

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”



An article by Jerry Seper and Matthew Cella titled “Signs in Arizona Warn of Smuggler Dangers” was posted at washingtontimes.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: “The federal government has posted signs along a major interstate highway in Arizona, more than 100 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border, warning travelers the area is unsafe because of drug and alien smugglers, and a local sheriff says Mexican drug cartels now control some parts of the state.

“The signs were posted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) along a 60-mile stretch of Interstate 8 between Casa Grande and Gila Bend, a major east-west corridor linking Tucson and Phoenix with San Diego.

“They warn travelers that they are entering an ‘active drug and human smuggling area’ and they may encounter ‘armed criminals and smuggling vehicles traveling at high rates of speed.’

“Beginning less than 50 miles south of Phoenix, the signs encourage travelers to ‘use public lands north of Interstate 8’ and to call 911 if they ‘see suspicious activity.’ ”

The article quoted Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu as saying: “Mexican drug cartels literally do control parts of Arizona. They literally have scouts on the high points in the mountains and in the hills and they literally control movement. They have radios, they have optics, they have night-vision goggles as good as anything law enforcement has. This is going on here in Arizona. This is 70 to 80 miles from the border—30 miles from the fifth-largest city in the United States.”

The article continued: "He [Mr. Babeu] said he asked the Obama administration for 3,000 National Guard soldiers to patrol the border, but what he got were 15 signs."



An article by Penny Starr titled "Arizona Now Has 'Whopping 30' National Guard Troops and 15 Billboard Signs Warning Citizens About Drug Cartels Operating on Public Lands" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 1, 2010.

It said: "Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu said requests by Arizona law enforcement personnel and Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) for 3,000 National Guard troops along the state's border with Mexico have been answered so far with 1 percent of that number deployed there this week."

The article quoted Mr. Babeu as saying: "We have a whopping 30 [National Guard troops] this week that are showing up. It's less than a half-hearted measure designed to fail."

The article mentioned the 15 warning signs that the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has placed along a 60-mile stretch of Interstate 8.

It quoted the sign as reading: DANGER—PUBLIC WARNING, TRAVEL NOT RECOMMENDED.



An article by Ginger Rough titled "Gov. Brewer Condemns SB 1070 Reference in Fed's Human Rights Report" was posted at azcentral.com on Aug. 27, 2010.

It said: "Gov. Jan Brewer's office is 'condemning' a U.S. State Department report to the United Nations Human Rights Council because it mentions Arizona and Senate Bill 1070.

"Brewer, in a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, is asking that the paragraph referencing the state's tough new immigration law be removed.

"The 29-page report, a first by the Obama Administration, is designed to show the nation's commitment to human rights, and according to the document, areas 'where problems persist in our society.'

"It notes that the Arizona law is being addressed in a court action and reiterates that it is the federal government's contention that it has sole authority to set and enforce immigration law.

"Brewer's office, however, says the law's mere inclusion is 'downright offensive' because 'human rights, as guaranteed by the United States and Arizona Constitutions are expressly protected in SB 1070.' "



An article by Jerry Markon titled "U.S. Files New Suit on Ariz. Immigration Issue" was posted at washingtonpost.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "The Justice Department filed another lawsuit against immigration practices by Arizona authorities, saying Monday that a network of community colleges acted illegally in requiring noncitizens to provide their green cards before they could be hired for jobs."



An article by Paul Bedard titled "EPA Rejects Attempt to Regulate Lead in Bullets After NRA Protests" was posted at usnews.com (*U.S. News and World Report*) on Aug. 27, 2010.

It said: "In a swift and unexpected decision, the Environmental Protection Agency today rejected a petition from environmental groups to ban the use of lead in bullets and shotgun shells, claiming it doesn't have jurisdiction to weigh on the controversial Second Amendment issue.

"The decision came just hours after the *Drudge Report* posted stories from *Washington Whispers* and the *Weekly Standard* about how gun groups were fighting the lead bullet ban."

It later said: "The NRA has spent two years tracking down rumors that the Obama administration wants to impose gun and ammo bans on the public, but hasn't found anything credible.

