

Greetings from Tyler,

Last week we forwarded two new commentaries covering two of the greatest threats to our blessings of freedom and prosperity. The first dealt with the gathering economic meltdown that threatens to swallow up states, cities, major industries and even retail establishments. We're apparently only beginning to be told how severe the consequences will be for the spending frenzy on credit, the greed driven shenanigans and outright corruption that had become standard practice throughout our economy.

For all the talk of reform, those in control of the nation's financial destiny continue to pluck impossible numbers out of the air, claiming these amounts must be infused into financial institutions and notably now, the auto industry, to avoid a real economic catastrophe in America.

The impossible figure referenced above has been pegged at some \$7 trillion, and the line of CEO's, governors and mayors that will be requesting emergency help is only just beginning to form. Will we ever see the end of it?

The annual Thanksgiving holiday was darkened by the wretched attacks on innocent civilians that played out live as Americans gathered for this wonderfully civilized and peaceful occasion. We've been reminded, if we needed reminding, that the "war on terror" is far from won.

When civilians are harmed in the conduct of battle, the world erupts with outrage. Battles between Israeli forces and the rocket launch sites of Hezbollah in southern Lebanon come to mind. The Islamic world rose up in unanimous angry condemnation of military actions that resulted in the loss of innocents (even though they were being used as human shields). Of course the UN agreed, and even the U.S. Dept. of State agreed. Now that some 170 innocent bystanders and tourists have been blown up or mowed down in last week's attacks by militant Islamic terrorists, where's the condemnation and outrage from those who've have so forcefully expressed it before? The terrorists deliberately target innocent civilians all the time. It is their strategy!

Investigators have confirmed the obvious. The attackers came from militant Islamic training camps in Pakistan, where they've been brainwashed into thinking they're actually performing a service to their religious cause in the commission of such heinous crimes. The awful truth is that their wretched ploy succeeded! Tensions between India and Pakistan are now at a fever pitch, and as we all know, both nations are in possession of operable nuclear arsenals.

The news that Iran now has enough enriched uranium for one nuclear weapon was on page one last week. This week, news leaked that Israel is working on plans to take out Iranian nuclear facilities without the help of western allies, notably the United States. Will Israel have to act single-handedly to protect the interests of the western world? It would carry severe repercussions, but nothing to compare with the alternatives.

Even though we had a short business week last week, we tabulated 662 requests for the Antichrist sermon and Mark of the Beast booklet, three hundred seventy three were first time contacts. This week we aired one of our programs on “Christmas” and received 561 responses, with two hundred fifty eight first time contacts.

These are frightening times. The warnings of the prophets are beginning to take on real significance as we watch our nation and all the western world try to carry on as if somehow men can solve these problems by continuing in the practices and behaviors that brought us to this point!

The state of the Work remains strong, and we here thank all of you for standing together in the furtherance of our calling.

And now, the Sabbath!

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