



World
Peace!

ONLY through
Our Lady
of Fatima

WAR IS INEVITABLE:

Unless Our Lady Is Obeyed NOW!

“By Thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, obtain for me the conversion of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe and the whole world.”

...Prayer dictated by Jesus to Sister Lucy of Fatima

By Father Nicholas Gruner, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)

Jesus dictated the above prayer to Sister Lucy. He told us to pray it. This is part of the Message of Fatima.

I pray this prayer many times every day, adding Canada and the United States to the list:

“By Thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, obtain for me the conversion of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe, Canada, the United States and the whole world.”

I pray for peace and I work for peace every day and far into the night. Yet it is becoming obvious that we are continuing more and more to approach the brink of war and devastation – even to the point that “various nations will be annihilated” and “the abomination of desolation” prophesied to come in the latter times will be seen.

For months, the international news has been centered on the

tensions and violence in Ukraine. Russia and the United States have all but entered into a new Cold War, which threatens at any moment to erupt into an armed confrontation. The situation is more critical than anything that has taken place since the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. There has already been much bloodshed in Ukraine, with no end to the violence in sight.

Russia Ready to Reduce the U.S. to Ash

Accusations, threats and provocations are openly exchanged between Russia and the United States. An official Russian newscaster boasted in March 2014 that Russia is ready and able to reduce the United States to radioactive ash. In fact, recent events (discussed inside this issue of *The Fatima Crusader*) have demonstrated the possibility that Russia

"It's Never



Too Late

*To Have Recourse to the
Hearts of Jesus and Mary."*

... Jesus to Sister Lucy

has already surpassed the U.S. in military technology and readiness.

Financial and economic strains in the U.S.A. have also reached levels never seen before. Countries throughout the world are on the edge of bankruptcy

and economic collapse, and these economic strains are also causing the nations of the world to blame others for major problems that they, themselves, are also to blame for. Financial analysts have pointed out how similar the economic situation of our time

is to that just before the First World War.

In the last issue of *The Fatima Crusader*, we focused on the threat of war developing from conflicts in the South or East China Seas, and in the Middle East. In this issue we have highlighted for our readers the even more flammable situation in Ukraine.

Guilt on Both Sides

In each case, we have tried to give an objective appraisal of these threats of war, rising above the natural instinct to defend one's own countrymen and allies as the presumed innocent parties in a dispute. It is usually the case that there is guilt on both sides, and it is important for us not to be deceived about who or what is really driving the world into war, devastation, and chaos.

Our Lord said, "Let him among you who is without sin cast the first stone." Similarly today, there is fault among us all. ALL nations today, both East and West, need conversion.

We have to be willing to rise above partisan politics in order to see the world as God and Our Lady see it. The errors of Russia have now spread throughout the world. There is innocent blood of children killed by abortion crying to Heaven against every

country; there are blasphemies and unnatural crimes demanding Heaven's vengeance against every country. We are all in need of conversion. We all need God's mercy. It is only by obedience to Our Lady of Fatima that the world can escape the scourge of war now hanging over us.

The Threats Are Real and Urgent

All these international threats which we have described in this issue are very real and very urgent. They all point to war and to the likely defeat of the West.

Sister Lucy said: "[M]any times, the Most Holy Virgin told my cousins Francisco and Jacinta, as well as myself, that many nations will disappear from the face of the earth. She said that Russia will be the instrument of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the whole world [for its sins] if we do not beforehand obtain the conversion of that poor nation." But we also know from Our Lady of Fatima that Russia cannot be converted except by the Consecration of Russia in the manner specified by Our Lady of Fatima.

The next war will be the shortest and most deadly and destructive war in the history of the world. It could come this year. It **will** come very soon, unless the Pope obeys Our Lady of Fatima

beforehand – that is, unless we succeed by our prayers, by our sacrifices, by our petitions to the Pope, by our efforts to inform and warn our friends and loved ones to wake up, and by encouraging religious and civic leaders to prevail upon and intervene with Pope Francis and the bishops and Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church to finally obey God and do what only they can do. Next month may be too late to prevent the “annihilation” of nations.

It is only by the Pope and the Catholic bishops doing properly the explicit Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (just as Our Lady of Fatima requested, and as She announced was God’s Will) that you and I and the whole world will be able to live in peace and harmony with each other – within and between each and every nation of the world, with the whole world, and above all, with God.

Please read every word of this important issue of *The Fatima Crusader*, which explores many aspects of the world situation, all pointing to how close we are to WORLD WAR III. Pass this copy on to others, and order extra copies to distribute. Our situation is very dangerous. Our need to obey Our Lady of Fatima is very great, right now!

We Are on Your Side

Many of the facts discussed in this issue may seem controversial at first, largely because they are not widely known, and are contradicted by the mainstream media. Many Americans and Canadians rely entirely on so-called “mainstream” news sources for their understanding of current events. We must all be open-minded to the possibility that we have been misled by the media sources which have been (overtly or imperceptibly) shaping our opinions.

Please! Read the entire magazine, even if you find that not all of your opinions are confirmed. Read it in the spirit in which it was written – with a simple desire to advance the one and only solution which is found in the true Message of Our Lady of Fatima; with no pretention of being omniscient or infallible, yet with the certitude that comes from years of study and reflection on the whole Fatima Message. We write and publish with no malice toward anyone; without any conscious bias or desire to shield certain parties; and without pressures to parrot any distortions or misrepresentations advanced by the secular press.

The threat of war and of the sudden, ***catastrophic loss of***

millions or billions of souls is real, and it is extreme. We don't have to rely on human reports to know this because Our Lady of Fatima Herself has assured us that without the Consecration, Russia will not be able to convert and the world will not have peace.

Some people tell me: "Father, you've been saying this for 30 years! We don't have to listen to you. The world will keep going on as it is. Our diplomats and our military will protect us from disaster." Well, I have been saying similar things for 30 years and what I said has been true throughout all that time. How much hardship has the world suffered, how much scandal has been eating away at lives and souls, how many souls have been lost during the past 30 years? Worldwide, since 1984, **over one billion, 600 million (ie. 1,600,000,000) children have been murdered in their mothers' wombs!** All of this needless loss could have so easily been avoided had we managed to bring about the Consecration of Russia 30 years ago!

Today Is Even MORE Urgent

But today, things are still more urgent! Now we have come to a precipice. Why is it more urgent? What is different this time? Read the article "70 Years of False

Peace Ending Soon!" on [page 25](#) of this issue to get more details. Read "War 2014?" on [page 10](#) to get still more analysis. But to just give you a quick overview:

Never before has Russia announced worldwide on Internet public TV, in English, its willingness to reduce the U.S.A. to nuclear ash!

Never before in the whole world is every country, including and especially the U.S.A., facing bankruptcy.

Never before has there been so much sin.

Never before have so many bombs and weapons of mass destruction been created.

Never before has the devil been so brazen – witness the evil at Harvard on May 12, 2014:

Just consider, the soldiers of satan and his followers promoting a satanic "black mass" in which a Catholic consecrated Host is desecrated. It was promoted publicly that it would take place on May 12, 2014 at Harvard University in Boston as an **"expression of academic freedom"**!

The devil, a liar and a murderer from the beginning (John, Chapter 8), is coming out in the open and almost no one resists! The devil is the first author of

war and he is getting more and more into the act of causing mass destruction.

The Administration of Harvard dared **not** to forbid this crime against God and man on its campus. But, apparently, social pressure from enough little people in the student body and alumni community persuaded the stupid student club involved to withdraw its invitation for using Harvard's campus for this despicable satanic ritual – only for it to take place at a restaurant across the street off campus that same evening!

Obviously, the devil is out and about and ever more bold than before. We need to see the big picture and see how close we are to the prophecy that “various nations will be annihilated.”

There Is Still Some Time

Time has never been on our side in this battle, and now time is running out. World War III will be very swift and very painful and very deadly. There will be no going back. We need to wake up NOW!

We have the opportunity now to work and pray and sacrifice to bring about the fulfillment of Our Lady's requests **before** the worst of Her warnings come to pass. We need to redouble our

efforts and our generosity and our seriousness in this battle, while the opportunity still exists in which to do so.

Our United Spiritual Weapons Can Still Win

How do we fight this battle? Above all, it is a spiritual battle. Our fight is not against flesh and blood so much as it is against devils, fallen angels, who want to take as many souls as possible to hell. We must use the weapons that Our Lady has given us – Her Rosary, to which Heaven has given more power in our time than ever before; Her shield of protection, the Brown Scapular, by which we uniform ourselves as Our Lady's servants; and the Communion of Reparation of the First Saturdays of each month.

We must attach great importance to these **reparatory devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, which Our Lady of Fatima particularly urges us to use, because the sins of the world today are very, very great. God in His justice cannot forgive such grave blasphemies against His Mother as exist today **without someone making an act of reparation for those blasphemies!**

We need God's merciful intervention in the world now, more than at any time in the

Church's history, and we have been given the means to secure that intervention. It is in all of our hands, not just in the Pope's hands. We cannot sit back and say: "Why doesn't he do his job? It's his responsibility." God expects His faithful in the world to be the salt of the world. We relatively few who know and understand Our Lady's Message must pour ourselves out in response to that Message.

We are blessed to be numbered in the ranks of Our Lady's crusaders, yet it requires hard work and many sacrifices of us. At first it may sound like a difficult burden to pray the Rosary **every day**, or to pray all fifteen decades every day, or to embrace all sorts of little opportunities for making sacrifices throughout each day, or to make a special and fervent day out of each First Saturday.

But if we just take the first step, Our Lady makes it easy to continue step by step to work generously for the salvation of souls. God will give us the grace to conquer the evil of our time, if only we use the weapons He has given us through Our Lady.

Our prayers, our sacrifices, our almsgivings are so crucial now. We at the Fatima Center rely every day on your continued prayers and almsgivings for this important work. We need to be

informed. We need to inform others. We need to beg the Pope to act, to save us before we all perish.

We Must Get Everyone to Realize It's up to Each One of Us

Our Lady of Fatima told us, "War is a punishment for sin," and the sins of the world are great. It is impossible that God will allow the world to go on in its hell-bent course without limit. For those with eyes to see, the world seems to be approaching that limit. Most of mankind is living in sin – many through ignorance, others because of bad leadership, and others through real malice. War is clearly on the horizon for most of the world, not 10 years or 5 years from now, possibly not even 6 months from now. It could be much sooner. War will come to the whole world unless Our Lady steps in to prevent it through the great merits of Her Immaculate Heart when Russia is consecrated according to God's command. Unless we heed this command very soon – next month could be too late – we will not be able to avoid the coming war.

How do we know this? Look at the whole picture – military, political, economic, and financial. Please read the article beginning on [page 10](#), and Christopher Ferrara's article starting on [page](#)

15, and reflect on the facts that have been gathered in all the articles in this *Fatima Crusader*.

