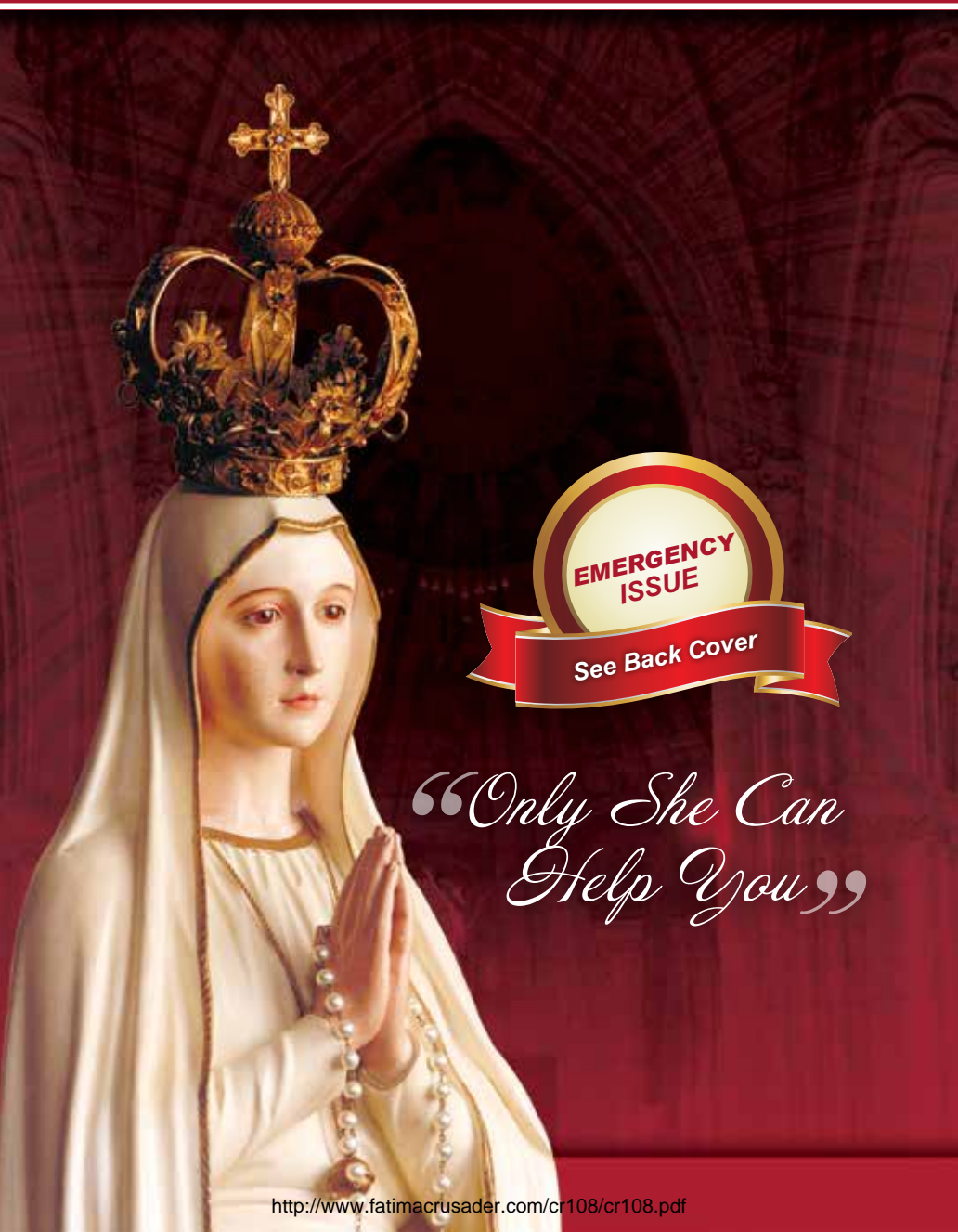


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*“Only She Can
Help You”*

THE FATIMA WARNINGS ARE UPON US

An Urgent Message from Father Nicholas Gruner

“The Very Future of the World is at Stake”

... Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Benedict precisely warned us about that in his December 20, 2010 Christmas message to the Roman Curia. His words are echoing still today, a thousand times more ominously now than when he spoke them.

In that dramatic address, the Pope compared the scene confronting humanity today with the state of the Roman Empire in the midst of its fall:

“The sun was setting over an entire world. Frequent natural disasters further increased this sense of insecurity. There was no power in sight that could put a stop to this decline.” That day, as well, Benedict warned: “Moral consensus is collapsing, consensus, without which, juridical and political structures cannot function. Consequently, the forces mobilized for the defense of such structures seem doomed to failure....”

From the Fatima Message, we know that God will punish the world for its sins, by means of

war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father, unless Our Lady of Fatima’s requests are heeded. It appears that these scourges – **including an unimaginably destructive Third World War** – could be about to befall us, possibly even this year.

Read the Critical Information in This Issue Very Carefully

Our editorial staff has martialed for you here, military, economic and geopolitical information from a wide variety of credible and reliable sources, all pointing to the same conclusions:

The world is now, right now, in grave danger of being drawn into another major war. Clearly, we would be very foolish to ignore so many learned and well-reasoned voices, all saying the same thing.

The point of this present Emergency Issue of *The Fatima Crusader* is that there are now many indications surfacing all at once, and all saying that **“WHEN”** could well be **“NOW!”**

The Situation is Critical

Our *Fatima Crusader* team has worked very hard to assemble this Emergency Issue for you – not in order to frighten you, but rather, to alert you that Our Lady of Fatima’s dire warnings are getting very close to the day of their realization so that you may be moved to make an informed response such as may yet avert these ordeals, which would, if not stopped, bring a sudden and unprovided death to many millions of souls.

We MUST Act NOW

We must quickly stir ourselves and others to act now. We want urgently to remind you that, yes, there is a solution capable of averting these disasters, even at this late hour. We can still prevent the world’s imminent descent into chaos, bloodshed, and enslavement under the murderous New World Order.

The Horrors Will Affect Every Man, Woman and Child

We must realize that, as frightening as it may be: the destruction of life and property that will occur in a Third World War will be utterly beyond comparison to that of World War I and World War II. We must not lose sight of the fact that, as Our Lady of Fatima warned,

horrible things, such as those we see on our horizon, ***will happen***, and will affect every man, woman, and child on the face of the earth, if we don’t listen to the Message of Fatima in time to prevent them. There *will be* destruction; there *will be* the annihilation of nations; the whole world *will* fall prey to the iniquitous errors against Jesus Christ of Masonry. Masonry has used the Russian Revolution to spread their errors.

Read All This Issue NOW!

We don’t know what the future holds, but there are evil-boding signs on the horizon all around us that we would be utter fools to ignore. That is the critical message of this important **Emergency issue of *The Fatima Crusader*.**

Sacrifice and Pray Don’t Just Wait for the Pope

The point is that we must act quickly, and that there is something that we can do. We do not have to wait for the Pope – the solution is in our hands as much as it is in the Holy Father’s hands. We must redouble our prayers and sacrifices now for the Holy Father and for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary soon, very soon! [See pgs. 38 - 43 for more ways you can help Our Lady of Fatima stop this war.]

OUR “TERRIFYING” FUTURE MAY BE AT OUR DOORSTEP

The United States Soon at WAR Against CHINA, RUSSIA, and the MIDDLE EAST?

Researched and Compiled by The Fatima Crusader Editorial Staff

When Pope Benedict delivered his prepared statement to the journalists en route with him to Fatima on May 11, 2010, he offered us a rare, straightforward admission of the terrors that the world will soon endure, unless, as we shall see below, the Pope obeys precisely God’s solemn command that is given to the Pope in the Fatima Message – *before time runs out*.

