

## Newsletter October 2016

In our newsletter of August 2016, we discussed the unleashing of human depravity and in our September newsletter we discussed the final and total apostasy of the temporal church. These two events taken together will prepare the world for the rapid formation of a powerful global government capable of controlling all political and religious activities. The movement toward attaining world unification is discussed in some detail in *Comprehensively Reformed Christianity* Book III in Chapter 19.5; this newsletter will utilize edited excerpts taken from that chapter as we consider the global government that must ultimately come about in the future in order that biblical prophecies regarding the last days can be fulfilled.

Although God has ordained Jesus Christ as the ultimate monarch to rule over all the earth when the time for his coming has been fulfilled, attempts to unify the world under one single government through satanic inspired decadent human effort is certainly not a new goal or concept. It first began with Nod (cf. Ge.4:16) that was founded by Cain, and it continued on after the great global flood of Noah's day under Nimrod (cf. Ge.10:8–12; 1Ch.1:10; Mi.5:6) who founded Nineveh (cf. Ge.10:11,12) that led to the beginning construction of a tower to invade heaven, which was to have been erected on the plain of Shinar (cf. Ge.11:1–9). Added to that, we must not fail to recount the efforts of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Cyrus of Persia, numerous pharaohs of ancient Egypt, Alexander the Great of Greece, the expansive Roman Imperial Empire, the Holy Roman Empire that followed it, and even the later English Empire. More recently still, we have observed the seditious attempt of Hitler's Germany to dominate the earth through Aryan fascism, and finally the Soviet Union's efforts to dominate the earth through world Communism. Although all attempts at absolute world domination and unification have ended in failure thus far, the satanic impetus behind world unification will be fully realized as we near the end-times.

There are currently three major competing systems each working toward the establishment of a future global government. These are, Representative Democracy, Socialism/Communism, and Islamic Absolutism. Each system has two major components: a political component with a financial sub-component and a religious component. The political component provides civil order and the financial sub-component provides the necessary material wealth to keep the system functioning. The religious component provides the personal impetus to ensure voluntary compliance to the dictates of the system. Without a strong common religious component to bolster cooperation through a strong moral ethic among the populace, society becomes splintered and the political component becomes weakened and corrupted.

We shall first consider Representative Democracy. Politically, it's populace is governed by a common consensus of the people through elected representatives who make major decisions for the people leaving all lesser decisions including the building of wealth and specific religious beliefs to the individual. Although Democracy is generally viewed as an ancient Roman concept, today's Representative Democracy is an outgrowth of American Protestant Christianity that had supported and expressed the God-given right of individuals to enjoy life and liberty and to engage in the personal pursuit of happiness – in the practical sense to pursue and retain personal wealth through private ownership of property. Industry, capitol and land is owned and controlled by individuals through a system of free Capitalism. Religious belief remains the responsibility of individual human conscience working through religious institutions, such as temporal churches, to provide a common moral climate and ethic for the people. With that liberty comes great personal responsibility in securing material benefits for oneself through personal initiative. The sole purpose of civil government is to secure and maintain that liberty.

Due to the strong Christian ethic arising from the nation's unique founding, which has now prevailed over more than two centuries, Representative Democracy has served the people of the United States quite well. So much so that over the years, the United States of America has attempted to transplant Representative Democracy in various nations throughout the world in hopes of developing a worldwide federation of independent nations that could work together to foster world cooperation and peace. In a very broad sense, this can be viewed as a benevolent effort to attain a form of decentralized world unity. However, Representative Democracy demands a citizenry that is highly moral in spirit, educated of mind, and well informed of events through a free independent media for its very existence. Representative Democracies have failed to take root or have failed to function properly in other nations around the world because they initially lacked or no longer held an adequate population ruled internally by God through the Holy Spirit. In the absence of that prevailing moral ethic, crime and violence greatly increases as voluntary obedience to just government laws and regulations degenerates into a state of near

anarchy. The initially limited central government of the United States, originally organized to perfect necessary unity of member states into one secure functioning nation for mutual benefit and protection, has grown into a massive overwhelming bureaucracy. This bureaucracy now runs slipshod over the authority of its member states as well as religious liberty and the financial initiative of its individual citizens.

