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A Dragon Roars from the White House!

Not literally, of course! No dragon lives in the White House, a symbol of American power and hegemony. But Biblically a dragon is a metaphor for Satan, and his ways and ideas nowadays seem to have found favour with the White House, the seat of the U.S. government!

And Bible prophecy did foretell it.

A Tale of Two Beasts

The prophecy concerned is Revelation chapter 13 which describes the end-time prophetic roles of two “beasts”. However, we are not discussing both beasts in detail. Our

emphasis is on the second beast which, according to the prophecy, “exercises all the power” of the first beast in compelling all mankind to “worship the first beast” and to receive his mark in their right hand or forehead.

Who is this beast under the prophetic spotlight?

¹¹“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

¹²“And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

¹³“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

¹⁴“And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

¹⁵“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

¹⁶“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

¹⁷“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

¹⁸“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a

man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six” (Rev. 13:11-18).

It’s “Another” Beast

For the avoidance of confusion, the beast in question is “another beast”, different from the beast earlier described in the prophecy – the beast which rises from the sea, “having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy” (v. 1).

A curious creature by all standards! Yet it’s not the first time we are encountering this beast in scripture. It sports a trademark – and that trademark identifies it as the *Roman Empire*, the “fourth beast” of Daniel chapter 7, for a “beast” in Bible prophecy is really a kingdom (Dan. 7:17, 23).

And history confirms that the (western) Roman Empire at its fall in 476 AD disintegrated into “ten kingdoms”, which were prophetically depicted as “ten horns”—Rome’s perennial trademark!

“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.”

“I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and,

behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things” (Dan. 7:7-8 see also vv. 23-24).

The “little horn” which “speaks great things” against the most High and persecutes His saints (Dan. 7:25) is not missing in action when the fourth beast stages a comeback in Rev. 13. It’s represented this time as “the name of blasphemy”.

The rewording reflects the greater clarity which informs John’s depiction of the same “dreadful and terrible”, “diverse” beast of Rome earlier described by Daniel, although it’s no less frightening or surreal:

“And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority” (v. 2).

The fourth beast of Rome is a *composite beast*, possessing the form (or body) of a leopard, the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion, and it derives its power, throne and political authority directly from Satan, the dragon (see Rev. 12:3, 9). As to what they stand for, the *leopard*, the *bear* and the *lion* are, in the reverse order in which they are presented in Revelation 13 as against the chronological order of their rule, the *Greek*, *Medo-Persian* and *Babylonian* empires (Dan. 7:3-6), all of which preceded Rome but all of which Rome, in its time, succeeded at once by combining in itself all their core characteristics!

In a sense, Rome is the synthesis of all Gentile powers which derive their authority from Satan, “the god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4), and is set to rule the world one last time. In fact, the world has been living under its shadow in various forms and disguises since it fragmented in 476 AD to this day!

The yearly celebration of 25th December as the birthday of *Sol Invictus* (the Unconquered Sun, the same Babylonian *Shamash*) on the pretext of celebrating Christ’s birthday; the popular observance of Sunday as the day of worship, as well as the use of the Roman calendar adorned with the names of their idols and emperors testify to the fact that we are still in Roman times. Not to be outdone, the Grecian elite subculture in which same-sex relations between older men of wealth and learning and their young male lovers were tolerated and even encouraged has come back with a vengeance! Along with their female counterparts who practised woman-to-woman sexual love on the Greek island of *Lesbos* giving rise to the name *lesbians*, as female homosexuals are called!

Virtually everything is in place. You name it – philosophies, systems, practices. What is left is for the composite beast of Rome to take world power again.

Which is where the second beast of Revelation 13 comes in!

It Mounts the World Stage Unnoticed

The second beast comes up out of “the earth” (11^a) – in contrast to “the sea” from which the first or composite beast emerges.

In Bible prophecy, the sea represents “peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” (Rev. 17:15), a place teeming with masses of humankind; literally ‘a sea of people’. Thus the second beast, because it emerges not from the sea but from the earth, springs up in a sparsely populated area and therefore arrives on the world stage without fanfare and acclaim, unlike the first beast who has the whole world hero-worshipping him, “who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” (Rev. 13:3-4).

It’s a Lamb!

“... and he had two horns like a lamb” (11^b).

We know from Dan. 7:24 that an animal’s “horn” is symbolic of a king or governmental authority. So the two horns of the lamb-like beast certainly relate to the king or form of government which exercises political authority over the kingdom.