On May 11, Father Federico Lombardi, S.J., Director of the Vatican Press Office, had submitted this question from one of the journalists to the Holy Father: “[B]eyond the attack on John Paul II... Is it possible, in your opinion, to frame also in that [Third Secret] vision the sufferings of the Church of today...?”

In answer, Pope Benedict candidly admitted that the Third Secret concerns “terrifying” events which will soon plague the



Pope Benedict speaks to reporters on the papal plane, May 11, 2010, about the still-hidden text of the Third Secret of Fatima, confirming that “terrifying... future realities [predicted in the Secret]... are little by little developing and revealing themselves.” Because of recent developments described in this issue of *The Fatima Crusader*, the whole world may be about to experience the “dangers threatening the life of the Christian and therefore [the life] of the world” that he, as Cardinal Ratzinger, spoke of as being the content of the Third Secret in a 1984 interview with Vittorio Messori of *Jesus* magazine.

world as, “little by little,” Our Lady’s prophecy continues to be revealed: “Beyond this great vision of the suffering of the Pope ... are indicated future realities of the Church which are little by little developing and revealing themselves. ... [W]e see this today in a really terrifying way...”¹

Why Pope Benedict failed to perform the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart as Our Lady requested, despite his own testamentary evidence that he knew the gravity and urgency of the situation, is perplexing and, ultimately, incomprehensible in purely human terms. It would seem that only what St. Paul called “the mystery of iniquity”^{1a} is adequate to explain the long and continued delay of seven Popes in complying with Our Lady’s requests.

Some of those “terrifying future realities” are looming now at our doorstep, threatening ominously to become present realities — especially for the United States and her allies — unless Our Lady of Fatima’s requests are obeyed very soon. The threat that regional tensions could intensify and expand into a full-scale global war today is great, in not one but three separate but very real theaters of conflict – China, the Middle East, and Russia. And behind the political conflicts-of-interest fueling these present tensions, there are unprecedented financial and economic pressures driving the nations of the world to attack each other.

The purpose of the following analysis is not to justify or condemn the political positions or territorial claims of any of the nations involved in these increasingly tense disputes, but rather to underscore the dangers we now face and the urgency of taking the only sure corrective measure: obedience to Our Lady of Fatima.

Please read this important ***Emergency Issue of The Fatima Crusader*** closely and get extra copies to share with your family, friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners, and with all people of good will whom you may encounter.

Send a copy with a short personal message such as: “Dear ___, please read the enclosed ***Fatima Crusader*** magazine” – to the President; Federal and State Representatives; your M.P.; your bishops and priests; to editors and journalists of daily and weekly journals you read; and to any other influential persons you can reach!

WAR With CHINA

A Distinct Possibility

Not surprisingly, international tensions have continued to develop in regard to the conflicts-of-ambition which threaten to bring the United States into an armed confrontation with China. Let us consider the following items:

Military Planes of U.S.A. and China Clash.

- **U.S.A. Standard Military Reconnaissance.**

It is mid-morning. A four-engine propeller-driven U.S. Navy EP-3 reconnaissance plane is flying above the South China Sea near the Paracel Islands, at a mere 210 mph, on a routine intelligence-gathering mission. The sea-lane beneath the plane is an acknowledged part of China's "exclusive economic zone." International law grants free navigation in and above such zones to the ships and aircraft of all nations, but the United States and the People's Republic of China (PRC) disagree about whether or not this law includes *military* ships and aircraft.



A U.S. Navy EP-3, similar to the aircraft which collided with a Chinese fighter jet above the South China Sea.

- **Chinese Jet Fighter Aggression:**

Suddenly, two Chinese J-8 fighter jets appear on the scene and begin aggressively dogging the larger, less maneuverable U.S. plane. One of the fighters passes it very closely at high speed, flying beneath the U.S. plane, and then quickly pulling up just in front of it, giving the trailing plane a “bump,” in pilot’s jargon, as it is forced to ride through the jet’s turbulent exhaust.

The Chinese jet circles around and repeats the taunt. Then, again, for the third time, it approaches the U.S. plane to harry it with another unnervingly close pass. But this time, both planes experience a real, *life-threatening bump*, as the tail of the Chinese jet – too close for this too-aggressive maneuver – collides with the left wing of the U.S. plane.



The Chinese Army-Navy J-8 interceptor fighter jet (the actual plane, #81192) which crashed in pieces into the sea near Hainan Island. The pilot was seen to have ejected from the craft, but his body was never recovered.

- **The Chinese Plane Crashes.**

The Chinese jet breaks into two pieces and crashes into the sea, killing the pilot (whose body is never found). The U.S. plane’s nose cone is broken completely off, disabling the inner right engine, and the outer left propeller is severely damaged. A piece of the Chinese plane’s tail strikes the hinged banking flap on the back of the U.S. plane’s left wing, jamming it straight up and lurching the plane into a left-hand roll until it is essentially

upside down – and diving.

- **The U.S. Reconnaissance Plane Is Badly Damaged.**

For the next 30 seconds, the U.S. plane makes a terrifying plunge toward the sea. The pilot, Lt. Shane Osborn, struggles to regain control of the craft, and at last manages to right and level the plane at only 8000 ft. above sea level – having just dropped 14,000 ft.

For the next 26 minutes, Osborn tries to keep the aircraft stable – without cabin pressure, without altimeter or airspeed readings, and without flap, trim, and elevator functions. The U.S. crew prepares to abandon the craft in mid-air.

Osborn decides to risk a landing. He makes at least fifteen distress calls, which go unanswered. Finally the U.S. plane makes an unauthorized landing at the Chinese military installation on Hainan Island, just 10 minutes after the remaining Chinese plane had made its landing there.



The damaged U.S. Navy EP-3 Reconnaissance plane in Chinese custody on Hainan Island. Visible are the cavity exposed by the missing nose cone, and the broken propeller of the number 1 engine (far right, above). The disassembled aircraft was eventually released to the U.S. Navy for repairs and refitting.

- **Interrogation and International Tension.**

The 24-member crew is detained and interrogated at all hours of day and night by Chinese authorities for the next ten days, while an international dispute ensues, in which China accuses

the U.S. crew of having killed the Chinese jet fighter pilot.

China stands on one side, demanding an apology from the United States, while the latter maintains that since it did nothing wrong, no apology could be issued.

How was this potentially volatile incident resolved? The U.S. Ambassador presented to China's Foreign Minister an intentionally ambiguous letter, stating that the United States was "very sorry" about both the Chinese pilot's death and that the U.S. plane's entering of China's airspace and landing on Hainan did not have verbal clearance.

The "letter of the two sorries" successfully defused this potentially explosive state of affairs, allowing both parties to save face and walk away from a fight that neither side relished. A few days after receiving the letter, China released the U.S. crew. Some harmless bantering occurred during the following weeks, as China gloated over having extracted the demanded apology, while the United States insisted that it had issued *not* a letter of apology, but rather a mere "expression of regret and sorrow."⁴

In the aftermath of the event, the Chinese pilot's widow received a personal letter of condolence from President Bush, and the U.S. agreed to compensate China for the 11 days' food and lodging given to the U.S. crew in the amount of \$34,000. Although this incident occurred in 2001, we find ourselves encountering similar circumstances which could lead to much worse and much more dangerous confrontations today!



The 24-member flight crew of the U.S. Navy EP-3 is released after its eleven-day detention at a Chinese military installation on Hainan Island. The crew prepares to board the plane which will take them to Honolulu, Hawaii, on their way back to the Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island.



The U.S. Navy EP-3's crew arrives at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. After two days of intense debriefings concerning their 11-day detention by the Chinese military, they received a hero's welcome. Pictured saluting is U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Curtis Towne.



The U.S. Navy EP-3 pilot, Lt. Shane Osborn, is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement in flight.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

U.S. and China Military Clashes Continue In 2014

We should ask ourselves how another such incident would be resolved in 2014, now that the Asian tiger has been well fed on decades of most-favored-nation trade status and expatriated American factories and investments.