Because of the unlimited human depravity that will be unleashed in the last days, Representative Democracy must be viewed as an unlikely form of world government to prevail as the world drifts increasingly further away from the ethics of biblical Christianity that had given rise to it and had strongly supported it. In an increasingly decadent world, we find that Representative Democracies eventually degenerate into strong central governments in order to survive politically as the Christian ethic is severely eroded by temporal church apostasy, and atheism, paganism, and anarchy rapidly expands in its wake. These strong central governments see to their own needs not the needs of the people, thus radically altering their initial purpose.

A Representative Democracy initially formed to be ruled by the will of its general populace will make a transition into a much less desirable but more stable form of government to control runaway violence perpetuated by an increasingly depraved citizenry. As a nation's poor increasingly demand a greater share of the overall wealth of a nation as a personal right of existence, not earned as a result of personal productivity, a revolutionary transition takes place through a state of near anarchy into Socialism. Socialism is by definition "a system of social organization that advocates the ownership and control of industry, capital, land etc. by the community as a whole" (*The Randomhouse College Dictionary*). In a real sense, the "community as a whole" becomes an established government, purportedly representing the greater community, but firmly ruled by a social elite – whether elected or appointed internally. This transition is facilitated by deliberately instigating class warfare, which socialist elites promote between the rich and the poor, thus creating political fuel needed for the transition to a socialist government. In its earliest stages, socialists promote the establishment of labor unions organizing workers into large pools of labor strictly controlled by labor organizers. Labor unions provide socialists with the "soldiers" to do battle against large capitalist industries for which they supply labor. Overpricing of labor must eventually bring down capitalist industries supplied with labor by the unions thus rendering them bankrupt. Eventually, labor unions are quite easily taken over, nationalized, and merged into the core of a larger socialist workers movement.

Inasmuch as capitalism is seen as having created an unequal distribution of material wealth between the rich and the poor, a redistribution of that wealth is sought through a class struggle to restore a balance. Any surpluses are held in trust by the state for use in promoting the general welfare as it sees fit. Unlike free Capitalism, Socialism has no power to generate wealth, only the power to consume and redistribute it. Therefore, the engine that powers Socialism as it initially devolves from Capitalism is the collecting of increasingly higher taxes from the citizenry and private business as is required to fund a massive socialist government. Over time, serious inefficiencies inherent in Socialism result in a totally impoverished society.

As Socialism begins to invade every conceivable sphere of human life, individual citizens become increasingly dependent upon government handouts for everything from food and clothing to housing. Individual initiative declines dramatically as men and women increasingly look to government for the source of their continual well being as a basic human right of their human existence – instead of engaging in productive labor and seeking out God's providence as in a free society. Lacking any opportunity or incentive to obtain personal gain, national productivity severely declines, and the share of the economy that is obtained from redistribution of wealth decreases dramatically when the remains of the wealthy class are finally picked clean. All citizens then become immersed in a common state of dependent poverty. Therefore, while the poorer classes within democratic societies today hungrily advocate Socialism, believing it would immediately offer them a better way of life through numerous government provisions, any benefits would actually be received in exchange for the liberty to accumulate personal wealth through individual effort, which could ultimately enable the poor to enjoy a better way of life through earned affluence.

Socialism's religious component is the natural outgrowth of the religious philosophy of atheistic humanism, which is the instinctive religion of fallen man. Although the existence of deity is fully suppressed in Humanism, the desire to worship something or someone greater than oneself remains deeply embedded in the hearts of men and women and must therefore be somehow gratified. Accordingly, Socialist governments commonly provide an alternative religion that is based upon atheistic humanism to satisfy that desire. Inasmuch as humanism exalts the

worth of man, the object of that worship becomes a collective of mankind imbedded within the socialist state, thus forming a philosophical religion commonly referred to as Statism (i.e. worship of the state).