"While the lead ban was viewed initially as a substantial chance for the administration to move into challenging the Second Amendment, the swift rejection by the EPA settled concerns inside NRA headquarters today."



An article titled "Chicago Gang Members Criticize 'Gang Summit' " was posted at newsmax.com on Sept. 2, 2010.

It said: "Several current and former gang members say an initiative by Chicago's police chief is unfairly targeting them for the city's violence.

"About a dozen men spoke to reporters on Thursday at a news conference about a message police Superintendent Jody Weis (WEES) sent recently to gang leaders.

"Weis held a so-called 'gang summit' with reputed gang members last month [Aug. 17] and told them if they resort to violence 'we'll sharpen our focus on you.'

"Jim Allen says he's a current member of the Vice Lords gang. He says police can't hold the group responsible for the criminal acts of individuals. He calls the superintendent's initiative 'a joke' that won't stem violence."



An article by Adam Thomson in Mexico City titled "Mexico Parades 'The Barbie' Drugs Suspect" was posted at ft.com (*Financial Times*) on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "Mexican authorities on Tuesday paraded one of the country's most wanted drug trafficking suspects for the cameras, declaring a victory for Felipe Calderon's war on drugs ahead of the president's state-of-the-union address on Wednesday.

"Edgar Valdez Villarreal, also known as 'The Barbie,' is accused of selling marijuana and exporting large amounts of cocaine to the US.

"Both the US and Mexican governments had offered rewards of about \$2m for information leading to his arrest."



A Reuters article titled "Mexico Fires Thousands of Police to Combat Corruption" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 30, 2010.

It said: "Authorities in Mexico have fired nearly 10 percent of the federal police force as President Felipe Calderon seeks to rein in powerful drug cartels and curb widespread corruption among Mexican police."



An article titled "Yemenis on US Flight Suspected of Terrorism" was posted at bbc.co.uk on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "Two Yemenis who arrived in Amsterdam on a flight from the US . . . were detained on arrival at Schiphol airport on Monday after police were notified by the US authorities of 'suspicious' items in their luggage.

"One checked-in bag reportedly contained a mobile phone strapped to a medicine bottle, as well as knives and watches."



An article by Mike Deeson titled "Passengers Spooked When Men Removed From Tampa Flight" was posted at wtsp.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "An incident aboard a United Airlines flight to Tampa resulted in nine foreign-born people being removed from the airplane and left several passengers shaken. In fact, several thought the incident was serious enough that they asked to be booked on another flight."

It later said: "[Passenger John] Luke says the fact that the men knew each other caused concern and police came on [the plane] with their hands on their guns. Then, according to Luke, the police started escorting the men off the plane."

It later said: "United Airlines says it eventually became comfortable the men did not pose a threat and they were rebooked on another United flight."



A Reuters article titled "Rwanda Threatens to Withdraw Peacekeepers From Darfur Over UN Report" was posted at france24.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "Rwanda is considering pulling out all its troops from United Nations peacekeeping missions, starting with Darfur, after a leaked draft U.N. report said Rwandan troops may have committed genocide in Congo."



An article titled "Long-Dormant Volcano Erupts in Indonesia" was posted at cnn.com on Aug. 29, 2010.

It said: "A volcano that had been inactive for more than 400 years erupted in Indonesia early Sunday, causing thousands of people to flee their homes, officials said.

"Mount Sinabung in North Sumatra province had been inactive since the 1600s, but spewed volcanic ash nearly a mile into the air."



An article titled "Gaddafi Wants EU Cash to Stop African Migrants" was posted at bbc.co.uk on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi says the EU should pay Libya at least 5bn euros a year to stop illegal African immigration and avoid a 'black Europe.' "

The article quoted Mr. Gaddafi as saying: "There are millions of Africans who want to come in [to Europe]."



An article titled "UK and France to Share Aircraft Carriers" was posted at the-sun.co.uk on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "Britain and France are preparing to reveal unprecedented plans to share the use of their aircraft carriers in a controversial step to maintain military power in an era of cost-cutting . . .