- **Saturation Missiles.**

Already, in 2001, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission had warned that missiles fired from the Chinese mainland could destroy five of the six major U.S. air bases in the Far East. The same report had warned ominously of a coming day when China would have developed a land-based ballistic missile system capable of destroying any enemy ships within operation range of China's shores:

“Saturation missile strikes could destroy U.S. air defenses, runways, parked aircraft, and fuel and maintenance facilities. Complicating this scenario is the future deployment of China's anti-ship ballistic missile, which could hold U.S. aircraft carriers at bay outside their normal operating range.”⁵

That day has come, and the Chinese anti-ship missile system stands ready.

At this point, there is little lacking to the development of China's military capabilities, and little reason for the People's Republic of China (PRC) – i.e. Communist China – to back away from any fight. So this is today's \$34,000 question:

How little would it take – TODAY – to draw the United States into an armed confrontation with China?

The Hainan Island incident passed harmlessly thirteen years ago. It seems certain that a similar accident today could very easily start a war.

- **The Next Crisis – the Senkaku Islands in 2014?**

The next flash-point of international tensions between these same two nations is likely to be the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea (both rich in oil and natural gas reserves), where



The uninhabited Senkaku Islands (five islands and three rocks, comprising less than 3 square miles of land surface) lie in a region of the East China Sea rich in oil and natural gas, and are claimed as the dominion of three rival nations – Japan, China, and South Korea.

China – in December, 2013 – is now claiming a territory that has been controlled by Japan for most of the past 120 years. Zheng Wang, a Seton Hall Professor of International Diplomacy, believes it to be only a matter of time before this dispute comes to blows, bringing another major crisis to the world-stage.

A small accident between China and Japan could immediately escalate into a major crisis and even military conflict.”⁶ According to Wang:

“The clock has already started ticking for the next crisis.”

Former presidential candidate, Patrick Buchanan agrees:

“The Senkakus dispute, which has warships and planes of both [China and Japan] circling each other around and

above the islands, could bring on a shooting war. And if it does, America would be in it.”⁷

The uninhabited Senkaku islands (five islands and three rocks) lie to the northeast of Taiwan in the East China Sea. They were under Japanese control from 1895 until Japan’s surrender at the end of World War II, when administrative control of the oil-rich area passed to the United States. In 1972, President Nixon signed the Okinawa Reversion Agreement, allowing control of the islands to revert to Japan.

In recent years, and more recent months, however, the People’s Republic of China (PRC) has begun to re-assert some long-dormant and overreaching territorial claims, including that of the Senkakus. The islands, China contends, had been discovered and controlled by her since the 14th Century. When the Japanese Empire surrendered in 1945, (according to China) Japan forfeited all of the territories which it had acquired, and the Senkakus (they say) were thereupon again the rightful dominion of China.

• **China Now Claims Almost All South and East China Seas**

Laying claim to virtually the entire South and East China Seas, China has declared the Yellow Sea and Taiwan Strait off limits to the U.S. Navy. It has also established an Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) over the Senkakus and throughout the extensive sea-region between the islands and their mainland. No planes may enter this zone, they warn, without permission from Beijing.

Make no mistake, this Chinese assertion over Japanese territory was also a direct challenge to the United States. Under the U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty of 1960, the United States is obliged to come to Japan’s defense if any of its islands are attacked.

Accordingly, President Obama sent two B-52’s through the zone in answer to China’s dare. Japanese and South Korean military aircraft have also defied the Chinese ADIZ restrictions. China responded by sending its aircraft carrier *Lianoning* to the waters, and routinely scrambles fighter jets to monitor any planes flying through the area. Japan, likewise, has been scrambling its own

fighter jets when it spots Chinese planes in the territory.⁸

“Now,” observes Pat Buchanan, former Presidential candidate, “with naval vessels of both nations [China and Japan] plying the waters around the islands and fighter jets overflying these rocks, it is hard to see either the China of Xi Jinping or the Japan of Shinzo Abe backing down before a clash occurs.”⁹

- **More Land-and-Sea Grabbing by China**

Back in the South China Sea, the Spratly Islands (a 164,000 square mile archipelago of more than 750 islets and reefs, amounting to less than 1.5 square miles of land) and the Paracel Islands (a 6000 square mile archipelago of more than 30 islets and reefs, amounting to less than 3 square miles of land), both rich in oil and natural gas reserves, are the subject of increasingly heated territorial disputes between China, Taiwan, Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Brunei. Though not currently involved in these disputes, the United States senses keenly that its own national interests would be sharply compromised if China were to achieve exclusive rights in this sea.¹⁰



The sky was clear. Visibility was excellent when two military aircraft – one from the United States, the other from the People’s Republic of China – collided in mid-air above the South China Sea. This map shows the area of the collision of the U.S. Navy four-prop engine EP-3 surveillance plane and the Chinese J-8 interceptor fighter jet, approximately mid-way between the Paracel Islands and Hainan Island. See pages 6 to 10 about this incident.

- **China/Korea Quarrel Over a Submerged Reef Called Ieodo Is Dangerous to America’s Peace and Safety.**

China is also quarreling with South Korea over a submerged reef in the Yellow Sea known as Ieodo, where the Koreans have built a maritime research station (and which again lies in a region rich in oil and gas deposits). A 1953 mutual security treaty places the United States squarely in the middle of this fray as well, since by the terms of the treaty, any attack on South Korean territory is to be regarded as “dangerous to [America’s] own peace and safety.”

- **U.S. Ally – the Philippines – Another Target of China.**

The United States is bound by a 1951 security treaty with the Philippines, obliging American involvement in those islands’ defense. China’s claims throughout the South China Sea – overreaching Philippine territories such as Mischief Reef and Scarborough Shoal – are therefore a challenge to U.S. dominion in this region as well.

President Obama has thus chosen to declare the South China Sea to be an area of “U.S. national security interest,” and to deploy 60% of the U.S. fleet to the area – the so-called “Pivot to Asia” which began in 2011. U.S. naval and air bases are rapidly being secured throughout the region as well, in the Philippines, South Korea, Vietnam, Australia and Thailand.

At the same time, China’s posturing for control of these disputed territories could scarcely be more aggressive. Laying claim now to virtually the entire South and East China Seas, China has declared the Yellow Sea and Taiwan Strait off limits to the U.S. Navy. Calling for a “de-Americanizing of the world,” *Chinese officials announced in November 2013 that they now possess sufficient nuclear weapons and delivery systems to destroy the United States from the face of the earth.*¹¹

- **Will the Next ACCIDENT Mean War?**

Present tensions in the South China Sea are thus reminiscent of the 2001 U.S. reconnaissance plane’s incident above these

same waters. Again, the U.S. is claiming the right to conduct surveillance missions within China’s so-called “exclusive economic zone”, while China views all military vessels there as an illegal and provocative encroachment.

December 5, 2013, in fact, very nearly saw the issue flare red-hot again when vessels of the two navies of China and the U.S.A. narrowly escaped a collision.

Guided missile cruiser *USS Cowpens*, performing a surveillance mission, encountered the Chinese aircraft carrier *Liaoning* and its escort ships – including two destroyers and two frigates – engaged in a training exercise in the South China Sea. (Each party was in direct communication with its own nation’s Department of Defense as the encounter unfolded.)



The USS Cowpens (CG-63), a Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser named after the Battle of Cowpens in the American Revolutionary War, was involved in an international incident in December 2013, which could have brought the U.S. and China into open, armed confrontation, and possibly even declarations of war. The Cowpens nearly collided with an escort vessel in the Chinese aircraft carrier’s task group in the South China Sea.



The Chinese aircraft carrier *Liaoning* patrols the coastal seas of China, contesting the presence of U.S. naval vessels patrolling those same waters.