As Statism begins to supplant God in the minds of its citizens, temporal churches existing in previously Christian nations will first be strictly regulated and then ultimately nationalized in order to “protect” society from any “radical teachings” that could seek to undermine Statism as well as the socialist political order. In the place of the true worship of God, presentation of the Gospel of salvation, and expounding the authority of Holy Scripture, such churches would only be allowed to preside over meaningless ritual religious acts while giving out the official humanistic socialist line from their pulpits. Followers of this false religion eventually come to see socialistic Statism as the means to attain a temporal redemption and to view the human leaders of their state as messiah figures – from whom all temporal blessings flow. The final apostasy of the temporal church that we spoke of in last month's newsletter will then have become complete.

In a fully developed socialist state, individual freedoms are severely curtailed to conform the populace to its stringent philosophical tenets. A totalitarian state ultimately comes into being as social elites battle each other to gain and retain absolute power. Once that absolute power is achieved, all opposition is firmly held in check by a powerful nationalized police force. This is what has taken place in the past by various socialist nations who adopted Marxism and Communism. Communism is a very strict form of socialism in which all means of production are owned by the “people” (i.e. the socialist elite) collectively such that all private ownership in any form is forcibly prohibited. That collectivism brings forth a theoretical classless society consisting of co-equal workers who support a ruling elite maintaining dictatorial authority and control over them. Much as bees in a hive, the workers of the collective are viewed as existing only to support the hive and its idealistic leadership. All individual merit and initiative must be sacrificed to the needs of the greater collective. Those who refuse to work to that end or are seen as being incapable of producing anything above that which they consume become a drag on the collective. The lazy, the infirm, the elderly, or those who in any way politically oppose the collective must be eradicated so that the collective can thrive. This radical notion is based upon the “survival of the fittest” teaching that was set forth as a core element of Darwinian Evolutionism. It has previously led to mass genocide by radical socialists such as Hitler in Germany, Stalin in Russia, and Mao Tsetung in China.

Finally, we must consider a satanically inspired Theocracy as the third possible system of world government. In this form of government religious belief is the dominant component and civil government and financial regulation are underlying subordinate components. This form of government has its historic type in the earlier *Imperial Roman Church* in which various emperors were manipulated by the Roman Church through its powerful decadent churchianity headed up by a series of Popes during the dark ages as we previously discussed in *CRC Book III*. The *Protestant Reformation Movement* ended its absolute dominance, but even today the *Roman Catholic Church* exerts strong political influence in various parts of the world.

Today's fastest growing religion is not reformed biblical Christianity, which is actually on the decline, nor is it Roman Catholic churchianity, nor is it the corrupted humanistic churchianity that has displaced it in so many Protestant churches; it is Islam, which the Muslim puts forth as the only valid religion for all of humanity. Islam fully unifies both religious and political thought into one complete functioning system. This would appear to make Islamic Absolutism a viable framework within which to establish the global government of the tumultuous and decadent end times. The current Islamic movement for world religious and political dominance was discussed earlier in some detail in our January 2016 newsletter (available on the newsletter archive page of this website), which should again be referred to with regard to this current topic. Islam's overall goal is to establish a worldwide Islamic Caliphate in which the entire world will become subservient to the teachings of Muhammad and strictly adhere to all Islamic practices. The Islamic movement is currently advancing on two fronts. The most visible front is its violent *jihad* (i.e. holy war) undertaken through extreme acts of terrorism that has the entire world on the defensive. The second and more effective front is the infiltration of western nations through legal and illegal immigration. Symbiotically, much of this immigration is being facilitated by Islamic *jihad* inasmuch as many Muslims are being taken into host nations as refugees from various war-torn areas of the world. Once a foothold is established in a host nation, Muslims surreptitiously begin to subvert its political institutions, public education systems, and legal systems to conform them to their own religious beliefs. Islamic law (Sharia) was developed by Mohammad and his followers over fourteen centuries from the Qur'an and the Islamic tradition

