight into the thinking that underlies global governance:

"The solution of these crises can be developed only in a global context with full and explicit recognition of the emerging world system and on a long-term basis. This would necessitate, among other changes, a new world economic order and a global resources allocation system...A 'world consciousness' must be developed through which every individual realizes his role as a member of the world community...It must become part of the consciousness of every individual that the basic unit of human cooperation and hence survival is moving from the national to the global level."

A companion work by the same authors, Mihajlo Mesarovic and Eduard Pestel, entitled *Regionalized and Adaptive Model of the Global World System*, introduced and described a system of regionalization which divided the globe into **10 regions**, each with its own hierarchical system of sub-regions.

The Club of Rome derives its name from the fact that one of its founders was an Italian. The above quotes show that, while originally it may not have been globalist in its political view it has certainly become that since its original scholarly publications. Those who believe the one-world government new world order will be the Beast described in Bible prophecy cite the plan of 10 regions matches the 10 kings which represent the 10 horns of the Beast of **Revelation 17:12**.

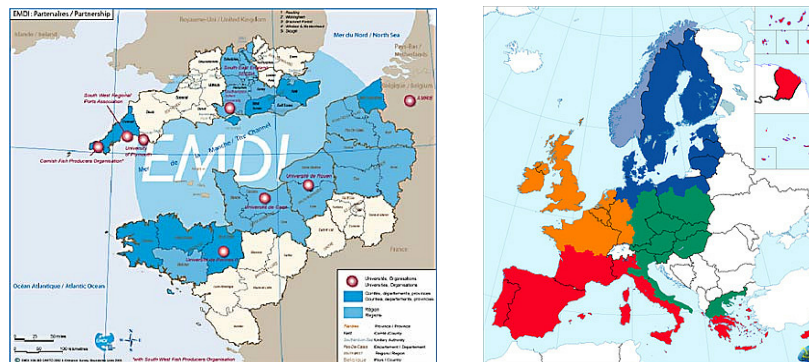
Below is a map of the 10 world regions as presented in the Club of Rome's work entitled "Regionalized and Adaptive Model of the Global World System". The map comes from Stan Deyo's book "The Cosmic Conspiracy":



Critics of the traditional sabbatarian view that the Beast will be a United Europe, such as Fred Coulter, cite the fact that the number of nations in the EU has over doubled from the 10 it was for many years to a current membership of some 27 nations as a proof that the beast power won't be a United Europe. There are two possibilities for how there might only be 10 nations or regions that are a part of a United Europe.

The most likely of the two is a two-tiered EU. The controversy and division over the EU treaty may lead to the return of an idea that has been floated before where there would be an inner core of nations more willing to pool their sovereignty in a United Europe while the second tier of nations would have more of an economic rather than political union with the rest. This would match well with the toes of the great image of Daniel 2 being a mixture of iron and clay.

The second possibility is the idea of 10 regions. Certain EU beaurocrats in one EU beaucracy have been creating regions within the EU that don't follow national boundaries as evidenced by the maps below:



Now I'd like to return to the subject of the Council on Foreign Relations. With these organisations that we have looked at most of their meetings are private and their proceedings are not released to the public. This, of course, has opened them up to the wildest of speculation.

Most people who write about these groups such as conspiracy theorists do so as outsiders and so their opinions and "facts" are questionable.

On the subject of the Council on Foreign Relations we are fortunate enough to have an insider's view of the CFR from a man who was a member for some 16 years. He was a former Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy so he is not a man given to wild speculation like many conspiracy theorists. His name is Chester Ward and in 1975 he co-authored a book with Phyllis Schlafly called "Kissinger on the Couch".

The book is primarily an expose of the influence of Henry Kissinger on the U.S. government administrations from Kennedy to Nixon which led to a squandering of the nuclear superiority of the United States over the Soviet Union. In chapters 7 and 8 he does give some considerable inside information into the workings and attitudes of the Council on Foreign Relations which I will now quote from:

Dr. Kissinger's...largely concealed, power base is his constituencies in powerful elitist groups, particularly the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and the Pugwash Conferences (the series of disarmament conferences that began in 1957 at Pugwash, Nova Scotia). "Elitist" is used here in complete harmony with its dictionary definitions, especially the third: "the choice part; a socially superior group; a powerful minority group."

The most powerful cliques in these elitist groups have one objective in common: they want to bring about the surrender of the sovereignty and national independence of the United States. They differ only as to the entity into which our sovereignty should be merged.

Some dream of taking the United States into a one-world all-powerful global government-possibly a vastly strengthened United Nations, or possibly limited to the Atlantic community.

They consider that this objective is at once so idealistic (the brotherhood of peoples or Parliament of Man concept) and so urgent (a lasting world peace can be secured only by disarming all nations down to internal police levels), that their end justifies any means...[A]ny means to achieve global government includes the unilateral strategic disarmament of the United States down to the point at which we would be helpless against the Soviet Union.

The elitist cliques calculate that such a posture would provide an irresistible incentive for us to join a global government before we were forced to surrender to the Soviets.

Most of the members of these elitist groups are one-world-global government ideologists whose long term goal was neatly and officially summed up in the September 1961 State Department Document 7277. Despite its age, it is not outdated. It was adopted and affirmed by the Nixon Administration.

In August 1970 the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency declared the goal still to be "the total elimination of all armed forces and armaments except those needed to maintain internal order within states and to furnish the United Nations with peace forces ... by the time it [the UN global government] would be so strong no nation could challenge it."

When it comes to the means to bring about this general disarmament, many of the elitist groups recognize that they are powerless to disarm the Soviet Union, and so they dedicate their influence to do this to the United States.

This would, of necessity, set the stage for the U.S.S.R. to take over control of the world long before any "democratic" type of supranational government could be set up in the United Nations framework. Thus, there would surely be one world, one global government, and universal peace. But there would no longer be any need for a Berlin

Wall or an Iron Curtain. There would be no place left for freedom, and no sanctuary for those who wanted to escape from Communist tyranny...

The Gaither Report shook the members of the CFR, the Pugwash group and the Harvard-MIT Axis. It injected them with nuclear paralysis, with atomic ague, with the dread of death by incineration. **Those who already were on the Red side of the rather-Red-than-dead argument, became fanatic.**

They concluded that preemptive surrender was the only way to avoid death by incineration, and they would never permit the nonelite American people to thwart their plan. Those who had previously been willing to take some risk, rather than accept a sure future as Red slaves, were convinced by the Gaither Report that we could not match the Soviets in longterm arms competition, and that therefore it was too great a risk to try...

This is how the maxim "it's safer to be weak than strong" originated as to strategic nuclear power. Nitze contended that the safest course for the United States was not to be Number One or a strong Number Two, but instead to make sure that we came out no stronger than a decisively weak Number Two.

Having publicly declared his safety-in-weakness credo before some 500 leading nuclear strategists and unilateral-disarmers at the Asilomar National Strategy Seminar in April 1960, he was appointed in January 1961 as McNamara's Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and finally as McNamara's Deputy Secretary of Defense. Nitze is intellectually superior to McNamara, but McNamara's slick and deceptive salesmanship was essential to put across Nitze's make-the-U.S.-a-weak-second-to-the-Soviets strategy.

Nitze's total success in working with McNamara to bring down the eight-to-one U.S. strategic superiority to actual inferiority within eight years made him a perfect candidate for appointment as a member of the U.S. SALT delegation...

A second clique of influential members in the CFR also made its contribution to the Kissinger career. A much smaller group but more powerful, with a low profile but controlling billions of dollars in the United States and elsewhere, this faction comprises the Wall Street international bankers and their key agents.

Primarily, they want the world banking monopoly from whatever power ends up in control of the global government. They would probably prefer that this be an all-powerful United Nations organization; but they are also prepared to deal with and for a one-world government controlled by the Soviet Communists if U.S. sovereignty is ever surrendered to them.

This CFR faction is headed by the Rockefeller brothers. David is Chairman of the Board of CFR, but John D. III and Nelson Aldrich are also resident members. Out of the total CFR resident and nonresident membership of 1,551, there are 189 bankers or financiers from the Wall Street international finance groups. In addition, the Rockefeller clique includes the most influential of the 82 CFR foundation-administrator types and the 174 CFR academic-administration types who have disproportionate influence on what is taught in our universities and over professorial and department appointments.

The objective of the influential majority of members of CFR has not changed since its founding in 1922, more than 50 years ago. In the 50th anniversary issue of Foreign Affairs, the first and leading article was written by CFR member Kingman Brewster, Jr., entitled "Reflections on Our National Purpose." He did not back away from defining it: our national purpose should be to abolish our nationality. Indeed, he pulled out all the emotional stops in a hard-sell for global government. He described our "Vietnam-seared generation" as being "far from America Firsters" - an expression

meant as a patronizing sop to our young people. In the entire CFR lexicon, there is no term of revulsion carrying a meaning so deep as "America First." Dr. Brewster continued:...

"Our new situation of mutual, national dependence is inescapable. If we would face it in a creative mood, we will have to take some risks in order to invite others to pool their sovereignty with ours on matters which none of us can control alone.

"We shall have to abide by lawfully achieved results even when we might have wished or voted otherwise. Some day some President must convince all the American people that this is a proud and exciting call to be faced with zest rather than reluctance.

"As we approach the bicentennial of the Republic, perhaps what we need most for 1976 is a resounding Declaration of International Interdependence. Maybe by 1987 we could then celebrate the 200th year of the Constitution of the United States with at least the beginning of global arrangements and institutions to safeguard the common defense and the general welfare of humanity everywhere.

"Then we would rediscover the sense of purpose, and once more know the satisfaction, of those who saved the peoples of the colonies by making them into a nation. We, in our turn, might save the peoples of nations by making them into a world community capable of survival"...

Read the Brewster-CFR credo again. It is important not to miss the slightly concealed but intense hate of the terms "nation" and "sovereignty of nations."

Note the holier-than-thou contempt and resentment of those who would serve America first, of those who would be loyal to the sovereignty of the United States, rather than to the "world community" or to the "ultimate sovereignty of peoples." Notice that we are implored to accept "some risks" in pooling our sovereignty with others.

These risks include disarming down to the point where we would be completely helpless against the "peace-keeping" forces of the global government; if the plan goes sour, it would be too late to rebuild U.S. military strength.

Note also that we are admonished by Mr. Brewster to abjure the outdated and selfish concept of a United States Constitution that is concerned with the common defense and general welfare of the American people. That obsolete document must be scrapped so that we can enter "global arrangements and institutions to safeguard the common defense and general welfare of humanity everywhere."

One of the chilling aspects of this 50th-anniversary appeal is the frank exposure of the CFR lust to surrender, and a demand that "all Americans" not only share that lust but be thrilled by it. We are admonished not only to surrender our national sovereignty to the "world community" and submerge it in the pool of the "sovereignty of peoples," but also to look forward "with zest" to the "proud and exciting call" to surrender American interests to the dictates of the global government...

Sharp divergence as to whom to surrender-and as to the timing of the surrender-exists between two of the cliques. One is the unilateral disarmament intellectuals, a group of powerful pragmatists led by Paul Nitze, Robert McNamara, Jerome Wiesner, Roswell Gilpatric, Paul Warnke, and Henry Kissinger. The other clique consists of the articulate anti-warmongers, such as Daniel Ellsberg and Morton Halperin...

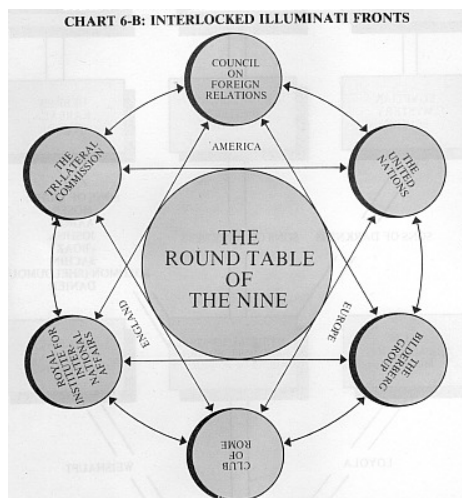
With 16 years experience as a member, one of the authors of this book [Chester Ward] has concluded that this purpose of promoting disarmament and submergence of U.S. sovereignty and national independence into an all-powerful one-world

government is the only objective revealed to about 95 percent of 1,551 members. There are two other-ulterior purposes that CFR influence is being used to promote; but it is improbable that they are known to more than about 75 members, or that these purposes ever have even been identified in writing...

David Rockefeller does not exercise such vast powers because he is chairman of the board of directors of CFR, but because he is chairman of the board of one of the two most powerful banks in the world and a member of one of the world's wealthiest families. In this country his influence extends into finance, business, industry, transportation, communications, the press, television, universities, foundations, international organizations, and government. He has similar influence throughout the Free World, and is now rapidly expanding into the Communist world.

When he, or any other influential member of CFR, decides to take a hand in a policy or program within the cognizance of CFR, he will not act through the organization, but as leader of a sort of floating ad hoc coalition with other influential members having similar objectives. The policy-making members use CFR as an instrument rather than as an organization. It has proved to be a tool of great value, especially for propagandizing. Once the ruling members of CFR have decided that the U.S. Government should adopt a particular policy, the very substantial research facilities of CFR are put to work to develop arguments, intellectual and emotional, to support the new policy, and to confound and discredit, intellectually and politically, any opposition.

Below is a chart from Stan Deyo's book "The Cosmic Conspiracy" showing the interlocking of the various globalist groups as viewed by conspiracy theorists. We've looked at the six groups mentioned in this chart in the circle. Presumably the Round Table of the Nine is some reference to an inner clique that run the lot according to Stan Deyo's view.



Many people into conspiracy theories seem to hold a belief that the globalists have complete control of governments and can do almost anything that they like.

There is no question that they exert great influence over politicians, the media and the academic institutions. Returning to the topic of military control the Council on Foreign Relations (primarily through Henry Kissinger) were primarily responsible for influencing the United States government to squander a 7:1 military and nuclear advantage that the United States had over the Soviet Union in 1962 to an equal parity at the end of the 1960's. Such disarmament also occurred during the Clinton administration.

However, the CFR hasn't always had its own way. During the Reagan and now the Bush administrations the military has grown tremendously. The CFR (or the Jesuits who allegedly control them according to one authority) is not all-powerful and is somewhat at the mercy of the leaders in control.

And, we are only talking about the United States here not to mention the other 200 sovereign nations who would similarly have to sign over their sovereignty to make a world government possible!

Given the great reluctance that sovereign nations have to give away their sovereignty the only thing that might force their hand would be some great crisis such as a world economic collapse which is the real wildcard in all of this. No one can accurately predict what would happen if the American economy collapsed triggering a Worldwide depression.

It is under such as scenario that Fred Coulter believes that there will be such a transference of power if the World Bank and other central banks have governments over a barrel with unimaginable debts. That said, if a world government hypothetically appeared on the scene it would be very brief indeed as the Bible shows power blocs at war with one another in the Great Tribulation not necessarily a unified world government.

How is it all going to pan out? We will return to this question a little later.

Amongst the articles and books you will find on this subject of the new world order you will find a wide range of approach in the way that they present the subject. At one end are the more scholarly articles where the authors who believe in the new world order viewpoint of prophecy let the facts and quotes from reputable sources speak for themselves for the most part. The articles I have quoted from so far come at the subject from that angle. I will quote from other such sources in the next sections as well.

At the other end of the spectrum are those given to wild extrapolation and wild opinions with little in terms of hard facts to back up their claims. This was the case with one of the first books I ever run across on this subject entitled "The Vatican Assassins" which had very little in terms of direct evidence (a few bits relating to Lincoln's concerns about the Jesuits were quite good though). It was mostly unsubstantiated claims with evidence quoted being either indirect evidence or quoted from less than reputable sources who held the same extreme views as the author.

On classic example was a wild claim he made that Princess Diana and her Egyptian lover were killed because the Jesuits, etc would not permit a Muslim heir onto the throne of England. This is a ridiculous claim because, even it could be proved it was a murder, Princess Diana was no longer an official HRH (Her Royal Highness) and any children after losing that title would not have been in line for the throne of England.

There is a proverb which says "The first in his cause *seems* just, *but* his neighbor comes and searches him" (Proverbs 18:17). The serious student of this subject needs to look at all the facts from not just one but BOTH points of views and learn to discern the fact from the fiction and not take claims by authors at face value but only when proved by reputable sources.

Some writers who support the new world order point of view do tackle the subject from a scholarly approach while others mix a few good facts with lots of wild opinions. The article I quote from now is an example of the latter. There are some good facts in this article but they are mixed with some wild unsubstantiated opinions. See if you, the reader, can pick which is which in this article I quote found at <http://www.threeworldwars.com/new-world-order.htm>:

The preceding article was extracted from an excellent analysis of the New World Order by author Ken Adachi which can be found at <http://educate-yourself.org/nwo/>.

The term New World Order (NWO) has been used by numerous politicians through the ages, and is a generic term used to refer to a worldwide conspiracy being orchestrated by an extremely powerful and influential group of genetically-related individuals (at least at the highest echelons) which include many of the world's wealthiest people, top political leaders, and corporate elite, as well as members of the so-called Black Nobility of Europe (dominated by the British Crown) whose goal is to create a One World (fascist) Government, stripped of nationalistic and regional boundaries, that is obedient to their agenda.

Listen to the Zionist banker, Paul Warburg:

"We will have a world government whether you like it or not. The only question is whether that government will be achieved by conquest or consent." (February 17, 1950, as he testified before the US Senate).

Their intention is to effect complete and total control over every human being on the planet and to dramatically reduce the world's population by two thirds. While the name *New World Order* is the term most frequently used today to loosely refer to anyone involved in this conspiracy, the study of exactly who makes up this group is a complex and intricate one. For further research sources, please see the side bar on the left.

In 1992, Dr John Coleman published *Conspirators Hierarchy: The Story of the Committee of 300*. With laudable scholarship and meticulous research, Dr Coleman identifies the players and carefully details the New World Order agenda of worldwide domination and control. On page 161 of the *Conspirators Hierarchy*, Dr Coleman accurately summarizes the intent and purpose of the Committee of 300 as follows:

"A One World Government and one-unit monetary system, under permanent non-elected hereditary oligarchists who self-select from among their numbers in the form of a feudal system as it was in the Middle Ages. In this One World entity, population will be limited by restrictions on the number of children per family, diseases, wars, famines, until 1 billion people who are useful to the ruling class, in areas which will be strictly and clearly defined, remain as the total world population.