And that government must be a benign one, resembling the gentleness of a lamb!

It’s a Roaring Dragon!

“... and he spake as a dragon” (11^c).

It’s an astounding mismatch; a bizarre sight to behold a lamb who bleats, this time not bleating, but roaring like a dragon!

The beast’s bellicose tone and speech belies its innocence – its sheepish harmless appearance! The lamb has the voice of a dragon, and that is the very voice of the devil:

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Rev 12:9).

Who is this mystery beast which appears in a low populated area – not from among the sea of nations at strife, prophetically depicted in Dan. 7:2 as “the four winds of the heaven striving upon the great sea” – only to speak like a dragon? (Note: ‘wind’ is war. See Jer. 25:31-32; 49:36-37).

America is the Lamb-like Beast

Only one nation fits the prophetic description – the United States of America! It developed in relative obscurity in a “New World” away from continental Europe and other bustling population centres of the world. In so vast a land, in which the native American population lived in small scattered communities, vast tracts of land remained uninhabited. As of 1492, when the American Continent was ‘discovered’, the indigenous Indian tribes numbered only about one million.

In this boundless expanse of virgin lands upon virgin lands, America developed in relatively lamb-like innocence, not out of a bloodthirsty tyrant’s desire to expand his realm, as is often the case, but out of a quest to find a haven of religious and political freedom. Although there might have been other goals, the overriding objective of the Pilgrim Fathers, the 102 English people who sailed to America in 1620 on the ship *The Mayflower*, was to create a society where they could practise

their Christian faith safely – with no king or government threatening or hounding them for their beliefs!

After hundreds of years of papal persecution in Europe, especially intensified during the Inquisition, “the earth”, as foretold in Rev. 12:16, “helped the woman [the faithful church], and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood [of persecution] which the dragon cast out of his mouth”.

The “earth” was the New World, the earth from which the United States sprang. And it was a “lamb”. It was Christian. It followed Christ, “the Lamb of God” (John 1:29, 36; Rev. 5:6), and had His values instilled in them.

This was what came to stamp itself on the formative years of the American nation, summed up in their national motto, “In God We Trust”.

Herein lies America’s lamb-like nature – as the land of the free and a sanctuary of religious liberty. It was upon these tenets that the United States was founded – *Republicanism* and *Religious Liberty*. (“A land without a king and a pope!”) They are the “two horns” of the lamb!

For many years, America lived up to these tenets of freedom. Since its founding, millions of people fleeing political and religious persecution from all parts of the world have found succour and refuge in America. The hearts of millions of immigrants have been warmed by the sight of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbour welcoming them to America, the land of freedom!

Since the end of the Second World War, the United States of America has acted as a guarantor of democracy in countries which had previously been under dictatorships in a post-war, polarized, ‘Cold War’ world torn between the former Soviet Union and the West, between communism and capitalism.

By and large, America acted as a force for good – though not without looking to its own national interests!

But America is not a lamb through and through. It combines two extremes – *a lamb and a dragon*, a highly unlikely pair – in one heterogeneous nation. And that dragon has been straining at the leash all this while, raring to roar!

The Dragon in America has Woken Up!

A new spiritual hour has dawned in America. America’s lamb-like character is steadily eroding. As a nation, the United States is becoming less and less Christian in outlook and increasingly hostile to ‘conservative’ Christian values.

One indicator is the courts.

The Dragon Rules in its own Favour

Almost every lawsuit heard in the U.S. courts of Justice which bear on morality and Christian belief has gone against the tenets of Biblical Christianity, no matter how hallowed they had been! The verdict is nearly always in favour of immorality and ungodliness framed as “liberal values”! Consequently, the saying of the “Lord’s Prayer” has been banned in public schools, and judges have ordered the removal of monuments of the Ten Commandments from public property where they had stood on display – from the

Judicial Building in Alabama in 2003 and from the State Capitol in Oklahoma in October 2015.

The Ten Commandments are deemed unwelcome and offensive in an increasingly amoral, a-religious America!

But that was only the thin end of the wedge! On Friday, the 26th day of June, 2015, a thick cloud of darkness descended on America when the US Supreme Court, the highest court of the land, legalized ‘same-sex marriage’ across all 50 states of the United States. In remarks after the ruling, President Barack Obama hailed the landmark ruling as a “victory for America”, saying “This ruling will strengthen all our communities” (“US Supreme Court rules gay marriage is legal nationwide” www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-33290341).