"David Cameron and President Sarkozy are expected to outline the proposal in a November summit, which will lead to British and French flagships working together and protecting the interests of both countries."



An Associated Press article by David Nowak titled "Report: 100 Russian Skinheads Attack Concertgoers" was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 29, 2010.

It said: "Scores of bare-chested skinheads attacked a crowd of about 3,000 people at a rock concert in central Russia on Sunday, beating them with clubs, media reports said.

"Dozens of people were left bloodied and dazed in the attack . . . [and] a 14-year-old girl was killed at the concert in Miass, 900 miles (1,400 kilometers) east of Moscow.

"Fourteen ambulances were called to the scene."



An article by Isabel Gorst in Moscow titled "Russia Opens China Pipeline for Siberian Oil" was posted at ft.com on Aug. 29, 2010.

It said: "Vladimir Putin, the Russian prime minister, on Sunday opened a new pipeline to export east Siberian oil to China that will help Russia reorientate its oil trade towards the east.

"The pipeline, running 67km from Skovorodino in east Siberia to China's north-eastern frontier, is an offshoot of a new oil export route Russia is building to the Pacific Ocean, providing a strategic window on the fast-growing energy markets of Asia."



An article titled "Bumper-to-Bumper As Epic China Traffic Jam Returns" was posted at Breitbart.com on Sept. 2, 2010.

It said: "A huge traffic jam stretching at least 120 kilometres (75 miles) reappeared in northern China Thursday, with thousands of cargo trucks stuck in a bottleneck."

It later said: "The stretch of highway linking Inner Mongolia and the northern province of Hebei with Beijing is among the nation's busiest as the capital of more than 20 million people sucks in huge shipments of goods."

The article described how traffic problems were extant from June through August. In August state media said "drivers were stuck in a huge traffic jam on the route for nine days."

The article concluded: "According to government data, Beijing is on track to have five million cars on its roads by year's end. The four-million mark was passed in December."



An article by Gil Ronen titled "Iran: Dimona Is in Our Crosshairs" was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Aug. 26, 2010.

It said: "An unnamed senior officer in the Iranian Revolutionary Guard warned Thursday [Aug. 26] that Iran would strike Israel if it is targeted, no matter who the attacker is."

The article quoted the officer as saying: "Iran has thousands of surface-to-surface missiles, including improved Zelzal-2 and Al-Fatah 110 missiles, with which it will set alight all of the oil towns, facilities and infrastructures of the neighboring countries, if these serve as platforms for attacking it."

The article continued: "Any attack upon Iran will lead to a massive missile attack on Israel, he said, including the nuclear power plant at Dimona, no matter where the attack on Iran originated from. This is taken as referring to a possible attack [on Iran] by the United States."



An article titled "Israel Ready to Destroy Lebanese Armed Forces in 4 Hours" was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 27, 2010.

It said: "The US warned Lebanon that if it did not prevent any recurrence of the border-fire incident that occurred earlier this month, the IDF would destroy the Lebanese Armed Forces within four hours, Israel Radio cited a report by Lebanese newspaper *A-Liwaa* on Friday [Aug. 27]."



An article by Gil Ronen titled "800,000 Refugees in Syria Drought" was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Aug. 29, 2010.

It said: "A harsh four-year drought, along with poor national infrastructures, has driven hundreds of thousands of Syrian farmers off their land in the country's northeastern section. The land where wheat grew abundantly is dry, and provides no sustenance.

"The United Nations estimates that 800,000 people had to leave their homes. Most relocated to camps at the entrance to cities, and have no access to electricity or running water. The residents complain that there are no schools, either, in the camps, and that many of the children have to work to sustain their families."



An Associated Press article by Dale Gavlak titled "3,000-year-old Iron Age Temple Unearthed in Jordan" was posted at msnbc.com on Sept. 1, 2010.

It said: "The Jordanian antiquities department announced Wednesday the discovery of a 3,000-year-old Iron Age temple boasting a trove of figurines of ancient deities and circular clay vessels used in religious rituals."