There will be no middle class, only rulers and the servants. All laws will be uniform under a legal system of world courts practicing the same unified code of laws, backed up by a One World Government police force and a One World unified military to enforce laws in all former countries where no national boundaries shall exist. The system will be on the basis of a welfare state; those who are obedient and subservient to the One World Government will be rewarded with the means to live; those who are rebellious will simply be starved to death or be declared outlaws, thus a target for anyone who wishes to kill them. Privately owned firearms or weapons of any kind will be prohibited"...

The NWO Modus Operandi

The NWO global conspirators manifest their agenda through the skilful manipulation of human emotions, especially fear. In the past centuries, they have repeatedly utilized a contrivance that NWO researcher and author David Icke has characterized in his latest book, *The Biggest Secret*, as Problem, Reaction, and Solution.

The technique is as follows: NWO strategists create the Problem - by funding, assembling, and training an "opposition" group to stimulate turmoil in an established political power (sovereign country, region, continent, etc.) that they wish to impinge upon and thus create opposing factions in a conflict that the NWO themselves

maneuvered into existence. In recent decades, so called opposition groups are usually identified in the media as 'freedom fighters' or 'liberators'.

At the same time, the leader of the established political power where the conflict is being orchestrated is demonized and, on cue, referred to as 'another Hitler' (take your pick: Saddam Hussein, Milosevic, Kadaffi, etc.). The 'freedom fighters' are not infrequently assembled from a local criminal element (i.e. KLA, drug traffickers). In the spirit of true Machiavellian deceit, the same NWO strategists are equally involved in covertly arming and advising the leader of the established power as well (the NWO always profits from any armed conflict by loaning money, arming, and supplying all parties involved in a war).

The conflict is drawn to the world stage by the controlled media outlets with a barrage of photos and video tape reports of horrific and bloody atrocities suffered by innocent civilians. The cry goes up "Something has to be done!" And that is the desired Reaction.

The NWO puppeteers then provide the Solution by sending in UN 'Peace Keepers' (Bosnia) or a UN 'Coalition Force' (Gulf War) or NATO Bombers and then ground troops (Kosovo), or the military to 'search for Weapons of Mass Destruction', which of course are never found. Once installed, the 'peace keepers' never leave. The idea is to have NWO controlled ground troops in all major countries or strategic areas where significant resistance to the New World Order takeover is likely to be encountered.

Who is the NWO?

The corporate portion of the NWO is dominated by international bankers, oil barons and pharmaceutical cartels, as well as other major multinational corporations. The Royal Family of England, namely Queen Elizabeth II and the House of Windsor, (who are, in fact, descendants of the German arm of European Royalty - the Saxe-Coburg-Gotha family - changed the name to Windsor in 1914), are high level players in the oligarchy which controls the upper strata of the NWO. The decision making nerve centers of this effort are in London (especially the City of London), Basel Switzerland, and Brussels (NATO headquarters).

The United Nations, along with all the agencies working under the UN umbrella, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), are full time players in this scheme. Similarly, NATO is a military tool of the NWO.

The leaders of all major industrial countries like the United States, England, Germany, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, etc. (members of the "G7/G8") are active and fully cooperative participants in this conspiracy. In this century, the degree of control exerted by the NWO has advanced to the point that only certain hand-picked individuals, who are groomed and selected are even eligible to become the prime minister or president of countries like England, Germany, or The United States. It didn't matter whether Bill Clinton or Bob Dole won the Presidency in 1996, the results would have been the same. Both men are playing on the same team for the same ball club.

Anyone who isn't a team player is taken out: i.e. President Kennedy, Ali Bhutto (Pakistan) and Aldo Moro (Italy). More recently, Admiral Borda and William Colby were also killed because they were either unwilling to go along with the conspiracy to destroy America, weren't cooperating in some capacity, or were attempting to expose/ thwart the takeover agenda.

The NWO's Role in Shaping History

Most of the major wars, political upheavals, and economic depression/recessions of the past 100 years (and earlier) were carefully planned and instigated by the machinations of these elites. They include The Spanish-American War (1898), World

War I and World War II; The Great Depression; the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917; the Rise of Nazi Germany; the Korean War; the Vietnam War; the 1989-91 "fall" of Soviet Communism; the 1991 Gulf War; the War in Kosovo; and the two Iraq wars. Even the French Revolution was orchestrated into existence by elements of the NWO.

The instigation of a trumped-up war as a cover for amassing fortunes which can be dated back to at least the 12th Century when only a core group of nine members of the Knights Templar, kicked off the Crusades that lasted for over a century and a half...

In 1307, the king of France, Philippe the Fair, coveted the wealth and was jealous of the Templars' power. The French king set out to arrest all the Templars in France on October 13. While many Templars were seized and tortured, including their Grand Master, Jacques de Molay, many other Templars (who had been tipped off) escaped. They eventually resurfaced in Portugal, in Malta (as the Knights of Malta) and later in Scotland as The Scottish Rites of Freemasonry, with Albert Pike playing a key role in defining a plan for establishing a world government.

The acquisition and consolidation of ever greater wealth, natural resources, total political power, and control over others are the motivating forces which drive the decisions of the NWO leaders. The toll in human suffering and the loss of innocent lives are non issues for these individuals.

So what do you, the reader, think were the facts and what were the unsubstantiated wild claims in the above? I will offer my thoughts on that question.

One of the first wild claims is that the royal family of England, including Queen Elizabeth II are involved in the conspiracy. In all the research I have done on the subject of the new world order I have not seen anyone else even claim this let alone back it up with anything close to hard evidence.

The quote from Paul Warburg is fascinating one where he said "We will have a world government whether you like it or not. The only question is whether that government will be achieved by conquest or consent." This sounds bona fide in light of the what we have seen in the main article on global governance I have quoted from in this section. I would like to have seen more of the context surrounding this quote.

Even taking at face value we have to ask the question is this a typical belief of those in the higher echelon of the Council on Foreign Relations or this comment about achieving world government by conquest an extreme view not held by the majority of the CFR? That they want to achieve it by consent and even manipulation appears to be a well supported fact. That the majority are prepared to resort to violence and do it by conquest is another story.

Notice, too, that he did not say "we will achieve it by conquest". He just said it "will be achieved by conquest." In the next section we will see how the CFR worked towards that goal by manipulating the government to disarm and create a potential situation where the Soviet Union would be in stronger position to conquer or force America to surrender to its will.

It does appear true that the international bankers are interested in pushing for a world government and want the world banking monopoly from whatever power ends up in control of the global government.

Yes, the United Nations and its affiliate organisations are part of the "conspiracy" to have this kind of global government.

NATO, on the other hand, is a different story. If they were controlled in a unified way by such conspirators we would see much more unity on foreign affairs between America and Europe which have disagreed sharply such as over the Iraq and Afghanistan in recent years.

That the Republicans and Democrats are on the same side is not correct. There are a lot of CFR members in both camps but that doesn't necessarily mean they share the same one world government views as Rockefeller and company. George W. Bush is certainly all for North American regionalisation but that doesn't mean he is all for a world government. Instead of disarming America he has armed it tremendously like Reagan before him.

Another unsubstantiated claim is that Kennedy was taken out because he wasn't a team player. He did more for the cause of the CFR than most presidents. His staff was stacked with CFR members and he loosened the immigration laws that have led to a flood of non-Caucasian immigrants into America promoting the mixing of the races, weakening America's identity and the patriotism/nationalism that is counter to the one-world government viewpoint.

I do believe he wasn't killed by a single lone gunman as the video footage shows at least two shots which propelled his body one way and then the other. As to who and why he was shot that is an enduring mystery and far from answered in the abovementioned book "The Vatican Assassins".

In his excellent expose of the Council on Foreign Relations on his DVD entitled "Treason in America" Servando Gonzalez cites as one possible motive the move by Kennedy to allow the US Treasury to issue currency in addition to the Federal Reserve which was rescinded shortly after his death by Lyndon Johnson. Conspiracy theorists are often quick to point out that the Fed is a private bank. This is a little bit of a grey area this question. The answer is yes and no. Below is an explanation of this that appears on the Fed's website:

How is the Federal Reserve System structured?

The Federal Reserve System has a structure designed by Congress to give it a broad perspective on the economy and on economic activity in all parts of the nation. It is a federal system, composed basically of a central, governmental agency--the Board of Governors--in Washington, D.C., and twelve regional Federal Reserve Banks, located in major cities throughout the nation. These components share responsibility for supervising and regulating certain financial institutions and activities; for providing banking services to depository institutions and to the federal government; and for ensuring that consumers receive adequate information and fair treatment in their business with the banking system.

A major component of the System is the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), which is made up of the members of the Board of Governors, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and presidents of four other Federal Reserve Banks, who serve on a rotating basis. The FOMC oversees open market operations, which is the main tool used by the Federal Reserve to influence money market conditions and the growth of money and credit.

Who owns the Federal Reserve?

The Federal Reserve System is not "owned" by anyone and is not a private, profit-making institution.

Instead, it is an independent entity within the government, having both public purposes and private aspects.

As the nation's central bank, the Federal Reserve derives its authority from the U.S. Congress. It is considered an independent central bank because its decisions do not have to be ratified by the President or anyone else in the executive or legislative branch of government, it does not receive funding appropriated by Congress, and the terms of the members of the Board of Governors span multiple presidential and congressional terms. However, the Federal Reserve is subject to oversight by Congress, which periodically reviews its activities and can alter its responsibilities by statute. Also, the Federal Reserve must work within the framework of the overall objectives of economic and financial policy established by the government. Therefore, the Federal Reserve can be more accurately described as "independent within the government."

The twelve regional Federal Reserve Banks, which were established by Congress as the operating arms of the nation's central banking system, are organized much like private corporations--possibly leading to some confusion about "ownership." For example, the Reserve Banks issue shares of stock to member banks. However, owning Reserve Bank stock is quite different from owning stock in a private company. The Reserve Banks are not operated for profit, and ownership of a certain amount of stock is, by law, a condition of membership in the System. The stock may not be sold, traded, or pledged as security for a loan; dividends are, by law, 6 percent per year.

How is the Federal Reserve funded?

The Federal Reserve's income is derived primarily from the interest on U.S. government securities that it has acquired through open market operations. Other sources of income are the interest on foreign currency investments held by the System; fees received for services provided to depository institutions, such as check clearing, funds transfers, and automated clearinghouse operations; and interest on loans to depository institutions (the rate on which is the so-called discount rate).

After paying its expenses, the Federal Reserve turns the rest of its earnings over to the U.S. Treasury.

Why did Congress want the Federal Reserve to be relatively independent?

The intent of Congress in shaping the Federal Reserve Act was to keep politics out of monetary policy. The System is independent of other branches and agencies of government. It is self-financed and therefore is not subject to the congressional budgetary process.

Since the Federal Reserve has considerable discretion in carrying out its responsibilities, to whom is it accountable?

The Federal Reserve's ultimate accountability is to Congress, which at any time can amend the Federal Reserve Act. Legislation requires that the Fed report annually on its activities to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and twice annually on its plans for monetary policy to the banking committees of Congress. Fed officials also testify before Congress when requested.

To ensure financial accountability, the financial statements of the Federal Reserve Banks and the Board of Governors are audited annually by an independent outside auditor. In addition, the Government Accountability Office, as well as the Board's Office of Inspector General, can audit Federal Reserve activities (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/faq/faqfrs.htm>).

Another wild claim in the NWO article is that most crises of the past 100 years were manipulated by these conspirators. I will comment on a few of the examples he has given.

There is some interesting evidence that opens up the possibility that the sinking of the Lusitania that brought America into World War 1 may have been a set up. The timing of it was soon after the founding of the Federal Reserve and that the war took America into lot more debt which meant quite a windfall for the Fed according to the conspiracy theorists. If the Fed returns all its "profit" to the Treasury after covering expenses then this is quite unlikely.

World War 2 being a setup is ridiculous to anyone who has studied the life of Adolf Hitler and knows the type of man he was.

The Great Depression is a lot more complicated than what this writer would lead people to believe. Americans just went crazy buying stock and often buying their shares with credit and this was as major a cause as any.

The fall of the Soviet Union is ridiculous in light of what we covered in the last section on economic globalisation and how they overspent on military spending and what we will show later in the next section with the CFR wanting America to be inferior to the Soviet Union to give it incentive to join a global government. It was their military spending and enormous debt that sank the Soviet Union.

The Gulf War is another ridiculous wild claim. The reason for that war is very simple – Saddam Hussein was a megalomaniac. Anyone who understands the maniacal hatred of extreme Islamists knows how crazy that they can be and that should be kept firmly in mind for those who even claim that 9/11 was a setup.

To quote the most famous fictional conspiracy theorist, Fox Mulder from the X-Files - "Trust no-one!" Do not take any such claims by conspiracy theorists at face value! Prove all things **(1 Thessalonians 5:19)**. Seek solid proof before accepting these kind of radical opinions.

Let's have a look again at the United Nations and look at the question of just how united it really is by looking firstly at Russia and China's behaviour within the UN which shows the international bankers and UN diplomats do not have the ultimate power that conspiracy theorists give them credit for.

I'd like to quote from a Daily Express article entitled "Why the UN fails to tackle tyrants?" (18/7/2008):

How on earth could Little Miliband and the Foreign Office seriously think Russia and China would join with them in targeting Zimbabwe's blood-stained tyrant Mugabe?

Do our so-called foreign experts never learn anything, generation by generation?

In the Thirties they failed to comprehend the mentality of Hitler, in the Fifties that of Stalin, in the Seventies they thought Idi Amin was just an amusing clown and now they think the world's two leading dictatorships are seriously shocked by the idea of persecution.

Every generation, they seem to be utterly ignorant of reality.

The ability of both despotisms to defeat the UN motion to penalise Robert Mugabe for his crimes stems from their veto on the UN Security Council – which both used.

This Security Council membership stems from the Second World War.

The USSR played a major role in defeating Germany but China did almost nothing to defeat Japan.

The Americans insisted their ally Chiang Kai-Shek, then Chinese leader, be awarded membership of the Council and its power of veto. When Mao's People's Republic of China finally became a UN member in 1971, it took the Security Council seat, along with the power of veto. Mistake. Since then both Russia and China have used their power to protect fellow tyrants and still do.

Russia, as we now see, has never really changed. Today it is still a secret police state, the police being the FSB of Putin. This followed the KGB of Khrushchev, which came after the NKVD of Stalin. Before that it was called OGPU, which followed Lenin's CHEKA.

So the communists invented the Russian secret police? Not a bit of it. The Tsars had the equally brutal OKHRANA. Let's be frank. In its 1,000 years Russia has never had an hour of true democracy. China is 5,000 years old and exactly the same.

Russia has done unspeakable things in breakaway Chechnya and China ditto in Tibet. Why should they give a flying toss about a bit of brutality in Zimbabwe or Darfur? Ah, you may think, but the Russian people long for freedom.

Forget it. They adore Putin and cheerfully endorse the persecution of anyone opposing the party line.

This is because the fundamental Russian character is as it always was. In short, this is paranoically suspicious of anyone foreign; "patriotic" beyond all the norms and into the realm of aggressive nationalism; eager to bully anyone smaller (as today Georgia, Poland Ukraine and Czech Republic); but endlessly wailing that they are themselves persecuted by others.

They also have staggering depths of stoicism but for 100 years, apart from 1941-1945, have brought all their miseries on themselves.

As for the UN, it is a busted flush and ripe for reform. The tyrants who dominate it pay nothing; we (the West) who pay its total budget are treated like pariahs.

The EU performs no better. It too is supposed to penalise Mugabe with a ban on travel. Yet when he wants to visit Brussels, Lisbon and Rome (to discuss world famine of all things), his trips go through seamlessly.

So three cheers for Argentinian chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for lambasting another tyrant, the genocidal Omar Bashir of Sudan who masterminded the mass slaughter in Darfur.

Now let's slap an arrest warrant on Mugabe and confiscate all his cronies' stashed-away fortunes.

There is no question that the U.N. definitely needs to be reformed and the veto powers that Russia and China and even the lesser G7 nations like Germany have halted any true progress to deal with the tyrants of the world.

The only truly successful war that had the sanctioning of the United Nations (including Russia and China) was the first Gulf War and the limitation on the nations was to restore the independence of Kuwait, not remove Saddam Hussein from power. The rare unity on that occasion was motivated by the economic interests of the oil fields there.

I remember after that successful war a speech given by Tony Blair when I was attending the Feast of Tabernacles that was very striking. He spoke of a greater unity needed between Britain, America and other western nations to go in and deal effectively with tyrants so there isn't future UN failures like what happened in Rwanda.

How likely is it that the UN could be reformed and the veto power taken away from nations like Russia and China who have abused it in the past? No doubt it would be very difficult. Russia and China would never volunteer it and if the western nations pulled out to start a new United Nations organisation then Russia and China would be very unlikely to join it so it looks about as difficult as the U.S constitution being scrapped and creating a new one. Even the globalists have admitted that the Faithful Fathers have been too shrewd for them with the way they designed the constitution and separated the powers of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of the government.

Fred Coulter believes that there will be such a transference of power if the World Bank and other central banks have governments over a barrel with unimaginable debts. That said, if a world government hypothetically appeared on the scene it would be very brief indeed as the Bible shows power blocs at war with one another in the Great Tribulation not necessarily a unified world government.

So, what of the possibility of a reformed United Nations with all nations pooling their sovereignty and such a transference of power occurring when the World Bank and other central banks have governments over a barrel with unimaginable debts following a worldwide depression?

This assumes that every nation is indebted to the international bankers which is not the case. China, which is profiting very nicely thanks to U.S. demand for its goods, is a creditor nation so it is not indebted to the international bankers and could hardly be forced to give up its sovereignty in the event of a worldwide economic depression, at least not by its consent. There are a few other strong nations in the same situation.

China holds an enormous amount of U.S. government bonds, so much so that it could bring down the U.S. economy if it wanted to by cashing those in. However, it would be killing its golden goose in the process since it is getting very rich as a result of the U.S. demand for its goods.

Masonry

We have looked at various globalist "secret societies" and seen that most, though not all, do have an agenda towards creating a world government but at the same time we have seen their members have a mixture of good and bad intentions and that they are not the all-powerful powerbrokers often made out they are by conspiracy theorists.

Conspiracy theorists speak about other secret societies that they believe are a part of this interconnected global conspiracy.

