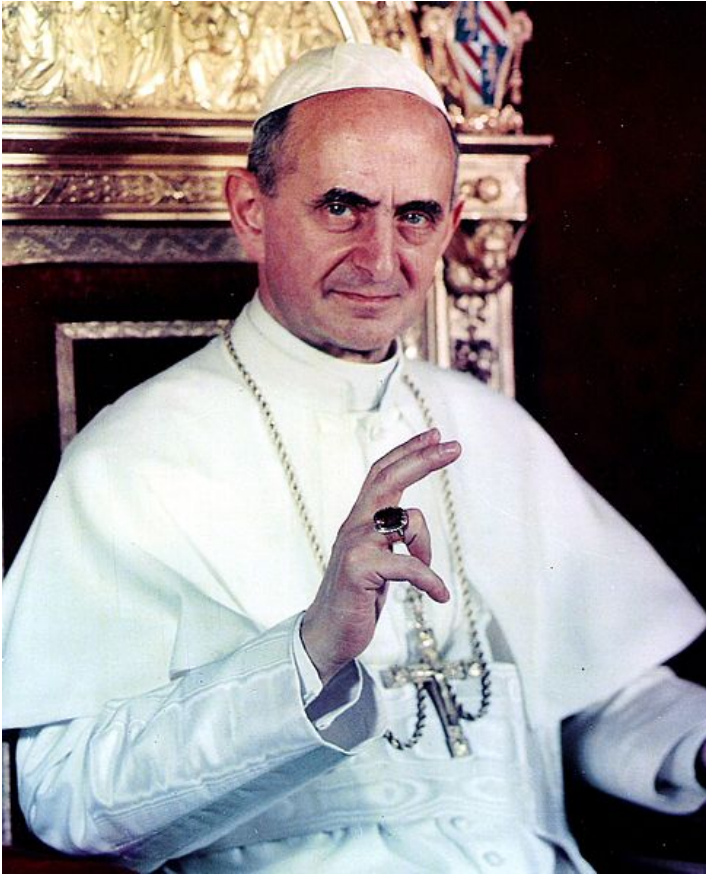


Signs of an Imminent Rapture Part Two



As Carl points out in this article, apostasy, blasphemy and scoffing are accelerating at a breathtaking speed. Some days it truly feels like what the days before the Flood must have felt like. This is the final article in this series by Carl Worline.
Maranatha! Even so, Come Lord Jesus!

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The Latest Signs of an Imminent Rapture Part Two

By Carl Worline

We are told in the Bible that both blasphemy and mocking will be a sign of the end-times. Each time we are ridiculed for believing in the end of the Age of Grace or the Rapture we should rejoice, knowing that end-time prophecy has just been fulfilled in our presence.

?Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires? (2 Peter 3:3, NIV).

The most recent example I have noted of blasphemy and mocking would be an article about a church billboard that affirms homosexuality and went viral on Reddit, quickly gaining hundreds of thousands of views. The controversial text on the placard reads, ?Jesus had two dads and he turned out just fine.? At the same time, Facebook allows people to post the filthiest imaginable blasphemy and then refuses to remove it, saying that it does not violate their standards.

Another recent example would include a Chicago restaurant has cooked up a controversial ?burger of the month? for October, garnishing it with an unconsecrated communion wafer and a red wine reduction sauce. The restaurant chose to name the burger after the Swedish band, Ghost. Members of the band dress in religious robes and wear skeleton face make-up.

The alleged vision by Saint Malachy, the 12 century Archbishop of Armagh, and certain verses from Revelation have caused many Bible scholars to see Pope Francis as a strong contender to be the false prophet. The Book of Revelation describes the false prophet as appearing to be a lamb but speaking like a dragon, a frequently used term in the Bible for Satan.

?Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like dragon? (Revelation 13:11, NIV).

Pope Francis has certainly done everything imaginable to appear as meek as a lamb, from washing the feet of prisoners and women, to carrying his own luggage and paying his own bills in person, to driving a humble car, to personally calling some of those who write to him, and living in a humble apartment instead of the papal palace. The new Pope even leaped out of his car during a parade to hug and repeatedly kiss a severely retarded boy he saw standing nearby.

However, has Pope Francis spoken like a devil since taking office? In a long open letter to the founder of La Repubblica newspaper, Pope Francis stated that non-believers would be forgiven by God if they followed their conscience, and that eternal salvation was granted to atheists based on their good works. Pope Francis also said in the second widely shared media interview that each person ?must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them,? and calling efforts to convert people to Christianity ?solemn nonsense.?