The U.S. vessel and the Chinese task group each remained intent upon their own business. Each undoubtedly sensed that any deference shown to the other would be an implicit acknowledgement of the other nation's rights in those waters being greater than its own.

It soon became apparent that on their present courses, the *Cowpens* would collide with one of the Chinese escort ships. A deadly game of dare ensued. Neither ship saw fit to give way to the other until the last moment, when the U.S. vessel – resorting to an “evasive” maneuver – narrowly averted the collision.

Both Washington and Beijing have acknowledged the incident. The U.S. State Department is calling it a “high level” security incident, while China's official news agency Xinhua is accusing the U.S. ship of deliberately provocative actions.¹² Had there been a collision, there is little doubt that China would be calling the incident an act of war.

Experts have said the near-miss in December 2013 was the most significant U.S.-China maritime incident in the disputed South China Sea since 2009.

- **A U.S. Invasion of China?**

In the background of these intensifying strains is the 2007 recommendation by a task force of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) that the United States needs to “defeat China swiftly and decisively in any military conflict,” and that it should shift the balance of U.S. forces from the Atlantic to the Asian Pacific.¹³

Since that time, China has been preparing aggressively to battle the U.S. for control of these seas. It now has a greatly expanded short- and medium-range ballistic missile arsenal capable of targeting all U.S. military bases in Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and the Philippines. As mentioned above, China also possesses a new anti-ship missile system capable of destroying U.S. aircraft carriers within operational range 1500 miles (fifteen hundred miles) off its shores.

A Pentagon document¹⁴ leaked to *The Washington Post* in 2012 is even more ominous. Financial researcher, author and publisher Addison Wiggin explains:

“The Pentagon has formulated a strategy called Air-Sea Battle (ASB). The aim is to sprinkle so many bases and airstrips around the region that China would be too hemmed in to safely attack if conflict broke out.”¹⁵

ASB envisions a “blinding campaign” – the swift destruction of China’s surveillance and missile targeting capabilities “deep inside the country” by stealth bombers and submarines – followed by a massive naval and air assault. *All these proposed U.S. military strikes against China are recommended with the unspoken assumption that China would not immediately resort to its nuclear arsenal against the U.S.*

“The bottom line,” says *American Free Press* contributor Richard Walker,¹³ “is that this could be the defining war of the 21st century if Washington refuses to bring U.S. troops and ships home and let Asia sort out its own troubles.”

Paul Craig Roberts,¹⁰ likewise, sees in this the makings of a disaster of indescribable proportions:

“Washington is told that U.S. technological prowess can prevent or intercept the launch of Russian and Chinese missiles, thus elevating a U.S. pre-emptive attack to slam-dunk status.”

- **U.S. Open-ended War – Guarantees Threaten to Drag the U.S. and China into a Confrontation, if Not a War.**

The threat of an armed confrontation between China and the United States has perhaps never been greater. “What we have here, then,” concludes Pat Buchanan, “are three overlapping air defense identification zones – of China, Japan and South Korea – and three territorial disputes – between China and Japan, China and South Korea, and Japan and South Korea – [conflicts which entangle the United States through its] open-ended war guarantees. It seems certain that one of these 50- or 60-year-old commitments will one day drag [the U.S. and China] into a confrontation, if not a major war.”¹⁶

MIDDLE-EAST THREAT

Perhaps, an even more dangerous prospect for igniting a Third World War today is the disaster of the Middle East, where eight countries are now officially at war with one another, involving 163 different armies and separatist groups.¹⁷

- **War in Syria Spills into Iraq and Lebanon.**

Most recently, in December 2013 and January 2014, in Iraq, al-Qaeda militants have reversed the outcome of two of the bloodiest battles fought by American forces in the entire Iraqi war, seizing control of the critical cities of Fallujah and Ramadi (just 36 and 64 miles from Baghdad, respectively.)

Meanwhile, renewed bombings in Lebanon threaten to plunge it again into a civil war equally horrifying as the one from which it has just emerged.

Joschka Fischer, former Foreign Minister of Germany, explains the dire threat posed by the Syrian war to the entire region:

“What makes Syria’s civil war so dangerous is that the players on the ground are no longer its driving forces. Rather, the war has become a struggle for regional dominance between Iran on one side and Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Turkey on the other. As a result, the Middle East is at risk of becoming the Balkans of the 21st Century...”¹⁸

- **The Winds of War¹⁸**

The winds of war are here. The storm is spreading. It’s growing rapidly in intensity. And it is bound to directly or indirectly affect virtually every asset class on the face of the planet. [Ed. note: That means that every man, woman and child on the face of the earth will be significantly affected.]

In Iraq, it has reignited battles in the two major cities where American forces had won the bloodiest and most pivotal battles of the entire Iraqi war – **Fallujah** and **Ramadi**. Their fall spells possible disaster for the entire country, the entire region, and the

entire legacy of America's longest war in history. And yet, that's precisely what seems to be happening right there, right now.

In Lebanon, the Syrian civil war has also burst onto the scene with new bomb attacks, helping to lunge the country deeper into what could soon be its own second civil war of modern times. The last Lebanese civil war lasted FIFTEEN years, claiming an estimated 120,000 fatalities... causing a mass exodus of one million people ... with Israel and other foreign powers getting into the conflict. This one could be equally bad, or worse.

- **The Entire Middle East Is in Turmoil**

Financial newsletter publisher Martin Weiss sums up the situation throughout the Middle East:

Terror, revolution, and civil war are spreading to the Sudan, Somalia, West Africa... the Caucasus, Pakistan and South Asia... the Philippines and even Western China ...

Egypt, Yemen, and Pakistan are in various stages of becoming collapsed states, where the rule of law is virtually gone and chaos begins to reign. ...

In Libya, not only is civil war being reignited – between the government and a plethora of militias – but it's also spreading from Libya to the south, west, east, and broadly across the African continent.

According to the *Mideast Mirror*, the security breakdown in Libya has been extreme: “It is no longer possible to sense any form of authority that can be relied upon and that could lead Libya to the shore of safety and rid the country and its people of the militias of various forms and allegiances that now impose their law and authority alone. Libya ... is now hostage to outlaw forces, armed groups, thieves, and arms- and human-smugglers. These have transformed the country into a safe-haven for terrorism, assassination, intimidation, killings, and random extra-legal detentions.”

Instead of surgically removing the cancer, we have caused it to spread – regionally and globally. Like cutting up a starfish into

pieces, instead of killing one animal (al-Qaeda), we've seeded the growth of dozens of al-Qaeda affiliates, spinoffs, and successors.

Just to mention the most prominent:

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), headquartered in Yemen, probably stronger in many respects than bin Laden's core organization at its peak, and the primary current concern of U.S. strategists;

Al Shabab, recognized by al-Qaeda leader Ayman al Zawahiri as one of its leading affiliates in Africa, now launching attacks far beyond its regional borders;

Al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI), now merged with Jabhat Al Nusra of Syria, forming a new, more potent organization, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS);

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), now coordinating activities "with two new violent Islamist groups in Mali – Ansur al Din and the Movement for Unity and Jihad West Africa;

Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus (IEC), behind the recent bombings in Volgograd, Russia, in what appears to be a major crescendo of attacks leading up to the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Worse, in addition to a spread of the cancer, we have witnessed a dramatic escalation in the conflict:

What was once just a phenomenon of isolated incidents of terror has now been transformed into outright armed warfare.

What was once mostly limited to dreams of revolution has now resulted in the dramatic overthrow of once-powerful governments.

What was once primarily a distant threat of turmoil has now become a series of collapsed, or collapsing, states.