The most prominent secret society is that of Freemasonry. The main question that we are focused on here in this section is how involved are they in any new world order conspiracy. Let's get some background on the Masons. I quote here from the Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.com) article on Freemasonry:

Freemasonry is a fraternal organisation that arose from obscure origins in the late 16th to early 17th century. Freemasonry now exists in various forms all over the world, with a membership estimated at around 5 million, with around 480,000 in

England, Scotland and Ireland alone, and just under two million in the United States.[The various forms all share moral and metaphysical ideals, which include, in most cases, a constitutional declaration of belief in a Supreme Being.

The fraternity is administratively organised into Grand Lodges (or sometimes Orients), each of which governs its own jurisdiction, which consists of subordinate (or constituent) Lodges. Grand Lodges recognise each other through a process of landmarks and regularity. There are also appendant bodies, which are organisations related to the main branch of Freemasonry, but with their own independent administration.

Freemasonry uses the metaphors of operative stonemasons' tools and implements, against the allegorical backdrop of the building of King Solomon's Temple, to convey what has been described by both Masons and critics as "a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols."

The origins and early development of Freemasonry are a matter of some debate and conjecture. There is some evidence to suggest that there were Masonic Lodges in existence in Scotland as early as the late sixteenth century, and clear references to their existence in England by the mid seventeenth century. A poem known as "The Regius Manuscript" has been dated to approximately 1390 and is the oldest known Masonic text.

The first Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of England (GLE), was founded on 24 June 1717, when four existing London Lodges met for a joint dinner. This rapidly expanded into a regulatory body, which most English Lodges joined. However, a few lodges resented some of the modernisations that GLE endorsed, such as the creation of the Third Degree, and formed a rival Grand Lodge on 17 July 1751, which they called the "Antient Grand Lodge of England". The two competing Grand Lodges vied for supremacy—the "Moderns" (GLE) and the "Ancients" (or "Antients")—until they united 25 November 1813 to form the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE).

The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland were formed in 1725 and 1736 respectively. Freemasonry was exported to the British Colonies in North America by the 1730s—with both the "Ancients" and the "Moderns" (as well as the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland) chartering offspring ("daughter") Lodges, and organising various Provincial Grand Lodges. After the American Revolution, independent U.S. Grand Lodges formed themselves within each State. Some thought was briefly given to organising an over-arching "Grand Lodge of the United States", with George Washington as the first Grand Master, but the idea was short-lived. The various State Grand Lodges did not wish to diminish their own authority by agreeing to such a body...

Grand Lodges and Grand Orients are independent and sovereign bodies that govern Masonry in a given country, state, or geographical area (termed a jurisdiction). There is no single overarching governing body that presides over world-wide Freemasonry; connections between different jurisdictions depend solely on mutual recognition...

Two of the principal symbols always found in a Lodge are the square and compasses. Some Lodges and rituals explain these symbols as lessons in conduct: for example, that Masons should "square their actions by the square of virtue" and to learn to "circumscribe their desires and keep their passions within due bounds toward all mankind". However, as Freemasonry is non-dogmatic, there is no general interpretation for these symbols (or any Masonic symbol) that is used by Freemasonry as a whole.

These moral lessons are communicated in performance of allegorical ritual. A candidate progresses through degrees gaining knowledge and understanding of himself, his relationship with others and his relationship with the Supreme Being (as per his own interpretation). While the philosophical aspects of Freemasonry tend to

be discussed in Lodges of Instruction or Research, and sometimes informal groups, Freemasons, and others, frequently publish — to varying degrees of competence — studies that are available to the public. Any mason may speculate on the symbols and purpose of Freemasonry, and indeed all masons are required to some extent to speculate on masonic meaning as a condition of advancing through the degrees. It is well noted, however, that no one person "speaks" for the whole of Freemasonry.

The Volume of the Sacred Law is always displayed in an open Lodge. In English-speaking countries, this is frequently the King James Version of the Bible or another standard translation; there is no such thing as an exclusive "Masonic Bible". In many French Lodges, the Masonic Constitutions are used instead. Furthermore, a candidate is given his choice of religious text for his Obligation, according to his beliefs. UGLE alludes to similarities to legal practice in the UK, and to a common source with other oath taking processes. In Lodges with a membership of mixed religions it is common to find more than one sacred text displayed.

In keeping with the geometrical and architectural theme of Freemasonry, the Supreme Being is referred to in Masonic ritual by the titles of the Great Architect of the Universe, Grand Geometrician or similar, to make clear that the reference is generic, and not tied to a particular religion's conception of God...

The three degrees of Craft or Blue Lodge Freemasonry are those of:

Entered Apprentice — the degree of an Initiate, which makes one a Freemason;
Fellow Craft — an intermediate degree, involved with learning;
Master Mason — the "third degree", a necessity for participation in most aspects of Masonry.

The degrees represent stages of personal development. No Freemason is told that there is only one meaning to the allegories; as a Freemason works through the degrees and studies their lessons, he interprets them for himself, his personal interpretation being bounded only by the Constitution within which he works. A common symbolic structure and universal archetypes provide a means for each Freemason to come to his own answers to life's important philosophical questions.

As previously stated, there is no degree of Craft Freemasonry higher than that of Master Mason. Although some Masonic bodies and orders have further degrees named with higher numbers, these degrees may be considered to be supplements to the Master Mason degree rather than promotions from it. An example is the Scottish Rite, conferring degrees numbered from 4° up to 33°. It is essential to be a Master Mason in order to qualify for these further degrees. They are administered on a parallel system to Craft or Blue Lodge Freemasonry; within each organisation there is a system of offices, which confer rank within that degree or order alone...

Freemasons use signs (gestures), grips or tokens (handshakes) and words to gain admission to meetings and identify legitimate visitors.

From the early 18th century onwards, many exposés have been written claiming to reveal these signs, grips and passwords to the uninitiated. A classic response was deliberately to transpose certain words in the ritual, so as to catch out anyone relying on the expose. However, as Masonic scholar Christopher Hodapp states, since each Grand Lodge is free to create its own rituals, the signs, grips and passwords can and do differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Furthermore, historian John J. Robinson states that Grand Lodges can and do change their rituals periodically, updating the language used, adding or omitting sections.

Therefore, any exposé can only be valid for a particular jurisdiction at a particular time, and is always difficult for an outsider to verify. Today, an unknown visitor may be required to produce a certificate, dues card or other documentation of membership in addition to demonstrating knowledge of the signs, grips and passwords...

Some conspiracy theorists believe the eye atop the pyramid to have its origins in Masonic iconography. However, the pyramid is not a Masonic symbol and while the eye is used by the Masons, it is also a common symbol in Christian iconography. More importantly, the seal was not designed by a Mason. Benjamin Franklin was the only Mason among the various Great Seal committees, and his ideas were not adopted.

An excellent article with regards to answering our main question of how involved the Masons are in any new world order conspiracy is one called *Difficult Questions About Freemasonry* found at <http://mastermason.com/rfire/masonry/difficult.html> by Roger Firestone which I'd like to quote from now:

Is Freemasonry a religion?

No, Freemasonry is not a religion. Masons who treat it as such are mistaken. Freemasonry strongly encourages its members to belong to an established religion, although that is not a requirement for membership (only that a candidate profess a belief in a Supreme Being). Masonry is a fraternal organization that encourages morality and charity and studies philosophy. It has no clergy, no sacraments, and does not promise salvation to its members...

Is there a conflict between Freemasonry and established religion?

There is nothing in Freemasonry that conflicts with most religions. However, Freemasonry does insist on religious tolerance. To the extent that certain religious groups would wish to suppress other religions or persecute their followers, Freemasons would be in opposition to such activities, and adherents of such groups would be both uncomfortable and unwelcome in Masonry. It is also the case that certain religious groups are misinformed about Freemasonry and believe things about the Fraternity that are not true; basing their opinions on this false information, they then formulate opinions that create conflict...

Is there no Masonic theology, then?

An examination of the the degrees will reveal that there is a basic theology of Masonry, as follows:

There is a Supreme Being
Who created the Universe,
Who has established and revealed a moral law,
And to Whom we must give account
in a life after this.

These five points are supported by material in the lectures and related contents of the degrees, such as the discourses on the Working Tools. But there is nothing in these points that is in conflict with any major religion of the Western world. (To be sure, there are branches of Buddhism that are non-theistic, and there are those who do not believe in an afterlife, but they need not become Freemasons, nor does Masonry seek to dissuade them from their beliefs)...

What about allegations that Freemasonry is Satanic or pagan?

Most of these are complete fabrications; the rest are misunderstandings of the institution and its rituals. A number of forgeries and alleged exposes of Masonry were created during the last century. Most of the claims of "Satanism" in Masonry can be traced to one or two of these fraudulent sources. Other such allegations are simply made-up claims about what various Masonic emblems and symbols stand for.

For example, it is sometimes claimed that the letter "G" found in the Master Mason's jewel, along with the Square and Compasses, is a substitute for a phallic symbol. But there is nothing in Masonry to support such a statement; it is complete fiction. The letter "G" stands for God (it is used by Masons who speak other languages due to the modern origins of Masonry in English-speaking countries); in the Scottish Rite, the Hebrew letter yodh, which is the first letter of the Tetragrammaton, or Ineffable Name, plays the same role...

If Masonry is so aboveboard, why is it "secret?"

There are fewer secrets to Freemasonry than most non-members imagine; even many Masons are not entirely clear on what is and is not secret in Masonry. The moral principles of Masonry are the same as those taught you in Sunday school or at your mother's knee (sometimes over it!); it is only the exact procedures and words by which those principles are taught in Masonry that are secret, for it is the knowledge of those that distinguishes a Mason from those who are not members. To be entitled to the fellowship peculiar to the Lodge, a Mason must be able to identify himself, and these secrets provide the means for doing so.

For a longer discussion of the value and purpose of secrecy, refer to my article from the Scottish Rite Journal in 1988 titled "Why Secrecy?"

A better term than "secrecy" would be privacy. Masonry is not a public organization like a school board or a city council. It is an association of private citizens, just like a country club or a church. No one who is not a member has a right to know about the internal workings of any of these things. They are private to the group, not "secret"...

What about "blood oaths" and hideous penalties of the degrees?

It is true that Masons must take solemn obligations to be faithful to the principles of Masonry, and their very nature and seriousness implies that there should be penalties. However, the language of these obligations makes it clear that the penalties are not actually inflicted by the Lodge or any body of Masonry but are expressions of how disgraced and contemptible one should feel for violating such an obligation. In some jurisdictions, the candidate is told that the penalties are of "ancient origin and symbolic only." Later degrees make this even more apparent, even if the actual information is not specifically addressed to the candidate. But the true penalties for violation of the laws of Masonry are three only: Admonition (or reprimand), suspension, or expulsion. Stories about Masons being maimed or murdered for violation of their oaths are just that: fiction. Not one single instance can be documented, despite the many attempts by the enemies of Masonry to promote this slander...

Masons say one thing, anti-Masons say another--whom should I believe?

This question came up on Usenet recently. Here, slightly edited, is the answer your present author posted:

In article <Pine.OSF.3.91.960225010819.23174B-100000@jupiter.cs.uml.edu>, Etherman <rcote@cs.uml.edu> wrote:

>Now someone answer my question. How could I find out if the
>Freemasons here are lying? If I can't trust the anti-masons because
>they're biased then by the same logic I can't trust the masons.

A reasonable point. What you might want to do is investigate the history and character of both groups and see which of them is more likely to be credible.

The history of Freemasonry is well documented, and its major players include a vast number of contributors to society--men such as Washington, Truman, and Churchill in politics, Goethe, Schiller, and Conan Doyle in literature, Burl Ives, Ernest Borgnine, Gene Autry in the performing arts, Mozart, Haydn, and Irving Berlin in music, and on and on. Freemasons played essential roles in the civilization of the New World, taming the west (Kit Carson was a Freemason), freeing Latin America (Bolivar was a Mason, as was Bernardo O'Higgins), and so on. Freemasons have established a vast array of charitable activities, primarily focussing on the health field, such as the famous Shriners' Children's Hospitals for treatment of orthopedic problems and burns, the Scottish Rite speech disorder clinics, the Masonic cancer centers, the Tall Cedars' activities for muscular dystrophy, and many others. Not to mention homes for the aged and even dormitory accomodations at the University of Texas.

Among the anti-Masons, one can count a single president of the US, John Quincy Adams (thirteen presidents were Masons), two literary figures (Edgar Allan Poe and Charles Dickens--and it is not clear whether Dickens was really an anti-Mason, or one who simply felt that the Masons of his time were not living up to their standards and were therefore hypocrites), and almost no one else of any consequence in history or who has made a significant contribution to the humanities. The anti-Masons operate no charitable groups but engage in fund-raising only to support themselves: They sell books for profit, seek donations to keep their "ministries" operating on television, and contribute nothing to society at large.

All of this is a matter of public record; these facts do not depend on one's ability to determine who is telling the truth...

Why Can't Christians Pray in Lodge?

Of course Christians can pray in Lodge! What they may not do is offer a specifically Christian prayer as Lodge prayer, any more than a Jew or Muslim may offer a prayer specific to his religion.

The reason for this is that it is the custom of Masonry to require all to participate in and assent to Lodge prayer. How can it be proper for a Christian to require non-Christians to assent to a prayer peculiar to his own religious belief? No Christian would assent to a prayer offered by a Jew or Muslim which essentially denied the doctrine of the Trinity. Because a Lodge acts in unison, prayers offered in Lodge must be of a nature that will be agreed to by all present.

To be sure, some Christians believe that only prayers given in a particularly Christian form are truly prayers. These people cannot become Freemasons because they do not subscribe to the principles of religious toleration required of Masons. But most Christians do not hold these exclusive beliefs and have no objections to the form of prayer offered in the Masonic Lodge...

Is Masonry some kind of global conspiracy?

The simplest answer is "no." But that is not a very satisfying answer for those who have heard many preposterous rumors about Masonry, the "New World Order," the Bavarian Illuminati, and so on. Let's look at some of the issues that have been raised:

Global Organization

There is no single governing body of Freemasonry in the world. The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) is the descendant of the first Grand Lodge formed in 1717, but that gives it no authority over other Grand Lodges, all of which are equal. The UGLE does not even have total authority in Great Britain, for Scotland has its own Grand Lodge.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient And Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the USA, sometimes is called the Mother Supreme Council of the World, for it was the first to be formed, but again, all Supreme Councils are equal, and chronological primacy confers no special authority. The Southern Jurisdiction of the AASR does not even have complete authority in the USA, for there is also a Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, comprising the states east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio River and Mason-Dixon Line.

There are the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International and the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. But these bodies have mostly ceremonial impact; no Grand Chapter or Grand Council is required to belong to its General Grand counterpart, and many Grand Chapters/Councils do not.

Finally, the top authority in Masonry is always the Grand Master of Masons, not some Grand Commander or other personage associated with the "higher" degrees. The Grand Master of Masons can suspend the General Grand High Priest from all the privileges of Masonry; the GGHP has no such power. Obviously, there is no global organization in Masonry.

Conspiracy

The most bizarre thing about conspiracy theories in general is that there is never a clear explanation of what the conspiracy is about, nor how it is carrying out its aims. The alleged Masonic conspiracy stories conform to this. None of the conspiracy theorists ever explains what it is that the Masons want to do with their supposed power.

Since Masonry's tenets are brotherly love, relief, and truth, if the Masons did run the world, it might be a better place. Many of the Founding Fathers who wrote the Constitution of the United States were Freemasons; the principles in that document have stood the test of over two centuries. Would a Masonic government be so bad? Look at the governments founded by anti-Masonic groups: Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union, Iran under totalitarian religious rule. Where is the real problem in the world?

Bavarian Illuminati

This group died out in the 18th century. An organization that does not exist is a convenient scapegoat! To the conspiracy loony, that there is no evidence of a group's existence is "proof" that it is fiendishly clever in concealing itself. One does not have to be a professor of philosophy to see that this kind of logic makes no sense in a search for truth.

Priory of Sion

You've been reading The Da Vinci Code, haven't you? The Priory of Sion is a real organization, but not as described in the book. You do realize that the book is fiction, right? There is no connection between the Priory of Sion and Freemasonry, other than that some men have belonged to both. Nor is there evidence that the PdS founded the Knights Templar or that the Templars founded Freemasonry. A few of the comments in the book about Masonry are accurate, but others, both about Masonry and other topics, are erroneous. (E.g., it's pretty hard to keep the idea of a keystone secret, when it is necessarily in plain view on each archway constructed.)

Masonic symbols on the dollar bill

Some commentators have claimed that there are Masonic symbols on the US \$1 bill, and that they were put there by the Masonic president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt to show that the country had been taken over by Masons.

Well, perhaps the symbols are Masonic, but the material on the dollar bill dates from the late 1700s, not Roosevelt's term. The two circled objects on the back of the bill are the two sides of the Great Seal of the United States. It is said that Ben Franklin, a Mason, had some influence in the design.

What are these Masonic symbols? The representation of an eye and an unfinished pyramid. The All-Seeing Eye of Deity is certainly mentioned in Freemasonry, but that concept dates back to the Bible, at least.

An unfinished pyramid symbolizes that the work of nation building is not completed, but the pyramid is not a particularly Masonic symbol; any unfinished building would have done. Some say that there is an owl in the engravings in one corner of the bill, but that is a product of an overactive imagination. The owl is also not a Masonic symbol; the only birds that come to mind in any of the degrees are the pelican in the 18th degree [a symbol of Jesus, incidentally], the mythical phoenix, and the eagle. And those are found only in the Scottish Rite, so they are not characteristic of Masonry as a whole.

New World Order

Ever since George Bush (not a Freemason) publicized this term, it has been an obsession of certain groups. They point to the wording on the dollar bill (see above), which reads "novus ordo seclorum." Unfortunately, as someone once said, "[Th]eir Latin waxeth rusty." (Edward Eager, in a book titled *Knight's Castle*, if you must know.)

The phrase on the bill means "a new order of the ages," and refers to the completely novel (and still unique) form of American government, a republic of separated powers, composed of a federal union of states, in which the central government is granted powers by the people, whose rights are supreme over the institutions of government. If the term were to mean "new world order," the third word would have to be "sæculorum" instead.