God made it very clear to us in the first of the Ten Commandments that we are to worship no other god but Him, yet Pope Francis has announced that he will consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 13th. The consecration will take place as part of a pilgrimage that will bring thousands of members of groups promoting Marian piety to the Vatican. Pope Francis seemed intent on distancing himself from its power, saying church leaders ?have often been narcissists? and ?clericalism should not have anything to do with Christianity.?

Francis, in an interview published in sixteen Jesuit journals worldwide, called the church's focus on abortion, marriage and contraception ?narrow? and said it was driving people away from the church and God.

God has made his feelings about homosexuality very clear in the Bible, just as He made His feelings about the subject crystal clear to the residents of Sodom and Gomorrah. Homosexuality is direct defiance of God's commands and is a sin. I know that there are many who will argue that all sins are equally bad, but in reading the Bible I get a very strong feeling that homosexuality, as well as all other sexual sins, are exceedingly great in God's eyes.

As Ruth Graham, wife of evangelist Billy Graham, once put it, ?If God doesn't punish America, He'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.? I believe that punishment is long overdue. When there is no repentance there will be judgment. The degree and rate that this malignant sin has spread throughout the world is a clear sign that we are in the last days of the end times.

The New Mexico State Supreme Court has ruled that it is illegal for photographers to not photograph a gay wedding if it violates their personal beliefs because it is a violation of the New Mexico Human Rights Act. The Christian couple refusing to make a wedding cake for a lesbian couple -- were forced to close their business amid death threats.

California prison officials have confirmed that inmates can get married to someone of the same sex while incarcerated under certain conditions.

A school board in Salt Lake City has booted a pack of cub scouts from an elementary school because of their stance against homosexual leaders for the children.

The governor of New Jersey has signed into law legislation that makes it a crime to provide counseling to a minor that would cause him to reject homosexuality.

Similarly, a federal appeals court on August 29th upheld the nation's first-of-its-kind law in California prohibiting health practitioners from offering psychotherapy aimed at making gay youth straight. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that the state's ban on so-called conversion therapy for minors doesn't violate the free speech rights of licensed counselors and patients seeking treatment.

To date, the Obama-Biden Administration has appointed more than 250 openly gay LGBT professionals to full-time and advisory positions in the executive branch; more than all known LGBT appointments of all other presidential administrations combined. The White House held a roundtable event in September exclusively dedicated to issues facing the bisexual community.

Indiana University has set up a \$1 million dollar endowment to provide scholarships for GLBT students. New Mexico's largest county is about to start issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

A state judge ruled to legalize same-sex marriage in New Jersey beginning October 21st, saying gay couples would be denied federal benefits if the state kept allowing only civil unions.

Gay spouses in all U.S. states will be treated as married under federal tax law even if local authorities don't recognize their marriages. On September 20th transgender teen, Cassidy Lynn Campbell was crowned homecoming queen at a California high school.

The Senate voted overwhelmingly to confirm Todd Hughes to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, making him the first openly gay judge to serve on an appeals court in the United States.

And lastly, U.S. Supreme Court has conducted a same-sex marriage ceremony. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg officiated at the marriage of a longtime friend, President of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts President Michael M. Kaiser to economist John Roberts in the atrium of the center in Washington.

Recent news of the spread of the malignancy of homosexuality has not been limited to the United States. New Zealand just held its first gay weddings. Gay couples in major cities across the globe held a kiss-in dubbed 'From Russia with love' to protest Russia's recent crackdown on its LGBT community. Rallies were staged in major cities across the globe including Vancouver, New York City, Washington D.C., Paris, Athens, Barcelona and Helsinki.

The Church of Scotland is looking at whether it can continue to offer marriages if same-sex legislation leads to expensive court challenges. The first openly gay mayor in Mexico's history has been sworn in at a ceremony in the city of Fresno.

Rampant sexual perversion has become a part of American culture. God's judgment upon America cannot be far away. According to a recent report, an estimated one out of every six Americans between the ages of 14 and 49 have genital herpes and 24,000 American women become infertile each year due to undiagnosed sexually transmitted diseases. There are 19 million new STD infections in the United States every single year. Approximately half of them happen to young people in the 15 to 24-year-old age bracket. There were more than 1.4 million cases of Chlamydia reported in the United States in 2011. An astounding 33 percent of those cases involved Americans that were younger than 20 years of age.

