

Weekly Update 16 Oct 2009

We're all just back, as are most of you, from the Feast of Tabernacles. From Panama City Beach, to Myrtle Beach, to Montgomery, IN, to Kimberling City, to Kings Beach, Lake Tahoe, all were happy, positive gatherings enjoying the messages and activities prepared for the annual celebration.

But the world didn't stand still while we were gone. Major violent incidents occurred all over the Middle East, including terrorist bombings and the takeover of a police headquarters by the Taliban in Pakistan.

We've also seen a rash of thwarted terrorist attacks here in the United States, from New York to Denver to Dallas, Texas. Adherents to radical Islam clearly intend to continue their "holy war" until Islamic rule girdles the globe. And they make no bones about it. While "moderates" within the religion may condemn overt acts of terror, they nevertheless believe in establishing Sharia law throughout the western world, including the United States.

The United States appears to be in "limbo" as far as foreign policy is concerned. It seems we're no longer sure who our friends are, or who our enemies are. With some of the pending legislation designed to turn ever larger segments of the private sector over to central control, we could be forgiven for beginning to wonder who we are, as a nation.

The dollar is in steep decline. You may have heard the news of record gold prices while attending the Feast. It's not just that gold is on the rise, but the value of the dollar is falling against many of the world's currencies. Given our governments plans to create and spend trillions of dollars, backed by nothing but U.S. government guarantee, the future of our currency is in doubt.

We certainly cannot get to the bottom of every major situation shaping up today, we will be watching and warning as we go forward. It was great to see so many happy, dedicated folks at all the feast sites this year. We here at HQ hope you'll all have a good first Sabbath home, and look forward to being in touch.

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