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Greetings from Tyler,

It is certainly good news that the [gusher in the gulf](#) has been at least temporarily halted, although we're warned that the fix may not hold. For the sake of the South and the nation as a whole, we certainly hope it will. The danger is that it will be treated as a political victory and used as a stepping stone for so-called "[climate legislation](#)."

Who knows what may be buried in the "[financial reform](#)" bill that's just passed the Senate. All we know for sure is that another massive bureaucracy is being created, that the government has awarded itself unlimited bailout powers (*without congressional oversight*) and that we can expect "consumer protection" from the government. Some may remember a famous quote from President Ronald Reagan when he said one of the most frightening things a citizen can hear is, "We're from the government, and we're here to help you."

Apparently the blitz of seizure and regulation will continue for some time to come, against the will of a majority of Americans who are waking up to the inherent dangers of total government power over every aspect of life. It is beyond obvious that our nation is led by a group of people who do not respect the wisdom of our founders, do not respect the Constitution, which is the foundation of our system of law, and are determined to undermine it as rapidly as possible.

We have known for decades that Bible prophecy indicates that Israel (*not limited to modern day Israel in the Middle East*) will be in a state of captivity and not a powerful player in the end time scenario. But most could never have imagined that it would come about from within. But that is how it is playing out. Simply put, the United States is being ruined. Dozens of off-shore oil rigs have been shut down by edict, and despite a ruling by a federal judge that the "moratorium" was un-Constitutional, the government intends to impede the production of off-shore resources by every means possible. We've just learned that the first of many rigs shut down is being transported to Egypt. Many others will likely be lost to other parts of the world as the economy of the Gulf states stands to be decimated by the deadlock. So far, 20,000 high paying jobs are reportedly lost, and everyone will likely feel the impact of a dramatic loss of oil to the markets.

Other economic news could well cause a loss of sleep. A few of this week's headlines include [World at risk of Folding in on Itself from CNBC](#), California on "[Verge of System Failure](#)" ("*Think of it as Greece on the Pacific*") and Roubini Economist: [Global Economy May Collapse](#), both from Moneynews. All of these reports, and many more, cite the practice of undisciplined spending and unmanageable government debt. The warnings are everywhere. But the unbelievable expenditures go on and on, and the eventual fallout will be terrible.

I've come across [a very interesting article](#) which demonstrates some of the theme of last week's update, and would like to share it here [[see it below](#)]. It may be a bit much for

reading aloud in public, but I hope that most of you will take the time to read it as it sheds additional light on the situation that is building in Europe with regard to the problems with large Islamic populations who have no intention of assimilating.

It seems nearly every day we wake up to sickening new developments at home and abroad that make us realize that the world is full of evil, and that the last greatest hope for mankind in this temporal world, is under continual assault.

The Garner Ted Armstrong program brought in 582 requests with three hundred three first time contacts. It offered the Real Jesus book, and aired for the first time on some of our new stations. I'll ask Chris to e-mail the above mentioned article on a separate page. Thank you all in the field for your continued support of the telecast and the work going out from Tyler.

We hope you'll all have a great Sabbath,

Mark Armstrong

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## **Europe's Backlash Against Islamization**

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Facing a precarious future, Europe has only just begun to reckon with increasing Muslim populations and Islamic extremism. If current demographic trends persist, Europe's democratic secular foundations will be in serious jeopardy in about twenty five years. This disturbing reality is causing a backlash, forcing European governments to confront the threat of Sharia law — and even some Muslims are joining the fight. The battle for the fate of the continent is intensifying.

France took the first step in trying to stop the spread of Islam by banning any religious symbols from being worn in public schools, which included the headscarves worn by many Muslim women. This caused outrage in the Muslim world, and President Obama criticized it during his address in Cairo. Then in November, the Swiss voted in favor of banning the construction of minarets on mosques. This has sparked major movements on the continent to take further measures that would have been unthinkable a decade ago.