The ONE and ONLY Solution

Peace is still possible, but only on God's terms. Our Lady of Fatima has offered us the **One**

and Only solution that exists for our plight. The "solutions" proposed by world leaders – more war, more financial and political manipulation – are no solutions at all.

**Fatima Is It.
Nothing Else Will Work!**

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ANALYST MICHAEL BILLINGTON REPORTS:

U.S. Hawkish Policies on Russia to Herald WWIII: Analyst



The United States' radical policies against Russia over the crisis in Ukraine will plunge the world into World War III, an analyst tells Press TV.

Michael Billington told Press TV in a Thursday interview that WWIII has "effectively" started as Washington is escalating tensions in Ukraine, where pro-Russian protesters are facing a military crackdown.

"What is at stake here is not a war over Ukraine; it is not even a war with Russia; this is a war demanded by the British and the [US President Barack] Obama administration, who takes orders from the Wall Street and the City of London bankers, who want a war. And this is not going to be a war in Europe; this is going to be a global war," said the analyst.

<http://www.presstv.com>

WAR 2014?

Part I Russia, Ukraine and the Third Secret of Fatima

Compiled by Staff of the Fatima Center

Father Malachi Martin, a Jesuit professor at the Vatican's Pontifical Biblical Institute, was sought out by Cardinal Augustin Bea to serve as his theological advisor during the Second Vatican Council, from 1958 to 1964. Being highly esteemed by Pope John XXIII, Father Martin was given the privilege of reading the Third Secret of Fatima.

As Father Martin wanted no part in the “auto-demolition” of the Church that followed the Council, he sought and obtained from Pope Paul VI to be released from the Jesuits and from his vows of poverty and obedience in 1964. He retained, however, his vow of celibacy and his priestly faculties, and he continued to celebrate Holy Mass daily.

Father Martin was grieved by Pope John's decision to suppress the Third Secret, and he longed to straightforwardly reveal its contents to the world. He was prevented from doing so, however, by the oath of secrecy that had been required of him. He considered himself free to speak of the Secret in general terms.



Father Malachi Martin was allowed to read the Third Secret of Fatima in 1960. Forty years later, as he was approaching the end of his life, he used every opportunity to warn the faithful about the dire contents of the still-hidden Secret, to the extent that he could do so without violating his vow of secrecy.

Some of Father Martin's most revealing statements about how dire the contents of the Third Secret are, were made in the course of a July 13, 1998 radio appearance on Art Bell's *Coast to Coast AM* – on the anniversary of Our Lady's confiding the Secret to the children, and scarcely a year before his death:

"It was given to me to read one morning early in February 1960, and of course before I got it I had to take ... [an] oath ... of maintaining the Secret. So the details of it I cannot communicate, and the actual verbiage and expressions. ...

"The Cardinal who showed it to me had been present at a meeting held by Pope John XXIII in that year, 1960, to outline to a certain number of Cardinals and prelates what he thought should be done with the Secret. [The Pope] did not think that he should publish the Secret. It would ruin his, at that time, ongoing negotiations with Nikita Khrushchev, the boss of all the Russians. And he also had a different outlook on life, which, two years later, opening the Vatican Council, he echoed very succinctly and almost contemptuously. In the middle of his speech on October 11, 1962, in St. Peter's, to the assembled bishops who had come to the Vatican Council, and the visitors (the place was crowded, the huge basilica), he derided contemptuously the people he called "prophets of doom." And there was no doubt in any of our minds, he was talking about the three prophets of Fatima. ...

"It [the release of the Third Secret] would be a shock, there is no doubt about that. ... [Y]es, this will shock, this will jolt people up, this will *fill the confessionals* on a Saturday evening. This will fill up the cathedrals and the basilicas and the churches with worshipers *kneeling down, striking their breasts*."¹

Of particular interest now, in light of Russia's recent takeover of Crimea and the escalating tug-of-war between Russia and the European Union over Ukraine, is Father Martin's reference to the role of Kiev (the capital city of Ukraine) in the Third Secret prophecies. Here is an excerpt from Father Martin's 1991 interview with Bernard Janzen of Triumph Communications:

Mr. Janzen: Now you've just mentioned Gorbachev – and the book *Windswept House* spoke a lot about Russia. Does Russia still play an important role in the Message of Fatima, even though the Iron Curtain has come down?

Fr. Martin: It does. It does. ... Now as regards the Message of Fatima, it still stands. It still stands. The “errors of Russia” are now abroad. And they are abroad. “Russia will be converted,” but only by My Immaculate Heart, She said. It *will* be – She said it. But a bit late, but not too late, She said. So Russia is within the plan. Why? Uh, that would take me too far afield into papal secrets, why **Russia and Kiev** are involved in the final solution of this problem, but they are. They are part and parcel. And it’s really God’s choice. It’s purely and simply God’s choice.... He makes choices. He has His own favorite solutions to things. I wouldn’t have chosen **the Russians or Kiev** or the East for salvation, but salvation is to come from the East for us all.²

Father Martin speaks as though Our Lady of Fatima made specific references to Kiev in the Third Secret *in the same vein as Her prophecies regarding Russia’s role* (after its eventual conversion) in ushering in the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart. Will Kiev be a central organ of Russia’s operations at that time when Russia is converted? If so, a Russian takeover of Ukraine would seem to bring us another step closer to the fearful times in which Our Lady’s prophecies of persecutions and *the annihilation of nations* being finally realized.

79.68% in Crimea in Favor of Joining Russia

March 1, 2014. Sevastopol, home of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet.

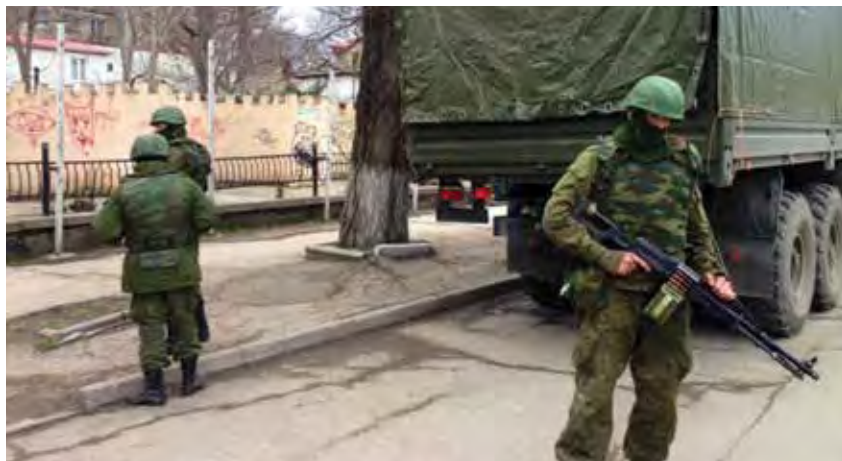
A convoy of troop-transport vehicles bearing Russian military plates arrives at a Ukrainian border-guard base in this Crimean port city. More than 100 armed, Russian-speaking soldiers (whose uniforms bear no insignia) unload and take up positions along the main strip of the bay.

Excited residents throng the scene, waving Russian flags. The masked soldiers refuse to identify themselves to reporters, and order them to keep their distance. Residents, however, are allowed to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the soldiers, posing for photographs and sharing cigarettes.

The scene is repeated in other Crimean cities. The Ukrainian Navy building in Sevastopol is held under siege. In the nearby port city of Feodosia, an infantry detachment of Ukrainian Marines is surrounded and ordered to surrender.

More troops – possibly 16,000 – swarm the major thoroughfares of the Crimean peninsula, surrounding government buildings, occupying the area’s main airports, and blockading Ukrainian military bases.

According to the Western media’s reports, Crimea has been invaded and taken over by Russia. But the vast majority of Crimeans themselves disagree. Let’s see why.



The world is asking itself, “Is Crimea a part of Ukraine or a part of Russia?” An implicit but forceful answer is suggested by the presence of these Russian-speaking soldiers (whose uniforms bear no insignia to indicate their nationality) guarding buildings in Simferopol, the capital of Crimea.

Background: Tearing Ukraine Apart

Since the break-up of the Soviet Union at the end of the Cold War, when Ukraine was re-established as a sovereign nation, Ukraine has been plagued with proverbial levels of political corruption. The recently-ousted president’s administration is said to have been “built on total corruption,” and to have pocketed literally billions of dollars out of the frail Ukrainian economy.³

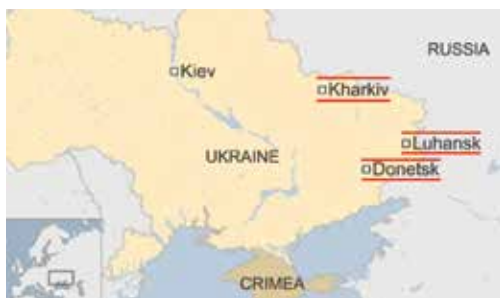
Another factor making Ukraine an easy prey for those who might want to destabilize it, is Ukraine’s artificially assembled population. The eastern and southern provinces, including Crimea, are traditional Russian territories – not part of historical Ukraine. These regions were transferred from Soviet Russia to the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic in the 1950s by Khrushchev, who hoped to dilute and diminish the Nazi influence which persisted after WWII among the

many western Ukrainians who had served under Hitler. But Ukraine has proven to be an unsuccessful melting pot, and the mix of ethnic Russians, Jews, Crimean Tatars, and even neo-Nazis remains volatile to this day. Clearly the pot itself could be the first thing to melt. As Patrick Buchanan notes:

“Eight million Ukrainians are ethnic Russians. In east Ukraine and the Crimea, the majority speaks Russian and cherishes these ties. Western Ukraine looks to Europe. ... Pushed too far and pressed too hard, Ukraine could disintegrate.”⁴

The U.S.A. and the C.I.A. in the Ukraine

For a variety of reasons, Ukraine has indeed been targeted for exploitation. Western globalists see political, financial, and strategic incentives for gaining Ukraine for the European Union and NATO (the Brussels-based North Atlantic Treaty Organization), and they have spent much time and money engineering the recent



There are 10 cities on the eastern border of Ukraine – just beside Russia – that have strong pro-Russian sentiments, many of them manifesting their loyalty is more to Russia than to the rest of Ukraine. This has become a center of international attention for several months. Various people have been killing each other in these cities for these demonstrations of their political attachment to Russia.

upheaval in Kiev. Paul Craig Roberts (former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and associate editor of *The Wall Street Journal*) explains:

“The U.S. and EU were initially cooperating in the effort to destroy the independence of Ukraine and make it a subservient entity to the EU government in Brussels. For the EU government, the goal is to expand the EU. For Washington the purposes are to make Ukraine available for looting by U.S. banks and corporations, and to bring Ukraine into NATO so that Washington can gain more military bases on Russia’s frontier. ...