The Kennedy Assassination (and others)

Much has been made of the facts that many members of the Warren Commission were Freemasons. Supposedly, this allowed them to "cover up" the "evidence" that the Freemasons had Kennedy assassinated. Of course, there is no explanation of how the Freemasons might have benefited from Kennedy's death or what other motivation they might have had for such a plot. For most of the history of the American Republic, about one-third of American officeholders--presidents, senators, judges, congressmen, local officials--have been Freemasons. It is hardly surprising that a group such as the Warren Commission would have been about 1/3 Freemasons.

As for other sensational assassinations, there is the same question to be asked: How could the Freemasons have benefitted from this act? As there is never a sensible answer, the allegations are clearly laughable.

Since the Freemasons have been around for nearly 300 years and have held many responsible positions in the American government, as well as in other countries around the world, particularly the English-speaking ones, if there were any such conspiracy, it would have long since succeeded in its aims. As the concept is the product of overwrought imaginations, the total lack of evidence or purpose for any such conspiracy must lead us to dismiss it as nonsense.

There may well be a number of Masons amongst those in the earlier political groups we have looked at such as the CFR, etc.

Now if there was an interconnected, orchestrated world takeover plot being planned by the Masons would not that belief lose credibility if the best known and powerful globalist were not a Mason? One would think so.

To the best of my research, David Rockefeller is not a Mason. I have searched the net extensively and cannot find even a hint of him being a Mason even from his critics.

While being a Mason does hold a degree of prestige for many and many people are favoured in politics and business as a result of being a Mason I don't see any hard evidence for the Masons being a subversive society as a group, though that might not be the case for some individuals amongst them like any group.

They claim not to be a religion though many of their beliefs and practices have a religious tone to them. It's more a matter of semantics. I would describe them as a pseudo-religion. The allegories and symbolism do contain a mix of Christian and pagan symbolism, especially Egyptian. While they promote good morality and behaviour and bettering yourself the pagan symbolism used do not make it a fit place for Church of God members to belong to.

More information on this can be found from a booklet written by Jack Elliot called "What Church Members Should know about Masonry (http://www.cog21.org/site/cog_archives/booklets/%20Church%20Members%20Should%20Know%20About%20Masonry%20b.htm).

Pros and Cons of the One World Religion Viewpoint

With the direction that globalisation is going it may be theoretically possible to have a one world government after something like a global depression but what about one world religion? How likely is that?

There has been a major ecumenical movement of religion from both the Catholic Church and many Protestant churches. Where is this leading? Will this lead to a one-world religion or a Catholic takeover of many other mainstream christian churches?

To document the ecumenical movement and to give his thoughts on where the ecumenical movement is heading I would like to quote from Dave Hunt and his excellent book "A Woman Rides the Beast":

Evangelicals who imagine an equal partnership with Rome seem blind to the obvious. The term "separated brethren," as used in Vatican II and ever since then in Catholic ecumenical documents clearly indicates that "unity" can be attained only by non-Catholics joining that Church.

This fact has also been declared in numerous papal pronouncements to the Catholic faithful even before Vatican II. Typical is the following from Pope Pius XII:

"We must not pass over in silence, or veil in ambiguous terms, the truth of Catholic teaching ... that the only true union is by the return of separated Christians to the one true Church of Christ..."

Ecumenism is no equal partnership, but a one-way street to Rome. There is an all-out effort by Catholic apologists to refute the errors and inadequacies in evangelicalism. Thomas Howard's book describing his journey to Rome was titled "Evangelical Is Not Enough". Tapes and books of this type are offered freely by Christian distributors and

are carried without objection in most Christian bookstores. Yet many of these same distributors and bookstores which handle Catholic material refuse to stock books or tapes that are in any way critical of Catholicism, even though they present the truth...

Catholicism has become the ecumenical leader in a move to unite not only the "separated brethren" of Protestantism but all of the world's religions in a new world church. To large Hindu audiences in India in 1986 John Paul II declared:

"India's mission...is crucial, because of her intuition of the spiritual nature of man. Indeed, India's greatest contribution to the world can be to offer it a spiritual vision of man. And the world does well to attend willingly to this ancient wisdom and in it to find enrichment for human living." What an astonishing commendation of Hinduism!

One of the world's most influential Hindu leaders, Sri Chinmoy, known as "the guru of the United Nations" (where he holds twice-weekly meditations for staff), has been praised by more than one pope. Chinmoy's 80-plus meditation centers around the world have led millions into Hinduism's darkness, yet John Paul II considers him a friend and co-worker and has greeted him thus: "Special blessings to you ...[and] to your members. We shall continue together." Pope Paul VI told Chinmoy, "The Hindu life and the Christian life shall go together. Your message and my message are the same." And now evangelical leaders are telling Rome that its gospel and their gospel are also the same!

Rome, of course, will be the headquarters of the new world religion, and the Catholic hierarchy will be in charge. Already she is preparing the way with amazing statements of acceptance of almost anything from voodoo to evangelicalism, while at the same time attacking the latter...

While the pope's embrace of all religions shocks conservative Catholics, it is actually consistent with history. From the very beginning under Constantine, when statues of Isis and Horus were renamed Mary and Jesus, and Pope Leo I (440-61) boasted that St. Peter and St. Paul had "replaced Romulus and Remus as [Rome's] protecting patrons." Roman Catholicism has always accommodated itself to the pagan religions of those peoples which it "Christianized"...

Since taking office in 1978, John Paul II has moved ecumenism a quantum leap toward the coming world religion. One of the pope's major tactics for unity is getting religious leaders together for prayer. He wants to usher in the new millennium with an unprecedented day of prayer with Muslims and Jews on Egypt's Mount Sinai, according to a letter published by the Vatican.

One of John Paul II's most amazing feats was the gathering at Assisi, Italy, in 1986 of 130 leaders of the world's 12 major religions to pray for peace. Praying together were snake worshipers, fire worshipers, spiritists, animists, North American witch doctors, Buddhists, Muslims, and Hindus, as well as "Christians" and Catholics. The pope declared that all were "praying to the same God." On that occasion the pope allowed his good friend the Dalai Lama to replace the cross with Buddha on the altar of St. Peter's Church in Assisi and for him and his monks to perform their Buddhist worship there...

There is no doubt that John Paul II has been breaking new ground in his pursuit of "unity." He knelt beside then Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie at the Canterbury Anglican cathedral altar and the two leaders embraced. In 1981 the pope "invited Metropolitan Damaskinos to speak in his place. For the first time since the schism [A.D. 1054], an Orthodox prelate thus sat in the Chair of the Basilica." The mutual anathemas between Rome and Constantinople had been lifted in 1965. On August 2, 1982, the pope resumed diplomatic relations with three Scandinavian countries that had not been recognized by the Vatican since they had broken with Rome at the Reformation. On December 11, 1983, John Paul II became the first pope

in history to enter a Lutheran church. He did so in Rome, where he took part in the service and stated:

"I am here because the Spirit of the Lord thrusts us towards ecumenical dialogue, to find complete unity among Christians"...

In defense of his signing the historic document Evangelicals and Catholics Together, one Baptist leader exulted that it finally granted evangelicals recognition by Catholics as a legitimate religious group. The Reformers would hardly have been flattered by such "recognition." Moreover, the same status has long been granted to all religions by Rome. Nearly 30 years earlier Pope Paul VI had said:

The Church has this exhortation for her sons and daughters: prudently and lovingly, through dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions, and in witness of Christian faith and life, acknowledge, preserve and promote the spiritual and moral goods found among these peoples...

This is Roman Catholicism, a "Christianity" that is able to accommodate itself to partnership with all religious beliefs and practices. The foundation is being laid for the world religion headquartered in Rome.

We have identified the woman astride the beast as Vatican City and the false World Church which will eventually be headquartered there. But why a woman on the beast and not a man?

Why is this false World Church seen as a woman? Again this criterion, like all of the others in Revelation 17, fits the Vatican perfectly. The most prominent figure by far in Roman Catholicism is a woman. She overshadows all else, including even God Himself.

More prayers are offered to the Catholic Mary and more attention and honor is given to her than to Christ and God combined. There are thousands of shrines to Mary around the world (and hundreds of shrines to other "saints"), but scarcely more than a handful of minor shrines to Christ himself.

Some Catholic leaders even boast that in this day of burgeoning "goddess consciousness" and "women's liberation" the Catholic Church is right in tune with the times: A woman holds the position of highest honor and power. In Catholicism it is a woman through whom all graces, gifts, blessings, and power flow—a woman, who, as we shall see, has the amazing potential to unite the entire world, including even the Muslims, in one religion. This "perpetual Virgin," however, is a fiction that bears no relationship to the real Mary of the Bible, a woman who was not only Christ's mother but also Joseph's loving wife...

Time magazine reports there have been so many sightings of the "Virgin Mary" around the world that "the late 20th century has become the age of the Marian pilgrimage" to the many shrines established to commemorate these appearances. There are 937 Marian shrines in France alone. From 1961 to 1965 there were about 2000 visitations to northwest Spain's village of Garabandal accompanied by occultic phenomena and apocalyptic messages to the world. In 1983 hundreds of Palestinian Arabs "saw the Virgin Mary" near Bethlehem, Israel. She has appeared in every corner of the world...

From current trends, it seems inevitable that a woman must ride the beast. And of all the women in history, none rivals Roman Catholicism's omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent "Mary." Could it be that in preparation for her unique role in the New World Order astride the beast she is now appearing to millions around the world in a dazzling display of power? The script is ingenious!...

It is easy to imagine Buddhists, Hindus, New Agers, and liberals - as well as both Catholics and Protestants – uniting in a world religion, but the billion Muslims pose a special problem. Mary, however, seems to be the unique one through whom even they could be united into a universal faith.

A British Catholic magazine reports that "a Marian revival is spreading throughout Africa, with alleged apparitions of the Virgin Mary finding a following among Muslims..."

African Muslims themselves are seeing apparitions of the Virgin Mary and "are not required to become Christians" to follow her. Our Sunday Visitor pointed out the honor given to Mary in Islam's Koran and the intriguing connection between her and Muhammad's favorite daughter, Fatima.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote an interesting book in which he predicted that Islam would be converted to Christianity "through a summoning of the Moslems to a veneration of the Mother of God." He reasoned thus:

"The Koran...has many passages concerning the Blessed Virgin. First of all, the Koran believes in her Immaculate Conception and also in her Virgin Birth...Mary, then, is for the Moslems the true Sayyida, or Lady. The only possible serious rival to her in their creed would be Fatima, the daughter of Mohammed himself. But after the death of Fatima, Mohammed wrote: "Thou shalt be the most blessed of all the women in Paradise, after Mary."

Sheen goes on to say how remarkable it was that "our Lady" had the foresight to appear in the Portuguese village of Fatima (named after Muhammad's daughter during the Muslim occupation) and thus become known as "Our Lady of Fatima."

It is a fact that when a statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" is carried through Muslim areas of Africa, India, and elsewhere, Muslims turn out by the hundreds of thousands to worship her. In two days an estimated 500,000 came to give their respects to this idol in Bombay, India...

Pagan Romans who worshiped the emperor were not narrow minded. They had many gods and tolerated a wide range of beliefs. Christians were not persecuted because they believed in Jesus Christ but because they believed in Him alone and would embrace no other gods, but only the God of the Bible.

Catholicism is similarly tolerant of every religion and allows its members to practice everything from Yoga to voodoo so long as they remain in the Church...

When finally the religious leaders and political leaders unite to accomplish the same goals, the kingdom of Antichrist will have arrived.

Pope John Paul II and his successor Benedict XVI are known for being doctrinal conservatives within the Catholic Church when compared with the push, in particular by American Catholics, to embrace women in the priesthood, homosexuality, birth control [which the globalists push to reduce the population in the Third World], abortion and various liberal social beliefs.

This is part of why John Paul II was able to successfully reduce the controlling influence of the Jesuits who embraced a Liberation Theology (similar to marxist socialism and that which was practiced historically by the Jesuits in the South American reductions).

By the time of his death He phased out most of Jesuit voting power amongst the cardinals who choose the popes. Of the 135 cardinals John Paul II has appointed all but 5 of them (The Real Truth, "Papal Succession – Who Will Be Next?, Nov-Dec 2003, p.18).

Despite this relative doctrinal conservatism, John Paul II was at the head of the ecumenical movement in the Catholic Church even reaching out to non-Christian religions like Buddhism.

Dave Hunt said that:

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This is very true. The Catholic Church will not take Buddhism and other non-Christian religions as they are but would accept them with sufficient Christian veneer like what happened with the syncretism of Babylonian and Near Eastern religions in the 2nd and 4th centuries when Catholicism openly accepted pagan converts. How much Christian veneer Buddhism and Hinduism would accept is an open question.

Buddhism is probably the most likely to bend. Most people in the Far East believe in not just one of the three big Far Eastern religions of Buddhism, Confucianism and Shintoism but two or three at a time since there is much overlap.

The Catholic version of Mary is effectively the same mother goddess of Hinduism (Shiva) and most of the ancient religious trinities. While Islam is fiercely monotheistic as Hunt points out Mary does have an exalted place in the Islam religion and that could open up the door to a liberal minority of Islam embracing elements of Catholicism but this would be quite a small minority.

Given the angst between Catholicism and Islam created by the Crusades (of which modern day terrorism and anti-western sentiment is an extension of) Catholicism would only make very small inroads into Islam. The Catholics will always be considered infidels by most of Islam.

The phenomena of the growing number of apparitions of the Catholic version of Mary in countries all over the world, including non-Catholic nations is an interesting one. This demonic deception is preparing more and more people to accept Catholicism.

When I attended a conference on Cosmic Catastrophism in Cambridge one speaker spoke of the persistence of mother goddess worship in seemingly monotheistic religions, which cosmic catastrophists see as an extension of the worship of one of our planets (Venus) they believe threatened the earth in ancient history.

In looking at Catholicism he spoke of how the Catholic trinity on paper might be Father, Son and Holy Spirit but, in reality and practice, the Holy Spirit has effectively been replaced by Mary.

Mother goddess worship was an extremely powerful part in the worship of all the great pagan trinities of the ancient world – that include the original Nimrod, his powerful wife Semiramis and their son Tammuz to the other ancient trinities which were effectively the same as this trinity but with different names and slightly different attributes. Egypt had Osiris, Isis and Horus. Hinduism has Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu.

Babylon's mother goddess was Ishtar. Canaan had Astarte, the consort of Baal. We even have coins which have Yahweh and his wife (Astarte) from the time that the Israelites mixed their religion with that of the Canaanites. The Greeks had Aphrodite. The Roman equivalent was Venus.

Ron Dart made the comment that the popularity of the Da Vinci Code which centers around the heretical idea that Jesus survived the crucifixion and married Mary Magdalene and they had children, is effectively a persistence of the cult of the divine feminine.

Dave Hunt's comment on why we see a woman and not a man riding the beast are very interesting. Traditionally sabbatarians note a woman is sometimes a symbol of a church (**2 Corinthians 11:2**) and the beast is ridden by a false church. Hunt adds an extra meaning to the symbolism when he says:

The most prominent figure by far in Roman Catholicism is a woman [Mary]. She overshadows all else, including even God Himself...That the woman is astride the beast seems to indicate that this pseudo-Mary of the apparitions will play a key role in the false peace by which Antichrist "shall destroy many" (Daniel 8:25).

The apparitions of Mary show the demonic world at work promoting the Catholic deception. Zechariah 5:9-11 notes two women who appear to be angels in one of the visions of Zechariah. If some angels have the appearance of women it is then possible for demons to have a similar appearance. If so, perhaps the demon who appears as Mary in these apparitions has a womanly appearance and is the demon primarily in control of the Catholic Church.

I think that a reunification of the Catholic and Orthodox churches is very likely. Just as there are 10 toes on each foot of the great image of **Daniel 2** representing east and west in the coming political union symbolised by the ten toes there may be a similar religious representation of the western and eastern churches that formed within the bounds of the ancient Roman empire.

In **Revelation 13:11** we read:

And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. And it had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a dragon.

Traditionally, the church has said that the two horns (representing kings or kingdoms) of the second beast represents the church and state nature of the Roman Catholic Church.

Fred Coulter believes these two horns might represent the Pope and the Dalai Lama.

I am more of the opinion that these two kings or kingdoms refer to the Catholic and Orthodox churches and their respective leaders.

I'd like to quote now from a fascinating article by Bradford Schleifer that appeared in the September-October 2004 issue of the Real Truth magazine called "The Coming Reunification of East and West" on the subject of the likely reunification of the Catholic and Orthodox churches:

Recently, another attempt was made to establish common ground in what has been a rocky relationship between two churches with a checkered history. The current Pope of the Roman Catholic Church has made numerous attempts at reaching out to many religions. However, his strongest attempts have been to the Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Pope John Paul II has even gone so far as to apologize for his church's actions against those in the Eastern Orthodox faith—a move that would have been unthinkable two decades ago...

As the budding European Union forms its constitution, some of its member states have resisted the idea of espousing one religion, or religious tenet, as the official belief of the Union. Both of these powerful churches wish for Europe to espouse an official religion. This is why their unification is so important. If they stand under one banner, their ability to influence the EU—and the world—will be much more successful. So far, many attempts have been made, but have come short of this goal...

Shortly after the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325), occurring in Asia Minor, Emperor Constantine changed the battle of these churches into a slaughter of many thousands. Constantine felt that unity was critical to ensuring that Roman power was maintained. And that unity, as stated in a public edict following Nicea, was to be executed by force..

This effectively made it *illegal* to worship outside of the Catholic faith. Unity was *forced* upon the people of that time—by the edge of the sword! It seems that this is how human beings, if left on their own, achieve unity. Men are always divided—be it in word, action, or belief—unless they are *forced* to agree...

Look at the professing Christian churches today. Do they appear to be in unity? Do they agree on teaching, governance or any other matter? Their unity would have to be forced, like it was centuries ago. It has been said that the only thing man has learned from history is that *he never learns from history*. Soon, the universal church will be given power to once again *force* unity!...

The August 28, 2004 *Economist* did point out the aging pontiff's driving desire to complete this unification in his lifetime: "There is another indication that the pontiff is preparing for the end [of his life]: his increasingly determined push for reconciliation between Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians, who have been formally divided for almost a millennium. As an eastern European, he is particularly sensitive over this issue."

Not only could these and other attempts serve to unite the eastern and western churches, they could also pave the way for all professing Christians to come under the common banner of the Roman Catholic Church.

However, even with all this politicking, it will take much more than agreements and understanding to unite these disagreeing bodies. As previously stated, the only way men will unite is by force, and this is almost certainly what will happen in the near future.