In the United States today, approximately 47 percent of all high school students have had sex. The United States has the highest teen pregnancy rate on the entire planet. In fact, the United States has a teen pregnancy rate that is more than twice as high as Canada, more than three times as high as France and more than seven times as high as Japan. For women under the age of 30 living in the United States today, more than half of all babies are being born out of wedlock. An astounding 30 percent of all Internet traffic now goes to pornography websites, and the U.S. produces more pornography than any other nation has in the history of the world. Overall, more than 50 million babies have been killed in America since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973. The number of American babies killed by abortion each year is roughly equal to the number of U.S. military deaths that have occurred in all of the wars that the United States has ever been involved in combined. One study found that 86 percent of all abortions are done for the sake of convenience.

Jesus told us that one of the signs of His return would be wars and rumors of war. Today we find ourselves on the very brink of World War III. What's more, much of the world is ready to go to war over Israel, and more specifically, Jerusalem.

'On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves' (Zechariah 12:3, NIV).

The Middle East is on the brink of a long overdue explosion. Only the supernatural force of God's Restraint, the Holy Spirit, is preventing all-out war. At least 115,206 people have been killed in Syria's devastating 30-month conflict. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, there are now well over two million Syrians who have fled their country as refugees and another 4.25 million who have been displaced from their home, but remain within the country.

Syria has signed a treaty to ban chemical weapons while at the same time has scattered its stores of chemical weapons to at least 50 different cities in an attempt to hide them. Our Nobel Peace Prize winning president is begging the American people for permission to allow him to bomb Syria in order to spank Bashar al Assad for presumably using chemical weapons, while the debate rages on as to whether or not it was Assad, the rebel forces (or both) who actually used them. There are warships in the Mediterranean from the USA, Russia, China, France, Italy, and the UK.

Israel has been bombing targets in Lebanon as well as Syria, Gaza, and the Egyptian Sinai. Syria has 100,000 rockets (unguided) and missiles (guided). Hezbollah has 70,000 rockets and missiles. There has been a sharp increase in the number of terror attacks against Israel during the month of September according to the Israeli Security Agency, Shin Bet. In an apparent attempt to prevent Israel from attacking Iran's nuclear bomb making facilities, Russian President Vladimir Putin has approved the transfer of S-300 anti-aircraft missiles to Iran.

Iran now has 18,000 centrifuges working to enrich uranium. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the United Nations General Assembly that Iran has enough uranium to produce nuclear weapons (plural). Netanyahu said that Iran currently has 482 pounds of enriched uranium. For comparison, the nuclear weapon dropped on Hiroshima used a reported 140 pounds of enriched uranium.

Nearly 1,000 people have been killed by violence in Iraq during the month of September. It would appear that the decade of American blood and treasure we invested in Iraq to create a stable and free government was spent in vain.

The U.S. Defense Department announced on August 20th that Textron Defense systems won a \$641 million dollar contract to build and supply Saudi Arabia with CBU-105 cluster bombs. Cluster bombs have been banned by more than half of the world's nations.

Satellite imagery capturing white steam billowing from a building at North Korea's Yongbyon nuclear facility indicates that Pyongyang has restarted its original nuclear reactor. The U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies said a satellite image from August 31st shows white steam rising from the building.

North Korea is close to developing a nuclear warhead small enough to be mounted on a long-range ballistic missile, according to Chinese experts.

Vladimir Putin, who at the moment seems to me to be the most logical candidate to be Gog in the Battle of Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38, is being considered for nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize for his success in up-staging Barack Obama in the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons and preventing America from attacking the Syrian government. This is incredibly ironic considering how Russia has been the main supplier of weapons to Bashar al-Assad's regime. Christian radio stations now play on Russia's public transportation buses while our government is desperately working to ban all references to Christianity in America. Let's turn now to recent signs of a world economic collapse. All of our top experts in the field tell us this collapse is going to happen and it is just a question of when. The entire world's economy is a bankrupt house of cards where one bankrupt nation holds up another. When the system collapses all of the nations of the world will be seeking a currency to replace it and someone to administer it. What better way could there be to usher in the Antichrist?

Bitcoin has been in the news recently as a digital currency that is created by a computer program and is not backed by any central government. At the moment it is the prime candidate for the emerging one-world currency.