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In the Unfolding World Conflict:

There Is **ONLY** **ONE** Right Choice

By Christopher A. Ferrara

Recent alarming developments in the Crimea and Ukraine have made it clear that, thirty years after John Paul II's failed attempt to consecrate Russia without mentioning Russia, "that poor nation" as Sister Lucia called it, remains at the center of the world events prophesied in the Message of Fatima. As Our Lady of Fatima warned the Church and the world nearly a century ago:

"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.*"

Pay attention to the final phrase of Our Lady's prophecy: *various nations will be annihilated.* That warning did not expire with the end of the 20th century, as the former Vatican Secretaries



of State, Cardinals Sodano and Bertone, would have us believe.

But why should we believe the prophetic message of Fatima in the first place? Let me dispense immediately with the facile objection that Fatima involves a mere "private revelation." Let us remember, first of all, that Pope Francis began his pontificate by twice personally requesting that the Patriarch of Lisbon, Cardinal

José Policarpo, consecrate his entire pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima. That consecration took place on May 13, 2013, exactly two months after his election as Pope.

In fact, it is precisely the decisive acts of successive Roman Pontiffs which have placed the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in a class by themselves, establishing beyond any doubt that they comprise no mere “private revelation” but rather a public prophetic revelation given by God for the guidance of the Church in our time. Moreover, the authenticity of the Message of Fatima was confirmed by Heaven itself with a public miracle on October 13, 1917 – the Miracle of the Sun – witnessed by 70,000 souls at the Cova da Iria, including non-believers, at precisely the moment the Blessed Virgin told the Fatima seers it would occur. There has been nothing like this miracle in the entire history of the world.

Pope John Paul II Declared: “The Church Is Obligated by Fatima.”

As Pope John Paul II declared during his pilgrimage to Fatima in 1982: “The content of the appeal of Our Lady of Fatima is so rooted in the Gospel and all of Tradition that *the Church feels obligated* by this Message.” John Paul II attributed his very

escape from death on May 13, 1981 – the anniversary of the first of the Fatima apparitions – to a direct intervention by the Virgin of Fatima. One of the three assassin’s bullets that miraculously missed the Pope’s vital organs rests today in the crown of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at the Fatima Shrine, placed there at the request of the very Pope whose life She saved. And it was John Paul II who, while Sister Lucia was still alive, beatified her cousins – Francisco and Jacinta, the other two Fatima seers – and decreed May 13 as the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima in the Roman Missal.

I must confess that I find utterly annoying the ceaseless propaganda of certain sophisticates within the Church, who, ignoring the singular character and extraordinary level of papal approbation of the Fatima apparitions, continue to dismiss them as a “private revelation” which the hierarchy and the faithful are free to ignore. I am amazed at the imprudence of this derogation of an undoubted personal intervention of the Mother of God in human affairs. As Antonio Socci has written concerning people of this mentality: “The Fatima event has received on the part of the Church – which in general is very

cautious concerning supernatural phenomena – a recognition that has no equal in Christian history.... It is really impossible – after all this – to continue to speak of a ‘private revelation’ and of the relative importance of the Message.”

The Urgency of the Fatima Message

And, regarding the enduring relevance and urgency of the Fatima message, it was none other than Pope Benedict XVI who declared, in his sermon at Fatima on May 13, 2010: “*Si illuderebbe chi pensasse che la missione profetica di Fatima sia conclusa.*”

“He deceives himself who thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded.”

With the continuing relevance and urgency of the Fatima event in view, what are we to make of the events concerning Crimea and Ukraine, and the recent behavior of Mr. Putin? Let me speak of Mr. Putin first.

Putin’s Christian Appearance

Anyone who has any awareness of current world events knows that of late Putin has been sounding like the world’s leading Christian statesman – if not the world’s *only* Christian statesman.

Whoever wrote his Op-Ed piece for the *New York Times*, protesting the United States’ then-imminent and totally insane attack on Syria – the “weapons of mass destruction” canard *again*? Really? – produced a masterpiece of moral reprobation of a nation drunk with its own sense of power and entitlement. Wrote Putin’s ghostwriter:

“It is extremely dangerous to encourage people to see themselves as exceptional, whatever the motivation. There are big countries and small countries, rich and poor, those with long democratic traditions and those still finding their way to democracy. Their policies differ, too. We are all different, but when we ask for the Lord’s blessings, we must not forget that God created us equal.”

The Lord’s blessings? Is this the Putin we know and loathe? The autocrat who assassinates or jails his political opponents and silences all opposition in the Russian press?

Then there was Putin’s visit to Ukraine last July in order to celebrate the 1,025th anniversary of the conversion of Prince Vladimir of Kiev to Christianity – *Catholic* Christianity – in 988. (No, Saint Vladimir the Great

did not found the Russian Orthodox Church, as Russian Orthodox historians would have us believe.) On this occasion Putin declared: “*We are all spiritual heirs of what happened here 1,025 years ago. And in this sense we are, without a doubt, one people.*” Saint Vladimir the Great’s conversion, followed by the mass baptism of his subjects – the tribes known as the Kievan Rus’, hence “Russia” – meant the conversion to Catholicism of what are now Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, sixty-six years before the Orthodox schism arose in 1054.

Putin Criticizes the West

Even more remarkable, on December 12, 2013, Putin delivered a State of the Union Address in which he noted the crumbling foundations of decadent Western liberalism.

“Today,” he noted, “many nations are revising their moral values and ethical norms, eroding ethnic traditions and differences between peoples and cultures. Society is now required not only to recognize everyone’s right to the freedom of conscience, political views and privacy, but also to accept without question the equality of good and evil, strange as it seems, concepts that are opposite in meaning.”

One can scarcely believe that what follows came from the mouth of Putin:

“We know that there are more and more people in the world who support our position on *defending traditional values that have made up the spiritual and moral foundation of civilization in every nation for thousands of years: the values of traditional families, real human life, including religious life, not just material existence but also spirituality, the values of humanism and global diversity.*”

“Of course, this is a conservative position. But speaking in the words of Nikolai Berdyaev, *the point of conservatism is not that it prevents movement forward and upward, but that it prevents movement backward and downward, into chaotic darkness and a return to a primitive state.*”

Berdyaev, a disillusioned Marxist intellectual who was persecuted by the Bolsheviks and ultimately expelled from Russia, was hardly the model of the orthodox-believing Christian, and his relationship with the Russian Orthodox Church of which he was a member was rather adversarial. Nevertheless, Putin’s quotation of a victim of Bolshevik persecution

is astonishing.

Putin Astonishes

In fact, Putin's recent behavior in general is astonishing – so much so that even the Catholic commentator Keith Fournier (certainly no friend of Catholics derided as “Fatimists”) likened the situation to the “Bizarro World” story lines in Superman comic books, in which Superman visits a world where everything is upside down and backwards. In America, which is supposed to have been founded as a “Christian nation” (a myth I expose in my book, *Liberty: The God That Failed*), morality and religion are under relentless attack by government, whereas in formerly communist Russia morality and religion are now being defended by none other than Putin, at least rhetorically. Wrote Fournier:

“Some recent news coming out of Russia reminded me of those Bizarro comics. We seem to be living in an upside down world these days. I do not suffer from naiveté. I know that the situation in Russia is ripe [sic] with its own problems. I am aware of the continuing threats to fundamental human rights people in that Nation face.

“Rather, what I am pointing to is the language being used by its leaders, secular and

religious, in diagnosing the root of the problems facing the Russian Nation, and proposing a path to cultural renewal. A path which leads through a recovery of the moral values found in faith in God.”

More Than Just Talk

More than just rhetoric, however, in June 2013 Putin signed into law a ban on homosexual propaganda to the effect “that gay and heterosexual relations are ‘socially equivalent’” and providing for stiff fines, administrative imprisonment and even deportation of violators. Said Putin: “We are talking about protecting children from [that] information.” He also signed into law an even more remarkable bill penalizing public attacks on religious belief.

In other words, Russia seems to be recognizing once again the obvious duty of the State to protect public and private morality against attack by propagandists and promoters of vice.

To quote Pope Leo XIII in *Libertas*, his monumental encyclical on the nature of human liberty: “lying opinions, than which no mental plague is greater, and vices which corrupt the heart and moral life should be diligently repressed by public

authority, lest they insidiously work the ruin of the State.”

Duties of the Modern State

Indeed, even the new, post-Vatican II Catechism of the Catholic Church declares – in sections conveniently ignored by modern “liberal Catholics” – that “by promulgating laws and overseeing their application *public authorities should ensure that public morality and social progress are not gravely endangered through the misuse of the media,*” and that “civil authorities should prevent the production and distribution of pornographic materials...” (CCC, §§ 2498, 2354.)

In the ridiculous and diabolical modern state, however, one can be sentenced to federal prison for persuading people to buy a diet book for \$30, while those who promote lying opinions and vices that destroy morality and doom people to the infinite loss of eternal perdition have a “constitutional right” to do so.

Now, I am no more naïve than Fournier about Putin and his intentions. Nevertheless, he has celebrated the conversion of Vladimir the Prince of Kiev, called for the defense of traditional religious values, and signed into law restrictions on the unlimited “freedom of speech” the Catholic

Church has always condemned. And now, with the annexation of Crimea, there are intimations of a design to reconstruct the Russian Empire with Russian Orthodoxy as the religion of the state.

What Is Going on Here?

Several scenarios are possible:

First: Putin really has undergone a religious conversion and is now a believing member of the Russian Orthodox Church who wishes to see “Holy Russia” rise again, meaning a modern version of the Empire with Orthodoxy as the state religion.

Second: Putin has not become a believer but is merely instrumentalizing Orthodoxy for nationalist purposes in order to consolidate a new secular empire composed of the former Soviet satellites, beginning with Crimea and moving on to Ukraine at large and then to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, where sizeable Russian minorities would facilitate annexation à la Crimea.

Third: Putin is in the process of reorganizing the former Soviet Union, which will emerge anew, as if from a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding, with Putin as dictator for life, presiding over a privatized socialist state under the control of him and a small group of capitalist oligarchs

made wealthy by government favors.

Take Your Pick

Which scenario is the real one? From the perspective of Fatima, however, it matters very little. For under none of these scenarios has Russia undergone the conversion that would follow its consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and thus under none of these scenarios will we see that peace in the world which Our Lady promised if Her request for the consecration were granted. Quite the contrary, as the official Kremlin newscaster

Dmitry Kiselyov boasted in response to threats of American intervention in Crimea, speaking with the image of a mushroom cloud behind him:

“Russia is the only country in the world that is realistically capable of turning the United States into radioactive ash.”