The Catholic Church, as it stands today, readily fits the title of Mystery Babylon the Great. Catholicism absorbed a phenomenal amount of Babylonian and Eastern teachings soon after Constantine made it the state religion and hordes of pagans wanted to join to escape the consequences of not being christian. Those Babylonian teachings (like Easter names after the Babylonian mother goddess, Ishtar) were continued on by the Catholic's Protestant

daughter churches. The trinity and the mass (transubstantiation) are Catholic doctrines described as mysteries.

The Catholic Church as it stands today doesn't need to amalgamate with Eastern religions in order to fit the description of Mystery Babylon the Great.

On the subject of whether a one world religion is likely or even possible Craig White writes the following in his article "Pax Germanica or a New World Order":

"Just because a few New Age people and a faction of the globalists are advocating one religion and because there is the occasional diplomatic meeting between religious leaders does not mean that they want to mix their religion with others. You might visit an acquaintance and have dinner with them. They might be Buddhists or atheists, does that mean you want to be? Let us think for a moment: the world consists of hundreds of religions with massive differences. The doctrinal and philosophical differences are so vast, that even the Eastern Orthodox Church and Protestants are having a difficult time with negotiating with Rome...

"In general talks of union have been just that - talks for many years. Even churches which are similar (eg various Baptist groups) cannot unify over minor differences and they seem to split and re-split [JUST LOOK AT THE CHURCH OF GOD FOR EXAMPLE!]. So how can we expect vastly different religions to unify?"

"They will talk about world peace in conferences, but there is no way a radical fundamentalist Muslim is going to worship Satan; or a Catholic would deny the resurrection of a Christ; or an animist to believe in Christ; or an American Indian or Australian Aboriginal to accept Buddhist ideas; or a Buddhist to claim that there is a real God etc. Each of the world's major religions have major schisms, splits, sects and break-offs among themselves (eg ascetics versus liberals)...

"Satan is not going to use an obvious merging of Christianity with Eastern religions to deceive the world. He already has deceived the whole world with these religions (Rev 12:9). Rather, Satan has a favourite system that he has used for centuries to deceive...

"It is the Woman that sits aloft the city of seven hills (Rome) and which is the mother of many whores (Rev 17:5), which has modelled itself upon the political structures of the Roman Empire, which already has experienced a mixing of religions in the 2nd to the 4th century AD (that is, it already has had a tremendous mixture with other religions or synchronism to produce what it is - the Babylonian Mystery Religion/so-called 'Christianity' - it is not going to fulfil the dream of New Agers today).

"That Church adopted so much of the Babylonian and Hellenistic mysteries, that she is actually called the Babylonian Mystery Religion in scripture. It has been with us for almost 2,000 years! It is not a future mixing of Christianity and Eastern religions, although there is some of this occurring, particularly in the Anglo-Saxon nations."

There have been manoeuvring's of men and rival conspiracy groups for centuries. They come and go; fight and co-operate. There is nothing new to any of this. But they will not bring about the prophesied end-time Babylon or Beast Power.

Do you really think that they, with all of their divergent and contrary philosophies, economic theories, political views and enormous religious differences, could bring about One World Government? Do you really think that Masons and Catholics and Communists and American Bankers are all on the same side?

There may well come a worldwide trading superstructure (the House of Israel buying 'lovers'), but it is not possible to build a world government as such, even though globalists are working toward it. To achieve One World with a New Age religion, would take about 200 years minimum to achieve. The Moslems and Hindus would not be for it and would fight it.

Europe wants to preserve the rapidly declining Caucasian race and the volatile peoples of South America would never allow it. How could Africa, with its uncontrollable problems ever be part of a New World Order?

To forge one coloured world race would take 150-200 years to eliminate all Caucasian Whites and a further 300-400 to merge the rest of the world's races and peoples.

Just because a few New Age people and a faction of the globalists are advocating one religion and because there is the occasional diplomatic meeting between religious leaders does not mean that they want to mix their religion with others...

Already Europe and the Catholic Church are stirring up against a New Age Religion and we shall yet see a backlash against the proposed synchronism of world religion into one (which would take about 200 years to complete anyway).

Some senior Catholics are warning that if trends continue, Catholicism could be taken over by the forces of the liberal left. One such author is the brilliant Malachi Martin, in particular in his hard-hitting book *The Keys of this Blood*. The struggle for dominion between Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev & the Capitalist West. This work of over 700 pages is must reading for all those interested in what is really going on behind the scenes...

Plans by certain powerful men for a New World Order with one race, a New Age religion, the elimination of the family unit, loose morals and a corporate capitalist system²⁰ is a mere red-herring and I would behove the reader to be careful of being hoodwinked into thinking that this is the prophesied Beast or Babylonian power. Satan has used the Holy Roman Empire in its variant forms as his favourite system and any other look-alikes or counterfeits will undermine our understanding of prophecy.

To those who believe that Wall Street, Jews, Communists, Masons, Eastern Religion etc are behind the Beast power, I must warn you that you are ripe for 'recruitment' to the cause of the new moralists who will do anything to preserve so-called Christianity and the Caucasians from synchronism with other religions and races.

Be forewarned, a backlash against the forces of the globalist liberal-left will come about, but don't you be caught up in this right-wing backlash against the US-led New World Order...

However, by believing that the New Age push is the Babylonian religion will lead one away from the knowledge of who exactly the Whore and her daughters are, what false doctrine is (it is not just eastern ideas, but heresies adopted by churches for centuries), that there will be a world war between distinct races and nations (not a world government) and the coming invasion of the Middle East by Europe (not one religion).

The knowledge of the historical role of Germany and the Holy Roman Empire will be lost and thus when the real Beast power emerges, one would be looking in the wrong place and be deceived into thinking it as our saviour from Western liberalism, immorality and globalism. Don't you be deceived by Satan's cunningness.

The U.S. News & World Report, June 10, 1996, carried the following astonishing interview with Malachi Martin: "Plotting World Order in Rome. Vatican expert Malachi Martin tries to scope out papal succession. Windswept House: A Vatican Novel". Conversation with Jeffery L. Sheler & Malachi Martin.

"Your novel depicts an international plot by Vatican insiders and internationalists to install a new Pope and establish a "New World Order." How fictional is this story line?

"Not very. There is an unspoken alliance today between powers inside the Vatican and leaders of major international humanist organizations who would change the Roman Catholic Church from a sacred institution to one whose primary function is to act as a stabilizing social force in the world. They see the church as the only global structure able to do this. The one obstacle is John Paul II. He is seen as a defender of medieval traditions. They want a Pope who shares their more liberal, globalist view.

"Who are these powers?

"Cardinals of the church, the men who will elect the next Pope. I describe them as conciliarists. The Church today is divided. Monolithic faith is gone. The new rival factions: traditionalists who prefer the church as it was before the reforms of the Second Vatican Council and conciliarists who want to liberalize church doctrine on everything from divorce and contraception to abortion and homosexuality. The numbers are about even, but conciliarists hold the positions of power. They think John Paul II is too conservative; traditionalists don't think he is conservative enough.

"What about the non-church part of the alliance? Who are they?

"Academia, foundations, nongovernmental organizations, even some governmental agencies [The United Nations and globalists]. They have vast resources devoted to population control [on this point the globalists and RCC disagree as the RCC is against artificial birth control], education and economic and social stabilization. If they can get the Roman Catholic Church to side with them in the social and cultural field in a world that is dysfunctional, they'll have another element of stability.

"This sounds rather conspiratorial.

"It's not a conspiracy, but it's deliberate. Conciliarists and non-church globalists think the same way. Neither likes the Pope's policies. They are preparing for the selection of the next Pope.

"Why write this as fiction? Why not name names?

"Some of the cardinals involved are well respected and loved. Understandably, many people would react emotionally in defense of the cardinals and would miss the larger point. I plan to write a monograph in the fall that names some names."

Malachi Martin is noted to have been trying to warn the Catholic hierarchy of a leftist/globalist takeover for years. But some commentators believe that he is exaggerating the takeover bid on behalf of the right. They feel that a compromise between the right (led by the Opus Dei) and moderate Jesuits will exclude the wishes of the extreme right of the Church as well as the extreme left faction of the Jesuits. Mild reform may be on the way, but it will not transform the Catholic Church from being Catholic to being New Age and liberal-left.

The Babylonian Mystery Religion will not, suddenly overnight, become an Eastern religion, no matter the amount of plotting and planning by the leftist faction within the Jesuits or others. Remember the motto of the Catholic Church: Semper Eadem (always the same) - there is no way that the globalist left will triumph in the Catholic

Church - events may seem that way - but historically and prophetically it is the traditionalist conservatives who will win out in the end. The same old historical system, the enemy of the Anglo-Saxon Powers, will triumph and turn its attention toward destroying the nations descended from the British Isles.

The Pope and the forces of traditional Catholicism which have dominated Europe (and South America) for centuries, will fight the infiltration of the liberal globalist Left and eventually triumph, even if there are some setbacks along the way. Every indication, based on historical precedent, demonstrates that the Right and those forces identified with traditionalism and the old Holy Roman Empire will eventually triumph over the leftist-liberals.

Already the leftist wing of the Jesuits is being brought into line in Europe and South America (if not in the Anglo-Saxon nations). An expose of the Opus Dei and other groups being formed to counter the left may be found in books such as The Pope's Armada and Their Kingdom Come.

You will also find that the Pope has hit out against Buddhism and "the return of gnostic ideas under the guise of the so-called New Age" in his remarkably forthright book Crossing the Threshold of Hope.

It should also be realised that the Catholic Church have their own variant for a new world order - a Catholic order. Writing on "Who Leads the New World Order?" in Liberty magazine, Clifford Goldstein astutely notes:

"The pope, obviously, has a spiritual vision for the new world order. Unlike other leaders fuzzily conjecturing about the new world order, John Paul has a Christian vision. The pope believes that neither oppressive Marxism, with its godless ideology, nor materialistic capitalism, with its financial inequities, is an acceptable system ... the pope envisions a new world order centered and dependent upon Christ."...

Prophecy indicates that it will be an empire that will bring stability and prosperity to the world which, after a future great depression, will be without American leadership. The coming ruler of Europe, will be selected by 10 kings (**Rev 17:13**) and as such will be Emperor (a king of kings).

This is similar to the way Emperors of the Holy Roman Empire were selected - by electors comprising royalty, aristocracy, abbots and such like and together with some checks 'n balances and the structure of the Empire, it was not a totalitarian dictatorship unlike Hitler's and what the last revival of Rome will become after a period of seeming freedom.

Other prophecies indicate the possibility of a period of about 3 ½ years of world peace and prosperity driven by a successful European economy dominating a world trading superstructure. This will be followed by 3 ½ years of dictatorship and brutal war (the Great Tribulation)...

Yet our liberal Anglo-Saxon leaders (political, banking, industrial) are blind. They think that they can build a world superstructure and a system which will guarantee free trade, individual freedoms and immorality, and the mixing of races and religions. Instead, the monster that they are assisting to create in the form of a European Union, will turn upon them in the biggest double-cross in world history.

Those are some very good points there. The point about the Catholic Church having their own version of a new world order – a Catholic world order as we have seen in many quotes in the section about Catholic prophecy. Like Islam, the Catholic world order is about converting the whole world to the Catholic Church.

Pope John Paul II vigorously fought the left-wing movement within the Catholic Church which was being pushed by the globalists. They are clearly not on the same side when it comes to their respective views of a new world order.

This Catholic world order is definitely not the same as the new world order envisioned by the globalists. The Catholic Church will be given the power through the Beast power to force its own brand of unity. Much of Europe and South America is Catholic and with conquests of North America, Africa and the Middle East, the continent of Asia will be the only continent not in its domain by the time of the Day of the Lord. At that stage Europe and the Catholic Church will have its eye firmly on political and religious world conquest.

The comments by Malachi Martin about the battle within the Catholic Church were very interesting. That interview was held a couple of decades ago and since then John Paul II has stacked the council of cardinals with traditionalists and phased out the power of the left-wing influences such as the Jesuits.

Knowing human nature and the stubbornness of so many religious leaders to give up power there is one major stumbling block in the way of a one world religion and that is the Catholic insistence that the Pope is leader in any merger. As Dave Hunt pointed out:

Evangelicals who imagine an equal partnership with Rome seem blind to the obvious. The term "separated brethren," as used in Vatican II and ever since then in Catholic ecumenical documents clearly indicates that "unity" can be attained only by non-Catholics joining that Church.

It would take many, many major mergers, not just a small handful, to create a one world religion. Even one merger between major religions and denominations is hard enough to achieve, let alone a whole series of such mergers needed to create a one world religion as Craig White quite sharply pointed out.

We only have to look at the Church of God and how fractured it has become to see the incredible unlikelihood of a one world religion in this end time before the return of Jesus Christ.

Pros and Cons of the One World Government Viewpoint

So far, we have looked at the pros and cons of the new world order prophetic viewpoint from a primarily geopolitical and logical viewpoint. Let's focus now on the pros and cons of this viewpoint from a biblical point of view.

In Revelation 13:7-8 we read:

And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. **ALL** who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Does this mean that the beast is the United Nations or some World Government ruling over ALL nations?

What are the pros and cons of this one world government teaching? What are its strengths and what are its weaknesses?

Let's look at the strengths. There are three verses that seem to imply a world government. Two are found in **Revelation 13** which describe the beast and the second beast ruled by the false prophet. The first is the one quoted above. The second is a few verses down in **Revelation 13:16** which says:

And he [the second beast] causeth **ALL**, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.

The other reference that implies a world government is **Zechariah 14:2-4** where we read:

For I will gather **ALL** nations to battle against Jerusalem; and the city shall be taken, and the houses plundered, and the women raped. And half of the city shall go into exile, and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the Lord shall go out and fight against those nations, like the day He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives.

This passage, at first, seems to say that the initial battle where Jerusalem is taken (King of the North attacking Jerusalem – **Daniel 11:40-43**) is at the hands of ALL nations but reading the rest of the passage it is these same ALL nations that fight Christ at the end of the Tribulation.

There is one other major strength to this belief that there will be one world government prior to Christ's return. Mr Armstrong used to explain the reason for this 6000 years of man where God has a "hands off" policy with this world is for man to try every kind of governmental system and come to the point where he sees that none of them will work without God.

I remember listening to a tape with a friend of mine and the lecturer on this tape was explaining the benefits of the balances and checks of the Australian constitution (this was around the mid 1990's when Australia had a referendum on whether to become a republic) and he was mentioning about a number of agreements where Australia had signed off on a number of "politically correct" agreements to the United Nations which were eroding the sovereignty of the constitution.

My friend pointed out following this that man had never had a true shot at World Government and that maybe mankind needed to try and fail with World Government before Christ would intervene and return again.

This is a very logical point and I have a very hard time dismissing the logic of this point! It may well be possible that mankind might have a shot at World Government which will try and fail.

Having said that, a point that is eminently logic is not necessarily biblical. Truth is the Word of God (**John 17:17**) and it is what is biblical, not logical from a human point of view, that is the truth so we must look to the Bible for what it has to say about this subject of whether we will see a world government before the return of Jesus Christ or not.

Now that we have looked at some of the strengths of the World Government teachings what are the weaknesses from a Biblical point of view?

The details of the main war offensives during the Great Tribulation indicate at least two major blocs attacking each other.

In **Daniel 11:44** says the following about the King of the North:

But news from the east (Asia) and the north (Russia) shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

The Asian nations referred to in **Ezekiel 38 and 39** appear to be a separate power bloc and this great power bloc appears to clash with the United European power bloc during the fifth and sixth trumpet plagues of **Revelation 9** where there will be biological warfare and the counterattack of the 200 million man army.

The use of ALL nations in **Zechariah 14:2-4** can easily be taken as the uniting of two or more power blocs to fight Christ who they perceive as a common enemy. Aside from that verse the only other references that can be used to support the one world government teaching are the two verses in Revelation 13 mentioned above.

Is there another explanation as to how "ALL who dwell on the earth will worship him"? (**Revelation 13:8**) How is this to be understood?

Let's consider something that Jesus said in his Olivet Prophecy. Speaking of true Christians He said "you shall be hated by ALL nations". Does this mean that each and every single nation in the whole world will hate God's people? We have no members in countries like Bhutan, Nepal, Seychelles, the Maldives and a heap of other obscure nations where Christianity is not the major religion. We are unknown and no threat to them.

Might this be just those nations where we have members and not EVERY nation on earth? Might the word all just mean a significant majority like in **Matthew 2:2-3** where we read

We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him. When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and ALL Jerusalem with him?

Personally I have always felt that it refers not to every nation in the world but just all those people in the beast power's sphere of influence which will be HUGE and include Europe, North America (conquered), South America (allied by Catholic ties and colonial connections), Middle East (conquered) and probably most of Africa (conquered).

Missionary zeal to bring the whole world under Catholicism may feed the imperialistic drive to conquer and bring the fullness of civilization and "Christianity" to Africa and then they appear to later try to conquer Asia. The false prophet will probably teach that the Kingdom of God will come to earth when the church has finally brought Catholicism to the whole world.

We get an important key to understand how the use of the word "all" is to be interpreted in **Revelation 13:16** which says:

And he [the second beast] causeth **ALL**, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.

Here we see it is the second beast, NOT the first beast, in this case who has influence over ALL causing them to accept the mark of the beast. We have previously shown the second beast to be the Catholic Church.

From this we can logically deduce that the ALL who follow the beast power are the same ALL that the Catholic Church has influence over!

While there is nothing in **Revelation 17 and 18** to indicate that the Catholic Church or some amalgamation of the Catholic Church and some other religions will control the WHOLE world as opposed to a significant portion, **Revelation 13:16** shows us that they will have control of the same ALL that the beast power has control over.

So, is this ALL a reference to EVERY nation or a significant portion of the world? What we can tell from this is that either there is one world government and one world religion OR there isn't either.

One world government and one world religion stand or fall together. If it can be proved there won't be one world religion that theoretically means there will not be one world government.

In the last section we saw the very high unlikelihood that there will be mergers of the Catholic Church with many of the other major world religions.

If this be the case then the ALL that the Catholic Church causes to accept the mark of the beast and the corresponding ALL who follow the beast are NOT every nation on earth but are those who are a part of the European power bloc that does not include the Asian nations and therefore not some world government.