Until recently, ... the danger of a great Middle East war was not an immediate concern. Now it is. ... All five permanent members

of the UN Security Council – the U.S., the U.K., France, China, and Russia – are heavily involved in the region. But unlike the conflicts of five years ago, the major world powers have drawn a line in the sand – the U.S. and its NATO allies vs. Russia and China. And unlike any time in the past, *we’ve seen U.S. and Russian battleships move into the area.*¹⁹

- **Nuclear-armed Israel Continues To Point at Iran.**

Israel is already one of the leading nuclear powers in the world, having more than 400 atomic bombs. Now, together with Saudi Arabia, Israel is developing war plans for joint strikes against Iran, as if Iran were a Nuclear threat to them. But as Patrick Buchanan observes:

“Iran today has no atom bomb. Has never tested a bomb. Has never exploded a nuclear device. Possesses not a single known ounce of 90 percent enriched uranium, which is essential for a uranium bomb. Nor does Iran have enough 20 percent uranium to make a bomb. And part of the stockpile it did have has been converted into fuel rods. There are inspectors in all of Iran’s operating nuclear facilities.

“The Ayatollah has declared a fatwa against nuclear weapons. The Hassan Rouhani regime says it has no nuclear weapons program. And U.S. intelligence agrees with Iran. All 16 U.S. intelligence agencies in 2007, and, again, two years ago, said, with high confidence, that Iran has made no decision to build a bomb and has no nuclear weapons program.

“How would new restrictions and reductions on an Iranian nuclear program that has never produced an ounce of weapons-grade uranium, let alone a bomb, threaten Israel, with its hundreds of atom bombs? ... If the [Israeli] Netanyahu cabal succeeds in sabotaging U.S. negotiations with Iran, it is hard to see how we avoid another war that could set the Persian Gulf region ablaze and sink the global economy.”²⁰

The *London Sunday Times* reports that Saudi King Abdullah agreed to open Saudi airspace to Israeli military aircraft for strikes on Iran. This is of enormous tactical importance to Israel.

- **Oil Prices Will Skyrocket!**

Obama's lifting the ban on Iran's petro-chemical exports will have no visible impact on oil prices but an Israeli-Saudi attack on Iran is going to at least double the price of oil. Every time major oil producers go to war, oil prices blast up:

1979 - Iraq attacked Iran and oil prices quadrupled.

1990 - U.S. attacked Iraq and oil prices doubled.

2003 - US attacked Iraq a second time and oil prices went from \$31 a barrel to as high as \$140 a barrel before the war stopped.

- **War Drums Still Beating – U.S.A. May Still Invade Iran.**

Not to be forgotten is the prospect of a U.S. invasion of Iran, so ardently sought by Israel. The United States Senate is preparing even in early 2014 to vote on a bill which would practically ensure such a calamity. Senate bill S.1881, the Nuclear Weapons Free Iran Act, reads in part:

“It is the sense of the Congress that ... if the Government of Israel is compelled to take military action in legitimate self-defense against Iran's nuclear weapons program, the United States Government should stand with Israel and provide ... diplomatic, military and economic support to the Government of Israel in the defense of its territory, people and existence.”²¹

Former Rep. Ron Paul explains the danger posed by such a resolution:

“Even though a ‘sense of Congress’ has no force of law, these are the kinds of blank checks that lead to world wars. Though not binding, language like this is meant to establish U.S. policy over time, so that if Israel does attack Iran, enough senators will be on record supporting U.S. involvement that they feel compelled to vote for war.”²²

RUSSIAN THREAT

An armed confrontation between the United States and Russia is yet another possibility. Most frightening of all in regard to this theater of global tensions is the very realistic scenario of one of these powers making a pre-emptive first strike against the other, on the basis of their mutual and ever-increasing preparations for war. Paul Craig Roberts explains:

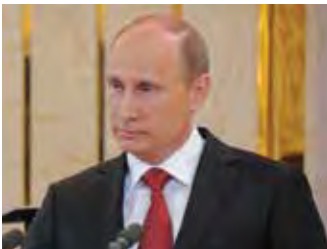
“Washington expanded NATO into Eastern Europe and the Baltic states, and established military bases on Russia’s borders. Washington is also seeking to extend NATO into former constituent parts of Russia itself such as Georgia and Ukraine. ...”

- **Washington Is Setting up Russia for a Decapitating First Strike.**

Roberts continues:

“The George W. Bush regime’s alteration of U.S. war doctrine, which elevated nuclear weapons from a defensive, retaliatory use to a pre-emptive first strike, together with the construction on Russia’s borders of U.S. anti-ballistic missile bases and Washington’s weaponization of new technologies, has made it clear to the Russian government that Washington is setting up Russia for a decapitating first strike.”²³

President Putin addressed this heightened offensive stance taken by the United States against Moscow in his December 12, 2013 address to the Russian National Assembly:



Russian President Vladimir Putin

“Let no one have illusions that he can achieve military superiority over Russia. We will never allow it. ... We realize all this and know what we need to do.”

According to Paul Craig Roberts,² former Member of President Reagan’s

Cabinet and former editor of the *Wall Street Journal*, the government in Washington has had the U.S. continually at war for 12 years: Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Yemen and almost Syria, which could still happen, with Iran waiting in the wings. These wars have been expensive in terms of deaths, prestige, money, and many thousands of injuries of both U.S. soldiers and the attacked civilian populations.

But, as costly and destructive as these wars have been, they are far below the level of a world war, much less a world war between nuclear armed opponents.

Thus, the apparently very near fatal war for humanity is the war with Russia allied with China toward which Washington is driving the U.S. and Washington's NATO and Asian puppet states. There are a number of factors contributing to Washington's drive toward this final war, but the overarching cause is the doctrine of American "exceptionalism."²



According to this self-righteous doctrine, America is the indispensable country. What this means is that the U.S. has been chosen by history to establish the dominating influence of secular "democratic capitalism" over the world. The primacy of this goal places the U.S. government above traditional morality and above all law, both its own and

Senator Hillary Clinton, a likely candidate for the Democratic Party in the next U.S. presidential election, is already determined on an American invasion of Iran. She told "Good Morning America" host Chris Cuomo on April 22, 2008, "I want the Iranians to know that if I'm president, we will attack Iran."

The American political analyst Charles Goyette, writing in January 2014, puts in a nutshell the far-reaching threat of war in the Middle East: "If the American war-mongers and their [Israeli] manipulators get their way and Iran is attacked, its open hostilities will spread beyond the region and beyond control. It will provoke China and Russia, both trading partners of Iran, and could draw both in along with Turkey and European participants. A hot war could very well spread as well to include Pakistan and India, both bristling with nukes pointed at each other."

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Roberts lays the blame for the present dangerously-heightened tensions – and of the enhanced global threat of a devastating war – on the Obama administration’s “murder of the nuclear weapons reduction treaty.” But the point of the present article is simply the fact of the imminent threat itself. “If anyone remains to write a history,” Roberts laments:

“The Obama regime will be known as the regime that resurrected the Cold War ... and drove it into a hot war.”

CYCLES of WAR

The Financial and Economic Crisis

Larry Edelson, a seasoned and well-known financial analyst,²⁴ has been speaking a great deal lately about what he calls “the cycles of war,” pointing out that cyclical indicators of mass social unrest are converging now in a more extreme way than has occurred in more than a century.²⁵ (Note that this period includes both World Wars!)



Financial analyst Larry Edelson predicts a global social upheaval. He sees a strong possibility for a major war in the near future.

The term “cyclical” is not meant to imply that humanity is somehow fated to suffer periods of warfare at predestined intervals. Not at all. We Catholics understand, moreover, that war is a punishment for sin, and that penance and amendment of life – and especially obedience to Our Lady of Fatima’s requests – can turn around the course of world events.

Rather, these war cycles are measures of factors (economic and otherwise) that have been seen historically to accompany massive social upheavals – thus they are indices of human volatility, if you will. They are, in effect, a recognition of the fact that finance and economics are integrally related to the

underlying causes (which are observable to any person who cares to look) that lead to both domestic and international social unrest. The chief concerns of warfare, like secular financial interests, are power and the acquisition of assets.

