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Greetings from Tyler,

Can you even imagine living in these days without all the available sources of information we have outside the realm of the mainstream media? Many of the trends and events that are of particular interest to us do not accrue to the kind of ratings that make money for the news and analysis programs and must be searched out. But I'm thankful that so many sources are available to us, and absolutely amazed that the mainstream media can ignore events that might undermine the philosophy they promote. Several examples of this phenomenon come to mind immediately, and make us all wonder how naïve, how deceived is the majority of the population?

Here's a corker many may have missed. The United Arab Emirates' Ambassador to the U.S. has come out [publicly to support the prospect of military action against Iran's nuclear facilities](#). [Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN John Bolton](#) responded by saying this is a view widely held throughout the Arab states in the Persian Gulf. This comes amid news that Iran, with the help of Russia, [will have its own nuclear reactor up and running by September](#)

Other reports say that [Saudi Arabia is working rapidly, with the aid of France](#), to achieve their own nuclear capability and "carrying Egypt and Jordan in their wake" according to [DEBKAfile](#). News like this gives the prophecy about Jerusalem being surrounded with armies a whole new slant.

A perusal of British and European news shows that [discomfort with the unassimilated Muslim population](#) is growing all the time. They seem to walk on eggshells to avoid offending Muslim sensitivities, because that could be fatal. Or it could merely result in riots and arson, but either way political correctness dictates that those sensitivities must not be transgressed.

[There's a huge controversy in France over moves to ban the burqa](#). The obvious fear is that the covering will be used to disguise terrorists. But, the move counts as an insult and therefore acts of violence are expected and justified. European news brims with reports of [terrorist plots](#), [al Qaeda recruiters](#), [random attacks against Jews](#), on and on it goes.

When you view dozens of these incidents and developments in the context of the [widely expected economic meltdown stalking Europe](#), you must realize that major changes are in the offing that may well bring about a whole new order in Europe. Given the constant threat of terror, huge unpredictable Islamic populations and the fact that all of Europe is within range of Iran's arsenal of missiles, the [Middle East equation is ever present](#).

Put that together with the sad realities threatening to cripple the United States from within, and it begins to look as though the prophetic scenario is taking shape.

The Garner Ted Armstrong program brought 358 requests with well over two hundred first time contacts. I know these are frustrating and difficult times, for a host of reasons, but hope all of us can enjoy the day of rest we've been granted. We're happy to have a few visitors this Sabbath. Joe and Lori Null are coming up from the New Orleans area and Yvonne Briden from Toronto is joining them.

Hope all of you have a good Sabbath.

Mark Armstrong