If the United Nations invaded quite a number of Middle East nations and subsequently the United States at the same time every major nation that was a part of the United Nations would see that as completely against the U.N. constitution and against the whole spirit of the U.N. to bring peace. Every major nation would withdraw immediately from the U.N. and fight any attempt of the U.N. to impose its will on them.

The many scriptures which speak about the conquest of the modern day Israelite nations in the Great Tribulation do identify the conqueror. It does not describe a world government but a specific nation and this lends heavy support for the identity of the beast being a European superstate and not a world government.

What proof is there that it will be the coming European superstate led by Germany that will defeat America and Britain? First of all, let's read what God says in **Isaiah 10**:

"Woe to **Assyria**, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. **I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath.** I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Yet he does not mean so, Nor does his heart think so; But *it is* in his heart to destroy, and cut off not a few nations...

"Therefore it shall come to pass, when the LORD has performed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, *that He will say*, 'I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks' (**Isaiah 10:5-7, 12**).

Verse 20 gives us the time frame of this captivity of Israel showing it is at the time of the Great Tribulation:

“And it shall come to pass in that day *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, will never again depend on him who defeated them, but will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.”

Now who is Assyria in our modern day? Where did the Assyrians migrate to after the Assyrian empire fell?

Pliny the Elder (23-79 A.D.) in the first century spoke of the "Assyriani" of his day NORTH of the Crimea in Russia (Historia Naturalis, bk. 4, sec. 12). Jerome in the fourth century later wrote, "Asshur [who was the ancestor of the Assyrians] also is joined with the tribes [i.e. the migrating Israelite tribes to their west] invading Western Europe ALONG THE RHINE" (Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, ltr. 123, sec. 16) (America and Britain in Prophecy, Raymond McNair, p.60).

The names of some of Asshur's descendants give some striking clues about the identity of the modern Assyrians. Some of these include: Khatti; Akkadians; Kassites (or Cossaei); and Almani. We can compare these with some of the names of early German tribes in Europe: Hessians (anciently named Khatti - "Germany," Encyclopedia Britannica); Quadians (Latin for Akkadians); the Chauci (same as the Cossaei); and the Allemanni (Latin for Almani). Even today the French name for Germany is Allemagne.

The descendants of the Assyrians today include the nations of Germany, Austria and the eastern two-thirds of Switzerland that is German-speaking.

In **Revelation 18:7-8** we read the following about this Beast power, which is also called Babylon in this chapter because politically and economically it is a continuation of the Babylonian system started at the Tower of Babel:

“In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, ‘**I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.**’ Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her.”

In **Isaiah 47:5-9** we read a parallel account of this prophecy:

“Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter [i.e. end-time successor] of the Chaldeans [Babylon] for you shall no longer be called the Lady of Kingdoms. **I was angry with My people. I have profaned My inheritance, and given them into your hand.** You showed them no mercy; on the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily. And you said, ‘I shall be a lady forever,’ so that you did not take these *things* to heart, nor remember the latter end of them. Therefore hear this now, *you who are* given to pleasures, who dwell securely, who say in your heart, ‘**I am, and there is no one else besides me; [notice what he says next] I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children.**’ But these two *things* shall come to you in a moment, in one day: the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness.”

If we now go to **Hosea 11:5**, God here speaking to Ephraim says:

"He shall not return to the land of Egypt; But the Assyrian shall be his king, Because they refused to repent. And the sword shall slash in his cities, devour his districts, and consume *them*...(dropping down to **verse 10**) They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion when He roars. Then *His* sons shall come trembling from the **west** (not the east like at the time of the Assyrian empire which lay east of the land of Israel). They shall come trembling like a bird from Egypt, like a dove from **the land of Assyria** and I will let them dwell in their houses," says the LORD."

In **Zechariah 10:9-11** we read:

"I will sow them among the peoples, and they shall remember Me in far countries; They shall live, together with their children, and they shall return. I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, and gather them **from Assyria**. I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, until no *more room* is found for them. He shall pass through the sea with affliction, and strike the waves of the sea: All the depths of the River shall dry up. **Then the pride of the Assyrian shall be brought down.**"

The depths of the River drying up for the returning Israelites parallels with the next verse we'll read. If we go over to **Isaiah 11** we read of the millennial prophecies about the wolf dwelling with the lamb and the knowledge of the Lord covering the earth as the waters cover the sea and following straight on from that in **verses 11 and 12** we read:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from **Assyria**, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth". We see here the first place on this list of countries that the modern Israelites will return from at Christ's return is Assyria.

Over in **Ezekiel 21:14** God says to Ezekiel:

"You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and strike *your* hands together. **The third time** let the sword do double *damage*. It *is* the sword *that* slays, the sword that slays the great *men*, that enters their private chambers."

From history we know that German imperialism led to both the first and second World Wars. The coming World War III will be far more devastating than either World Wars I and II.

Those who support the one world government point of view acknowledge that European unity is a step towards a one world government and that a world government will most likely be based in Europe.

Fred Coulter has put forth some other points on this subject. Currently there are five members on the UN Security Council who have the power of veto (U.S., U.K., France, Russia and China). Fred Coulter has speculated in one sermon on "The Beast and the UN

army” that there might be another two added such as Germany and Japan making seven which would equate to the seven heads of the beast of **Revelation 17**. Even if that were to happen the Bible makes clear the seven heads of this beast are consecutive kingdoms:

The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits. And there are seven kings; five have fallen, and one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time (**Revelation 17:9-10**).

Fred Coulter has also implied a different version of a world government than that of one formed following a pre-tribulation world economic collapse based on **Revelation 17:12**:

And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom yet, but will receive authority as kings one hour with the beast.

The other possibility he implied in the abovementioned sermon, in contradiction to the one noted above, is that the 10 regional power blocs of the world will give their power to the beast leader for but a very brief time to fight the common enemy of Christ. Whether this is how he sees it happening is a little unclear from his sermons on this subject.

Revelation 17:11 is a slightly cryptic verse which reads:

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

“The beast that was and is not” is especially cryptic. Fred Coulter speculates that this might refer to the United Nations as it is powerful world organisation yet has no sovereignty nor has it any territory. How could the United Nations be the beast that was (past tense) since it is only a relatively new organisation?

To be the eighth and of the seven has its most likely explanation in the seventh resurrection being the eighth if you count the original Roman Empire and then the seven resurrections of it. The seventh resurrection, the eighth including the original Roman Empire, is what is described as the beast that was (past tense) and is not. Still a little cryptic.

We have seen in the previous section how Pope John Paul II vigorously fought the left-wing movement within the Catholic Church which was being pushed by the globalists. They are clearly not on the same side when it comes to their respective views of a new world order.

I would now like to quote from an article which speak further of the clash of cultures between Europe and the Middle East. It shows the difference in nature not only of Europeans and Muslims but also of the difference Europeans and the British and Americans when it comes to the level of tolerance that they have for foreign immigration.

It shows the very high likelihood of a right-wing backlash against the mixing of the races that is being pushed so vigorously by the globalists. The article is entitled “Muslims Take Over Europe? Sorry, There's No Chance” by Ralph Peters (November 26, 2006):

A RASH of pop prophets tell us that Muslims in Europe are reproducing so fast and European societies are so weak and listless that, before you know it, the continent will become "Eurabia," with all those topless gals on the Riviera wearing veils.

Well, maybe not.

The notion that continental Europeans, who are world-champion haters, will let the impoverished Muslim immigrants they confine to ghettos take over their societies and extend the caliphate from the Amalfi Coast to Amsterdam has it exactly wrong.

The endangered species isn't the "peace loving" European lolling in his or her welfare state, but the continent's Muslims immigrants - and their multi-generation descendents - who were foolish enough to imagine that Europeans would share their toys. In fact, Muslims are hardly welcome to pick up the trash on Europe's playgrounds.

Don't let Europe's current round of playing pacifist dress-up fool you: This is the continent that perfected genocide and ethnic cleansing, the happy-go-lucky slice of humanity that brought us such recent hits as the Holocaust and Srebrenica.

The historical patterns are clear: When Europeans feel sufficiently threatened - even when the threat's concocted nonsense - they don't just react, they over-react with stunning ferocity. One of their more-humane (and frequently employed) techniques has been ethnic cleansing.

And Europeans won't even need to re-write "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" with an Islamist theme - real Muslims zealots provide Europe's bigots with all the propaganda they need. Al Qaeda and its wannabe fans are the worst thing that could have happened to Europe's Muslims. Europe hasn't broken free of its historical addictions - we're going to see Europe's history reprised on meth.

The year 1492 wasn't just big for Columbus. It's also when Spain expelled its culturally magnificent Jewish community en masse - to be followed shortly by the Moors, Muslims who had been on the Iberian Peninsula for more than 800 years.

Jews got the boot elsewhere in Europe, too - if they weren't just killed on the spot. When Shakespeare wrote "The Merchant of Venice," it's a safe bet he'd never met a Jew. The Chosen People were long-gone from Jolly Olde England.

From the French expulsion of the Huguenots right down to the last century's massive ethnic cleansings, Europeans have never been shy about showing "foreigners and subversives" the door.

And Europe's Muslims don't even have roots, by historical standards. For the Europeans, they're just the detritus of colonial history. When Europeans feel sufficiently provoked and threatened - a few serious terrorist attacks could do it - Europe's Muslims will be lucky just to be deported.

Sound impossible? Have the Europeans become too soft for that sort of thing? Has narcotic socialism destroyed their ability to hate? Is their atheism a prelude to total surrender to faith-intoxicated Muslim jihadis?

The answer to all of the above questions is a booming "No!" The Europeans have enjoyed a comfy ride for the last 60 years - but the very fact that they don't want it to stop increases their rage and sense of being besieged by Muslim minorities they've long refused to assimilate (and which no longer want to assimilate).

We don't need to gloss over the many Muslim acts of barbarism down the centuries to recognize that the Europeans are just better at the extermination process. From the massacre of all Muslims and Jews (and quite a few Eastern Christians) when the

Crusaders reached Jerusalem in 1099 to the massacre of all the Jews in Buda (not yet attached to Pest across the Danube) when the "liberating" Habsburg armies retook the citadel at the end of the 17th century, Europeans have just been better organized for genocide.

It's the difference between the messy Turkish execution of the Armenian genocide and the industrial efficiency of the Holocaust. Hey, when you love your work, you get good at it.

Far from enjoying the prospect of taking over Europe by having babies, Europe's Muslims are living on borrowed time.

When a third of French voters have demonstrated their willingness to vote for Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front - a party that makes the Ku Klux Klan seem like Human Rights Watch - all predictions of Europe going gently into that good night are surreal.

I have no difficulty imagining a scenario in which U.S. Navy ships are at anchor and U.S. Marines have gone ashore at Brest, Bremerhaven or Bari to guarantee the safe evacuation of Europe's Muslims. After all, we were the only ones to do anything about the slaughter of Muslims in the Balkans. And even though we botched it, our effort in Iraq was meant to give the Middle East's Muslims a last chance to escape their self-inflicted misery.

And we're lucky. The United States attracts the quality. American Muslims have a higher income level than our national average. We hear about the handful of rabble-rousers, but more of our fellow Americans who happen to be Muslims are doctors, professors and entrepreneurs.

And the American dream is still alive and well, thanks: Even the newest taxi driver stumbling over his English grammar knows he can truly become an American.

But European Muslims can't become French or Dutch or Italian or German. Even if they qualify for a passport, they remain second-class citizens. On a good day. And they're supposed to take over the continent that's exported more death than any other?

All the copy-cat predictions of a Muslim takeover of Europe not only ignore history and Europe's ineradicable viciousness, but do a serious disservice by exacerbating fear and hatred. And when it comes to hatred, trust me: The Europeans don't need our help.

The jobless and hopeless kids in the suburbs may burn a couple of cars, but we'll always have Paris.

In a sermon entitled "One World" Ron Dart looked at the push for a one world government from quite an interesting angle. He started off with the story of how God gave Israel a system of judges who administered the law under God who was their king. He then went to say:

This system worked very well in the early days after the conquest. Not only did Israel serve and obey God in the days of Joshua but also in the days of those elders who outlived Joshua. After that whenever they obeyed God, God blessed them and when they forgot God they had war and invasion from their enemies. This cycle repeated itself over and over again until the Israelites had enough of it and wanted a different solution.

This is part of the story of man in general. In times of confusion and chaos the desire for order and peace and quiet becomes stronger and stronger in a people to the place where they are willing to lay down their freedom in order to have some kind of order and stability in their land.

They don't realize that the answer lies not in giving up some of their freedom which Israel did when they asked for a king but in the heart of man, of changing their ways and living by God's laws and having those laws being enforced in a godly way by those appointed by God. Instead of collectively changing our ways and turning back to God as a people we start looking for a system, a method, for a governmental solution to our problems.

In 1 Samuel 8 we read the story of how the people were happy to serve under Samuel but they saw that he was getting old and his sons were disobedient and so the elders all got together with Saul and demanded of him that they have a king like the rest of the nations around them.

In effect, they said, "Our government system is not strong enough. It isn't centralized sufficiently to the point to where there is someone who has the power to pull together an army, to conscript soldiers, to defend us against our enemies who keep invading us from every side. We need a strong central authority. We want a king!" They would give up much of their freedom to have one.

Christ is coming back to return as King of kings to set up God's kingdom on earth and it will be a restoration of how the governmental system originally was in Israel with God as their king. God as king over free men who have judges over them.

God said, "They have rejected me as their king by asking for a human king" but God allowed them to have one and put certain limits on the king's authority while warning them of the freedoms they had given away and the consequences of having a human king.

God's requirements of Israel, the burden He laid on them was light – a tithe with no IRS to demand it from them. In contrast He told them that a human king would conscript property, your sons and daughters, animals and another tithe on top of God's tithe. You will become servants of your government rather than the government truly serving you.

God wanted a free, obedient and happy people free of the many burdens government puts on them and He would defend them from all their enemies. Other peoples would look at them thinking, "How can we be free from the burdens our governments put on us" and from that could spread the idea, "Hey, let's worship Israel's God. Let Israel's God be our king." It was God's intent that the whole world be blessed through the descendants of Jacob.

The Gentiles could learn from them what it's like to live under God as their king instead of some power-hungry individual who took lots of their stuff, their youth and sent them forth to fight wars and got them killed on the battlefield and took their property and their crops and confiscated their land and gave it to their cronies. Men has always thought that he could govern himself without God.

Coming down to the present, let's have a bit of a look at the way that modern man, and in particular, the modern day descendants of Jacob, are still trying to make this governmental solution work to try and solve the problems of the world without God as their king.

In the March 15, 1999 New Republic magazine there appeared an excellent article by Charles Krauthammer entitled "A World Imagined" that looked at how the primarily left-wing liberal politicians of our world are trying to bring about a new world order of peace and stability.

He stated that the one world philosophy that pervades the foreign policy decisions of these people is built upon three pillars – internationalism, legalism and humanitarianism.

“Internationalism is where international interests have primacy over national interests. It is the legal, moral and strategic primacy of international institutions over national institutions. The interests of the whole world as a community take precedence over our interests as a nation.

“Legalism is the belief that the sinews of stability are laws, treaties and international contracts that can domesticate the wild international arena.

“Humanitarianism is the belief that the prime world role of the U.S. and the U.N. is to quote Madeline Albright, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, “to terminate the abominable injustices and conditions that still plague civilization”.

“The purpose of this one world philosophy is to create an international community that will somehow bring peace to the world and all the world’s problems – to remake the international system in the image of domestic civil society. The reason we are able to have peace and prosperity in a domestic or single nation like the U.S. is because we have a set of laws, contracts and obedience to laws and we have a government that’s able to enforce those laws.

“What holds civil society together are a supreme and central authority with sanctity of contracts and the goodwill, civility and decency of individual members but what holds the international arena together, what keeps it from degrading into total anarchy is not a central authority, it is not the phony security of treaties, it is not the vested goodwill amongst nations; what stability we do enjoy is due to the overwhelming power and deterring threat of a superpower like the U.S. that defines international stability as a national interest. In other words, it’s in the U.S.’s national interest that there is international stability.

“The new internationalism is about creating a new world order not based on power but based on interdependence through global banking and economics, etc. To achieve this vision of this one world order that is the dream of liberal politicians we have to move from a unipolar to a multipolar, to ultimately a democratized international system where everyone lives under new self-governing institutions and new self-governing international norms and America’s power and independent sovereignty is thus an affront to this new internationalism. The new internationalism is about levelling the playing field and creating an entangling web of interdependence.”

In the international arena we live in a state of nature as Krauethammer puts it because God is not at this time the King over the earth.

Over and over again in the Old Testament Israel is warned about her treaties. They were warned against going to Egypt for help. They were warned about showing their national treasure and trying to cut deals with nations about them. God warned them, “You shouldn’t trust these people. These are people that want your land, want your treasure and want your lives.” And yet the Israelites thought they could cut deals with them. It was international entanglements, fooling around with other nations that got Israel into trouble time and time again.

All the well-intentioned efforts at world government are going to fail. The intensity of the incredible stock market surge we have seen for many years cannot be sustained forever without a major adjustment. When that happens there will probably come a time of major economic depression because the economics of the world are built on a faulty foundation.

The left wing internationalism dream will fail and when that happens it will open the door for the right wing system the Bible prophecies speak about that will rule in the end-time known as the Beast. The economic depression from which the beast will arise in great power may be the deadly wound that the beast suffers and dramatically recovers from. The manner in which this great power comes on the scene stuns the whole world. It is a military war-making power. It's a military power that will crush all opposition including the United States.

The roots of this coming international crisis go all the way back to when our forefathers rejected God as their king and asked for a human king and we have tried for hundreds and thousands of years to make it work and ultimately it will backfire on us. In the end we will need God to restore His kingdom and to restore peace and His original government on this earth.

The previous quotes show the greater likelihood of a right wing backlash than a co-operative world government as envisioned by the left-wing globalists.

An interesting sidepoint on the point of how a divided house shall not stand is the relationship between Germany and Russia.

I mentioned before in the last section about there possibly being a particular demon who is the main controlling influence over the Catholic Church.

In **Daniel 10:13** an angel sent to Daniel told him:

But the ruler of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. But lo, Michael, one of the chief rulers, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

The ruler of the kingdom of Persia is obviously a demon who resists this angel. We can easily imagine there being a struggle between this ruler and whoever the controlling demonic ruler over Greece like that described in **Daniel 8**. Michael himself is described as the guardian angel over Israel in **Daniel 12:1**.