- **War Cycles Are Going to Lead to a Major War.**

Edelson says that the present trajectory of these war cycles points to an immediate acceleration of social unrest: “[T]he war cycles are now ramping up near vertically, they are going to lead to a major war.”

Edelson explains:

“I am not a pessimist. I am not an ‘end of the world’ analyst. I am simply a historian, steeped in how governments and markets are cyclical in nature, and how those who don’t learn from history are doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past.”

- **World Conflicts Ramped up in 2013.**

201 terrorist attacks have been staged worldwide.

8 countries are officially at war in the Middle East involving 153 different militias, separatist and anarchic groups.

24 countries and 141 different groups are involved in wars in the Congo, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia and the Sudan.

8 countries in Europe are involved in official wars involving 65 different groups of militias, guerillas and separatists.

Over 5 different Latin American countries are experiencing war-like conditions involving more than 25 separatist groups.

There are now a near record high of 60 countries involved in war, involving 512 militias and separatist groups.

Sadly, it’s going to get worse, as Edelson’s and Weiss’ research shows that the world is still on the cusp of a ramping up of the war cycles and a very dramatic increase in geo-political conflict

and social unrest that will not peak until the year 2020.

- **What Are the War Cycles?**

Larry Edelson has researched about the 14,000 wars spanning nearly 5,000 years of history.

“What drives society and the world to enter turbulent times? There are two forces – the private economy and the public sector (government).

“In the best of times, when the interests of the private and public sectors are aligned, you get as close a partnership as you can. There’s good economic growth. There’s cooperation. There’s rising employment, little or no inflation, increased productivity.

“But in the worst of times, when the underlying economy goes into a bust period, as it has been doing since the year 2000 – you get a divide between the public and the private sectors. ...”

Governments Turn Against Citizens in Bad Economic Times

“In bad economic times, the self-interest of government rises to the top. Seeing diminished revenues and unable to curtail spending, governments start to go broke. As they go broke, they turn against their citizens and seek more ways to soak money from them while at the same time cutting and even renegeing on promises. ...

“As the tensions mount between the public and private sectors, protests erupt. There are tax revolts. Riots in the streets. Secession movements. Civil strife.

“Between nations, governments battle for their own self-interests, with currency wars, protectionism, trade barriers, capital controls and more. Natural-resource wars intensify. Religious battles intensify..., leading to domestic and international conflict.”²⁶

The Financial War Will Manifest Itself in Shocking Ways

Besides the outbreak of a major armed conflict, Edelson is also predicting that the financial war (already being waged behind-the-scenes) will soon manifest itself in shocking ways, including:

The nationalization of all retirement accounts and pensions;

The direct confiscation of private funds according to the model of the 10% Wealth Tax recently proposed by the International Monetary Fund as a solution to government debts; and the Cyprus-style confiscation of depositor funds to save failing banks.

Global Financial Collapse

Maurizio d'Orlando is an economic and news analyst for *Asia News*. Widely read and respected for his expertise, he is especially esteemed by us as a fellow Catholic – one, moreover, who understands that the global economic crisis which he studies, and which portends unthinkable catastrophes for the world, can only be resolved by the promised intervention of Our Lady of Fatima when Her requests are obeyed.

Mr. d'Orlando has been gracious enough to speak at three of our recent Fatima Peace Conferences (in 2010, 2011, and 2012) and to share his insights on modern finance. He says:



Maurizio d'Orlando, Ph.D. (economic analyst, and financial correspondent for *Asia News*) warns of financial armageddon and impending major war. Professor d'Orlando was a featured speaker at The Fatima Center's 2010, 2011, and 2012 Peace Conferences in Rome. The same financial conditions prevailing in the world before World War I, he stressed, are prevailing again today. He judges that it is now impossible to avoid a major war unless God intervenes miraculously to save mankind.

- **We Live in a Time of Economic Perversion.**

“Our economic system is, in part, based on a financial system that is based on usury. This perversion leads to other grave faults. The fact is that all prices are inconsistently determined. Every day, for example, traders in the oil market exchange a quantity of oil which is equal to 700 times the world’s daily production of crude oil! This is just one example. The whole economic system we’re currently living in is utterly false and unreal. ...”

- **The Risk of a Systemic Collapse of the Entire Financial World.**

“We need to understand that in our present monetary system, currencies have no equivalent in gold. The currency presently used in the world is actually debt – sovereign debt, a debt considered ‘safe,’ but which we’ve seen to be far from safe. The currency issued by central banks, therefore, has an extreme risk of default, because it’s not linked to any real wealth. This underlines the risk of a systemic collapse of the entire financial world. ...”

- **Hyperinflation.**

“We’re heading into a period of hyperinflation, due to the lack of regulation between supply and demand. There is an enormous amount of money compared to the goods produced and sold all over the world. This, in the end, will lead to shortages of food, energy, and raw materials. ... Empires collapse very quickly, and the signs which usually preceded the collapse of practically every single empire in history, are all present today. ...”

“Our world, it is crumbling at its very foundations. How were these costs [of unsustainable debt] masked? Well, it was done by putting them off, by expanding the debt. But that didn’t solve the problem. It was just a way of buying time. Unfortunately, though, time is now catching up with us.”²⁷

- **Global Collapse of the Financial System.**

D’Orlando’s outlook is grave:

“What is going to happen in the near future? I think the situation is quite clear. It has been described by many others. I think we’re heading towards a global collapse of the financial system.”²⁸

Such a financial collapse will affect every man, woman, and child on the face of the earth. It will cause a total collapse of businesses and industry. When it comes, no one will accept paper money any more. Credit cards will be worthless, banks will be closed, and everyone’s savings will have disappeared. No one will be able to buy even a pint of milk or a piece of bread.

Chaos and desperation will reign (especially in urban areas, where tens or hundreds of thousands of people will find themselves in competition for the local people’s extremely meager resources), and mere survival will be at issue, moment by moment, day by day.

- **Collapse of Pension and Health Care.**

What will trigger this event? D’Orlando speculates that international tensions over food and raw materials alone could bring on the disaster. Other potential destabilizers include unemployment, government debts spiraling out of control, hyperinflation, and the collapse of the pension and healthcare systems.

- **Unemployment Crisis.**

None of the above are remote possibilities. D’Orlando points out, for instance, that present unemployment statistics in the United States would appear quite differently if measured according to more realistic parameters, such as were used before the Clinton era.

According to the older formula, the U.S. is already suffering an unemployment crisis reminiscent of the Great Depression, at 22%. But even according to present formulations, the published figures for youth unemployment in the United States (including college graduates) is absolutely shocking, at more than 50%. *Time NewsFeed* ran a sobering article on the subject in 2011:

“Reports have placed the unemployment rate for the under-25 group as high as 54%. Many of these unemployed graduates are choosing to go into higher education in an attempt to wait out the job market, while others are going anywhere – and doing anything – for work. Meanwhile, moving back home helps with expenses and paying off student loans ... In fact, according to a poll conducted by consulting firm Twentysomething Inc., some 85% of graduates will soon remember what mom’s cooking tastes like.”²⁹

Paul Craig Roberts, too, offers this insightful lament on the plight of American wage-earners:

“In recent years, the only incomes that have been growing in real terms are those few at the top of the income distribution. Those at the top have benefited from ‘performance bonuses,’ often acquired by laying off workers or by replacing U.S. workers with a cheaper foreign labor, and from the rise in stock and bond prices caused by the Federal reserve’s policy of quantitative easing. Everyone else has experienced a decline in real income and wealth.