The article mentioned that archaeologists found the 8th century B.C. sanctuary near the town of Mabada (20 miles southwest of the capital, Amman).

It later said that the Babylonians eventually in 582 B.C. conquered the Moabites, "whose kingdom ran along the present-day Jordan's mountainous eastern shore of the Dead Sea . . ."

It also said: "Archaeologists also unearthed some 300 pots, figurines of deities and sacred vessels used for worship at the site. [Antiquities chief Ziad] al-Saad said it was rare to discover so many Iron Age items in one place."



An article titled "Stephen Hawking Picks Physics Over God for Big Bang" was posted at foxnews.com on Sept. 2, 2010.

It said: "Physics was the reason for the Big Bang, not God, according to scientist Stephen Hawking."

The article mentioned that Mr. Hawking co-authored a book *The Grand Design* with American physicist Leonard Miodinow. The article said that the book "sets out to contest Sir Isaac Newton's belief that the universe must have been designed by God as it could not have been created out of chaos."

It later said: "Professor Hawking had previously appeared to accept the role of God in the creation of the universe, writing in *A Brief History of Time* in 1988."

It later said: "Professor George Ellis, emeritus professor at the University of Cape Town and President of the International Society for Science and Religion, says science may be the loser in this battle.

The article quoted Mr. Ellis as saying: "My biggest problem with this is that it's presenting the public with a choice: science or religion. A lot of people will say, 'OK, I choose religion then' and it is science that will lose out."



An editorial by Cal Thomas titled "Obama's Cronkite Moment?" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "President Obama may have experienced his Walter Cronkite moment over the economy.

"Responding to Cronkite's reporting from Vietnam four decades ago that the only way to end the war was by negotiating with the North Vietnamese, President Lyndon Johnson was reported (though never confirmed) to have said, 'If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost Middle America.'

"Now President Obama appears to have 'lost' *New York Times* liberal economic columnist Paul Krugman. Krugman, who enthusiastically supported the president's redistributionist and stimulus plans, has bowed to the reality that they are not working.

"In a recent column titled 'This Is Not a Recovery,' Krugman took issue with the president and Vice President Joe Biden that we have experienced a summer of economic recovery."

The article quoted Mr. Krugman as writing: "Unfortunately, that's not true. This isn't a recovery, in any sense that matters. And policymakers should be doing everything they can to change that fact . . . Why are people who know better sugarcoating economic reality? The answer, I'm sorry to say, is that it's all about evading responsibility."

Mr. Thomas's article continued: "It is that, and more. The administration is so locked into its left-wing, 'tax, borrow and spend' ideology that it has become like someone trapped in a cult: unable to escape and endlessly repeating the same mantra."

It later said: "An economy burdened down with debt because of too much government spending, a health care law that will add new and unknown burdens, expiring tax cuts that will take more money from the private sector for government to waste and abuse, and a stock market unsure and thus unable to fuel the economic engine to propel us out of this recession, is not a 'summer of recovery,' but a winter of discontent."

It later said: "Writing in *U.S. News & World Report*, publisher Mort Zuckerman takes the Krugman view a step further by calling the administration he once supported 'The Most Fiscally Irresponsible Government in U.S. History.' "

Mr. Thomas quoted Mr. Zuckerman as writing: "People see the stimulus, fashioned and passed by Congress in such a hurry, as a metaphor for wasted money. They are highly critical about the lack of discipline among our political leaders. The question that naturally arises is how to forestall a long-term economic decline."



An article by Richard Wolf titled "Record Number in Government Anti-Poverty Programs" was posted at usatoday.com on Aug. 30, 2010.

It said: "Government anti-poverty programs that have grown to meet the needs of recession victims now serve a record one in six Americans and are continuing to expand."



An article by Suzanne Sataline titled "Cash-Poor Governments Ditching Public Hospitals" was posted at wsj.com on Aug. 29, 2010.

It said: "Faced with mounting debt and looming costs from the new federal health-care law, many local governments are leaving the hospital business, shedding public facilities that can be the caregiver of last resort."