“Strengthen” it will, but not in the right way – it will only “strengthen the hands of evildoers” (Jer. 23:14) and encourage abominable lifestyles. (See Isaiah 3:9; Jer. 5:3).

The dragon has awarded itself a verdict in its own favour, not in favour of the Lamb and what He stands for! The spiritual tension between the Lamb and the dragon, the holy and the unholy, cannot be more intense!

The dragon side of America is speaking now – roaring out orders in favour of the GREAT RED DRAGON, Satan, the devil: ‘uproot the Ten Commandments from public life’, he orders, ‘legalize same-sex marriage and abortion’ and ‘penalize those Bible-thumping people who will disagree’, and it’s done with dispatch!

It’s sad, but in today’s America, freedom of religion is being reinterpreted to mean *freedom from religion* – particularly from the ‘strictures’ of the Judeo-Christian heritage upon which the USA was founded.

It is in such light that the legalization of ‘same-sex marriage’, for example, has been presented. It’s about respecting the ‘civil rights’ of homosexuals to formalize their relationships, not about how a religion views such ‘non-traditional’ lifestyles!

Writing for the majority side (of the bench) in a 5 – 4 ruling, Justice Anthony Kennedy said the plaintiffs asked “for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The constitution grants them that right” (ibid.).

Sin has been legalized in America; it has legal backing. But it has *no legitimacy* in the eyes of God and all righteous men and women. The Lord still calls it a “mischief” and has nothing to do with it (Ps. 94:20). A sinful lifestyle is a sinful lifestyle no matter how hard you try to sanitize it by law or by the substitution of less offensive-sounding names.

The prophecy of Isaiah has been fulfilled:

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isa. 5:20).

The mind has gone haywire in a world gone topsy-turvy!

In a radical upending of normal thinking, “evil” has been called “good” and “good evil”; “darkness” has been embraced as if it were “light” and “light” shunned as if it were darkness; the “bitter tastes “sweet” in the mouth while it spits out the “sweet” as if it were “bitter”! (See John 3:19).

They have no sense of the holy and the righteous. Instead, they are compulsively inclined to evil, for that is their true nature acquired from their ‘father’, the devil:

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” (John 8:44).

It’s a terrible fate, but the Lord says once the devil gains control of an individual by his “lusts”, there’s no stopping that person (unless he turns to Him). *“The lusts of the devil ye will do.”*

Unfortunately, this is the spiritual state of America today!

Another strong indicator is the political speeches of the American leadership, especially those which define US foreign policy objectives.

America calls for a New World Order

In a speech before the Joint Session of the US Congress on September 11, 1990, as the U.S. prepared to launch “Operation Desert Storm” in the Persian Gulf which would drive out Iraqi occupation forces from Kuwait, former President George H.W. Bush announced the dawn of “a new world order. An era in which the nations of the world, East and West, North and South, can prosper and live in harmony. A hundred generations have searched for this elusive path to peace, while a thousand wars have raged across the span of human endeavor. Today that new world is struggling to be born, a world quite different from the one we have known” (“Address Before a Joint Session of Congress, September 11, 1990” www.millercenter.org).

It would not be business as usual. America will henceforth dictate, and the world will follow. The principles of free choice and non-interference in the internal affairs of sovereign

nations no longer apply. It's the era of *Pax Americana*, and America will enforce its brand of world peace no matter what it takes!

The Berlin Wall had earlier come down in 1989 followed by the reunification of Germany in 1990, effectively bringing to an end the Cold War era. A New World Order was truly unfolding – a geopolitical wind of change – that saw many Third World countries change over from military dictatorships to civilian democratic rule under subtle and no so subtle U.S. pressure.

On September 11, 2001, eleven years to the day since President G.H.W. Bush gave his new world order speech, Arab terrorists struck in New York City, seizing two planes and crashing them into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center at Manhattan. The death toll was in the thousands. Unfortunate as it was, it immediately gave an impetus to the new world order agenda of the US government (and its allies), and the “global war on terror” was launched. The world would never be the same again!

First, the United States attacked Afghanistan, defeated the Taliban and ousted them from power.

This was followed by a string of US military operations right across the globe – from the horn of Africa to the Philippines in which Islamist insurgents and terrorist organizations were the principal targets.

In 2003, the US and its allies, the “coalition of the willing”, as part of their ongoing war on terror, invaded Iraq. The rationale for the war was eloquently trumpeted: *To search for weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and destroy them!* Although none was found, the government of Saddam Hussein was

toppled. Months later, he was captured from his ‘rat hole’ hideout in the ground, tried and executed.