“As real income growth stagnated, wives entered the workforce to compensate. Children were educated by refinancing the home mortgage and by using the equity in the family home, or with student loans that they now do not earn enough to repay. Since the December 2007 downturn, Americans have used up their coping mechanisms. Homes have been refinanced. IRAs raided. Savings drawn down. Grown children, now adults, are back home with parents.”³⁰

D’Orlando considers these figures to be a real sign of the times:

“Obama began his presidency with what was essentially a promise to fix everything, and one of his first priorities was to resolve employment issues. If we look at both unemployment and under-employment rates in the U.S., we’ll see that they are very alarming indeed, particularly when it comes to the youth. Considering both parameters (unemployment and under-employment), we reach a figure above 50 percent.

“That is a really shocking indicator of the state of the U.S. economy, if we consider how different the employment structure

in the U.S. used to be, when young people were able to enter the workforce far earlier than young people in other parts of the world – in Europe and particularly in Italy, for instance. So this really is a significant figure, and it shows how unusual this development is, that young people are compelled to stay within their families until 35 to 40 years of age.”³¹

- **Terrifying Recession.**

The most likely cause of the final collapse, in d’Orlando’s opinion, will be the unsustainable burden of the derivatives market. “The real bottom will be derivatives based. ... The value of derivative contracts is tenfold higher than the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) produced by all nations in one year.³² ... It’s totally out of control.”³³

The world’s financial situation, d’Orlando believes, is already much more dire than most people realize:

“Over the past 30 years, there’s been a whole series of crises that have been compounding themselves, like a snowball that is constantly increasing in size and weight. It is constantly becoming bigger and bigger, and it will eventually trigger a final, cataclysmic event.

“Already it has taken on such dimensions that I don’t see how we can find a solution to it. We can’t stop enlarging that bubble, because if we stop printing more money, we would find ourselves in a terrifying recession.”³⁴

- **The U.S. Is Bankrupt – The Debt Rate is 107% of GDP.**

Prof. Laurence Kotlikoff of Boston University is another economist who challenges the official figures. He is a research associate at the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research, and former senior economist on President Reagan’s Council of Economic Advisers, his words pack a punch:

“Let’s get real. The U.S. is bankrupt.”

This was published in the journal *Finance and Development* (September 2010 issue), a journal of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)!



Laurence Kotlikoff, Ph.D.
(Professor of Economics at Boston University, a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and former Senior Economist on President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers), writing in a 2010 issue of the International Monetary Fund's journal *Finance and Development*, unmasking the lies misrepresenting the U.S. economy's true condition – bankruptcy.

The IMF's official figure for the United States' gross debt as of 2012, as a percentage of annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP), is about 107%. Even this euphemistic figure is well beyond the commonly accepted outer limit of possible repayment, ranging between 85% and 90%.

Dr. Kotlikoff goes on to argue that the real figure, even in 2010, was at least 14 times higher than what global investors and American taxpayers were being led to believe. Taking into account such liabilities as bank bail-outs, the indebtedness of state-owned corporations, and government pledges related to pensions and healthcare, he placed the national debt at 840% of the current GDP, and plainly assessed the United States to be in worse shape than Greece.

Other nations throughout the world are facing similar crises. In the United Kingdom, where banks have been nationalized, the national debt is 950% of the annual GDP!

Likewise, a nation's total debt (which includes the debt of households, businesses, and the banking system as a whole) is in many cases much higher than its public debt, and well beyond any practical hope of repayment.

The government accounting which hides this true picture through official manipulation and off-the-books deceit – which Kotlikoff calls “Enron accounting” – is, in his flat assessment, a lie.³⁵

- **Coming Global Financial Collapse Intentionally Planned.**

Maurizio d'Orlando, even more flatly, sees a method in the madness. He believes that the mind-boggling folly of our debt-based economies has, in fact, a very sinister purpose – namely, the inevitable breakdown of those economies. The coming global financial collapse

will be an intentional, planned event. It will serve, he believes, as the necessary first phase of a transition to global government and to a single world-currency, and will lead directly into the second phase of that transition, in which national sovereignties will be dissolved.

- **Global Tyranny.**

“This is something that has been scheduled, and that we have seen coming for a long time now. ... I think that the situation will lead to a total paralysis of the financial system, in which a depression will be coupled with hyperinflation, and there will be total anarchy. And in the face of anarchy, people will accept a global tyranny.”³⁶

- **Next Phase – World War III.**

What exactly, in his opinion, will this second phase be? Another intended, planned event – a Third World War. At the 2012 *Fatima: Your Last Chance* Conference, Maurizio d’Orlando stated:

“In a certain sense, until now, the world was forced to pay a sort of ‘Seigniorage tax’ to the U.S. We had to pay this in order to keep the so called ‘Pax Americana’ (the American peace), which the world has enjoyed for the last 60 years. But the fact that China now wants to introduce the Yuan as the world reserve currency is a serious strategic threat to the entire economic system led by the US, and therefore to Europe as well. This will lead to strong social and economic tensions, which will cause economic instability and eventually a series of wars, because a strategic threat always causes conflicts.”

The debt crisis is also acute in other countries – perhaps most significantly in China, whose failing economy spells doom for the U.S. dollar, and calamity for the global economy. Yi Gang, the Deputy Governor of the People’s Bank of China, announced in a 2013 year-end interview, that China will reduce its holdings of U.S. Treasury bonds and U.S. cash reserves in 2014. As Charles Goyette notes, China has thus put the writing on the wall, clearly announcing that it can no longer afford to carry the unsustainable debts of other nations on its own back.

Internal problems are forcing China to shrink its foreign exchange reserves, which have nearly doubled in just the past

three years, swelling from \$2 trillion in 2011 to \$3.7 trillion presently. As China shrinks the amount of U.S. debt that it carries, the U.S. will find itself looking desperately both for capital to repay the old bonds and for new buyers for new bonds. Goyette explains:

“China is a massive mal-investment economy. Last year private and government debt in China grew 2 1/2 times faster than GDP. ... Many Chinese companies are in the situation of American homeowners who were borrowing on their Visa and MasterCards to make their mortgage payments. While the lid has been kept on the debt problem until now, it is coming off.

“Like the U.S. housing bubble, the Chinese bubble is bursting, and China will suffer a severe debt crisis in 2014. ... China will draw down its [foreign] reserves to ameliorate the crisis and recapitalize banks. Needless to say, it will use dollars for the purpose. ...

“China’s problems will be felt around the world, threatening a global downturn and complicating the problem of funding U.S. debt. It spells higher rates and more money-printing by the Fed.

“Incidentally, China is rapidly growing more authoritarian under President Xi Jinping, and the domestic monetary crisis will make China more bellicose in the region. China is no different than other governments in its willingness to deflect attention from domestic problems by busying ‘giddy minds with foreign quarrels.’ The risk of geopolitical miscalculations in the region is high.”³⁷

- **Collapse of the Entire Economic System.**

Maurizio d’Orlando continues:

“In the end, this will lead to the collapse of the entire economic system.

“Investors will lose all confidence in the euro and in the U.S. dollar, and therefore in currency itself as a medium of exchange. This, together with hyper-inflation, will bring about the collapse of the monetary system. In my [d’Orlando’s] opinion, then, the financial collapse will be extremely rapid, and will usher in a war of major proportions.”

- **The New World Order.**

“We see it taking shape already. The secular forces are on one front, and the Islamic world – currently allied with Russia and the emerging powers – is on the other. We’re in the middle. This war will be presented to us as a clash of civilizations, as a clash of religions. Actually, it isn’t. It will all be according to plan, orchestrated by a financial elite who want to create a one-world bank and a New World Order.” (Editor’s Note: With a new moral authority – the One World Religion of the Antichrist.)