It later said: "More than a fifth of the nation's 5,000 hospitals are owned by governments and many are drowning in debt caused by rising health-care

costs, a spike in uninsured patients, cuts in Medicare and Medicaid and payments on construction bonds sold in fatter times.”



An Associate Press article by Kim Gamel titled “US Wasted Billions in Rebuilding Iraq” was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 29, 2010.

It said: “A \$40 million prison sits in the desert north of Baghdad, empty. A \$165 million children’s hospital goes unused in the south. A \$100 million waste water treatment system in Fallujah has cost three times more than projected, yet sewage still runs through the streets.

“As the U.S. draws down in Iraq, it is leaving behind hundreds of abandoned or incomplete projects. More than \$5 billion in American taxpayer funds has been wasted—more than 10 percent of the some \$50 billion the U.S. has spent on reconstruction in Iraq, according to audits from a U.S. watchdog agency.”



An article by Kevin Bogardus and Barbara Kim titled “Wealthy Lawmakers Increased Their Riches As Economy Sputtered in ‘09” was posted at the-hill.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: “The wealthiest members of Congress grew richer in 2009 even as the economy struggled to recover from a deep recession.

“The 50 wealthiest lawmakers were worth almost \$1.4 billion in 2009, about \$85.1 million more than 12 months earlier.”

The article mentioned the following breakdown of the richest 50 people in Congress. There were 27 Democrats and 23 Republicans. There were 30 House members and 20 senators on the list.

The article listed the following people as the richest 10.

- Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) had a minimum net worth of \$188.6 million, up by more than \$20 million from 2008.
- Rep. Darrel Issa (R-Calif.) had a net worth of \$160.1 million, even though his wealth declined by more than \$4 million in 2009.
- Rep. Jane Harman (D-Calif.) had a net worth of \$152.3 million, a jump of more than \$40 million from a year ago.

The article said: “The rest of the top 10 are Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.), [Rep. Michael] McCaul [R-Texas], Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.), Rep. Jared Polis (D-Colo.), Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.), Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.)”



An editorial by Mark Tapscott titled "Obama, Democrats Got 88 Percent of 2008 Contributions by TV Network Execs, Writers, Reporters" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Aug. 27, 2010.

It said: "Senior executives, on-air personalities, producers, reporters, editors, writers and other self-identifying employees of ABC, CBS and NBC contributed more than \$1 million to Democratic candidates and campaign committees in 2008, according to an analysis by *The Examiner* of data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics.

"The Democratic total of \$1,020,816 was given by 1,160 employees of the three major broadcast television networks, with an average contribution of \$880.

"By contrast, only 193 of the employees contributed to Republican candidates and campaign committees, for a total of \$142,863. The average Republican contribution was \$744."



An article by Nathan Burchfiel titled "Overwhelming White Media Criticize Conservative Rallies as 'Overwhelmingly White' " was posted at newsbusters.org on Aug. 31, 2010.

The article mentioned how the main media outlets persistently describe conservative events as "overwhelmingly white." While it could be said that such reporting is simply stating a fact, it could also be said that such reporting is intended to be a criticism about an apparent lack of diversity.

The article said: "But even as the media criticize Tea Party and other conservative rallies for an apparent lack of diversity, they struggle to bring minority voices into their own operations."

It later said: "The charge leveled at conservative demonstrators is especially ironic given the accusers. The media are notoriously 'overwhelmingly white.'

"The American Society of Newspaper Editors reported in April 2010 that minorities total only 13.26 percent of newsroom staff, a decline from the previous year. The report found 465 newspapers have no minorities on their full-time staffs, a number that 'has been growing since 2006.' "

It later said: "Newspapers aren't alone. The third annual Television Newsroom Management Diversity Census found that 'persons of color' only make up 12.6 percent of staff in TV newsrooms. A 2007 survey by the Radio Television Digital News Association found that minorities make up 21.5 percent of the television news workforce—higher than print but still short of the 34.5 percent of the population. Only 10.2 percent of broadcast news directors are minorities.

"But that didn't stop broadcast outlets from pointing the finger at conservatives."