Various Nations Will Be Annihilated

That hardly bespeaks the advent of world peace emanating from a miraculously converted and pacified Russia. It reminds us, instead, of the last phrase in Our Lady of Fatima’s prophetic

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warning: “*various nations will be annihilated.*”

The matter is really very simple. Our Lady of Fatima told us what must be done, what will happen if it is not done, and what will happen when it finally *is* done, as it surely will be. To repeat:

“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.*”

Our Lady's Glorious Promise

But that ultimatum is followed by a glorious promise:

“In the end, My Immaculate Heart *will* triumph. The Holy Father *will* consecrate Russia to Me, and she *shall* be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.”

The Mother of God has spoken on the authority of Her divine Son: No consecration of Russia, no conversion of Russia. No conversion of Russia, no peace in the world; but, on the contrary, disaster. We must, of course, ignore the absurd Fatima revisionism of Cardinals Sodano and Bertone: the problem of

Russia did not end with the 20th century, as they would have us believe. At this very moment in history, nearly thirty years after the “fall of communism,” Russia remains at the center of events rife with the threat of war and the “annihilation” of “various nations.” And we know why this is so, because Our Lady told us. In 1957, after World War II had ended, Sister Lucia explained the continuing centrality of Russia in this threat to the world:

“Russia will be the instrument of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the whole world if we do not beforehand obtain the conversion of that poor nation ...” (Testimony of Sister Lucia of Fatima to Father Fuentes, December 26, 1957.)

In 1952, Sister Lucia revealed that Our Lady had given her this warning:

“Make it known to the Holy Father that I am still awaiting the Consecration of Russia. Without that Consecration, *Russia cannot convert, nor will the world have peace.*” (Book published by the Italian Bishops Conference, *Meraviglia del Peligrinaggio*, 1960, page 440.)

Why has Heaven insisted upon the Consecration of Russia, and only Russia, as the precondition for Our Lady's promise of the

heavenly favor of peace among men in our age? As Our Lord Himself told Sister Lucia in 1936 in answer to her query why the Consecration was necessary: “Because I wish all of My Church to recognize this Consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in order thereafter to extend and place alongside devotion to My Sacred Heart, devotion to this Immaculate Heart.”

Recent Developments in Russia NOT Our Lady's Triumph

However one views recent developments in Russia, they cannot reasonably be viewed as the prophesied triumph of the Immaculate Heart, ushering in an era of world peace. We seem, rather, to be on the brink of a European theater war that could potentially erupt into a world war. This is not even to discuss the wars and bloody persecutions of Christians throughout the world today, nor the continuing worldwide holocaust of legalized abortion, including in Russia, which has claimed roughly 1.6 billion victims (42 million worldwide each year) since the “consecration” of 1984, which failed to mention Russia.

Nor, ultimately, does it matter whether one considers Russia to be in the right regarding Crimea,

or whether its seeming movement toward a moral and spiritual revival is laudable as far as it goes (abortion, contraception, divorce, pornography, and a host of other social evils remaining legal in that country). The fact remains that Russia is acting in circumstances fraught with peril for Europe and the world, and thus remains at the heart of the prophetic warnings of the Message of Fatima. Therefore, it would be pointless to choose sides in the trilateral conflict now underway between Russia, the EU and the United States. Whether or not Russia now truly represents the least of three evils in that conflict is irrelevant from the perspective of Fatima. Viewed in light of the Fatima event, this conflict offers us no heroes, but only a new and increasingly fearsome threat to the peace of the world.

Our real hero – or I should say heroine – is the Holy Mother of God, who appeared at Fatima nearly a century ago to deliver Her plan for world peace, a plan that transcends the designs of the mere men now strutting and fretting on the world stage. When the Pope and the bishops finally do what the Virgin of Fatima requested, thus ending at last the Vatican bureaucracy's perverse opposition to any mention of Russia in the series of substitute ceremonies

that have been conducted since 1981, then – and only then – will the world enjoy the true peace that Pope Pius XI described in *Quas Primas*: not “a peace that will consist merely in acts of external or formal courtesy, but a peace which will penetrate the souls of men and which will unite, heal, and reopen their hearts to that mutual affection which is born of brotherly love. The peace of Christ is the only peace answering this description....”

Finally, however, it must be said that recent developments in Russia are not without supernatural significance. We know from the testimony of Sister Lucia that God deigned to grant divine favors in response to the consecrations of the world to the Immaculate Heart performed by Pius XII on October 31, 1942 and December 8, 1942. On October 24, 1940, and again on Ash Wednesday in 1943, Our Lord told Sister Lucia that on account of the consecration of the world “the present distress (i.e., WWII) would be shortened,” but that world peace would not be granted without the explicit Consecration of Russia by the Pope and the bishops. And, indeed, in his six-volume history of World War II, Winston Churchill notes that it was precisely after December 1942 that the tide of war turned in favor of the Allies.

Preparation for Conversion

Seen in this light, what is happening in Russia today may well be a remote preparation for the day when “that poor nation” will truly convert to the Catholic faith upon her consecration to the Immaculate Heart, thus completing fulfillment of the Fatima prophecies noted above:

“In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.”

Nevertheless, one cannot conclude that even the goods of religion, when invoked by politicians operating on a human level – as Putin is operating now – can constitute the prophesied conversion of the people of Russia. That will occur when, and only when, the Russian people return to the religion their ancestors held from the time Saint Vladimir the Great was baptized a Catholic and led the Kievan Rus’ into the one true Church. It is that day we await, in the certain hope that what Our Lady promised will come to pass. May God grant that it comes to pass before the world bears witness to an even more terrible devastation than that of the blood-drenched 20th Century.

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70 Years of FALSE PEACE Ending Soon!

by James Hanisch

We Were Offered REAL Peace and Prosperity

Our Lady of Fatima came to the world in 1917, at the height of World War I, and showed us the way to peace. She offered **true** peace to the world – the peace of Christ in the kingdom of Christ, to be given through the intercession and miraculous intervention of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

“I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. ... If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.”

We Chose FALSE Peace and a Mirage of Prosperity

The world and the Church have for the most part turned their backs on Our Lady’s Message. We (collectively, even if not all of us individually) have said “No!” to the kingdom and commandments of Christ, “No!” to the peace of Christ, and “No!” to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. We have

chosen instead an American Peace – a *Pax Americana*, based on the power and privileged position of the United States at the end of World War II.

There was no true peace given to the world at the conclusion of World War II. We have had not peace but a more or less prolonged cease-fire, based solely on an imbalance of power. In 1945, the United States was the only nation with nuclear weapons, and after the horrific atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the United States secured its lasting dominance in the world by establishing the U.S. dollar as the basis of exchange in international trade.

How We Earned Our Wealth Before World War II

Throughout the previous century and a half, international trade was conducted on a gold standard. Transactions between the governments and banks of various countries were settled for the most part in gold. The major currencies of the world were

backed by gold at fixed exchange rates, so the various currencies were also fixed in their values compared to one another.

In the gold-standard system, a country having a trade deficit (buying more from other countries than it sells to other countries) would be depleting both its gold reserves *and its money supply*. Having less and less money, this country's population would be forced either to make do with less or to increase its productivity. A country having a trade surplus would be increasing its wealth (both its gold reserves and its money supply), and its population would experience real prosperity since the amount of goods and services in their economy would have risen commensurately with the increase in the supply of money.

International Transactions 1945-1971

Beginning in 1945, following the Bretton Woods Conference in New Hampshire (attended by 730 delegates from 44 countries), a new international trading system was introduced, along with the creation of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and what would later be called the World Bank. This new system and its institutions were tied not to gold directly, but to the gold-backed

U.S. dollar.

It was proposed at the conference by John Maynard Keynes (the father of Keynesian economics) that a new unit of World Currency called the *bancor* should be created to be used as the basis of international transactions. But at the objection and request of the United States under Harry Dexter White (senior official of the U.S. Treasury Department, accused agent of Soviet espionage, and the senior American official at the 1944 Bretton Woods conference),¹ the U.S. dollar was given that status of world reserve currency.

All of the countries that had been involved in World War II were heavily in debt, and many had transferred large amounts of gold to the United States. Also, the U.S. dollar was the only currency still backed by gold. So on the basis of the overwhelming military, financial, and economic power of the United States, the dollar became the world's key currency, and most international transactions would thereafter be conducted in U.S. dollars.

Since 1945, then, the dollar has played the role that gold played in the previous international financial system. Each of the nations involved in the Bretton Woods System had to agree



Father Gruner never misses an opportunity to promote the Consecration of Russia. Here, on February 22, 2014 in the afternoon of the Consistory in Rome, he and Leonard Cecere are presenting our handout imploring the Pope to consecrate Russia, to His Eminence Cardinal Lacroix of Quebec.

to maintain the international exchange value of its currency within a band of 1% above or below a set figure in relation to the U.S. dollar. All these countries have thus been obliged to buy and sell U.S. dollars as often as necessary in order to keep their currency's market exchange value within the fixed band.

The arrangement brought another built-in demand for dollars, in that all major countries had to maintain a large supply of U.S. dollars. Does a country want to buy oil? Does it want to buy gold? Whatever it wants to buy, the first thing it has to do now is to buy U.S. dollars so that it can do business in the international marketplace, where virtually all goods are bought and sold in

U.S. dollars.

Since 1971 the U.S. Can Print Its Way Out of Debt

What this has meant for the United States is that it is the one and only country in the world that has not had to deal with the constraints that would otherwise come with carrying a high trade deficit. By selling its dollars in such great amounts around the world, the U.S. has been able to postpone and even "export" the economic impact of its trade imbalances.

This fact, added to President Nixon's decision in 1971 to take the dollar off of the gold standard, has opened wide the possibilities for abusing the dollar's privileged status. Thus, as of 1971, the

dollar became a *fiat* currency – money based not on true wealth but on a mere act of will, “Let it be so!” – and to this day, everyone holding dollar bills and dollar-based bank accounts has nothing more than the word of the U.S. government that their currency and checkbook entries are worth anything more than the paper they are printed on.

But it has been the United States’ relationship with Saudi Arabia that more than anything else has allowed the U.S. to maintain a generally high standard of living for the past half-century, even while its currency was being more and more eviscerated, leading its whole economy toward a catastrophic fall. (Already the U.S. currency has been so devalued by the Federal Reserve’s policy of recent years, ***creating billions upon billions of dollars, that in comparison with its value just 45 years ago, each dollar today is worth only about 10 cents!***)

How the U.S. Achieved This

The agreements which the United States has formed through Henry Kissinger with Saudi Arabia and other countries in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) since the early 1970s have been the key to maintaining American dominance for the

past 45 years, in spite of a busted and irresponsibly manipulated U.S. currency.

In exchange for a national security treaty, Saudi Arabia agreed to accept only dollars in exchange for their oil, ensuring a consistent global demand for dollars and dollar-based securities such as U.S. Treasury bonds.

As long as other countries are required to hold dollars and to conduct their international business in dollars, the U.S. can expect to find buyers for its Treasury bonds, almost regardless of how much or how little confidence its financial system and currency deserve.