- **Pure Anarchy.**

“The war will bring about the collapse of the European Union and of the United States, as well as of most of the Arab monarchies, and possibly the Communist Party in China – a scenario of pure anarchy. This alone will bring the war to an end, and there will finally emerge a one-world currency and the one-world government which is at the core of their project, because these will be seen as the only solutions to the problems of the world.”

- **D’Orlando’s Conclusion – There Is NO HUMAN SOLUTION.**

“To be honest with you, speaking on a human level, I don’t think that there is any way to prevent this. In my opinion, whoever says that a human solution exists, is lying. It is an old project, and I think that there is nothing we can do to prevent it from coming to pass, other than to entrust ourselves completely to Our Lady. Frankly, I don’t see any other possible way out for mankind.”

Is there any hope? According to Addison Wiggin: “There’s nothing you or I can do to stop the madness.”

D’Orlando certainly agrees. In his estimation, only a miracle could divert the economic pressures and trends that are driving the major international powers toward another world war.

THE ONLY SOLUTION

“Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only She can help you!”



Only Our Lady of Fatima Can Help Us

After decades of grasping at short-term solutions – with such pitiful results – are we not yet ready to admit that these mirages are no solution at all? The dismal history of the past 100 years, and the hopelessness of the world’s present moral, political, and religious disarray, have amply proven the truth of Our Lady of Fatima’s assurance that ONLY She can help us.

The Intervention of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Even if present tensions are somehow resolved without bringing the United States into direct armed conflict with China or Russia or in the Middle East, we are certain to fall back into the same sort of predicament again and again in the near future, until at last we have exhausted God’s patience and the measure of time during which He will allow Our Lady’s requests to be despised. There is only one possibility for a real and lasting solution to the growing threat of an incomprehensibly destructive war – the intervention of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

- **Our Lady’s Warning.**

Our Lady has warned us that if we do not heed Her requests – for our daily Rosaries, for our First Saturday Communions of Reparation, and for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate

Heart of Mary by the Holy Father in union with all the Catholic bishops of the world – we will suffer the full rigor of God’s justice, including even the annihilation of whole nations:

“[God] is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I ... ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated.”³⁸

Our Lady of Fatima Said: No Consecration of Russia – No Peace

Our Lady of Fatima said:

“Make it known to the Holy Father that I am always awaiting the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart. Without that Consecration, Russia will not be able to convert, nor will the world have peace.”³⁹

- **Our Lady, Our Only Hope.**

Heeding Our Lady of Fatima’s requests is our only hope of saving our lives, and of preventing the loss of countless souls, when millions begin to perish from one moment to the next, without a moment’s preparation for their death. Yet this Message has been effectively hidden from public knowledge, and buried under a conspiracy of silence even by those in the Church whose duty it is to promote it.

Please continue to support the Fatima Center so that we can make Our Lady’s Message known to enough people before it is too late to avert the worst of these dire punishments prophesied by Our Lady.

What Each One of Us Can Personally Do

Yes, there is still hope. As Our Lord told Sister Lucy, “It is never too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary.”⁴⁰ We need to re-double our prayers now, at this very late hour, and we need to add penances and sacrifices to our prayers in order to make them more powerful.

As St. Padre Pio said, we must pray many Rosaries every day, and we must get others to pray the Rosary. Our Lady of Fatima insisted on the daily Rosary at each of Her six apparitions in 1917:

May 13: “Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war.”

June 13: “Pray the Rosary each day.”

July 13: “Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because *only She can help you.*”

August 19: “I want you to continue praying the Rosary every day.”

September 13: “Continue to say the Rosary to obtain the end of the war.”

October 13: “I am Our Lady of the Rosary. Continue to say the Rosary every day.”

Sister Lucy tells us that God has given an even greater power to the Rosary in our time, than it possessed in any other period in history:

“The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all, spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families, of the families of the world, or of the religious communities, or even of the life of peoples and nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls.”⁴¹

We Must Not Wait

Next, we have to be more generous in the penances and other acts of reparation that we offer up with our prayers. As Sister Lucy told Father Fuentes, we will wait in vain and to our own destruction if we expect a desperate call for penance to come from Rome or from our local chancery office. We have to recognize this urgency for ourselves and respond to the Message of Fatima with a generous and self-sacrificing resolution to make reparation for the sins that are bringing this imminent chastisement upon us, and to console Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. Sister Lucy said:

“We should not wait for an appeal to the world to come from Rome on the part of the Holy Father, to do penance. Nor should we wait for the call to penance to come from our bishops in our diocese, nor from the religious congregations. No! Our Lord has already very often used these means and the world has not paid attention. That is why now, it is necessary for each one of us to begin to reform himself spiritually. Each person must not only save his own soul but also [seek to save] all the souls that God has placed on our path. ...[W]e shall be saved together or we shall be damned together.”⁴²

The Angel of the Third Secret Vision, whose flaming sword threatened to devour the earth, cried out for our penances to abate God's wrath:

“We saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: ‘Penance! Penance! Penance!’”⁴³

Reparation

We also have the Angel's admonition to the children in his second visit of 1916, urging all of us to seize every opportunity that God sends us to make generous reparatory sacrifices, and thus avert the terrible scourges now at the world's door-step:

“Make of everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. In this way, you will draw down peace upon your country. ... Above all, accept and bear with submission whatever suffering the Lord sends you.”⁴⁴

Again, in the Angel’s final apparition to the children, when he invited Jacinta and Francisco to receive their First Holy Communion from him, he used these moving words:

“Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men! Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.”⁴⁵

These words remind us how powerful and important is the practice of the First Saturdays, according to Our Lady’s request. We must attach great importance to this devotion, never omitting to make the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays, and adding the other acts of reparation (Confession, Rosary, and Meditation) as often as possible, even after having completed our five consecutive First Saturdays. We have to educate and encourage as many of our fellow Catholics as possible about this devotion, which could save all our lives.

Our Lady of Fatima Herself has made this same plea for our generosity in making reparation for sin. In May of 1917, She asked the children,

“Are you willing to offer yourselves to God to bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?”

This question is directed to each of us. Again in August, visibly saddened, Our Lady pleaded:

“Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and to pray for them.”

Pray For the Pope

We must also remember each day to make the Holy Father the special object of our prayers and sacrifices. When the children were suffering so much during their days of imprisonment, and in fear for their lives, they offered their pains and sorrows and anxieties particularly for the Holy Father. They realized better than we do how much he needs our prayers.

Almost twenty years later (as Sister Lucy recounted in a letter of May 18, 1936), Our Lord urged her to hasten the day of the Consecration of Russia by this same means: “Pray much for the Holy Father!”

Tell Others About Fatima

Finally, Our Lady of Fatima’s Message and requests are simply not well-enough known. This, too, is our role, and we have not yet done our part adequately. We need to take every opportunity that God sends us to tell others about Our Lady of Fatima. Carry extra copies of *The Fatima Crusader* to leave in waiting rooms and to share with friends whom we cross at the grocery store. We need to be more bold and resolved about getting this word out into the public forum, where it belongs.

We need to speak up especially within our Catholic circles, including our pastors and bishops, speaking even to the Pope. Our Lord tells us to carry His Mother’s Message to the clergy of His Church – “Make it known to My ministers”. By conversation and by petition, with courteous and respectful insistence, we can “preach truth to power” in the Church and bring in Our Lady’s Triumph in time to prevent whole nations of the world from being enslaved or annihilated. *Or we can suffer the consequences of not doing so.*

It is no accident that Our Lady chose to appear in Akita, Japan, on October 13, 1973 – the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima – to warn us of impending disasters on a cosmic scale. Our Lady prophesied disasters that would be more terrible than the Flood, saying that the survivors would endure so much suffering that they would “envy the dead.”

These chastisements may be taking shape in Asia, while the world is looking the other way. Pope Benedict XVI, while he was Cardinal Ratzinger, also affirmed that the messages of Akita and Fatima are basically the same: repent or face unimaginable chastisements.

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