Ephesians 6:12 tells us:

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against powers, against the world's rulers, of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

The use of the word principalities implies a ruler over a particular region.

When Hitler walked out of the famous meeting with Neville Chamberlain who declared a peace pact with Hitler, Hitler was heard to say that he fell from heaven like lightning just as Christ described happened to Satan in **Luke 10:18**.

One of the key strategists who influenced Hitler and was primarily responsible for the alliance between Germany and Japan also proposed that an alliance be also formed with Russia and together they could defeat the Anglo-Saxon nations and conquer the whole world.

As logical as that was from a strategic point of view Hitler never bought into it. He turned violently on Russia after initially signing a non-aggression treaty with Russia and tried to annihilate Russia in 1942 (like Napoleon tried to in 1812). We see the same kind of hateful aggression in **Daniel 11:44** where the King of the North hears news out of the north and goes out with great fury to attack that power which we believe refers to Russia.

It seems so logical to team up with Russia to take over the world but this irrational refusal to co-operate for any great length of time and hatred may well be rooted in a deep hatred between the demonic rulers controlling these peoples.

The demonic world is not united. They attack and back-bite each other reminiscent of the egotistical Go'auids fighting each other in the TV series, Stargate. Jesus said in **Mark 3:24** that a divided house cannot stand and Satan's kingdom is not united but divided.

Krauthammer said that we live in a state of nature and that the globalists hope that laws, treaties and international contracts that can domesticate the wild international arena.

When you look at the wild tyrants of Africa, the Arab nations and China and then throw in Russia and Germany how likely are we ever to see these nations co-operate and become united in a world government?

The view that the United Nations will be the beast of the book of Revelation, to some degree, glosses over the extensive history of the Roman-Babylonian system throughout the entire history of Europe.

Another point regarding the one world government is that John Paul II was actively negotiating much more with the EU than the United Nations.

Herbert Armstrong was present at the formation over the United Nations in 1945 as a press member for the Plain Truth. In the 40 years after as leader of the Worldwide Church of God he would have, no doubt, have been challenged by the new world order prophetic viewpoint. In all that time he remained unconvinced of anything brought to him that the Beast power was anything other than a United European power.

Craig White makes these comments about the moves toward regionalisation as a first step towards a world government:

It looks like the world is moving toward regional unions. I read about plans for this in the Club of Rome's book on "Re-shaping the International Order" (RIO) in the late 1970s. The Fabians have had similar plans for decades.

The thing is, 1. who will lead this attempt at world governance? And 2. will such unions actually survive? 3. What will happen to the Anglo-Saxon Powers?:

1. According to the prophecies it will be a German-led Europe and recent surveys show that people are looking to it as an alternative to the USA. When they speak with a single voice with a President, Foreign Minister and embassies in 2009/10, the EU will be taken very seriously. The world will cry 'peace and safety' once the EU forces its will upon the world and the Anglo-Saxons will disarm thinking that we will have 'peace in our time.' (I explained this in the 2 books I have published). I might add that Gene Hogberg's prediction in the late 1970s that the UNO will move to Europe (and probably Austria) is still on the cards.

2. I still recall a letter from Robert Boraker in 1977 wherein he mentioned that the closer we get to world governance the greater the tensions will be because of racial/religious/political differences. The gentile nations will tend toward fascism

while the Israelites will want to maintain liberalism. So, the prophecies show the Anglo-Saxon nations being invaded and enslaved in the greatest double-cross in world history. Mexico will join with the German-led Europeans in invading the USA.

3. "Among all her lovers there is none to comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies." (Lam 1:2). "You adulterous wife! You prefer strangers to your own husband! Every prostitute receives a fee, but you give gifts to all your lovers, bribing them to come to you from everywhere for your illicit favors." (Eze 16:32,33)

Australia is likewise being pushed toward Asianisation. As such, the House of Israel is being so weakened that we will not be able to resist the future conquests that are prophesied.

Much of this is Craig's opinion, of course, but we do have many prophecies dealing with the fall of the Anglo-Saxon powers that show it is a German-led military power that takes the modern Israelite nations captive in the Tribulation as opposed to a world government.

Silvia Brown in her book "Secret Societies...And How They Affect Our Lives Today" gives us her opinion below on the subject of the New World Order:

The New World Order essentially applies to the formation of a global ruling organization that would supersede all individual national governments for the betterment of humankind. In other words, all countries would be run by one system that would control the world's economy, be a peacekeeping entity with its own armed force (with all other armies eliminated), and distribute wealth from rich nations to poor ones so that all on Earth could "have a piece of the pie."

This would be a highly socialistic (some say communistic) way to organize all the peoples of the world-after all, how would you like to have to answer to a planetary government instead of that of your own country? Yet if some covert political groups have their way, it may very well become a reality. In the case of Americans, we'd no longer have a Constitution or Bill of Rights, and we certainly wouldn't have as much freedom. And no matter where you lived, you probably wouldn't be able to carry or own arms, you'd have to adhere to one worldwide monetary system and economy, trade would have little or no constrictions, old laws would be eliminated to make room for new ones (which would then be enforced by a global police force), and peace would be kept by one army.

Religions might not continue as separate entities - in fact, a new worldwide faith would almost certainly come into being. New energy and environmental laws would be enacted; transportation, education, and communication could be controlled by the one government; travel would assuredly be restricted; free enterprise and small business might be eliminated (although I doubt they would be); and all taxes would support everyone in the world by redistributing wealth to poorer nations. Global social services-including health care, retirement benefits, and birth and population control-would be regulated by the ruling organization. I could go on and on, but I think you get the general idea. Instead of individual governments running their own countries, you'd have one entity ruling the entire world.

All right, I can hear you thinking, Sylvia's lost it. Yet it seems that countries all over the world have within them key personnel or "plants" from secret societies whose agenda is a New World Order, and their plan seems to start with regionalization. For example, at the State of the World Forum in 1995, Zbigniew Brzezinski (former President Carter's national security advisor) stated, "We cannot leap into world government through one quick step, but rather via progressive regionalization."

If you think that I have in fact gone bonkers, keep in mind that avowed socialist H. G. Wells once fully explained how Western capitalism and Eastern communism would merge into a worldwide government in which, he said, sovereign states (nations) would end and "countless people will hate the New World Order and will die protesting against it." Here are a few more quotes on the subject by some quite famous people:

"The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes." - Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli of England (1844)

"Since I entered politics, I have chiefly had men's views confided to me privately. Some of the biggest men in the U.S., in the field of commerce and manufacturing, are afraid of somebody, are afraid of something. They know that there is a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, so pervasive, that they had better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it." - President Woodrow Wilson, from *The New Freedom: A Call for the Emancipation of the Generous Energies of a People* (1913)...

"The case for government by elites is irrefutable...government by the people is possible but highly improbable." - Senator J. William Fulbright (1963)

"All of us will ultimately be judged on the effort we have contributed to building a New World Order." - Attorney General Robert Kennedy (1967)

"In my view the Trilateral Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power: political, monetary, intellectual, and ecclesiastical. All this is to be done in the interest of creating a more peaceful, more productive world community. What the Trilateralists truly intend is the creation of a worldwide economic power superior to the political governments of the nation-states involved. They believe the abundant materialism they propose to create will overwhelm existing differences. As managers and creators of the system, they will rule the future." - Senator Barry Goldwater, from "With No Apologies" (1979)...

"We are grateful to The Washington Post, The New York Times, Time magazine, and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost 40 years. It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subjected to the lights of publicity during those years. But the world is now more sophisticated and prepared to march toward a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries." - David Rockefeller, from a 1991 speech given to the Trilateral Commission (Source: *The New World Order: Chronology & Commentary*, by D. L. Cuddy, Ph.D.)

The mainstream media usually ridicules anyone who thinks that there's a plot to create a New World Order. Well, just keep in mind that much of the media is owned or controlled by those who support the concept (see the preceding quote from David Rockefeller)!

Understand that one of the foremost plans of political secret societies is to first regionalize power and then convert it to a worldwide scenario. In recent years, for instance, we've seen this with the formation of the European Union and the acceptance of the euro as the preferred form of currency for most of its member nations.

We've seen regionalization in the adoption of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the creation of the World Trade Organization (WTO). In addition, several countries in South America have already taken the U.S. dollar as their currency, the Soviet Union changed its type of government and economy drastically, and China is becoming more and more capitalistic.

I realize that many will say that I'm making too much out of what may seem like a little, but these are all signs of regionalization and the consolidation of the world's power.

I believe that we'll see more of these spreading areas of control in the next ten years, to the point of having different parts of the world utilizing the same monetary system and having "regional blocs of power" come into being. You may think that none of this will ever happen in your lifetime, but even though the changes may seem subtle, as they progress faster and faster you're definitely going to notice signs of a New World Order.

The secret societies that are part of this overall plot for a global ruling body think that the change would be for the betterment of humankind and the world, and many conspiracy theorists feel that it's inevitable.

Only God knows what will eventually happen, of course, but despite some assuredly troubling signs, I really don't feel as if any secret society in existence today could ever be powerful enough to have complete planetary domination.

There may be several that can wreak havoc and create a lot of chaos, but just like with religion, there's too much diversification in the world's cultures, governments, and countries to have a one-world government. And humankind's survival instincts invariably prevent what would ensure a truly peaceful planet (p.145-150).

I would agree with Silvia's opinions here. Yes, there is a push towards world government by members of organisations like the CFR and the Trilateral Commission who are also pushing the development of the United Nations. Will they succeed?

Something tells me that man will have a genuine shot at world government and that it will run its course somehow but in the end it will fail opening up the door for the right-wing beast power based in Europe to rise mightily and threaten the rest of the world.

I would agree with Silvia's opinion that the efforts at world government will only end up in the creation of pockets of regionalisation around the world and not a true world government.

The Mark of the Beast - a Microchip or Breaking one of God's commandments?

In its article on the Number of the Beast the Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.com) has this to say about the beliefs on what the Protestant/Evangelical views of what the mark of the beast is:

Mark of commerce

He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. (**Rev. 13:16-17, NIV**)

Futurist Christian eschatology typically holds that the Mark of the Beast is one way in which the Antichrist will exercise power over the Earth during the period of Tribulation, because of the prophetic statement in **Revelation 13:16-17** that "the Beast" (Θηριον) will require all people to receive the mark (χάρagma "branded mark or character") in their right hands or foreheads in order to buy or sell, making survival for those on the run much more difficult. A possible translation of the meaning of the

number 666 may be: the number 666 will be the number that all currency will be based upon. Exact interpretations of this vary widely. For example:

Some Christians interpret the mark as a requirement for all commerce to mean that the mark might actually be an object with the function of a credit card (eg. RFID).

Steven D. Miller proposes that the mark of the beast may refer to a social security number or card.

Terry Watkins supposes the mark to be a microchip and or barcode on the human body.

Some support this barcode theory through reference to the guard bars found in some common barcode systems such as the UPC. The rationale relies on interpreting each of the groups of guard bars as a '6', even though they are not encoded as a '6' using the barcode system.

As further background on the subject of the mark of the beast before we analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the differing views I would like to quote a couple of articles about various technologies that are being interpreted as the coming mark of the beast.

The first article is entitled "Arm Impants Could Replace Credit Cards" by Mark Prigg that appeared in the Evening Standard newspaper:

The old excuse of having forgotten your wallet when it comes to paying the bill could soon fail to win you any sympathy. Scientists have invented a credit card chip they claim can be implanted into your arm, allowing you to authorise payments by simply standing near a cash register.

The tiny chip, the size of a grain of rice, used radio waves to tell registers or cash machines who you are. Experts believe it could replace credit cards and other forms of ID card. But civil rights campaigners have called the plan "the end of privacy".

Scott Silverman, the chief executive of American firm Applied Digital, which plans the first commercial trials of the system, said: "We believe the market will evolve to use our product."

Dr Christopher Mills, a doctor who has implanted chips into patients for Applied Digital, explained: "It's just like receiving an intravenous line in hospital. But the security issue behind the chip is very important. It can make sure you are the person you say you are."

The chip is implanted just under the loose skin in the forearm in a small operation, using a local anaesthetic. The procedure takes about three minutes and once inserted the chip is invisible to the naked eye.

It usually lies dormant but is activated when it comes close to a till or cash machine sending out a low-power radio waves. Once activated, the chip sends data to the till or ATM – this can be a credit card number or an employee ID number.

Simon Davies, director of human rights group Privacy International, said: "This is an invasion of privacy on a level we have never seen before. Once the chip is implanted, it's going to be impossible to leave at home or cut up, as you can with a credit card. It could allow companies to track your every move, and the only way to stop them would be to undergo a surgical procedure to have the chip removed. And what happens if it malfunctions? It's an idea born out of pure craziness."

Mastercard has already hinted it may adopt the same radio technology used in implants. "Ultimately this could be embedded in anything," a spokesman said.

American fuel company ExxonMobil is testing a system where users have a key fob in front of a scanner to pay for petrol or for food at hundreds of McDonald's outlets.

The next article is entitled "Microchip Implants, Mind Control, and Cybernetics" by Rauni-Leena Luukanen-Kilde, MD Former Chief Medical Officer of Finland.

This article posted on the Conspiracy Archive website (http://www.conspiracyarchive.com/NWO/microchip_implants_mind_control.htm) was originally published in the 36th-year edition of the Finnish-language journal SPEKULA (3rd Quarter, 1999). SPEKULA (circulation 6500) is a publication of Northern Finland medical students and doctors of Oulu University OLK (Oulun Laaketieteellinen Kilta). He writes:

In 1948 Norbert Weiner published a book, *Cybernetics*, defined as a neurological communication and control theory already in use in small circles at that time. Yoneji Masuda, "Father of the Information Society," stated his concern in 1980 that our liberty is threatened Orwellian-style by cybernetic technology totally unknown to most people. This technology links the brains of people via implanted microchips to satellites controlled by ground-based supercomputers.

The first brain implants were surgically inserted in 1974 in the state of Ohio, USA and also in Stockholm, Sweden. Brain electrodes were inserted into the skulls of babies in 1946 without the knowledge of their parents. In the 1950s and 60s, electrical implants were inserted into the brains of animals and humans, especially in the U.S., during research into behavior modification, and brain and body functioning. Mind control (MC) methods were used in attempts to change human behavior and attitudes. Influencing brain functions became an important goal of military and intelligence services.

Thirty years ago brain implants showed up in X-rays the size of one centimeter. Subsequent implants shrunk to the size of a grain of rice. They were made of silicon, later still of gallium arsenide. Today they are small enough to be inserted into the neck or back, and also intravenously in different parts of the body during surgical operations, with or without the consent of the subject. It is now almost impossible to detect or remove them.

It is technically possible for every newborn to be injected with a microchip, which could then function to identify the person for the rest of his or her life. Such plans are secretly being discussed in the U.S. without any public airing of the privacy issues involved. In Sweden, Prime Minister Olof Palme gave permission in 1973 to implant prisoners, and Data Inspection's ex-Director General Jan Freese revealed that nursing-home patients were implanted in the mid-1980s. The technology is revealed in the 1972:47 Swedish state report, *Statens Officiella Utradningar* (SOU).

Implanted human beings can be followed anywhere. Their brain functions can be remotely monitored by supercomputers and even altered through the changing of frequencies. Guinea pigs in secret experiments have included prisoners, soldiers, mental patients, handicapped children, deaf and blind people, homosexuals, single women, the elderly, school children, and any group of people considered "marginal" by the elite experimenters. The published experiences of prisoners in Utah State Prison, for example, are shocking to the conscience.

Today's microchips operate by means of low-frequency radio waves that target them. With the help of satellites, the implanted person can be tracked anywhere on the globe. Such a technique was among a number tested in the Iraq war, according to Dr.

Carl Sanders, who invented the intelligence-manned interface (IMI) biotic, which is injected into people. (Earlier during the Vietnam War, soldiers were injected with the Rambo chip, designed to increase adrenaline flow into the bloodstream.) The 20-billion-bit/second supercomputers at the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) could now "see and hear" what soldiers experience in the battlefield with a remote monitoring system (RMS).

When a 5-micromillimeter microchip (the diameter of a strand of hair is 50 micromillimeters) is placed into optical nerve of the eye, it draws neuroimpulses from the brain that embody the experiences, smells, sights, and voice of the implanted person. Once transferred and stored in a computer, these neuroimpulses can be projected back to the person's brain via the microchip to be reexperienced. Using a RMS, a land-based computer operator can send electromagnetic messages (encoded as signals) to the nervous system, affecting the target's performance. With RMS, healthy persons can be induced to see hallucinations and to hear voices in their heads.

Every thought, reaction, hearing, and visual observation causes a certain neurological potential, spikes, and patterns in the brain and its electromagnetic fields, which can now be decoded into thoughts, pictures, and voices. Electromagnetic stimulation can therefore change a person's brainwaves and affect muscular activity, causing painful muscular cramps experienced as torture.

The NSA's electronic surveillance system can simultaneously follow and handle millions of people. Each of us has a unique bioelectrical resonance frequency in the brain, just as we have unique fingerprints. With electromagnetic frequency (EMF) brain stimulation fully coded, pulsating electromagnetic signals can be sent to the brain, causing the desired voice and visual effects to be experienced by the target. This is a form of electronic warfare. U.S. astronauts were implanted before they were sent into space so their thoughts could be followed and all their emotions could be registered 24 hours a day.

The Washington Post reported in May 1995 that Prince William of Great Britain was implanted at the age of 12. Thus, if he were ever kidnapped, a radio wave with a specific frequency could be targeted to his microchip. The chip's signal would be routed through a satellite to the computer screen of police headquarters, where the Prince's movements could be followed. He could actually be located anywhere on the globe.

The mass media has not reported that an implanted person's privacy vanishes for the rest of his or her life. She can be manipulated in many ways. Using different frequencies, the secret controller of this equipment can even change a person's emotional life. She can be made aggressive or lethargic. Sexuality can be artificially influenced. Thought signals and subconscious thinking can be read, dreams affected and even induced, all without the knowledge or consent of the implanted person.

A perfect cyber-soldier can thus be created. This secret technology has been used by military forces in certain NATO countries since the 1980s without civilian and academic populations having heard anything about it. Thus, little information about such invasive mind-control systems is available in professional and academic journals.