Unquestioned Military Supremacy

All this privileged positioning has been dependent from the beginning on the unquestioned military supremacy of the United States. But the overwhelming military power that the United States possessed in 1945 is now a thing of the past, even if this is not yet commonly understood. Analysts agree that on the same day that the United States’ vulnerability to the military superiority of another major world power or world alliance is dramatically demonstrated, the dollar would lose at least 25% of its value – overnight.

2014: What Has Changed

The *USS Donald Cook* is a guided-missile destroyer equipped with the Aegis Combat System. It was sent to the Black Sea in April 2014 to be a show of strength in the theater of the Ukraine conflict, supposedly to give assurance of U.S. support for its NATO allies. But on Saturday, April 12, just two days after its arrival, an unarmed Russian fighter jet spent an hour and a half “buzzing” the *Donald Cook* with a dozen close-range passes.²

Russian Radio news service reported that the fighter jet had jammed the ship’s Aegis defense system, leaving the *Donald Cook* a sitting duck. If this is true, then yes, the *Donald Cook* could have done some damage of its own and made a lot of noise, but at the end of a real skirmish that symbol of American military superiority would have been on the bottom of the Black Sea. And the U.S. dollar, the basis of American political and financial domination throughout much of the world, would have quickly followed it to the bottom.

A related self-inflicted blow to the prestige of the American military has already been made public. *Aviation Week* recently reported that the newly developed stealth plane, the F-35 Joint

Strike Fighter, on which the U.S. has spent ***hundreds of billions of dollars***, cannot actually evade Russian and Chinese radars. Moreover, even without relying on sophisticated radar, the F-35 planes can be tracked by satellite through the turbulence that they create, and can be shot down by satellite-guided missiles. Thus, the plane is being called the biggest waste of defense money in history.

Change in U.S. Prestige

How has the prestige of the U.S. economy held up during the past several decades? When the U.S. dollar was given its status as world reserve currency in 1945, the U.S. economy enjoyed a worldwide confidence unequalled by that of any other country in the world. The United States held 65% of the world’s gold reserves and produced half of the world’s manufactured goods. It is well known today that the U.S. economy is in shambles, with its true levels of inflation, unemployment, and “growth” barely camouflaged by rigged statistics.

80 Tons of Gold – GONE!

It is known that the U.S. exported an enormous amount (80 tons) of gold in January 2014.³ It has also been reported

recently that gold bars dating from the 1960s and even earlier have entered circulation in the global markets. This is a clear signal to those who have been doing the math (e.g. China and Russia, which have been accumulating gold non-stop for the past decade, at higher rates and in larger volumes than at any other time in history) that the U.S. economy is now utterly on the ropes, and ready for the kill.

They know how much gold they have bought from the U.S., and they have a good idea of how much the West had to begin with. No one needs an audit of Fort Knox to know that it is an empty closet, housing more cobwebs than gold.

2008-2014

Irresponsible Money Printing

For many years it was possible for the U.S. to “monetize” its debt – to simply print the money it needed to pay its bills. This was a crime against the American population and against the populations of every country whose currency was tied to the dollar. Since 1971 (and especially since 2008), the Federal Reserve has been recklessly multiplying the U.S. money supply in order to increase the value of American corporations and the profits of American banks, heedless of

the fact that their profiteering policy was sapping the life out of individual savings and out of the economy as a whole.

Throughout all this time, the Fed has simply been “exporting” the drastic inflation which they were creating, to all the nations of the world that were tied to the International Monetary Fund. But financial realities cannot be ignored or papered over forever. Such a dishonest and delusional situation simply could not go on endlessly, even if the other countries of the world were never to stand up to this abuse of the dollar’s reserve currency status (as they *are* now beginning to seriously stand up to it).

For How Long?

How long can other countries be expected to allow the U.S. to maintain a deficit-based import economy by expanding its monetary base at will, simply printing all the money it desires, which it then uses in exchange for those real imported goods? Who would continue to buy such worthless bonds as those backing this worthless money? Finally, only the Federal Reserve itself.

The practically unlimited money-printing that has gone on in the U.S. since the “Quantitative Easings” began in 2008 has, in

fact, required the Federal Reserve to become one of the major buyers of its own bonds. But even a child can understand why that won't work indefinitely. We have come now to the point at which the Federal Reserve is resorting to lies and subterfuges to disguise how fast and furious its money-printing has become.

Collapse Inevitable

All this money-printing has been effectively destroying the dollar; but in order to delay the dollar's collapse, the Fed has been rigging the gold market. They do everything they can to make it seem as though there is no significant inflation in the U.S. dollar. Very, very soon it will be impossible to continue such a charade, and the dollar's international exchange rate will plummet. At that point, the price of goods coming into the U.S. will soar, and the United States' import-dependent economy will likely implode.

The U.S. financial system is now nothing more than a house of cards, so desperately weak and vulnerable that its collapse is inevitable, even without external attack. The stock and bond markets and the entire financial system have never been so extended as they are now. Numerous financial analysts

agree that hyper-inflation and a depression far worse than that of the 1930s, are certainly coming to the United States.

The Overthrow of the Dollar's Privileged Status

But now here come the enemies of the U.S., and even its estranged one-time friends, who see the time as ripe to overthrow the dollar-based economic system that is dragging the whole world down. Saudi Arabia is publicly distancing itself from the United States. On April 29, the Saudis displayed two Chinese-made nuclear-capable missiles in a military parade, making a clear statement of a major policy-shift away from the United States.

This parade comes right on the heels of the Saudis' ousting of their long-time chief of intelligence, who was widely considered one of the most pro-U.S. officials in the country – another clear indication of Saudi Arabia's intention to distance itself from the United States. China is also reported to have secretly supplied Saudi Arabia with even more advanced missiles designed to target satellites and aircraft carriers at sea, and Saudi Arabia is presumed to be in negotiations for purchasing Chinese jets and tanks as well.

The stage is set for Saudi Arabia to announce that it will accept non-dollar payments for its oil.

Is It Fair?

Why should any country choose to remain attached to the American international payments system, especially when this system has been so exploited for private gain, and especially too when it exposes some of those countries to arbitrary sanctions and thus threatens their sovereignty? You can judge for yourself the level to which the dollar has been devalued (adversely affecting every country with ties to the dollar) by comparing today's costs to the prices of goods in 1971 when the tie to gold was cut. In the United States, the average home today costs \$334,000, compared to \$28,300 in 1971.

And regarding abuses of the reserve currency privilege, President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry are even now swinging the dollar like a stick to advance their own political and strategic interests, threatening more sanctions against Russia as a punishment for re-annexing Crimea. (Yet it was largely the work of the U.S. government itself that brought about the Crimean crisis in the first place, at a cost of \$5,000,000,000 [**5 BILLION**

DOLLARS]. See the article "WAR 2014?" on [page 10](#) of this issue.)

To top it all off, Standard and Poor's recently slashed Russia's financial rating to practically junk status. The U.S. has an AA+ rating – given by S&P – although the U.S.'s debt-to-GDP ratio is 81.6%. Russia, on the other hand, with an 8% debt-to-GDP ratio, has been downgraded from a BBB to a BBB- rating by S&P.

It is no wonder that Russia is finally making serious steps toward leaving the dollar-based payments system.

Sleight of Hand

In mid-March, Russia dumped \$26 billion worth of its U.S. Treasury bonds, one fifth of all its holdings. Obviously the Federal Reserve could not allow the bonds to sit without a buyer, or the curtain would come down on the dollar in short order. Not surprisingly then, a buyer was found – Belgium (supposedly), which is racked with debts and has nowhere near this kind of purchasing power to work with. Somehow Belgium has managed to come up with more than \$380 billion with which to purchase Treasury bonds, \$140 billion coming in just a three-month period, conveniently absorbing the Fed's recent "tapering"! Obviously, the Federal Reserve

itself was the real buyer of the dumped bonds, working through an unidentified proxy in Belgium.

The Fed is reluctant to let the world know that it is still buying up so many of its own bonds when it is claiming to have tapered the Quantitative Easings. The truth is that instead of the earlier \$85 billion per month being purchased by the Federal Reserve and supposedly being tapered to \$65 billion or less, the Fed was actually buying \$112 billion of bonds each month from November 2013 to January 2014 (almost double its announced figure), and more in the months beyond, even to the point of covering \$105 billion (which includes Russia's \$26 billion) worth of bonds dumped on the market in a single week in March.

Trying to Bolster Confidence

The whole point of the Fed's "tapering" policy has been to reassure all of the dollar- and bond-holders throughout the world that their investments are safe, and that the dollar-based financial markets are not dependent on the Fed's wild money-printing. A global stampede out of U.S. Treasury bonds, such as could have been triggered by the **ONE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS** dump of bonds in March, would raise the

cost of financing the U.S. debt beyond any hope of managing.

The Fed Boxed Itself In

The Fed would have to offer higher interest rates on new bonds to make them more attractive, but then it could not afford to service that higher-interest debt. The Fed had no choice but to buy the bonds, since to leave them on the market would signal a weakening dollar to the world. But for the Fed to buy the bonds openly would also weaken the dollar's market value. Either alternative threatened to collapse the U.S. financial markets.

It is clear from the fact that the Federal Reserve chose to disguise its purchase by laundering it through Belgium instead of buying the bonds outright, that the Fed is very concerned about declining confidence in the dollar. Why? Because when the day of reckoning comes and the dollar's exchange rate collapses, the cost of living in the U.S. will go through the roof. There will be widespread poverty, even desperation, throughout the country, and that will bring the kind of political instability that can only be dealt with by marshal law. Government agencies – the Department of Homeland Security, the IRS, the U.S. Post Office, the Social Security

Administration, the National Weather Service, the Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration – are arming themselves with automatic weapons and buying **billions** of rounds of ammunition.⁴

E.U., China and Japan Agree to Exit the U.S. Dollar ASAP!

Already, confidence in the dollar has never been so low, and the European Union, China, and Japan are each working separately to make a new world reserve currency. China has announced that it plans to create an exchange in which both oil and gold are priced and sold in the yuan (the unit of Chinese currency).

China and Russia are already in negotiations for a gigantic energy and pipeline deal which will circumvent the dollar. And S&P (Standard and Poor's) has downgraded the United States' credit rating twice in the last five years, and is likely to do so again. The White House's reaction? Ordering the Department of Justice to investigate S&P for treason!

Russia Exiting the U.S. Dollar System NOW

But Russia has done more than just unload bonds in response to

the threat of Western sanctions over Crimea. On April 24, top-level officials from Russia's banks, government agencies, and energy sector met to discuss a plan for completely leaving the dollar system of international transactions.

Again, this is common sense and self-preservation for Russia, but the stage is set not only for a unilateral casting off of the dollar as reserve currency, but also for an all-out attack on the dollar by all of the enemies that the U.S. has made through abusing its monopoly of the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency.