An editorial by Jack Kelly titled "Beck, the Next McVeigh?" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "Talk show host Glenn Beck held an ecumenical revival meeting on the mall in Washington D.C. Saturday [Aug. 28]. A lot of people came.

"The Rev. Al Sharpton held a counter demonstration in the same city the same day. Not many participated."

The article mentioned the wide variety of estimates of the crowd at Mr. Beck's rally. CBS News said the crowd was 87,000. NBC News estimated the crowd to be 300,000.

The article mentioned the wide variety of estimates of the crowd at Mr. Sharpton's rally. *The Washington Post* estimated the turnout between 2,000 and 3,000. *The New York Times* described it as "several hundred."

The events were held on the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech at the same location.

The article said: "He [Glenn Beck] and other speakers—mostly notably Martin Luther King's niece, Dr. Alveda King—effusively praised Dr. King."

It later said: "Mr. Sharpton played no role in the civil rights struggles of the 1960s. Dr. Alveda King did. She thinks her uncle would have been pleased to have 200,000-plus mostly white folks endorse his goal and cheer his name at the place where he made his 'I Have a Dream' speech."

The article quoted Ms. King as saying: "If Uncle Martin could be here today, he would surely commend us for giving honor where honor is due. He would encourage us to lay aside the divisive lies that cause us to think we are part of separate races. We are one human family."

The article then quoted from liberal pundits and journalists who expressed their criticisms of Mr. Beck's rally.

The article quoted "liberal blogger Dave Niewart (*Crooks and Liars*)" as saying: "When I saw pan shots of the crowd—which was one of the whitest crowds in D.C. in recent memory—I mostly thought I saw 'the next Timothy McVeigh.' "

To which Mr. Kelly wrote: "It is doubtful Oklahoma City bomber McVeigh, an atheist, would have gone near a religious revival meeting."



An article by Sara Jerome titled "Glenn Beck Launches News Website" was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "Fox News host Glenn Beck launched a website on Monday to showcase opinion and news content that he says do not make it into other publications."

The website is titled TheBlaze.com.



An editorial by Lee Smith titled “Lawless: ‘Sharia’ is a Much More Abstract Concept Than Ideologues Suggest” was posted at tablemag.com on Aug. 18, 2010.

It said: “With a recent CNN poll showing that 68 percent of Americans oppose the plan to build a mosque in lower Manhattan, close to Ground Zero, it is difficult not to conclude that Americans have begun to take a referendum, not necessarily on their Muslim neighbors, but more generally on what they see as the problems posed by Islam to U.S. liberal democracy.

“In Washington, Newt Gingrich put a name to it in a speech at the American Enterprise Institute when he identified the problem as ‘sharia,’ or what is commonly translated as Islamic law.”

It later said: “By making sharia the focus of his fulminations, Gingrich has taken an almost hopelessly abstract concept and weighted it with an existential presence that it has never had in 1,400 years of Muslim history.”

It later said: “In Muslim history there were at least six major Sunni schools of law, with only four remaining (Hanbali, Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi’i); in Shai Islam there are two major approaches, *usuli*, based on deriving principles, and *akhbari*, a scripturalist posture that believes all answers are already written down in the Quran and the sayings of the Shiite saints . . . Except for the Quran, Sunnis and Shiites typically disagree about everything.”

The article described the author’s view that it is folly to think that an outright jihad war of invading the U.S. could ever happen.

It later said: “The stealth scenario is slightly less preposterous—jihadis insinuating their way through our legal and political systems to slowly Islamize a credulous U.S. public degree by degree—but many time more repugnant.

“It is necessarily premised on the idea of a United States that has lost faith and confidence in its own values and an intellectual and political elite too stupid to tell the difference between our founding principles and Islamic obscurantism.”

It later said: “But what’s more embarrassing is that the political leaders of a free country imagine that our freedoms are threatened, not by real men with real weapons who are supported by states that claim to be our allies, but by a scare word whose real-world applications are obscure to Muslims and non-Muslims alike.”



An editorial by Diana West titled “Do Not Tolerate the Intolerant” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 27, 2010.