Since then, ‘war on terror’ military campaigns have been waged in different parts of the world, including Somalia, the Caribbean and North Africa. Famous casualties have included Osama bin Laden who was slain in a raid on his hideout in Pakistan by an elite unit of the US Navy, the Navy SEALs, in May 2011. Later that same year, Libyan strongman, Muammar Ghaddafi was overthrown and later killed when America, as part of a UN-authorized international coalition, intervened militarily in the Libyan civil war on the side of the rebels.

As I speak, the US and its NATO allies are engaged in an air campaign against ‘Islamic State’ in Syria and Iraq, with Russia conducting its own parallel aerial bombardments against the same common enemy.

The United States is determined to influence the course of history in line with its globalist vision. It’s not only leading the world in a new political direction but also in a new spiritual and economic direction.

A Global Dictator of Moral Behaviour

The dragon is thundering, and the world will have a uniform code of ethics dictated by the White House!

That is the latest foreign policy pet project of the US government! And it’s a campaign being waged with all the political and economic muscle of the United States. Only it’s not a military campaign to bring about “regime change” in a foreign country but to bring about a *new moral order* in the world; a moral order which accommodates all sorts of perversions and deviant behaviours in the name of ‘*human*

rights' and *'diversity'*. It's a change in which every moral outrage finds a refuge. But, of course, that's my opinion, my very 'conservative' opinion and a 'bigoted' one at that!

The current focus of America's moral reorientation crusade is, of course, the promotion of 'gay rights' around the world, bringing to fulfilment the end-time prophetic word given in Isaiah 1:9: "Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah". The goal is the SODOMIZATION of the whole world. And the United States government would not let the nations be! Nations, especially the poor countries of the Third World, are being pressurized by America and other Western governments to decriminalize homosexual behaviour, or they will cut much needed aid to them!

And it's not an empty threat!

Uganda recently tested the resolve of the United States to protect gay rights worldwide when it enacted a "harsh" anti-gay law in February 2014. In a swift reaction, US President Barack Obama, said he was "deeply disappointed" at the legislation, calling it a "step backward" for Uganda. And he made it clear, in a thinly veiled threat that, it would "complicate" US-Uganda relations!
(<http://newss.yahoo.com/obama-anti-gay-bill-step-backward-ugandans-191530853-politics.html>).

Mr. Obama meant Uganda would come under US sanctions, as Secretary of State John Kerry elaborated on in subsequent comments:

"Now that this has been enacted, we are beginning an internal review of our relationship with the Government of Uganda to ensure that all dimensions of our

engagement, including *assistance programmes*, uphold our anti-discriminate policies and principles and reflect *our values*.

“From Nigeria to Russia and Uganda, *we* are working *globally* to promote and protect the human rights of *all* persons. The United States will continue to stand against any efforts to marginalize, criminalise and penalize vulnerable persons in *any society*” (“John Kerry: America will now review its relations with Uganda over its anti-gay law” www.pinknews.co.uk. Emphasis mine).

And all the western powers hailed America for her ‘moral stand’ against discrimination against gays and lesbians!

The world’s sole superpower has spoken in the spirit and voice of the Great Red Dragon to all the nations of the world to embrace and protect the deviant lifestyle of homosexuality, or it will “stand against” any nation that will refuse to comply, be it Russia or Nigeria!

America will have its way, one way or another. It has got the resources, political, military and economic, to bulldoze the nations of the world into doing its bidding.

In the case of Uganda, the raft of sanctions Washington imposed against it included barring Ugandan officials found to have perpetrated abuses against LGBT individuals from entering the United States, stopping or redirecting money for initiatives involving the Ugandan Police Force, Ministry of Health and National Public Health Institute, and it actually went ahead and cancelled plans to hold a US military sponsored aviation in the country (Source: www.pinknews.co.uk/2014/06/20/us-imposes-sanctions-against-uganda-for-anti-gay-law).

And how did Uganda cope?

The new anti-gay law held for barely six months! Uganda's Constitutional Court struck it down on 1st August, 2014 *on a technicality!* A law which had been passed by the country's Parliament and assented by its president, Yoweri Museveni!

Whether it was as a direct or indirect result of America's sanctions or by pure coincidence, no one can really tell. But it underlines one point: America will stand against any country that stands in its way and will have its way by whatever means, covert and overt!