It is no secret that even the European Union will not side with the U.S. if Russia shuts off its energy supply. Nor is it any more of a secret that some U.S. defense systems are more than matched by Russia and China; that the published statistics of U.S. inflation and unemployment are a total sham, and that Fort Knox has exported all but its last ounces of gold.

Possibility of War on Dollar Now Very High

There has never been such an opportunity for Russia and China to overthrow the dollar-based American "government imperialism" which has been galling them for decades.

They will certainly act on this opportunity to unseat the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency.

What could be simpler for Russia and China than to dump all of their Treasury bonds at once, and at the same time to corner what remains of the precious-metals market with the money claimed in their bond sales? What if (also at the same time) the OPEC nations join Russia and China in dropping the dollar, Russia marches into Ukraine, China challenges Japan's island claims, North Korea invades South Korea, and Iran and Syria strike at Israel? The world would be changed almost overnight, and the *Pax Americana* will be seen for what it is – a delusion.

All-out War NOW?

History has demonstrated that financial attacks and counter-attacks are often the immediate precursors to war. Any country which is attacked, even financially, is certain to retaliate – first perhaps with economic counter-measures, but sooner or later with its military. Before a country allows itself to be conquered and destroyed by any means (whether economic or military), it will strike back in whatever way it can.

It is easy to foresee how quickly a confrontation between the U.S. and Russia or China could turn nuclear, especially given that the U.S. is set up for such a complete financial and economic collapse. A nuclear strike could be the United States' only means of retaliation against the nation or nations that pull out the last crutch beneath the U.S. dollar.

Will It Be Nuclear War?

The fact is, though, that we don't have to use our imagination at all to understand the prospect of precipitating a nuclear war. We have long since passed the time in which it has been thought necessary simply to possess nuclear weapons as deterrents. Since 2003 – i.e. the time of George W. Bush's administration – it has been the announced scenario of military planners in both the U.S. and Russia that nuclear weapons could likely be used as pre-emptive, first-strike weapons. That is the only way to "win" a nuclear war, they believe.

U.S. Government Conducts War on Its Own Citizens

In the meantime, as mentioned above, the U.S. government seems intent on conducting a war against its own citizens as well. In 2010, the U.S. Congress

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Holy Father, The World Needs Your Intervention! Consecrate Russia as Our Lady Requested

Russia and the United States, both armed with nuclear weapons, are engaged in a growing conflict over events in Ukraine. Now is the time to honor Our Lady's request for Russia's consecration to Her Immaculate Heart in order to bring peace to the whole world.

As Our Lady promised at Fatima: "If My requests are granted, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

Please join over 5 MILLION people in petitioning the Holy Father to save us all from war and devastation by solemnly and publicly consecrating specifically Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as specified in the Fatima Message.

Pray! Join your Rosaries to the more than 30 MILLION Rosaries already prayed for this intention.

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**"Make it known
to the Holy Father
that I am still awaiting
the Consecration of Russia.
Without that Consecration,
Russia cannot convert,
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70 Years of False Peace

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passed House of Representatives Bill H.R. 2847, which includes a provision called the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA).

MORE Tax on YOU

This law (FATCA), which will take effect on July 1, 2014, will require all worldwide banks to comply with the IRS's demands for scrutinizing dollar-based transactions for U.S. tax liabilities. The new regulations will put a cumbersome and expensive burden on all worldwide banks, excepting only the smallest community institutions outside of the U.S.

In order to comply with the new law, foreign banks will either have to spend a fortune segmenting and tracking each U.S.-dollar transaction (and withholding as much as 30% in taxes!), ***or they can simply drop all of their U.S. customers.*** We have already seen two of the world's largest banks (JP Morgan Chase and HSBC) practically eliminate all international wire-transfer services, and many small banks are reportedly following suit.

It is worthwhile considering who will be advantaged by such a scenario, when the average

American will find it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to transfer his savings out of U.S. dollars and into more stable currencies through foreign banks.

The law is clearly nothing less than a barbed-wire fence being erected around the citizens of the United States. It is a classic example of Capital Controls – the kind of money-grabbing typical of broke and desperate governments when their currency is on the verge of collapsing. Only a truly desperate government could choose to overlook the impetus that such a law will have in pushing more institutions away from the U.S. dollar, thus accelerating the already widespread movement to abandon the dollar as the world's reserve currency.

Without the Consecration of RUSSIA

The World Cannot Have Peace

Our Lady told us that only She can help us. We can have the peace which She has offered to the world, or we can have annihilation and enslavement. There is no middle ground, no other peace possible.

As Christopher Ferrara points out in “There Is Only One Right Choice” on [page 15](#) of this issue, our choice is very simple. Our Lady of Fatima has told us exactly what we need to do.

It is no longer just financial analysts who are pointing to a financial Armageddon in our near future – the prospect is now confirmed by the U.S. government as well, arming itself to the teeth for a war against its own citizens, and legislating last-gasp measures for Currency Controls.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has clearly suggested that the U.S. government put a 10% tax on everything of significant value that people own, including bank accounts. Will there be riots in the streets of America if the government makes a Cyprus-style confiscation of 10% of every depositor's savings? We may find out very soon.

Today's World Compared to the Fall of the Roman Empire

Now, more than ever, we can understand Pope Benedict XVI's words of December 20, 2010, when he compared today's world to the time just before the fall of the Roman Empire in 476 A.D.

"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. ... [Today as well,] moral consensus is collapsing, a consensus without which juridical and political structures cannot

function. Consequently, the forces mobilized for the defense of such structures seem doomed to failure..."

Pope Benedict has told us that Our Lady of Fatima prophesied "terrifying" events in our near future; that "he deceives himself who thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded."

We must now, more than ever, take refuge in the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She will protect Her "dear ones." We must pray the Rosary every day for this protection. We must pray for the Holy Father to finally do the Consecration of Russia.

Footnotes: (1) Harry Dexter White was accused of three basic charges: that White, on occasion, passed documents to the Soviets; that he used his influence at the Treasury to hire and promote communists; and that he deliberately attempted to steer U.S. policies in a pro-Soviet direction. Even his defenders conceded that papers produced by Whitaker Chambers in 1948 showed that White had passed sensitive information to the Soviets on occasion. (2) "Russian jet's close-range passes near US warship considered 'provocative'", *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, April 14, 2014; <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/military/russian-jet-s-close-range-passes-near-us-warship-considered-provocative>. See also "Warship USS Donald Cook leaves Black Sea," ITAR-TASS News Agency, April 25, 2014; <http://en.itar-tass.com/world/729612> (3) Cf. April 24, 2014 article by SRSrocco Report, "U.S. Exports A Record Amount Of Gold To Hong Kong In January"; <http://srsroccoreport.com/u-s-exports-a-record-amount-of-gold-to-hong-kong-in-january/u-s-exports-a-record-amount-of-gold-to-hong-kong-in-january/> (4) "Thousands of Rounds of Ammunition," *Laissez Faire Today*, February 20, 2014; *Agora Financial's 5 Min. Forecast*, May 19, 2014; see also <http://www.thecommonsenseshow.com/2013/10/02/brzezinskis-words-point-to-the-coming-apocalypse/>



“The protests in the western Ukraine [were] organized by the CIA, the U.S. State Department, and by Washington- and EU-financed Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that work in conjunction with the CIA and State Department. ...

“The disaffection from Russia that exists in western Ukraine makes it easy for the EU and U.S. to cause trouble. Those in Washington and Europe who wish to destroy Ukraine’s independence portray an independent Ukraine as a hostage of Russia, while a Ukraine in the EU [would be] allegedly under the protection of the U.S. and Europe. The large sums of money that Washington funnels into NGOs in Ukraine propagate this idea.... Some pretend to be ‘human rights organizations.’ Others indoctrinate people under cover of ‘education programs’ and ‘building democracy.’ Others, especially those run by the CIA, specialize in provocations....”⁵

The Hungarian-American financier George Soros has had a significant hand in the decades-long unravelling of Ukraine that culminated in the bloody uprisings of recent months in Kiev. Journalist Pete Papaherakles writes:

“The main player in this global game has been Hungarian billionaire George Soros, whose real name is Gyorgy Schwartz. Ranked as the 22nd richest man in the world – worth \$20 billion – Soros is the most influential leftist globalist on the planet and the public face of the Rothschild family banking dynasty. As his biggest campaign contributor, Soros is one of the men who put Barack Obama in the White House in 2008. ...

“[Soros] is a leading member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Bilderberg, Trilateral Commission and every other globalist organization, where he exerts decisive power in directing the entire New World Order apparatus. ... Calling himself a philanthropist, Soros’s role is to tighten the ideological stranglehold of globalization and the New World Order while pursuing his own financial gain. By his own admission, he helped engineer coups in Slovakia and Croatia, was the prime instigator behind the wars in Yugoslavia, and helped kick off the Rose Revolution in Georgia.

“When Soros targets a country for ‘regime change,’ he begins

by creating a shadow government ready to assume power when the opportunity arises. As he has done in dozens of other nations, especially in Eastern Europe, Soros has over the past two decades poured hundreds of millions of dollars into Ukrainian non-governmental organizations (NGOs), ostensibly to assist them in transforming their country into a more ‘open’ and ‘democratic’ society.

“Just one of his Open Society foundations, the International Renaissance Foundation (IRF), has funneled over \$100 million to Ukrainian NGOs, community groups, academic and cultural institutions and publishing houses from 1990 to 2010. In 2012 alone the IRF provided \$63 million, more than any other donor organization in cash-starved Ukraine, thus seducing and co-opting all legitimate political opposition into the Soros-approved ‘progressive’ camp. The IRF website makes clear that the Soros funds are targeted at promoting Ukrainian ‘partnership’ with and ‘integration’ into the EU.”⁶

Mobocracy and Democracy

When the pro-Russian candidate Viktor Yanukovych was elected Prime Minister of Ukraine in 2004, Soros orchestrated the “Orange Revolution,” which removed Yanukovych and put pro-EU politicians Viktor Yushchenko and Yulia Tymoshenko in power. Then in 2010, Yanukovych was again elected, this time as President of Ukraine. Four years later, in November 2013, the gathering storm of Western opposition broke again when Yanukovych rejected an EU economic agreement package in favor of a more generous package from Russia.

The EU’s offer would have brought Ukraine only trifling loans and credits, along with demands for strict reforms in the Ukrainian economy. Russia, on the other hand, was offering \$15 billion in loans with no strings attached, and a promise for reduced prices of oil and gas for Ukraine as well. The decision was not difficult. But when Yanukovych joined hands with Putin, Western powers (including the governments of both the U.S. and the European Union) promptly instigated a massive popular demonstration.

