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Greetings from Tyler,

Whatever stories you may have thought would be receiving attention in the media of your choice (that Europe is now a single monolithic political entity, for instance) have been drowned out by the vicious terrorist attack on American military personnel at Fort Hood here in Texas. Maybe I'm out on a limb, but this is someone who'd styled himself as a moderate Muslim schooled, promoted to the rank of Major and employed by the U.S. Army. He attacked, wounded and murdered unsuspecting, unarmed military personnel screaming "allahua akbar" as he wrought his carnage.

Does this mean we'll be in line for further lectures about how peaceful practitioners of moderate Islam are? Don't be surprised. Without doubt you can expect most other news to be shoved aside for weeks to come as the dead are identified, witnesses are interviewed and funerals ensue. Not that the implications of this event are not deserving of intense scrutiny. But there have already been transparent attempts to turn this story politically correct, and there will likely be plenty more of that if past reporting is any guide. We, however, cannot obsess on this one event to the exclusion of several other important developments.

A report released today indicates Iran has already secretly experimented with part of a two-stage nuclear detonation device more sophisticated than anyone previously suspected or acknowledged. According to the Associated Press which quoted from a classified document generated by the UN's nuclear agency in Vienna, "...agency experts agreed Iran now had the ability to build atomic bombs and was heading towards developing a missile system able to carry a nuclear warhead." Will the world stand by, promoting worldwide "climate change" legislation, international "hate crime" laws and a single European political entity while Iran pursues its evil intentions to an inevitable atomic conclusion? That appears to be the case.

As a footnote, a constant flow of heavy weapons is reportedly flowing to Hamas in Gaza, containing notorious Chinese silkworm missiles capable of reaching Tel Aviv. The weapons and their transportation have reportedly been arranged and financed by Iran. Iran is also implicated in a massive build-up of arms in Syria. Needless to say, all of this has very serious and frightening implications for Israel.

The biggest news of all from a prophetic standpoint is the fact that the so-called Lisbon treaty for the European Union has now cleared the last roadblocks and been ratified. From this day forward Europeans of every nationality and culture are citizens of the EU. No national government in Europe any longer has the legal ability to challenge or opt out of any law or action taken by the new supranational European State.

They're still calling it the European Union, as the name has long been recognized and accepted. But, now that the Lisbon treaty has (by hook or crook) been "legally" ratified, as of November 3, 2009 the world has entered a completely new era in Europe's history.

Consider the following points on this development compiled by Prof. Anthony Coughian, and published by The Brussels Journal.

1. It establishes a legally new European Union the constitutional form of a supranational European State.
2. It empowers this new European Union to act as a State vis-à-vis other States and its own citizens.
3. It makes all Europeans citizens of this new European Union.
4. To hide the enormity of the change, the same name—European Union—will be kept while the Lisbon Treaty changes fundamentally the legal and constitutional nature of the Union.
5. It creates a Union Parliament for the Union's new citizens.
6. It creates a Cabinet Government of the new Union.
7. It creates a new Union political President.
8. It creates a civil rights code for the new Union's citizens.
9. It makes national Parliaments subordinate to the new Union.
10. It gives the new Union self-empowerment powers.

I'll be asking Chris to link another article to our website, and I think it would be good if it can be printed and made available to our groups. It is entitled, "[Leviathan is Born: The Annexation of Europe by Brussels](#)". It details pressures brought to bear to achieve the so-called ratification of the Lisbon Treaty over many objections. It also alludes to the unchecked power this new institution will wield over all of Europe as it begins to act as a single political entity.

This development represents the culmination of so many things that my Dad, and his Dad pointed out that were leading to this over the decades. They always believed and taught that, in order for Europe to fulfil the role suggested by Bible prophecy, it would ultimately have to merge into a single economic, political, and ultimately militaristic entity. From our standpoint, this news is absolutely huge, and has enormous implications for the entire world. But, at least so far, there has been little if any notice paid by the mainstream media.

**For all intents and purposes, national sovereignty no longer exists anywhere in Europe.** It has all been rendered legally obsolete by the emergence of a new European State. Will it ultimately rule us too? Many clues could certainly lead you to reasonably conclude that's where we're headed. We'll be watching...and praying.

The Garner Ted Armstrong program this week was on the subject of prayer. It brought 478 requests with two hundred two first time contacts. As we go into another Sabbath we should all be aware of the momentous, prophetically important times we're living through. None of us has ever seen any time to compare with this. Our eyes are certainly open.

May God guide us.

Mark Armstrong

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