?Bail-ins?(a practice that began with Cypress to keep banks solvent by seizing a percentage of each customers balance that exceeds a certain amount). The practice is now being considered or is being implemented in Italy, Poland, New Zealand, and even Canada. In viewing the re-capitalization experience in Cyprus, financial experts say ?bail-ins? have increasingly become an accepted practice around the world due to the lack of any outside bailouts. In jeopardy will be all private bank accounts and private pension funds. Depositors in Cyprus lost an estimated total of 10.6 billion euros.

America is bankrupt with no hope of ever being able to repay its national debt. Congress is running out of the financial trickery it has used in the past to keep our government open and running. We have already shut down one-third of our Air Force and much of our land and sea military forces. Budget cuts mandated by sequestration have eliminated Head Start services for more than 57,000 children nationwide, according to a new federal report.

The automatic, across the board budget cuts have also resulted in pay cuts and layoffs for at least 18,000 employees of Head Start, which provides education, nutrition, and for children aged 5 and under. According to a report by the U.S. Census Bureau, 46.5 million Americans are still living in poverty even though the United States has supposedly been out of recession since 2009. As many as 50,000 stray and abandoned dogs roam the streets of bankrupt Detroit as the human population dwindles. The Federal Housing Administration plans to tap \$1.7 billion in taxpayer money to cover its losses. This is a first for an agency that has been self-sustaining since its 1934 creation. Our government has shut down for the first time in 17 years as both Democrats and Republicans refuse to work together for a solution, instead grandstand before television cameras and the media in the hope of appearing as the sole super-hero who rescues the nation.

America's biggest banks are stockpiling extra cash in their ATMs amid fears that the government shutdown and the threat of a US default will induce a sudden panic among their customers. Major banks have increased the amount of their funds by around a third. Our military has become totally demoralized. We have asked them to do too much with too little for too long.

The combination of the Sequester, Obama's lack of leadership, his lies over Benghazi, open homosexuality in the ranks and feminizing combat, has had a devastating effect on the morale of military personnel. Between October 2006 and June of 2013 there were 900,000 calls to the Veteran's Crisis Line and a staggering number of veteran and active duty member suicides. A growing number of military members are declaring that they will not fight on the side of Al Qaeda against Syria in their civil war.

America is collapsing politically as well. All of our nation's blessings are disappearing and are being replaced with curses. Polls show our president's approval rating is at an incredibly all time low. Barack Obama is presiding over the end of America's superpower status as our government shuts down. Much of America is loosing its sense of patriotism as it slides from its position as the leader of the free world.

A recent example would include students at a Kentucky High School who were encouraged to stand on an American flag that had been placed on the floor as part of an art display. At the same time the Pledge of Allegiance is being challenged in the Massachusetts Supreme Court. The family who is challenging the pledge, which students recite daily in U.S. public schools, is claiming the words ?under God? violate the state's equal rights laws.

We do everything we can to force God out of our schools and then wonder why there is so much violence and bullying in them. It is no wonder why so many students are caught by school officials with weapons not to attack others, but to defend themselves.

We, as a nation, are collapsing morally as well. A school district in Little Rock, Arkansas, has just announced plans to enact a dress code that not only requires teachers to wear underwear, but also requires female teachers to wear a bra.

This new dress code is scheduled to go into effect in the fall of 2014. Why was it necessary to have to adopt such a dress code in the first place? Organized labor has vocally opposed this new dress code. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has released 2,837 convicted criminal alien sex offenders back into American communities in order to comply with a Supreme Court decision authored by Clinton-appointed Justice Stephen Breyer, according to a new report by the Government Accountability Office.

Vandals have toppled the stone monument of the Ten Commandments behind the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C. California just passed into a law a bill that will allow people who are not licensed doctors to perform suction abortions during the first trimester.

On the eve of the opening of Obamacare's federal health insurance exchanges on October 1, a new study by the Charlotte Lozier Institute estimates that public funds may soon subsidize as many as 111,500 more elective abortions each year.

Our current president and his administration are determined to disarm the American public and outlaw the private ownership of firearms. Treaty, while attending the body's annual General Assembly. At the same time while citing his authority under the Arms Export Control Act, President Barack Obama waived the prohibition against supplying terrorist groups with arms in order to help the Syrian rebels, who are mostly al-Nusra and al-Qaida terrorists. There is an all-out effort to demonize gun owners in the United States today. Those that own guns are repeatedly portrayed as being uneducated, mentally deficient racists in the mainstream media. Gun owners regularly make the lists of 'potential terrorists' in official government documents, and many government officials openly regard them as ultra-paranoid 'conspiracy nuts' that are a serious threat to national security.