It's a prophetic call of destiny. America must win the world for "the beast", the Antichrist, and it seems well on the way to accomplishing this.

The world is hooked on American culture. But much of that culture glorifies moral decadence (in the name of 'equality' and 'diversity'), bequeathing to the world a moral worldview in which the lines between good and evil have become blurred. But not in reality, not in God's sight, but *in the minds of the world's masses of humanity* by means of *propaganda* and *media brainwashing* – by "the Prince of the power of the AIR" (Eph. 2:2-3), the same red dragon!

The vast majority of programmes broadcast over the AIR via radio, television and the Internet are directly inspired by him. The unholy, sin-glamourizing content, the filth, so easily gives him away!

So don't swallow whatever you hear or see in the media hook, line and sinker. Don't transform your living room into "the seat of the scornful" (Ps. 1:1) by the programmes you choose to watch or listen. Shut off the radio or television when the programme is unwholesome and detestable! The devil is

behind it. He aims to gain access to the door of your mind and thereby lure you “from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ” (2 Cor. 11:3 NIV).

The Lamb-like Beast and the False Prophet

Satan, the arch-deceiver called the great red dragon, has a mouthpiece which sounds like him – “a roaring lion” (1 Pet. 5:8). But in practice, it’s not to be expected that the lamb-like beast as a whole will be doing the speaking.

It has spokesmen who make its intentions and policies known – the American leadership. And I refer, in particular, to the veto-wielding president of the United States of America, the world’s most powerful politician.

The US president is the chief spokesman and representative of the United States, and it is he that has announced, or caused to be announced, many of the epoch-making new world order edicts and policies America wants the world to adopt. Bible prophecy has a special name for the US president’s end-time prophetic role as an advocate and enforcer of the ‘values’ of Satan, the dragon. It calls him “the false prophet”.

We know this to be the case because the lamb-like beast and the false prophet of the Apocalypse play the SAME prophetic roles:

“And the beast [the Antichrist as an individual] was taken, and with him the false prophet THAT wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone” (Rev. 19:20 cp. Rev. 13:14-16).

It's not a duplication of roles by two distinct entities, but one is the system (the world's most powerful nation) and the other is the chief officer (of the system) wielding executive power.

The latter is a "prophet" in the sense that he's not only concerned with politics and governance but is now waging a *moral spiritual crusade* of a sort to redefine morality in human society - a crusade which exposes him as a "false prophet" because he does not advocate godly values but lifestyles the Creator clearly labels and denounces as abominable. (See Lev. 18:22-23; 20:13). And the clear intention is to cause people to disobey God as is the intent of every false prophet (Deut. 13:1-5).

Thus, in effect, the lamb-like beast which speaks like a dragon, advocating and enforcing Satan's will, speaks through its president, particularly the future American President or leader in whose tenure the Antichrist will assume world power through his active support! Hence "that wrought miracles" referring us back to the lamb-like beast of Rev. 13!

And that politician-turned "false prophet" of America will be a great orator, a smooth talker, so adept at the art of dissimulation that people will hardly see through his ploys. (See Dan. 8:23). They will get so carried away by his speeches that they will hardly realize that they are the victims of a grand deception involving the whole world (Rev. 12:9). He will be responsible for much of the "strong delusion" God will send, or allow to operate, in those days (2 Thess. 2:9-12). And he will back his words with scientific and occult miracles. His words are never empty of effect. His words will carry weight across the world – even as now.

And he will use brute force to enforce his policies, if persuasion fails!

A Roaring Lamb with an Iron Fist!

The prophetic word says: “And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed” (Rev. 13:12).

That is to say, the lamb-like beast will replicate the iron-fisted rule of imperial Rome – the dreadful composite beast which had “great iron teeth” and “nails of brass”, with which it crushed the nations and persecuted the saints of old (Dan. 7:7, 19) – and which was inherited by papal Rome as witnessed during the Inquisition.

America will not treat those who oppose its new world order policies with kid gloves.

Already, the American political system is showing dictatorial tendencies right on home soil! In the name of national security, especially following the September 11 attacks, there has been a steady erosion of the civil liberties of US citizens with a unprecedented wave of security measures brought in by the issuance of executive orders by the president and legislation by congress. Some of the more ominous “counter-terrorism” measures include the invasion of citizens’ privacy by electronic surveillance (or eavesdropping), whereby the government is able to monitor the private lives of citizens, and the detention of citizens without trial for as long as the government considers necessary. Of course, in an emergency, such measures may make sense. But then, their potential for sinister ends, in the hands of a powerful cabal of ‘control freaks’, is simply incalculable!