It said: "It is becoming clear to people, despite the gag of political correctness, that there's a reason 'Islam' means 'submission.'

"Islam not only seeks to order the spiritual realm inhabited by a Muslim and Allah, it lays out a doctrine to control every believer's behavior (down to the most intimate bodily functions) as well as the public life of the collective.

"Doctrinally, Islam is thus 'doubly totalitarian,' in the words of G.H. Bousquet, a leading scholar of Islamic law, in accordance with the body of law known as Shariah. Under Shariah, freedom of conscience and freedom of speech are outlawed with extreme sanction (those who leave Islam fear death to this day), while non-Muslims and women exist as legal inferiors to the Muslim man.

"Meanwhile, jihad—holy war to extend Islamic rule—is a sacred command. And I have the books that prove it.

"In other words, this isn't Islam because I say so, but because its sacred, authoritative, mainstream, non-hijacked, untwisted texts say so.

"It is the religious and political and legal ideology that inspired the al-Qaida killers on 9/11, and it is the religious and political and legal ideology that inspires the mosque complex at Ground Zero.

"And I didn't come up with that, folks; I just happened to notice, and thought you should know.

"The crucial fact is, whether we are brutalized by acts of jihad or confused by acts of dawa (proselytizing), their goal is identical: more Islamic law."

The article quoted New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg as saying: "Just as we fought communism by showing the world the power of free markets and free elections, so must we fight terrorism by showing the world the power of religious freedom and cultural tolerance. Freedom and tolerance will always defeat tyranny and terrorism—that is the great lesson of the 20th century, and we must not abandon it here in the 21st."

The article continued: "It almost sounds wonderful—until the froth dries and you remember that fighting tyranny is never as easy as show-and-tell. This is something that victims of the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc, for example, could explain to the mayor.

"Freedom and tolerance, regardless of how well they are exemplified, don't have a chance against tyranny and terrorism if they aren't vigilantly protected.

"Indeed, tolerance is doomed if it is extended to the intolerant, something philosopher Karl Popper worked out in the last century."

The article quoted Mr. Popper as saying: "Unlimited tolerance must lead to the disappearance of tolerance. If we extend unlimited tolerance even to those who are intolerant, if we are not prepared to defend a tolerant society against the onslaught of the intolerant, then the tolerant will be destroyed

and tolerance with them . . . We should therefore claim, in the name of tolerance, the right not to tolerate the intolerant.”

The article concluded: “For the sake of the Twin Towers that’s a duty.”



An editorial by Frank J. Gaffney Jr. titled “Not a Muslim, but There’s Certainly Legitimate Room for Concern Over Obama’s Recent Repeated Actions” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: “Growing numbers of our countrymen may be on to something else about the Obama presidency, however, that is even more alarming: In instance after instance, Mr. Obama has seemingly bent over backwards to accommodate not just Muslim-Americans, but a deeply problematic organization—the Muslim Brotherhood (or *Ikhwan*)—that purports to represent their interests here.

“In fact, the Brotherhood seeks to do something most Muslims in this country—and, needless to say, the rest of us—do not want.”

Mr. Gaffney described the organization’s mission statement as saying that the organization is waging “a kind of grand jihad eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and ‘sabotaging’ its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.”

The article continued: “One need not believe that the President of the United States has actually embraced this radical goal to be concerned. It is enough that he has repeatedly said and done things that conform to, or otherwise advance, the Ikhwan’s agenda as articulated by the Brotherhood’s myriad front organizations in the United States.”

Mr. Gaffney proceeded to list seven statements/actions presented or advocated by Mr. Obama.

The article continued: “The latest poll suggests that most Americans do not believe Barack Obama is a Muslim. And for the vast majority of us, it would not matter even if he were—provided he does not subscribe to the Brotherhood’s creed.”

Mr. Gaffney quoted the creed as: “God is our objective; the Koran is our law; the Prophet is our leader; jihad is our way; and death for the sake of Allah is the highest of our aspirations.”