In the past I have been reluctant to believe that there is a huge government conspiracy going on concerning the end-times. Stories of FEMA concentration camps to hold Christians and dissenters as prisoners, guillotines on every corner, and a police state controlled by thugs that make Nazi storm troopers look tame are just too far out to be real. Or are they? We certainly seem to be headed in that direction.

The federal government drew the ire of Congress by sucking up ammunition supplies so fast, that citizens and even police forces have been unable to meet their own needs. Lawmakers looked into legislation to force the feds to back off, but apparently nothing has been done. The Transportation Security Administration is set to purchase 3.5 million .357 SIG caliber bullets, enough for its agents to fire 9,400 rounds a day, every day for a year. TSA agents are currently unarmed.

The Department of Defense classified Catholics and Evangelical Christians as religious extremists similar to Al-Qaeda, according to training materials obtained by the Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty. Barack Obama signed an executive order giving the Department of Homeland Security the ability to shut down all of the United States communication systems upon his request. According to Obama, the items of confiscation or shut down can include: wireline, wireless, satellite, cable, broadcasting, Internet, and other key information systems. Never in United States history has a president given himself the authority to shut down the entire nation and immobilize the citizenry.

In recent weeks and months it has become very obvious that our federal government is doing a lot more than just conducting surveillance on suspected terrorists. The National Security Agency (NSA) is building a file on every single person in not only the United States but in the world as well. This will most certainly become the 'mark of the beast' database, the all-seeing eye. This database will be linked to the world's health records, credit reports, driving records, rental and home purchases, criminal records, birth and death records, phone conversations, emails, text messages, digital voice prints, fingerprints, education, iris scans, license plate information, driving habits, purchasing habits, religion, political status, and even possibly a body image scan. The system is very interested in knowing if you own a gun, how many, what calibers, what types, and how much ammunition you have purchased in the past. Anyone who objects is told in a very accusatory tone that if they were truly innocent they would have nothing to hide and would not object to answering all questions, no matter how intrusive, intimate, or personal the questions might be. For the most part this information is currently collected without our knowledge or consent.

The Wall Street Journal claims that the NSA is currently monitoring and recording seventy-five percent of all U.S. Internet traffic. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) officials are seeking to monitor four out of every five U.S. consumer credit card transactions this year (up to 42 billion transactions) through a controversial data-mining program. A CFPB strategic planning document for fiscal years 2013-17 describes the 'markets monitoring' program through which officials aim to monitor eighty percent of all credit card transactions in 2013.

Since 2010, the National Security Agency has been exploiting its huge collections of data to create sophisticated graphs of some Americans' social connections that can identify their associates, their locations at certain times, their traveling companions and other personal information, according to newly disclosed documents and interviews with officials. The European Commission wants to

fingerprint anyone who enters the EU under its 'smart borders' proposal. The commission says the system is necessary to update border control checks, reduce waiting times, and help border guards by pooling the personal details of any non-EU citizen over the age of 12 into a database.

A U.S. surveillance court has given the National Security Agency 'no limit' permission on the number of U.S. telephone records it collects in the name of fighting terrorism. The NSA intends to collect all U.S. telephone records and put them in a searchable 'lock box' in the interest of national security, General Keith Alexander, the NSA's director, told U.S. senators.

God has made it very clear that Israel is the 'apple of His eye' and He has also made it very clear what will happen to anyone who mistreats Israel:

'I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you' (Genesis 12:3, NIV).

At least five European nations have recently begun warning companies and businessmen against engaging in business activity in Israeli settlements as they risk breaking local and international law, according to reports received by Israel's Foreign Ministry. The countries mentioned by Israeli ambassadors include Britain, Germany, Denmark, Holland and Sweden. As Israeli leaders continue to react to American prevarication on Syria, one former IDF commander has summed up the general mood: 'We have no one to rely upon except for God and our veteran troops,' said former IDF General Uzi Dayan, attacking US President Barack Obama's decision to postpone action on Syria until an official approval from Congress.