One by one, the countries of Europe are placing restrictions on wearing the burqas and niqabs in government buildings or even in public. In April, Belgium became the first of them to pass an all-encompassing ban, and the French Council of Ministers followed by passing a similar ban that the National Assembly has just approved. It is expected to pass the Senate in September and then be signed by President Sarkozy.

Now, the Senate in Spain has passed a motion calling on the government to completely ban the wearing of the veil in public, and several municipalities in Spain have also placed restrictions on the burqa, although the parliament of Catalonia has switched its initial vote

in favor of a ban. The Senate's motion went further than what the ruling Socialist government wanted, which only sought to stop the veils from being worn in public buildings. There are growing movements with varying success in Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands and Italy for placing restrictions on the face veils. A battle over Sharia courts should be expected in the coming years, which Norway is taking the lead on. The Foreign Minister, who is the head of a panel on integration, has just expressed his opposition to them, saying "desegregation is our society's biggest social challenge."

Political parties that express a hard line on assimilation and Islam are gaining in the polls. A new Poll found that bans on the face veils are supported by a strong majority of Western Europeans. Eighty-two percent of the French, 71 percent of the Germans, 62 percent of the British and 59 percent of the Spanish are in favor of such a law.

The Freedom Party of Geert Wilders came in third in last month's general elections in the Netherlands, expanding their number of seats from nine to 24. Wilders rightfully said that his party was "the biggest winner today." Wilders is best known for releasing a movie called *Fitna* that caused outrage among Muslims for tying acts of Islamic terrorism and oppression to specific verses in the Koran, resulting in so many death threats (note the curious irony) that he constantly has bodyguards and frequently switches where he sleeps.

Wilders is currently being prosecuted for inciting hatred for his comments about Islam, the Koran and Mohammed. He has called for ending Muslim immigration, ceasing the construction of mosques, closing Islamic schools, and banning the Koran, among other measures. Those that feel these policies are undemocratic and extreme need to recognize that European public opinion is reacting to the quick growth of the Muslim population, their lack of assimilation into European society and increasingly aggressive activity by terrorists and extremists pushing for Sharia law. It is this threat, not anti-Muslim bigotry, which is fueling the support for tough, controversial measures.

"Many Europeans are refusing to talk about Islam on camera, fearing government punishment for hate speech or reprisals from Muslims. Those that dare speak express their fear that the entire continent will fall to Islamization," Martin Mawyer, President of the Christian Action Network, told FrontPage. His group is currently filming a documentary about the possibility of an Islamic Europe.

"There is an incredible degree of hopelessness and resignation that Europe is headed toward Islamic control. Lacking the free speech rights and rights to assemble that we enjoy in the United States, Europeans who are oppose to Islamization are unable to develop a plan to counter Islamic domination," Mawyer said.

In the United Kingdom, over half of the population links Islam to terrorism and only 13 percent believe the religion is based on peace. It is connected to extremism by 58 percent and 69 percent believes it encourages the repression of women. The statistics are certainly less favorable to Islam elsewhere in the continent where measures like the burqa

ban are more supported. The lack of assimilation of the growing Muslim population is a major factor in Islamic extremism, but it is also stimulating anti-Islam sentiment. At the same time, some Muslims feel directly threatened by Islamism. This is causing a surprising amount of European Muslims to take a stand in favor of integrating their communities into Europe's secular democratic society.

In the United Kingdom, a female Muslim took to the papers to declare her support of a ban, saying it has no connection with Islam and "is a sign of creeping radicalization." The country is also home to the Quilliam Foundation, a moderate Muslim group founded by former members of Hizb ut-Tahrir. Britain is also home to Dr. Taj Hargey, who is being condemned and threatened by members of his community for calling for a "reformation in Islam" that includes rejecting certain hadiths. He says that multiculturalism is "the biggest disaster to happen to Britain since World War II" and that Muslims must become part of British society.

In another incident, a group of Muslims confronted a group of about a dozen extremists that were protesting British soldiers coming home from Iraq by holding inflammatory signs. Law enforcement had to keep the two groups apart as the tension grew.

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