contained in the Hadith or Sunna. In Arabic, the word “Sharia” means “way” or “path” and that path extends well into both public and private life. Unlike western civil law Sharia cannot in any way be separated from its religious underpinnings inasmuch as the Islamic religion is fully defined and enforced by and through it. While Islamic law covers such things as banking, economics, and business enterprises, it also covers social issues, family conduct, sexual matters, and even personal hygiene. Prescribed penalties for any violation of Sharia are extremely severe (cf. *CRC Book III*, pages 515, 516). It should be noted that the Islamic movement has already infiltrated every segment of every European nation, and it is also deeply entrenched in the United States as Muslims increasingly occupy many local and state offices as well as many important positions of federal authority.

These three basic systems of government are in direct conflict with each other for dominance as human decadence of the last days is being further unleashed upon the earth. Because of this extreme decadence of mankind, we must discount Representative Democracy from any serious consideration. The tendency of decadent fallen man to totally exclude the existence of any supreme being as God altogether may make a worshipful form of humanistic Statism the most likely to succeed as the world-wide religion of the decadent end times. However, the violent efforts and extreme persistence of Islam cannot be completely discounted as a movement that could eventually form a future global Caliphate to govern the entire earth.

As the great spiritual darkness increasingly gathers around the world’s divided population, it is apparent that the world is becoming ripe to accept a highly charismatic, powerful, and aggressive world ruler who could unite it both politically and religiously – lest the world ultimately destroy itself through religious terrorism and political anarchy. However, this “savior” that the decadent and deluded world desperately seeks is not Jesus Christ, who alone is ordained by his Father with the authority and wisdom to rule, but a man whose iniquitous workings are actually that of Satan. As the Apostle Paul warned his followers nearly two-thousand years ago, “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked [one] be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (2Th 2:7–12). Therefore, we find that the mysterious iniquity of the last days that began in Paul’s day continues to operate in our day.

The great delusive lie has many facets, each of which directly opposes God’s Truth, but it appears to center around one wicked individual man as a personification of that lie. It may seem that a global government ruled exclusively by one man or monarch would be difficult to establish in today’s world considering the large physical territory involved and the vast religious and political diversity of the world’s population. However, global Socialism would inevitably degenerate into Atheistic Communism, and from there dictatorial power could be readily gained by one wicked individual. The Muslim is also expecting the arrival of a world ruler who will have the title of *Mahdi*. He is to be a messianic figure and is alleged by the Shi’ite Muslim to be the twelfth Imam, a direct descendent of Muhammad. Regardless of who this individual may be, he will vehemently oppose Jesus Christ of Holy Scripture; he will be by definition anti-Christ.

The current struggle for world domination that we presently see taking place is just the beginning of this final conflict. At times the final two movements work in common accord to eradicate the true Christian faith from the earth before they do battle with each other. Regardless of which of the two systems, Socialism/Communism or Islamic Absolutism, ultimately wins out to form a future global government, Holy Scripture clearly informs us that a worldwide monarchical government will one day be headed up by a man referred to as the antichrist. The antichrist will be a counterfeit Christ, and he will be vehemently opposed to biblical Christianity and will seek to destroy it at its roots. His dictatorial rule over the world will be absolute, although it will not be long-lived. While all of this activity is obviously satanically inspired, we must understand that God is still fully in control. He will allow all of this to come to pass in the time that He has appointed for it in order that Jesus Christ may return to earth to fully judge depraved mankind and establish his divine Kingdom on the ashes of fallen mankind’s failure. In future newsletters, we shall continue to discuss the implementation of God’s plan in additional detail as we move on into our study of prophetic Scripture regarding the last days. © Arthur J. Smith October 2016