President Obama continues to pressure Prime Minister Netanyahu to divide and give away a major portion of the land God gave to Israel. Our president also does very little to hide his contempt of the Israeli Prime Minister when Mr. Netanyahu visits our nation's capital. There are well over 200,000 rockets and missiles pointing at Israel at this very moment. There have been more discoveries in the news recently of huge reserves of oil and natural gas beneath Israel. This will probably be the 'hook in the jaw' that drags Magog into the battle of Ezekiel 38 for the purpose of 'taking a spoil.'

All of the players are lined up exactly as the Bible described around 3,500 years ago. Something big is going to happen soon. The political situation in the Middle East is in a constant state of flux, which means that things will not remain lined up exactly as the Bible described for very long.

When Jesus' followers asked him what the signs would be of His return, Jesus mentioned (among other things) that famine would be one of them. One of the horsemen of the apocalypse, the rider on the black horse, in the book of Revelation is associated with hunger, and death closely follows behind him:

'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains' (Matthew 24:7-8, NIV).

'When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, 'Come!' I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, 'Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!'

When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, 'Come!' I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him' (Revelation 6:5-8, NIV).

Some 842 million people 'roughly one in eight of the people in the world' suffered from chronic hunger during the period from 2011 to 2013, the vast majority of them in developing regions, says a new report recently released by the three United Nations food agencies. Save the Children said in an appeal that more than two million Syrian children could not obtain enough food. Most of the provinces in Thailand's central plains, its main rice-growing region, are flooded during the primary harvest season. Drought in much of our Midwest is making a huge impact on U.S. crops.

Jesus told us that one of the signs of His return would be 'pestilences' (plural) which is another word for disease. We are certainly seeing that today.

'Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven' (Luke 21:10-11, NIV).

Not long ago, measles were believed to be eradicated but a huge increase in the number of cases this year has put the U.S. in the worst position it has been in the past 17 years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says 300,000 Americans are getting Lyme disease every year, and the toll is growing. There has been an outbreak of dengue fever in Florida. Four foxes have tested positive for rabies in Stanhope, New Jersey. Dead squirrels in California have tested positive for the black plague.

The brain eating amoeba naegleria fowleri in the water supply of St Bernard Parish in Louisiana are causing local residents great anxiety following the death of 4-year-old boy. Infection by the amoeba, which leads to a form of encephalitis, is almost always fatal.

Antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea, a diarrhea-causing super-bug, and a class of fast-growing killer bacteria dubbed a "nightmare," were recently classified as urgent public-health threats in the United States.

According to a new report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), at least two million people in the United States develop serious bacterial infections that are resistant to one or more types of antibiotics each year, and at least 23,000 die from the infections.

There has been an outbreak of Cholera in Havana, Cuba. Myanmar is facing an outbreak of drug resistant TB. A new strain of flu virus has been found in chickens in China. A chicken farm located between the Italian cities of Bologna and Ravenna is the site of a new outbreak of bird flu. As a result of the discovery some 150,000 chickens will have to be destroyed, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

Health officials fear an outbreak of bubonic plague in central Asia after a teenage boy died from the disease and three more, were admitted to hospital in Kyrgyzstan. Saudi Arabia is the center of an outbreak of a deadly new virus, named Middle East respiratory syndrome corona virus, which is similar to the SARS virus that killed hundreds of people worldwide in the early 2000s and infected thousands more. The mortality rate for this virus is sixty-five percent.

Pestilence is not limited to just disease. Oklahoma was hit by a plague of grasshoppers on the very eve of Rosh Hasanah.

Madagascar has just started a program to map out the damage caused by last year's plague of locust that destroyed large areas of cropland and pastures.

Forty-one people have died and hundreds have been injured to date in a wave of attacks by Asian giant hornets in central China. They are sometimes called the yak-killer hornet (*Vespa mandarinia*) and can grow to be more than two inches in length and have a quarter-inch-long stinger that delivers venom containing a potent neurotoxin. Victims described being chased for hundreds of yards by the creatures and stung as many as 200 times by a single hornet. The hornets are capable of flying up to 62 miles in a single day at speeds of 25 mph. In recent weeks Asian giant hornets have been reported in several states in the U.S.

There has to be a limit as to how far God will allow mankind's technology to increase. For example, we know from Genesis chapter 6 that God will only allow genetic tampering to go so far. A dentist in Alberta, Canada purchased an extracted tooth of former Beatle John Lennon for \$32,000 in the hope of sequencing the DNA and eventually cloning the dead rock star. John Lennon was murdered shortly after publicly boasting that the Beatles had become "more famous than Jesus Christ." The tooth was sent to Penn State University for genetic sequencing.

