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Greetings from Tyler,

Could it be we'll be spared the precipitous plunge into socialism and perhaps beyond? We've seen a few hopeful signs indicating that even some key elected officials may be getting a little nervous about the break-neck pace of the central government seizing control even of our access to medical services. Many see "government-run healthcare" as a lynchpin to the last vestiges of American freedom. It has the potential to become all-intrusive, with government dictating control over much that we do, up to and including what we may eat and drink, in order to remain in the good graces of medical services allotted by government agencies.

Seizure of the system of private insurance and the delivery of medical services falls way beyond the powers granted by the Constitution, a divinely inspired document that has guaranteed the preservation of most of our freedoms thus far. There is now at least a glimmer of hope that this audacious intrusion into our most basic and personal freedoms may be at least delayed if not defeated. But don't stop praying just yet!

The U.S.A. has already been plunged into long-term debt so deep that we simply cannot comprehend it, let alone repay it. The takeover of the largest banks, insurance companies and automakers has already been accomplished. Our "representatives" have already signed on or failed to prevent the frivolous spending of untold sums in the trillions of dollars.

The future is being squandered, purportedly for the sake of propping up the current economic picture. But the current economic picture has not brightened, as hundreds of thousands of jobs continue to disappear every month.

In the Middle East, there are reports that Iran has prepared a site for a nuclear test explosion. How's that for a response to the soaring speeches and bridge-building diplomacy? Israel is disheartened that the current U.S. administration is prepared to accept the coming reality of a nuclear-armed Iran. There are so many facets of Bible prophecy moving toward fruition that it is difficult to keep track.

We're working on another issue of 21st Century WATCH, and have several good articles coming your way. The Garner Ted Armstrong telecast this week brought 258 responses, with one hundred seven first time contacts.

Mr. Anthony Miles, Coordinator for our Kendal, Cumbria Feast site in Northern England, is here from Norway for a visit, and will share speaking duties with Mr. Stan Roberts at services tomorrow. It should be interesting and entertaining, and we hope your Sabbath will be too.

Have a great one, and we'll be in touch.

Mark Armstrong