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Dear Associates and Friends,

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The article this month is "[The Origin and Goal of Western Civilization](#)" by Dr. Ernest L. Martin. It is from a 1986 audiotape, along with a portion of written material from 1995. One-world government and one-world religion is the subject of this enlightening article, which is a concern to many religious people, particularly Christians. There are many who believe that a conspiracy exists to drive the world toward a single governmental structure. You may have to modify your view of the world after you read this article.

It may surprise you to learn that the impetus and drive for mankind to desire a one-world government comes from God. Furthermore, God will see to it that a one-world government and a one-world religion will occur. The words of Gamaliel could very well apply to the topic of "one-worldism" (as Dr. Martin terms it): "[if] **this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, you cannot overthrow it; lest haply you be found even to fight against God**" (Acts 5:38–39).¹

This impetus toward one world began in the 6th century BC with the birth of our present civilization. It is a reflection of the striving at the tower of Babel from Genesis 11:1–9 when mankind was last unified in purpose. Today the pressure is building for a God-driven move for world unity so that it will be implemented just prior to the return of Christ.

Author Jon Rappoport in his book *The Ownership of all Life* (San Diego: Truthseeker, 1999) noted the accelerating trend in the world today for more and more power to be concentrated in fewer and fewer hands. That was true in 1999; it is true 12 years later. This is not a single conspiracy by a few people, it is a trend in every field of human endeavor. Everything, everywhere, is seeing more and more power being concentrated in fewer and fewer hands. This trend will continue. I challenge anyone to show me a human activity where power is becoming more diverse and increasingly distributed. I cannot think of any.

Consider the number of car, drug, construction, steel, oil, farm, and media companies, and banking, politics, and religion, in fact in every field of human activity — the trend is clear, as time goes on there are fewer organizations in every industry, each with a greater concentration of power. Above each industry pyramid are gigantic multinational and interlocking corporations working to increase control over every aspect of life — making the entire planet a commodity, as Mr. Rappoport says. This push for increasingly greater authority is operating "**after the counsel of his own will**" (Ephesians 1:11). **It will culminate in all power being in the hands of one man**, the antichrist, the man of sin, the son of perdition.

I wrote in the March 2007 Newsletter, "**Everything and everybody belongs to God. God is in control. Everything is God's and subject to Him.**" Then I quote a passage from 1 Chronicles:

**"Yours, O YHWH, is
the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty:
for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is yours;
Yours is the kingdom, O YHWH, and
You are exalted as head above all.
Both riches and honor come of you, and**

¹ Some will oppose one-world control with weapons, but such actions will not prosper. Read Revelation 13:10:

"He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity: he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

**You reign over all; and
in your hand is power and might; and
in your hand it is to make great, and
[in your hand it is] to give strength unto all.”**

• **1 Chronicles 29:11–12**

Not only is God the creator and owner of everything, but anything and everything that we have has been given to us by God for us to nurture and administer properly (as pointed out in the parable of the talents, Matthew 25:14–30). Life is a learning experience. That is why we have been born. Each of us is responsible to do our best with what we have been given.

Surprisingly (and frustratingly) God gives political power to individuals that you and I would never think should have any power over other people. God thinks otherwise: “... **the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will, and sets up over it the basest of men**” (Daniel 4:17). And He does that often, in fact, most of the time.² I sometimes forget this passage, probably because I am an optimist at heart (and because I know that all mankind shall be saved, 1 Corinthians 15:22).

Do not worry. God is in control, and prayer changes things. This trend toward a one-world will have great benefits. It will be the apex of human achievement in all fields of endeavor. People will believe that a golden age has begun. Only at the very end of the time before Christ’s return will things seemingly “fall apart” into religious oppression. Until then freedom will expand, religious belief will increasingly be informed by biblical truth (and not religious fantasy), and “**this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come**” (Matthew 24:14).

That gospel has not yet been preached to any single nation, much less “**unto all nations.**” This has not happened yet. How do I know? I know because the people of Israel (the Jews today) have not yet taken up their responsibility as part of the restitution of all things (Acts 3:21). No, evangelical Christianity has not preached that “**witness unto all nations.**” And no, none of the “true” churches have done so either.

April 2011 Speaking Event in Richmond, Virginia

I hope that those of you that live in the Richmond, Virginia area can come to the Richmond Bible Conference from April 1–3, 2011. If you live in North Carolina, West Virginia, or points north of Richmond I hope you will try to attend. The participants are believers from the Richmond and surrounding area that have been meeting annually for several years. Most all believe in universal salvation. I am honored to be invited to speak again this year. Last year I spoke twice, and I anticipate I will do so again this year.

The Conference will take place at the Days Inn West Broad, 2100 Dickens Rd, Richmond, VA 23230, phone: 804-282-3300, located in northwest Richmond. Check the “ASK Events“ webpage.

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² Look at the kingdom of Judah as an example. How many “good” or righteous kings were there in the royal lineage of David? Very few. Most all fit the category of “**the basest of men.**” The exceptions were noteworthy.