The NSA's Signals Intelligence group can remotely monitor information from human brains by decoding the evoked potentials (3.50 HZ, 5 milliwatt) emitted by the brain. Prisoner experimentees in both Gothenburg, Sweden and Vienna, Austria have been found to have evident brain lesions. Diminished blood circulation and lack of oxygen in the right temporal frontal lobes result where brain implants are usually operative. A Finnish experimentee experienced brain atrophy and intermittent attacks of unconsciousness due to lack of oxygen.

Mind control techniques can be used for political purposes. The goal of mind controllers today is to induce the targeted persons or groups to act against his or her own convictions and best interests. Zombified individuals can even be programmed to murder and remember nothing of their crime afterward. Alarming examples of this phenomenon can be found in the U.S.

This “silent war” is being conducted against unknowing civilians and soldiers by military and intelligence agencies. Since 1980, electronic stimulation of the brain (ESB) has been secretly used to control people targeted without their knowledge or consent. All international human rights agreements forbid non consensual manipulation of human beings — even in prisons, not to speak of civilian populations. Under an initiative of U.S. Senator John Glenn, discussions commenced in January 1997 about the dangers of radiating civilian populations. Targeting people’s brain functions with electromagnetic fields and beams (from helicopters and airplanes, satellites, from parked vans, neighboring houses, telephone poles, electrical appliances, mobile phones, TV, radio, etc.) is part of the radiation problem that should be addressed in democratically elected government bodies.

In addition to electronic MC, chemical methods have also been developed. Mind-altering drugs and different smelling gasses affecting brain function negatively can be injected into air ducts or water pipes. Bacteria and viruses have also been tested this way in several countries.

Today’s super technology, connecting our brain functions via microchips (or even without them, according to the latest technology) to computers via satellites in the U.S. or Israel, poses the gravest threat to humanity. The latest supercomputers are powerful enough to monitor the whole world’s population. What will happen when people are tempted by false premises to allow microchips into their bodies? One lure will be a microchip identity card. Compulsory legislation has even been secretly proposed in the U.S. to criminalize removal of an ID implant.

Are we ready for the robotization of mankind and the total elimination of privacy, including freedom of thought? How many of us would want to cede our entire life, including our most secret thoughts, to Big Brother? Yet the technology exists to create a totalitarian New World Order. Covert neurological communication systems are in place to counteract independent thinking and to control social and political activity on behalf of self-serving private and military interests.

When our brain functions are already connected to supercomputers by means of radio implants and microchips, it will be too late for protest. This threat can be defeated only by educating the public, using available literature on biotelemetry and information exchanged at international congresses.

One reason this technology has remained a state secret is the widespread prestige of the psychiatric *Diagnostic Statistical Manual IV* produced by the U.S. American Psychiatric Association (APA) and printed in 18 languages. Psychiatrists working for U.S. intelligence agencies no doubt participated in writing and revising this manual. This psychiatric “bible” covers up the secret development of MC technologies by labeling some of their effects as symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia.

Victims of mind control experimentation are thus routinely diagnosed, knee-jerk fashion, as mentally ill by doctors who learned the DSM “symptom” list in medical school. Physicians have not been schooled that patients may be telling the truth when they report being targeted against their will or being used as guinea pigs for electronic, chemical and bacteriological forms of psychological warfare.

Time is running out for changing the direction of military medicine, and ensuring the future of human freedom.

There is certainly some scary stuff in that second article about what is possible in the world of technology. We should be careful about taking some of the more radical possibilities he mentions in the article at face value.

I have some serious doubts about the level of sophistication of the mind control technology discussed and those should be verified by other sources. The author may not be that close to the technology and either intentionally or unintentionally be exaggerating some of the more radical points. I believe the less radical points are most likely to be factual.

Let's first read what the Bible says about the mark of the beast. We read in Revelation **13:15-17**:

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

And he [the second "beast" of **Revelation 13**] caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast or the number of his name.

Notice carefully what the above text tells us:

- 1) "He" - the great false church - "caused" all to receive the mark. It is the church, NOT the civil government, which forces this brand on people.
- 2) It is the same power which causes the martyrdom of saints.
- 3) It brands on the people the mark of the "beast" - that is the mark of the Roman Empire, NOT the mark of the church.
- 4) The mark is received in the right hand and in the forehead.
- 5) Those who do not receive the mark will not be able to buy or sell.
- 6) This mark is plainly a mark of disobedience because true Christians will be martyred for not receiving the mark (Revelation 14:9-10, 20:4).

Notice carefully point one again - It is the church, **NOT** the civil government, which forces this brand on people. This is a point missed by Protestants and Church of God groups like Christian Biblical Church of God who say that the mark of the beast is a piece of technology.

Since the great false church is pushing this mark onto people the inevitable conclusion is that the mark is **something of a religious nature** because it is forced onto people by the great false church which a cunning devil would seize upon as a means of cleverly deceiving people into breaking one of God's commandments. Why would the church be the ones pushing a piece of technology onto people?

The next point is that it is a mark of disobedience. Accepting a microchip is not a direct violation of the commandments of God by and of itself. With many things it is not the thing but the wrong use of the thing that becomes sinful eg. sex or alcohol.

Evangelicals are usually literal in their interpreting the mark of the beast since it is accepted in both their right hand and the foreheads so they look to some form of physical branding such as a microchip implant as the mark.

Notice carefully what is said about the Ten Commandments in **Deuteronomy 6:5-8**:

And you shall love Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be in your heart. And you shall carefully teach them to your sons, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. **And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

The Ten Commandments are a sign (i.e. a mark) on your hand and your forehead. This symbolism represents obedience of the mind (forehead) and obedience in what you do in action (hand).

The Feast of Unleavened Bread, one of God's annual sabbaths, is also described in similar words in Exodus 13:9:

And it shall be a sign to you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes.

This shows the mark of the beast does not necessarily have to be a physical brand literally taken on the hand and/or the forehead but could be disobedience to one of God's commands pushed onto people by the great false church.

The Bible says that people are put to death because they refuse the mark. If that thing is something that could control minds then why put people to death when you can forcibly give them the mark and use them to do your bidding? It wouldn't make any sense.

Even if the mark of the beast is not a piece of technology, that doesn't mean the technology won't accompany the mark of the beast. If accepting the mark is an act of disobedience to God then some technology may be used to enable identification of those who reject the mark of the beast who are flagged as those who cannot do business. Today this would be done by revoking one's electronic banking privileges.

Maybe whatever technology is used in tandem with the mark of the beast will be used for identification purposes in the war on terror to help identify these extremist muslims who are a threat to western nations such as potential suicide bombers.

The arm implants mentioned in the first abovequoted article are usually implanted in the forearm not in the right hand or forehead though there is no reason why they couldn't be placed in those locations.

This implant technology does have various rival technologies. Two more common technologies are iris recognition and face recognition technologies. Iris recognition recognises the unique individual patterns of the eye's iris to recognise a person. Face recognition technology (being used in the Beijing Olympics in conjunction with CCTV to help track potential security threats) recognises a series of distinct points on a person's faces and the angles between them and is very effective.

Both of these technologies have a distinct advantage over the arm implants in that they are non-intrusive. Another disadvantage of the arm implants is that they can be surgically removed and stolen. With face and eye recognition technologies the means of stealing a person's identity is far less.

With all these technologies the identification of a person must be initially recorded. This is far more of a chore with arm implant technologies which requires everyone to come in for a surgical procedure while to initially record a person's face or eye imprint into a database the first time only requires a good photograph.

The Church of God has traditionally believed the mark of the beast to be Sunday-keeping. Of the commandments there is another command that could tie back to the worship of the beast and accepting technology like the ones we have looked at. That commandment is the first commandment which is the one against idolatry such as idolatry to a secular world power.

Let's look at the merits of these two possibilities. First of all, let's look at idolatry.

The biggest strength for this is that the great false church causes people to worship the beast:

And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. And it had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a dragon. And it exercises all the authority of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and those dwelling in it to **worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed.

And it does great wonders, so that it makes fire come down from the heaven onto the earth in the sight of men. And it deceives those dwelling on the earth, because of the miracles which were given to it to do before the beast, saying to those dwelling on the earth that they should make an image to the beast who had the wound by a sword and lived.

And there was given to it to give a spirit to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might both speak, and might cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

On what the image of the beast is I would like to quote from Halley's Bible Handbook which has this explanation of how the Roman Catholic Church patterned itself after the Roman Empire and stepped into rule after the Roman Empire fell:

The desire for Worldly Power began to manifest itself in the Church, on a broad scale, in the 4th century when the Roman Empire ceased its persecutions and made Christianity its State Religion. The spirit of Imperial Rome passed into the Church. **The Church gradually developed itself into the pattern of the Empire it had conquered.**

Rome fell. But Rome came to life again, as a World-Power, in the name of the Church. The Popes of Rome were heirs and successors of the Caesars of Rome. The Vatican is where the Palace of the Caesars was. The Popes have claimed all the authority of the Caesars claimed, and more. The Papal [Caesar's] Palace, throughout the centuries, has been among the most luxurious in all the world. Popes have lived in Pomp and Splendor unsurpassed by earthly kings. In no place on earth is there more ostentatious pageantry and show of magnificence than at the coronation of a Pope (p.731-732).

The Roman Catholic Church has the same governmental system as the Roman Empire, also has Latin as it's official language and the Pope inherited the Emperor's title of Pontifex Maximus.

The great false church does encourage people to worship the false beast. Is there anything wrong with being loyal and obeying the government? Paul tells us that we are to obey the leaders of our land over in **Romans 13:1-3** where he says:

Let every soul be subject to the higher authorities. For there is no authority but of God; the authorities that exist are ordained by God. So that the one resisting the authority resists the ordinance of God; and the ones who resist will receive judgment to themselves. For the rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the bad. And do you desire to be not afraid of the authority? Do the good, and you shall have praise from it.

If this is the case then how can the church encouraging people to obey the government be considered to be causing them to worship the beast? If the church were to encourage people to accept a physical implant for the purposes of identification then how can that be the mark of the beast?

An implant as a means of identification is no more sinful than accepting a passport as a means of identification.

To accept and adulate the beast power and its leader (such as the way the Germans did to Hitler) as the means by which God is going to bring peace and prosperity to this world to the point of going on "crusades" of military conquest to convert the world to Catholicism is a whole different story. This would be worship and be idolatry because we have to obey God rather than man when there is a direct conflict (**Acts 5:29**).

A physical idol of the beast leader doesn't need to be created for this kind of worship of the beast. Living popes don't have statues for worship created of them, only when they are dead. How less more so than a living political leader?

While it is the church that causes people to accept the mark it is the mark of the beast NOT the church. How does that fit this kind of idolatry? As it is worship of the beast there is a match on this point so this kind of idolatry, in theory, could be the mark of the beast.

That said, there is nothing more sinful about accepting an implant as a means of identification than accepting a passport so this would not be part of any idolatry or worship of the beast!

Now what about the other option of Sunday-keeping being the mark of the beast?

Remember though it is forced upon people by the Catholic Church it is called by the mark of the beast not the great false church.

What commandment would Satan cleverly influence people to try and substitute or break which would seem the least of the commandments? Why the Sabbath, of course!

Where did the substitute of the sabbath, Sunday-keeping, originate? Not with the Catholic Church but with the pagan religion of the Roman Empire! It is the day that the ancient pagans assembled at sunrise to worship the sun. And it was Constantine, a Roman Emperor, not a pope who made Sunday the official so-called Christian day of rest. It is the one thing of a religious nature enforced by a church and originating with the Roman Empire that best fits the criteria of the mark of the beast.

The Catholic Church itself has said:

"Sunday is our **MARK** of authority. The church is above the Bible, and this transference of sabbath observance is proof of that fact" (The Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923).

Worshipping the beast could also be the mark of the beast but is less likely. The choice to break God's commands seems to be pushed onto everyone not just a select number of people eg. those who go off to fight the Beast power's "crusades". Sunday-keeping could be a choice forced on everyone. In this world of more flexible hours it does seem lesser of a potential problem but who knows the kind of religious fervour that will come across Europe when its false religious leader starts performing miracles.

A strength of the Sunday-keeping view is its historical precedent and, as we know, there is duality in prophecy.

After the Council of Laodicea in 363 AD people were not only forbidden to work on Sunday but also had to work on the Sabbath. Laws became so strict that no man could not hold a job or engage in business, unless he worked on Saturday and rested on Sunday. The church branded anyone who kept the Sabbath as a heretic, to which they were tortured by the Roman state police until they died if they didn't recant. The great false church caused the martyrdom of great numbers of God's people in such a way and such a martyrdom is prophesied to happen yet again (**Revelation 6:9-10, 20:4**)!

There is also historical precedent with idolatry where christians were put to death for not joining in emperor worship.

We read in **James 2:10** of how if you break one command you break the whole law.

Breaking the sabbath is, in essence, one form of idolatry and it is highly likely that this will be pushed onto people by the great false church and this and/or worship of the beast will be the mark of the beast.

Some means of technology will accompany the mark of the beast identifying the people who don't comply and they will then be revoked of their electronic banking privileges not being able to buy or sell and, in many cases, even be martyred.

Summary of New World Order Viewpoint

We have seen that there is a push for world government by a number of highly influential people (primarily American) within organisations such as the Council on Foreign Relations, the Club of Rome and the Trilateral Commission.

We have seen that they do not have the level of power credited to them by the those who are teaching that there will be a one world government. We have seen there are counter movements willing to preserve national sovereignty and a different kind of one world order envisaged by the Catholic Church who have been fighting the left-wing forces including those of the globalists.

What has been enlightening in doing this study on the subject is understanding the great influence of the Council on Foreign Relations politically and in the media and academic institutions in promoting their left-wing views.

The humanist values of political correctness are being used as tool to weaken nationalism and promote equality of races and cultures including religious culture and this is important to achieve their global one-world goal.

They promote mixing of the races through the media and soft immigration laws. The globalists are promoting acceptance of all cultures and religions (every religion and cultural thing no matter how pagan is as good as another), feminism, homosexuality, euthanasia, abortion (as a means of population control) and many other things.

Some of these such as interracial marriage and feminism the church has been soft on and the Church of God needs to be more vigilant and forthright on those along with the many other forms of political correctness.

The lyrics of the following famous song by John Lennon show the vision that is very similar to that of the globalists that is socialist (almost communist) in its approach where there are no borders and all races are mixed into one with no dominant religion.

JOHN LENNON
Imagine

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today...

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

The forces of political correctness are very strong in the media and the Church of God needs to be vigilant and not cowed by the pressure it exerts to follow its humanistic values that go against what is in the Bible.

One point that should be noted about the one world government / one world religion prophetic teaching is that it is taught quite extensively throughout the Protestant churches (and also by the SDA's) in contrast to what has been traditionally taught in the Church of God (even by most who don't hold up Mr Armstrong that highly).

What kind of teaching do you, the reader, feel more comfortable believing? What is a common Protestant teaching or a common Church of God teaching? The New World Order prophetic teaching of a one world government and one world religion is a Protestant / Evangelical teaching that is embraced by only a very small minority within the Church of God.

Having said that, there are the odd occasion when the Protestants have points of truth that we have overlooked or been silent on. One is the duality of the last week of the 70 weeks prophecy as it pertains to the end-time beast power. UCG appears to believe in that 3 1/2 years of a covenant between the beast power and Israel to be broken around the time that the Tribulation starts according to the Bible Reading Program on **Daniel 9**. We have been silent on this point in all our prophecy booklets and it is a point worth more emphasis.

Another potential teaching we have overlooked is what I have covered in my paper on emotional healing which adds another dimension to and complements our physical and spiritual healing doctrines. Ironically that came from a Methodist minister and it was the Methodists of the Asuzu Pacific University near Pasadena who had the greatest influence on Tkach Jr, Feazel and company as they corrupted the WCG doctrinally.

Those examples I just mentioned are instances where we have been silent on, not where we have taught a different position to the Protestants. I can't think of any doctrinal points off the top of my head where the Church of God has been wrong and the Protestants have been right.

Based on the evidence of both the Bible and world news and trends the balance of evidence lies quite firmly with what Herbert Armstrong taught. It is extremely unlikely that we will see a man-made world government in the end-time along with a one-world religion though many globalists are pushing towards that end.

We will instead see a united European power (a 7th and last revival of the Roman Empire) that will fulfill the prophetic role of the Beast and work hand-in-hand with the Catholic Church which has ridden all the revivals of the past.

Yes, there will be a one world government and one world religion but it will come only after that beast power is defeated by Jesus Christ at His return and sets up the Kingdom of God on earth and all people will follow the true religion of the Bible.

How exactly will peace be brought to the whole world when Christ returns to earth? What actions will be done to make it a reality? Will it be by conquest or by consent? In **Psalms 110:1-3** we read:

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit you at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion: rule you in the midst of your enemies. Your people *shall be* **willing** in the day of your power, in

the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: you have the dew of your youth.

Here we see a transition between an initial putting down of the enemies to a point when people will be willing to obey God and live His way. In his book "Mystery of the Ages" Herbert W. Armstrong answers the question this way:

"Christ and the governing kingdom of God, then set up as the governing family, will bring about the coming utopia by two basic courses of action.

- 1) All crime and organized rebellion will be put down by force -- divine supernatural force.
- 2) Christ will then set his hand to reeducate and to save or spiritually convert the world...

"This most glorious event in all earth's history -- the supernatural majestic descent to earth, in the clouds, of the glorified all-powerful Christ -- will at long last put an end to the subtle, deceitful, invisible rule of Satan... No longer will Satan be able to broadcast through the air into the spirit in man. No longer shall he be able to inject into unsuspecting humans his satanic nature -- which we have been misled into calling human nature.

"But that does not mean that the acquired satanic attitude will disappear from human minds immediately. The multiplied millions shall have acquired it. And even though Satan will then be restrained from continuing to broadcast it, what has been acquired as habit will not be automatically removed. Yet God has made us humans free moral agents. He has given us control over our own minds, except as we may be blinded by Satan's pull of evil by deception.

"But no longer will earth's mortal humans be deceived! Now the all-powerful Christ, and the immortal saints ruling under him, will begin removing the scales that have blinded human minds. That is why I say complete utopia cannot be ushered in all at once.

"Multiple millions will still hold to the attitude of rebellion -- of vanity, lust and greed. But with Christ's coming shall begin the process of re-education -- of opening deceived minds -- of undeceiving minds, and bringing them to a voluntary repentance. From the time of Christ's supernatural takeover, and Satan's banishment, God's law and the word of the Eternal shall go forth from Zion, spreading over the whole earth (Isaiah 2:3)" (p.268, 254-255).