Thousands of Westward-leaning Ukrainians descended upon Independence Square in Kiev, and not just for a day’s march. Setting up tents and shacks, and constructing barricaded strongholds from which they defied police, they refused to leave until Yanukovych



Eastern Europe depends on Russia for natural gas, through a system of pipelines spanning Ukraine. Moscow has been known to turn off the gas when its customers fall behind in payment, even in the dead of winter.

would revoke his agreement with Russia.

It quickly became apparent to European leaders, however, what a dangerous game they were playing. The threat of a NATO takeover of Ukraine was sure to provoke an aggressive response from Russia, upon whom Europe largely depends for fuel. (No one is likely to forget the winter of 2009, when Moscow shut down the pipeline to Kiev, leaving cities throughout Eastern Europe in the cold.) Worse, if NATO encroachment should provoke a military confrontation with Russia, Europe would likely be completely destroyed. By December the EU was backing out of its role in fomenting the protests in Kiev.

Washington Pays 5 BILLION Dollars for Protests in Ukraine

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland was caught venting her displeasure with the EU over this development. Her telephone conversation with Geoffrey Pyatt, the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, was tapped, and the recording was subsequently leaked to the Internet.

Unfortunately, the public's attention seems to have been focused on the vulgarity of Ms. Nuland's expression rather than on the

import of her conversation. She was listing for the ambassador the particular opposition members whom Washington intended to set up in power in Ukraine – and those whom Washington would not allow to be included – when the present government had been overthrown.

This was the same Victoria Nuland who on December 13, 2013 bragged before the National Press Club in Washington that she had personally reprimanded Ukrainian President Yanukovych for his “absolutely impermissible” Russian-leaning foreign policy. At the same time, Nuland revealed that the U.S. has “invested” more than \$5 billion toward developing “democratic institutions and skills” in Ukraine.⁷ Her meaning became clear on February 4, when the above-



U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, departing from a February 2014 news conference at the U.S. embassy in Kiev. A recording of an embarrassing telephone conversation in which Ms. Nuland denigrated the European Union for backing out of its support of the revolution in Ukraine was leaked onto the Internet by an unidentified Russian government official.

mentioned recording was uploaded to YouTube, as journalist Finian Cunningham reports:

“[Exposing her] role of covertly rallying anti-government protesters in Ukraine, Nuland ... is heard laying down in imperious tones how a new government in Ukraine should be constituted..., and she stipulates which members of the U.S.-backed street rabble in Kiev should or should not be included in any Washington-approved new government in the former Soviet republic. ... [T]he disclosure, which has been posted on the internet,



Photo Courtesy: Wikipedia. Riot police form a phalanx. Police forces failed to quell the thousands of protesters determined to overthrow the democratically elected government of Ukraine. Revolutionary forces now occupy the government buildings, claiming powers of parliament.

lays bare the subversive meddling agenda of Washington in Ukrainian internal affairs. Up to now, the Americans have been piously pretending that their involvement is one of a bystander supporting democracy from afar. But, thanks to Nuland's foul-mouthed indiscretion, the truth is out. Washington, from her own admission, is acting like an agent provocateur in Ukraine's political turmoil."⁸

That many of the "protesters" were paid performers has been verified by local correspondents. A certain man confirmed: "My wife, who is of Ukrainian nationality, has weekly contact to her parents and friends in Zhytomyr [in northwest Ukraine]. According to them, most protesters get an average payment of 200-300 grivna, corresponding to about 15-25 euro." Another, Johannes Loew, adds: "I am just back from Ukraine (I live in Munich, Germany) and I was a lot at the Maidan. Most of those people get only 100 grivna. 300 is for students."⁹

Of course, not all of the protesters were paid. A great many were undoubtedly acting under the honest assumption that they were protesting government corruption or excessive Russian political influence, and were completely unaware that they were being exploited. Significantly, too, there was an extremely zealous fascist element among the protesters called the Right Sector, which by mid-February had taken control of the demonstrations.

The Right Sector has neo-Nazi sentiments which it inherited from the western Ukrainians who fought against Russia under Hitler.

Photo Courtesy: Wikipedia.
Of the more than 100 protesters killed in the revolution in Independence Square in Kiev, most died on February 20, killed by sniper fire or by automatic weapons. Strangely, many police officers were also injured or killed by the snipers.



February 18-21: Snipers Kill Both Sides

Seizing weapons and ammunition from an armory, these ultranationalists turned the peaceful demonstrations in Independence Square into violent scenes, in which protesters stormed and burned the government buildings and even killed police officers and government employees.

By their own accounts, the moderate leaders of the demonstrations (who had been paid to do the West's bidding) lost control of the movement to the Right Sector, who transformed the demonstrations' whole aim. No longer did the mob demand simply that the financial agreement with Russia be reversed in favor of the EU, but that the entire Yanukovych administration be overthrown – as it eventually was.

Four days of intense rioting and bloodshed ensued in Kiev, extending from **February 18-21**.

A terrible and enigmatic element of that hell on earth, was the deadly sniper fire from supposed police officers atop buildings. As the death toll on both sides of the confrontation mounted, it became apparent that the snipers were shooting *both protesters and police*. The Estonian foreign minister, Urmas Paet, was heard confirming to Foreign Affairs and Security Representative Catherine Ashton that the snipers were agents of the new coalitions that the U.S. was putting into power, and not Russian agents (as Washington representatives were claiming):

“All the evidence shows that the people who were killed by snipers were from both sides, among policemen and people from the streets – that they were the same snipers killing people from both sides. So that there is now stronger and stronger understanding that behind the snipers it was not Yanukovych, but it was somebody from the new coalition.”¹⁰

A former deputy head of Ukraine's main security agency said in an interview published in a Ukrainian newspaper: "[The] snipers received orders to shoot not only protesters, but also police forces. **This was all done in order to escalate the conflict...**"¹¹

February 21: More Mobocracy

In the end, the democratically-elected Ukrainian government under Yanukovich was completely routed. By February 21, Yanukovich and other government officials and their families had fled the capital, and the police were all recalled to outlying districts. What remained of the looted and burned-out government buildings was in the hands of the revolutionaries, who claimed government powers for themselves.



Photo Courtesy: Bulent Kilic/AFP/Getty Images. A view of the destruction in Independence Square, Kiev. The more than 100 dead include both protesters and police, with more than 1000 seriously wounded.

The “moderates” took the seats of power as planned, but the extremists of the Right Sector seem from the beginning to have carried the power of ruling by intimidation. And this persisting ascendancy of the Right Sector neo-Nazis among the insurgents is itself, yet today, possibly the greatest threat of fomenting a civil war in Ukraine – a war, by the way, which Russia would not dare to merely observe from the sidelines.

When the mobs went on to destroy the monument to the Russian soldiers who took Ukraine from Nazi Germany, both Russia and the Russian Ukrainians got the message, and their response has been unequivocal. Roberts reports:

“The Russian parts of Ukraine clearly understand that the Right Sector’s destruction of the monument commemorating the stand

of the Red Army against the German troops is a threat against the Russian population of Ukraine. Provincial governments in eastern and southern Ukraine that formerly were part of Russia are organizing militias against the ultra-nationalist threat unleashed by Washington ... and by the naive and gullible Kiev protesters.

...

“The Ukrainian right-wing (sic) is in a stronger position than Washington’s paid Ukrainian puppets.... The Right Sector is organized. It is armed. It is indigenous. It is not dependent on money funneled in from Washington- and EU-financed NGOs. It has an ideology, and it is focused. ...

“Ukraine is far more important to Russia than it is to the U.S. or EU. If the situation in Ukraine spirals out of control and right-wing extremists seize control, Russian intervention is certain. ... According to the *Moscow Times*, this is what a senior Russian official has to say: ‘If Ukraine breaks apart, it will trigger a war.’ ... Another Russian official said: ‘We will not allow Europe and the US to take Ukraine from us.’”¹²

Whether the Right Sector has taken the revolution away from the direction envisioned by Washington, or (as Max Blumenthal believes)¹³ the Right Sector is also directed by Washington, these ultra-nationalists are the real force within the revolutionary Ukrainian parliament. The moderates who ostensibly hold the seats of power have no choice but to legislate the neo-Nazi program – thus, for instance, the present ban on any official use of the Russian language.

On **March 1**, ethnic Russian patriots began protesting Kiev’s new revolutionary parliament throughout the eastern and southern Ukrainian provinces. Crimea’s course, however, was unique and decisive.

Crimea had the status of an autonomous republic within Ukraine, and the Prime Minister of Crimea appealed directly to President Putin of Russia to “provide assistance in ensuring peace and tranquility on the territory” of Crimea.¹⁴ Naturally, Putin could not ignore such a vital and strategic threat to the Russian Navy’s outlet to the Black Sea through its Crimean port. As we saw above, the requested “assistance” from Russia arrived in force.

March 16-18: Referendum

The parliament of Crimea then put the question of secession from Ukraine before the people. In a public referendum held on **March 16**, in which a record-breaking turnout of 83% of Crimeans participated, the overwhelming majority of the people (96%) voted to secede from Ukraine and rejoin the Russian Federation. On the next day, **March 17**, the Crimean Parliament declared national independence from Ukraine and petitioned the Russian Federation to receive them again as a territory of Russia. The next day, **March 18**, Russia and Crimea signed a treaty of accession; and on the following day the Ukrainian Armed Forces were evicted from their bases in Crimea by Russian troops.¹⁵

Other Secession Movements in Ukraine

There have been similar calls for secession in the ethnically Russian eastern provinces of Ukraine as well. Further, beginning in late February, pro-Russian patriots have stormed the government buildings in the eastern provinces of **Donetsk**, **Luhansk** and **Kharkiv**. Possession of the administrative buildings in at least a dozen cities within these provinces has since passed back and forth between the two armed factions multiple times, with significant loss of life. Most tragically, in Odessa, more than 30 pro-Russian protesters were



Pro-Russian uprisings in the eastern and southern regions of the Ukraine followed the pro-Western coup in Kiev. Control of the regional state administration (RSA) buildings in the eastern provinces of Kharkiv, Luhansk, and Donetsk has passed back and forth multiple times between the two armed factions, with considerable loss of life.

burned alive in a building fire-bombed by a pro-Kiev mob.

The new Ukrainian government would like to utterly squash the eastern movements, but any attempt to do so is certain to produce the opposite effect. Russia (which has refused to recognize the new revolutionary government in Kiev) is ready on the wings, promising protection to the ethnic Russians in eastern Ukraine, with an estimated 40,000 troops amassed along the border.

Part II

Accusations, Sanctions and Threat of World War III

Present tensions, then, are extreme. The U.S. and EU are accusing Russia of destabilizing Ukraine, and have imposed a variety of restrictions on Russian banks and oil companies, as well as personal economic sanctions against top Russian officials in retaliation for annexing Crimea. The Group of Eight (G8) international forum of leading industrialized countries responded to the annexation by expelling Russia (which had been a member since 1998), changing its name back to G7, and NATO has likewise suspended all practical cooperation with Russia, and is sending troops to the Ukrainian border and missile-bearing ships to the Black Sea.