Meanwhile, some concerned US citizens speak of the setting up of secret detention centres in the US which, along with an increasingly militarized police force, portends even darker

days for personal freedoms in the United States, ‘the land of the free’.

Already, Bible believers in America are waking up to the grim reality that their biblical beliefs—and the expression thereof in a land which supposedly guarantees religious freedom and free speech under the First Amendment of the US constitution—could cost them their jobs!

A urologist Dr. Paul Church who worked at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston was fired in early 2015 for “warning of the health risks of homosexual behavior and questioning the judgment of a hospital promoting such unhealthy behavior. Church was told by hospital superiors that his views about homosexuality were ‘discrimination’ and ‘harassment’ and that the Bible verses he used to define homosexuality were equally ‘offensive’” (Kade Hawkins, “More Christians Discovering Biblical Beliefs Could Cost Them Their Jobs” <http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/2015/September30/304.html>).

But it was actually a double blow delivered around the same time to two Bible- believing Christians living in different cities of the United States.

In January 2015, the city of Atlanta fired the chief of its Fire Rescue Department, Kelvin Cochran, after he “gave workers a religious book he wrote containing passages that condemn homosexuality” (Richard Fausset, “Atlanta Ousts Fire Chief Who Has Antigay Views” http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/07/us/atlanta-ousts-fire-chief-who-has-antigay-views.html?_r=0).

Elsewhere in the world, America's security and military operations continue to be tainted with human rights abuses as media reports confirm.

It may seem farfetched now, but America will revive the dreaded Catholic Inquisition of yesteryear during the last worldwide rule of the Antichrist. The signs have appeared. 'Global security' and the 'threat from religious fundamentalists' make a perfect excuse. The tragic massacre of nearly 100 members of a religious group in Waco, Texas, the Branch Davidians, on April 19, 1993 by federal agents of the US government gives cause for sobering thought!

The Goal is Image Worship

The cherished vision, long sought after, is the creation of a world government, yet religious differences often prove a destabilizing, divisive force. So the creation of a one-world religion through a uniting of all (false) religions is an imperative, if the formation of a world government is to be realized on any enduring basis.

As author Dave Hunt notes in his book, *Global Peace and the Rise of the Antichrist*, "It is now apparent that the need for peace among the world's religions is as great as the need for peace among the world's nations, and that the latter cannot be achieved without the former" (Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, OR 97402, USA, 1990, p. 147, quoted in *The Two Headed Dragon of Africa* by Edwin and Jody Mitchell, p. 167).

The interplay between world peace and religious unity is self-evident. But as far as Bible prophecy is concerned, it's not the latter that serves the former. The Antichrist is given "power over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" so that "all that

dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:7-8).

The world government of the Antichrist, then, is the vehicle for realizing the goal of making all humanity worship the “image of the beast” in direct contravention of the second commandment of the Decalogue (Ex. 20:4-5).

That will also be the responsibility of America, the two-horned lamb-like beast roaring like a dragon! Deception by false miracles as well as the infliction of brutalities (including capital punishment) will be at play:

“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

“And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” (Rev. 13:13-15).

Making fire fall from the sky is, in today’s technologically advanced age, a relatively easy feat. Bombs dropped from military jets not only flare up and illuminate the sky in a fireball but also appear as a streak of flame striking the earth. Or it could be some form of advanced pyrotechnics. Still, another probability is the use of satanic power to call forth fire from heaven as Satan (through his “high ones that are on

high”, the invisible “rulers of the darkness of this world”, Isa. 24:21; Eph. 6:12) used against Job (Job 1:16).

Similarly, statues which are able to speak and have an illusion of life are now a miracle of modern science with the development of artificial intelligence and robotics. An image of the beast equipped with the power of speech is most likely to be in the form of artificial intelligence (being ‘sentient’ computers capable of intelligent human behaviour) – or conversely it could be energized by satanic power (see Rev. 13:2; 11:7; 2 Thess. 2:9).

And a world religion and a world government are in the making. It has now become fashionable for many prominent religious leaders across the world, including the Pope of Rome, to say that all “religious traditions” are essentially the same – just that they are different paths to the same God. In fact, some leading Christian leaders in America openly promote ‘*Chrislam*’, a blend of (apostate) Christianity and Islam with emphasis on their common elements.