The article concluded: “Still, the public is clearly increasingly, and rightly, concerned about Mr. Obama’s policies of favoritism and submission towards the worst elements in Islam. Before tax-dollars are spent to that end, we need a national debate about such policies, and the grave dangers posed by their seeming principal beneficiary: the Muslim Brotherhood.”



An Associated Press article titled "Pakistan Militants Kill 35 Despite Floods" was posted at foxnews.com on Sept. 2, 2010.

It said: "The triple bombings of a religious procession in Pakistan adds to the strains on a government already struggling with devastating floods and shows that Islamist militants are back in business despite the natural disaster."



An article titled "US Charges Pakistani Taliban Leader" was posted at aljazeera.net on Sept. 1, 2010.

It said: "US prosecutors have charged Hakimullah Mehsud, the leader of the Pakistani Taliban, with organising an attack that killed seven CIA employees at an American base in Afghanistan last December.

"The US Justice department said on Wednesday that Mehsud, believed to be in the tribal areas of Pakistan, was charged with conspiracy to kill Americans overseas and to use a weapon of mass destruction."

It later said: "US military forces have attempted to assassinate Mehsud numerous times using unmanned aerial drones, and the US state department is offering a reward of up to \$5 million for information about his whereabouts."

It later said: "Mehsud is the head of the group known as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), or Taliban Movement of Pakistan . . .

"The TTP hit the US headlines following the Times Square bomb attempt, which saw a naturalised US citizen of Pakistan origin arrested after a sport utility vehicle rigged with a crude explosive device that included firecrackers and propane gas tanks was found in New York's main tourist hub.

"Faisal Shahzad, the alleged attempted bomber, later pleaded guilty and said he had received bomb-making training and \$12,000 from the TTP in Pakistan to facilitate the bomb attempt."



An Associated Press article titled "NY Temple Plot Suspect: I'll Kill 10 Million Jews" was posted at ynetnews.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "A man accused of plotting to bomb New York synagogues and shoot down military planes ranted against Jews and mused about 'taking down' targets in the United States, according to audio tapes played Monday at his federal trial.

"The tapes were secretly recorded by a paid informant testifying against James Cromitie and three other men who were arrested in 2009 on their way to the synagogues."

The article quoted Mr. Cromitie on the tape as saying: "Muslims want to take the US down. Believe me, we can do it with our regular Muslims here."



An editorial by Thomas Sowell titled "The Mosque Controversy" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 31, 2010.

It said: "The proposed mosque near where the World Trade Center was attacked and destroyed, along with thousands of American lives, would be a 15-story middle finger to America.

"It takes a high IQ to evade the obvious, so it is not surprising that the intelligentsia are out in force, decrying those who criticize this calculated insult.

"What may surprise some people is that the American taxpayer is currently financing a trip to the Middle East by the imam who is pushing this project, so that he can raise the money to build it. The State Department is subsidizing his travel."

It later said: "The real question is why they chose that particular location, in a country that covers more than 3 million square miles.

"If we all did everything that we have a legal right to do, we could not even survive as individuals, much less as a society. So the question is whether those who are planning a Ground Zero mosque want to be part of American society or just to see how much they can get away with in American society.

"Can anyone in his right mind believe that this was intended to show solidarity with Americans, rather than solidarity with those who attacked America? Does anyone imagine that the Middle East nations, including Iran, from whom financial contributions will be solicited, want to promote reconciliation between Americans and Muslims?

"That the President of the United States has joined the chorus of those calling the Ground Zero mosque a religious freedom issue tells us a lot about the moral dry rot that is undermining this country from within.

"In this, as in other things, Barack Obama is not so much the cause of our decline but the culmination of it. He had many predecessors and many contemporaries who represent the same mindset and the same malaise.

"These are people for whom moral preening has become a way of life. They are out in force denouncing critics of the Ground Zero mosque.

"There are others for whom a citizen of the world affectation puts them one-up on those of us who are grateful to be Americans, and to enjoy a freedom that is all too rare in other countries around the world, even at this date in human history.

"They think the United States is somehow on trial, and needs to prove itself to others by bending over backwards. But bending over backwards does not win friends. It loses respect, including self-respect."



Isaiah 55:6-11—Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.