For the first time in human history, a man-made object has left the solar system. Voyager 1 was launched 35 years ago and has now traveled in excess of 12 billion miles. Scientists have recently announced that they have teleported tiny bits of matter and information for the first time.

Miniature human brains have been grown in a lab for the first time. A team of scientists from Harvard and MIT have been able for the first time to bind photon together to create matter out of light. This development really caught my attention because a number of people who have reported near death experiences and trips to heaven have come back saying that God uses light to create much, if not all, of the matter in heaven.

The talk of rebuilding the Temple is starting to get serious despite even more serious Islamic objections. On August 20th the Temple Institute, along with various other organizations tasked with the rebuilding the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, held a special practice drill in preparation for the reinstitution of the "daily perpetual offering" recorded in the book of Leviticus. This is the first time such an event has taken place in over 1900 years, since the destruction of the Second Temple by the hands of the Romans in 70 AD.

The armed wing of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' own Fatah faction has declared war on Israel over what it said are attempts to lay the groundwork for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. Temple Mount is frequently closed by threats of violence from Palestinians acting like small children who throw temper tantrums in order to get attention.

I believe that UFO's will play some kind of a role in end times events and that they are demonically controlled rather than being aliens from another world. UFO activity has spiked in recent weeks and months as the rapture draws ever nearer. On average, there is a UFO sighting reported somewhere in the world every 10 minutes. One in five claim to have seen a UFO and 1 in 100 claim to have some sort of an encounter.

There are other miscellaneous signs that we have reached the end of the Age of Grace and that the Rapture is about to happen. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI resigned from the papacy because "God told me" to, according to a report by a Catholic news agency.

Trees are dying all over the U.S. Nothing seems to be as it should. Everything is wrong. The wind patterns are wrong. The seasons are wrong. Spring came way too early again. The rain is, all wrong. The sun is wrong. We are supposed to be at the maximum point of solar activity in this sun cycle and everything has become eerily quiet. Everything in the animal world is wrong.

As I mentioned earlier, as of October 1st there have been 626 mass animal death events in 87 countries so far this year. The ground

is behaving strangely with huge sinkholes popping up all over the world for no apparent reason, as if the earth is either sick or else exceedingly angry with us. Strange sounds have been heard all over the world, which nobody can identify or determine the direction from which they are coming. When I go outside at night and look up at the stars hoping to clear my mind, I am filled with an unexplainable sense of urgency instead of a feeling of peace.

Protests are erupting in nations all over the planet and yet there is no single reason. What seems even stranger is that there are no leaders in these protests. It is almost as if some evil force out in space has turned on a ray gun of sorts that is bombarding the planet with beams that create mental irritation causing people to riot. Nature abhors a vacuum, and the lack of any leadership in these revolts is paving the way for the entrance of the Antichrist onto the world stage.

The sky is wrong. Incredibly rare roll clouds are appearing that are totally detached from their associated weather fronts. Dust storms with huge vertical walls of dirt and debris that rapidly sweep across the countryside, commonly called a, haboob, in the Middle East, now also occur in the American Southwest.

Basic economic principles no longer seem to apply. The stock market closed up on the day our government shut down. The Dow has been posting one record high after another when our national debt is a number that is so large it is beyond our ability to comprehend, and will be impossible to ever pay off. Something is very wrong here.

A few years ago when I first became interested in eschatology and started talking about the Rapture of the church people around me laughed and told me I was crazy. Now people no longer laugh and call me foolish. Instead I find that people become angry at the mere mention of the Rapture. I think this is because the signs of an imminent Rapture have increased to the point of being impossible to deny what is about to take place.

I find it very difficult to describe, but I have a deep feeling in my soul that evil has become much stronger in the world in recent weeks?spreading and interweaving its roots, everywhere I look. I also feel that evil is becoming more frantic because it knows that time is short. Something really big is about to happen really, really soon.

The next moment is not promised to anybody. The Rapture of the church could very easily only be seconds away. When it happens it will occur in a moment, the twinkling of an eye, and the Age of Grace will slam shut. Those who remain, and there will be a great many who will remain, will be condemned to a horrible Tribulation on earth, or an even more unimaginably horrible eternal existence if they die.

Where do you stand with God at this very moment?

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