Yet what we really need in a world of different beliefs and religions is religious harmony—peaceful coexistence. That is biblical (Heb. 12:14). But religious unity, which is really syncretism, an amalgam of diverse elements, is Babel (confusion) and is of the devil (see 1 Cor. 14:33).

Be that as it may, plans to actually create a one-world government continue to gather momentum under the aegis of the United Nations, itself a skeletal form of world government.

Just last September (25-27, 2015), “the United Nations launched a ‘new universal agenda’ for humanity... The Pope travelled to New York City to give the address that kicked off

this conference, thus giving his considerable endorsement to this new plan. Virtually every nation on the entire planet *willingly signed up for the 17 goals that are included in this plan*” (Michael Snyder

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/moving-toward-a-one-world-government-a-one-world-economy-and-a-one-world-religion> Emphasis mine).

For the uninitiated the plans sound noble, and yet for ‘the initiated’ they contain a hidden code for world control – a blueprint for global government. Among the plans include:

- the worldwide promotion of genetically modified foods (GMOs) *in the name of worldwide hunger eradication;*
- centralized global financial control *in the name of poverty eradication;*
- population control through forced family planning *in the name of gender equality and women’s empowerment;*
- privatization of all water sources (and don’t forget to add fluoride) *in the name of equitable distribution and sustainable management of water;*
- smart metres and higher prices for electricity *in the name of access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;*
- more regional government bureaucracy *in the name of reducing inequality within and among countries;*
- ‘Big brother’ data surveillance state systems *in the name of safer inclusive resilient cities and human settlements;*
- control of all oceans including mineral rights from ocean floors *in the name of conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (ibid.).*

We could go on and on.

The government of the new world order is taking shape and has all its organs in place. And it has the Papal seal of approval with the might and global clout of the United States behind it.

“The Mark of the Beast”: the Ultimate Control Tool

That a cashless society is on the horizon in almost all countries around the world is not an overstatement. It is a reality, even a trite fact.

Cash as a medium of exchange for goods and services is on its way out. Cashless transactions are the new way – and its attraction and power lies in a minute electronic device which is the epitome of convenience!

It's called a *microchip*, an integrated (computer) circuit device which can be used simultaneously for multiple purposes – ranging from medical, employment and financial records to cashless transactions and monitoring and tracking (when it's GPS-enabled).

So minute and yet so versatile and amenable to myriad applications, the chip is fairly commonplace in today's hi-tech world! It's in smart cards (ATM), mobile phones, credit and debit cards, medical insurance cards and even in passports. Quite ubiquitous!

The implication is that it is becoming the standard tool for all social transactions. Otherwise, you are stuck in the Stone Age! All the traditional options are being phased out. You are entrapped by the system (you can't do without the chip), which in itself is amoral and innocuous—and yet a deadly tool of control in the hands of forces seeking to control every person on the face of the earth under a world government

system in which the citizens of the envisioned ‘global super state’ must live by the dictates of the leader and worship him as god! (See 2 Thess. 2:3-4).

And the all-purpose microchip is inching closer to becoming a permanent fixture of the human anatomy (body) thereby bringing it closer and closer to fulfilling a *specific detail* of end-time Bible prophecy. For the chip, despite all its essential practical uses, can get lost, or missing, or simply left behind when needed most, say, in an emergency health situation. So why not attach it to your body, not in strap form (which can fall off), but inside your body, under your skin, so that it becomes a permanent part of you for you to use every time, without fail, as and when you need it? After all, it is so tiny – the size of a grain of rice!

Thus some smart scientists came up with the idea of implantable chips for injection under the human skin—and ideally in the right hand for ease of use!

In a future world where all cash has been phased out and all must receive a microchip implant issued by a central (global) authority to engage in commerce, the second beast of Revelation 13, which seeks to bring all men under the rule of the Antichrist, has in its hands an awesome tool of control. The Bible calls it “a mark” (Greek “*Charagma*”, a “scratch” or “etching”... “graven” [as in Acts 17:29] “mark” from “*Charax*” to “sharpen to a point”... “stake” etc.) and describes it as having A COMMERCIAL USE. For it grants those who receive it the right to participate in buying and selling:

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Rev. 13:16-17).

The “he” is the lamb-like beast – identified as the USA. And the US was one of the first countries to officially approve the use of microchip implants in humans. In 2004, the country’s Food and Drug Administration gave approval for microchip implants to be used to carry information about people’s medical conditions!

The world has come a long way from bar-coding goods to bar-coding people! And not just for commercial transactions or medical information but also to become identified with the Antichrist whose number is the imperfect triple number 666 which will certainly be the secret code embedded in the chip, as they are now (three thick black lines) on nearly all manufactured goods! But it takes wisdom to put a face to the number:

“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six” (Rev. 13:18).

It’s obviously not a number plainly emblazoned on the forehead of an individual making him easily identifiable as the Antichrist. But that fellow is not beyond discovery.

An inscription on the official mitre of the Roman Pontiff gives him away! It reads *Vicarivs Filii Dei*, that is, “the Vicar of the Son of God”, which translates as the representative of the Son of God who has assumed His place! When the values of the Roman numerals that make up this Latin title are added up, presto 666 appears! Any other person whose name in whatever language (such as Hebrew, Greek or Latin) also

adds up to 666 but does NOT purport to stand in the place of the Son of God (as in “anti” [Greek] “in place of” and yet “against”) is a square peg in a round hole. It is not “him whose coming is after the working of Satan”!

As prophecy fails not (Isa. 34:16), in the not too distant future during the rule of the Antichrist, the United States will fully step into its prophetic role and work with the rest of the Gentile powers to bring to fruition a one-world government, a one-world economy and single market and a unified (syncretistic) world religion. It is not an easy project and does involve much, but surely the world is headed down that path!

And when that day finally arrives, the United States, as the leading Gentile power and kingmaker of the Antichrist, will not be short of reasons why every man, woman and child on the earth should be ‘chipped’. It is for e-commerce, enhanced security for all, early detection of terrorist activity, improved and timely health care, easy identification and a safer work environment among others.

But they won’t tell you they just ‘turned God off’ in your brain! The chip is set to get more sinister (evil), making all who receive it doomed forever!

A group of Christian brothers in America have brought to the attention of students of Bible prophecy a Pentagon-sponsored research aimed at “turning religious fanatics into normal persons”.

The research yielded interesting results. The scientists discovered they could literally ‘switch the mind off’ interest in God and religious matters if they could suppress or destroy a particular gene in the human brain called *VMAT2* which predisposes people to faith and spiritual belief in the normal functioning of the brain.

Now, all they need to do to achieve their purpose of using (scientific) *mind control* to cure people of religious fanaticism is to destroy the ‘God gene’ (as some call it), and all interest in spirituality, God and religious matters is gone. And they have come up with a *virus*, which once administered into the body, is able to locate the undesirable religious gene and eliminate it. The virus may be administered in the form of respiratory viruses, such as the *flu*, but more likely to be put in a microchip and placed in the forehead!

The ultimate in mind control has been achieved – and all desire for God taken away!

But why would anybody want to expend effort and resources to achieve this – this anti-God lobotomy?

Why, to ensure that all those who receive “the mark of the beast” in their hands or *foreheads* will be incapable of repentance but rather feel hatred and disgust for God!

It’s not fiction. There’s a video documentary that explains all this in depth, featuring the scientists themselves touting the findings of their research and their social usefulness. And it’s an astounding fulfilment of end-time Bible prophecy. There isn’t a soul that, according to the Book of Revelation, receives the mark of the beast and ever feels remorse and turns to God! (See Rev. 9:20-21; 16:9-11). The more God afflicts them with plagues to induce repentance, the more they sin and blaspheme His holy name!

Final Warning: Babylon is Judged

As it happened in the time of Nimrod, the archetypical Antichrist, when God reduced their pride and vain human efforts (the Tower of Babel) to nothing, so He will do one last

time to prove to humanity once again that He is truly the *Only Master* of the universe!

They better be forewarned. They seek “a utopia”, a “paradise on earth”, but the Almighty Father has already domed it to failure and judgment:

“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” (Rev. 14:8).

And He has warned all mankind of the dire consequences of siding with the beast against Him – and of giving to him what only belongs to Him by right as the CREATOR– worship:

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

“The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

“And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name” (Rev. 14:9-11).

Let the warning sink in. All the evidence from scripture, history and current affairs have been shown you. “The time is at hand” (Rev. 1:3). Rededicate yourself to the Redeemer and His righteousness from this day forward. He comes for His own “after the tribulation” unleashed on the saints during the

3½-year rule of the Antichrist. (See Matt. 24:29-31; Dan. 7:21; Rev. 13:5, 7). He comes to make good all His promises.

“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him.

“And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

“And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him” (Dan. 7:13-14, 27).

“Even so Lord come quickly” (Rev. 22:20). Amen!

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