Pro-Russian protesters take their turn at attacking government buildings in Kharkiv, Donetsk, and Luhansk.

President Putin, on the other hand, is demanding that the EU nations, which snatched Ukraine from Russia's economic embrace, must now either themselves pay Ukraine's enormous outstanding gas bill owed to Russia, or have their own gas supplies cut off. Moscow's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov flatly called for the U.S. "to fully recognize responsibility for those whom they brought to power and whom they are trying to shield, closing their eyes to the outrages created by this regime and by the fighters on whom this regime leans."¹⁶

Meanwhile, within Ukraine – which is teetering on the verge of economic collapse – parliamentary debate in the new government is literally devolving into fist-fights among the MPs. Within the city of Donetsk, where siege-like conditions make it too dangerous for workers to go to their places of employment, the banks have shut their doors and the local economy has already failed.

Despite these disastrous developments, Western leaders and media remain adamant about pursuing their program for gaining Ukraine for the West, even if it costs half the world – *our half!* In Paul Craig Roberts' assessment, "Washington's drive to exploit every opportunity to establish its hegemony over the world is driving us all to nuclear war."¹⁷ And he adds dryly, "World War III would be the last war."

NATO's Bear-baiting Eastward Expansion (1997-2014)

Since the time of the Clinton administration, the U.S. has sought to expand NATO practically up to Russia's border. But might not the strategy of bringing Eastern European nations (including Poland and the Baltic nations of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia) into NATO backfire on the West? Even as far back as 1997, Patrick Buchanan pointed out that this tactic was exposing Ukraine more, not less, to Russian pressure. "It is clear," he added, "that NATO expansion is already dividing, and may eventually destroy, the great Western alliance."¹⁸

Though former efforts to bring Ukraine and Georgia into NATO were unsuccessful, there is talk again now of doing so.¹⁹ This would open the door to setting up NATO and U.S. military bases and missile systems on Russia's very borders – a strategic threat which Russia will never allow. If Ukraine joins NATO, it seems certain that the 40,000 Russian troops amassed on the Ukraine border will soon be

on the march – westward.

Paul Craig Roberts sums up the threat of provoking a war with Russia through this reckless attempt to “contain Russia”:²⁰

“Obama is demanding more NATO troops to be stationed in Eastern Europe to ‘contain Russia,’ ... [as if] a buildup of military forces on Russia’s borders [were needed to] reassure Poland and the Baltic states that, as NATO members, they will be protected from Russian aggression. ...

“[No one can] say what effect the U.S./NATO military buildup and numerous war games on Russia’s border will have on Russia. Will the Russian government conclude that Russia is about to be attacked, and strike first? The reckless carelessness of Obama is the way wars start.”²¹

NATO expansion in Eastern Europe is provoking Russia to reassert itself in the region, and could bring down upon our heads unimaginable disaster. NATO alliances bring war *commitments* to the West, should there be any turmoil in Russia’s former territories. Had prior efforts to bring Ukraine and Georgia into NATO been successful, we would have been all but assured of World War III in 2008 over Georgia’s invasion of South Ossetia, just as we would right now be committed to fighting Russia over Crimea.

Vice President Joe Biden made a trip in mid-March through Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia, assuring each of these tiny Baltic nations that the U.S. remains “solemn” and “iron clad” about honoring our commitment to Article Five of the NATO treaty on their behalf – the article, that is, which commits us to go to war against Russia if she violates the territory of any of these nations.

Another blatant challenge to Russia’s influence on its own border nations came on April 1, 2014, as Ukraine’s parliament approved a series of upcoming joint military exercises with NATO forces, which will bring U.S. troops practically face-to-face with Russian soldiers in the Crimean peninsula. As a “distinctive partner” of NATO, Ukraine will join U.S. forces for exercises in the Black Sea, as well as joining ground forces of Poland, Moldova, and Romania for other exercises.

All these tensions are now coming to a head in the rhetoric being bantered between Russia and U.S./NATO powers regarding Crimea’s decision to rejoin itself to Russia. At least to the Russians,

this rhetorical posturing is not a game. An official Kremlin newscaster, Dmitry Kiselyov, responded to the threat of American intervention in Crimea with a sobering reminder: **“Russia is ... capable of turning the United States into radioactive ash.”**²²

Russia on the Attack, or to the Rescue?

The present situation is fearful enough, but American politicians and media seem determined nevertheless to aggravate it with an Orwellian irony by claiming that the West is acting on idealistic motives of freedom and democracy. Secretary of State John Kerry declared sanctimoniously in Munich that “Nowhere is the fight for a democratic European future more important than today in Ukraine.”²³

The fact is that Viktor Yanukovich came to power in 2010 in a free election monitored by neutral observers from 22 nations. His term was to last until 2015. And yet the West applauds his utterly undemocratic removal by mob violence as a victory for democracy. One can easily imagine how quickly and brutally a Kiev-style uprising on the lawn of the White House would be condemned and suppressed. Patrick Buchanan asks,



President Obama spoke for more than half an hour on March 26, 2014, at the Palace of Fine Arts in Brussels, mostly about the conflict in Ukraine. The President’s speech culminated in a passionate plea for America’s NATO partners to “meet the challenge of our ideals” in their response to the Crimean crisis. One can only hope that the President’s listeners recognized that he was reaching new heights of irrelevant hypocrisy – Paul Craig Roberts points out that no one applauded the nonsensical speech. Photo Attribution: Saul Loeb, AFP

“[H]ow would Obama react if thousands of Tea Party members established an encampment on the Mall, burned down the DNC, occupied the Capitol and demanded he either repeal Obamacare or resign?”²⁴

But in Ukraine – where the issue hinges on Washington’s desire to put NATO military bases on the Russian border and (as Paul Craig Roberts believes) to impose an IMF austerity program that serves as cover for Western financial interests to loot the country – it is a different matter. The new revolutionary parliament has created what Roberts terms “a regime of illegality” in place of law and constitutional procedures, having illegally removed an elected president from office, issued illegal arrest warrants for the legitimate government’s officials, and illegally released criminals from prison.

“[The new] Ukrainian parliament itself is responsible for the destruction of democracy in Ukraine. ... Today the illegally deposed President Yanukovich is on the run. Tomorrow will the current president, Oleksander Turchinov, put in office by the moderates, not by the people, be on the run? If a democratic election did not convey legitimacy to President Yanukovich, how does selection by a rump parliament convey legitimacy to Turchinov? What can Turchinov answer if the neo-nazis put to him Lenin’s question to Kerensky: ‘Who chose you?’”²⁵

Laughable Self-righteousness

The terrible reality behind the otherwise laughable self-righteousness of Western governments and media is that their rhetoric is driving the West toward its complete undoing, and the whole world toward war. Roberts lays it on the line:

“The [same] script ... has been handed to all of Washington’s puppets, and everywhere in the West the message is the same. ‘Putin invaded and annexed Crimea, Putin is determined to rebuild the Soviet Empire, Putin must be stopped.’ ... [The] transparent lie that Russia sent an army into Ukraine and annexed Crimea is now accepted as fact everywhere in the West, even among critics of U.S. policy toward Russia. ...

“Obama recently declared that Washington’s destruction of Iraq – up to one million killed, four million displaced, infrastructure in ruins, sectarian violence exploding, a country in total ruins – is nowhere near as bad as Russia’s acceptance of Crimean

self-determination. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry actually ordered Putin to prevent the referendum and stop Crimeans from exercising self-determination.

“Obama’s speech²⁶ on March 26 at the Palace of Fine Arts in Brussels is surreal. It is beyond hypocrisy. Obama says that Western ideals are challenged by self-determination in Crimea. Russia, Obama says, must be punished by the West for permitting Crimeans to exercise self-determination. The return of a Russian province on its own volition to its mother country where it existed for 200 years is presented by Obama as a dictatorial, anti-democratic act of tyranny.

“Here was Obama, whose government has just overthrown the elected, democratic government of Ukraine and substituted stooges chosen by Washington in the place of the elected government, speaking of the hallowed ideal that ‘people in nations can make their own decisions about their future.’ That is exactly what Crimea did, and that is exactly what the U.S. coup in Kiev contravened. In the twisted mind of Obama, self-determination consists of governments imposed by Washington. ...

“Washington is the government that invaded and destroyed Afghanistan and Iraq on the basis of lies. Washington is the



The Kremlin has declared its readiness to protect the ethnic Russian population of eastern Ukraine. Tens of thousands of troops – along with hundreds of tanks, planes, and field artillery – have been summoned to the Russia/Ukraine border.

government that financed and organized the overthrow of the Libyan and Honduran governments and that is currently attempting to do the same thing to Syria and Venezuela. Washington is the government that attacks with drones and bombs populations in the sovereign countries of Pakistan and Yemen. Washington is the government that has troops all over Africa. Washington is the government that has surrounded Russia, China, and Iran with military bases. It is this warmongering collection of Washington war criminals that now asserts that it is standing up for international ideals against Russia.

“No one applauded Obama’s nonsensical speech. But for Europe to accept such blatant lies from a liar without protest empowers the momentum toward war that Washington is pushing.”²⁷

Economic Sanctions – An Incentive to Kill the U.S. Dollar

Denouncing the Russian military’s occupation of Crimea as “a naked act of armed aggression,” *The Washington Post* urges Western leaders to give President Putin an ultimatum: evacuate Crimea, or we impose trade sanctions that will “sink [the Russian] financial system.”²⁸ Indeed, NATO and the U.S. have already engaged economic sanctions against Russia. But Buchanan warns that such sanctions are a two-edged sword:

“While we and the EU could cripple Russia’s economy and bring down her banks, is this wise? What if Moscow responds by cutting off credits to Ukraine, calling in Kiev’s debts, refusing to buy her goods, and raising the price of oil and gas?”²⁹

Indeed, it might not be only Ukraine and Europe that suffer from America’s injudicious use of sanctions. Using the U.S. dollar (the “world reserve currency,” in which major transactions throughout the world are conducted) to bully other nations into complying with U.S. interests, could utterly backfire on the U.S. as well. Paul Craig Roberts explains:

“Two pressures are building on the U.S. dollar. One pressure comes from the Federal Reserve’s declining ability to rig the price of gold as Western gold supplies shrivel and market knowledge of the Fed’s illegal price rigging spreads. The evidence of massive amounts of naked shorts being dumped into the paper gold futures market at times of day when trading is thin is unequivocal. It has become obvious that the price of gold is being rigged in

the futures market in order to protect the dollar's value from QE [irresponsible money-printing].

“The other pressure arises from the Obama regime’s foolish threats of sanctions on Russia. Other countries are no longer willing to tolerate Washington’s abuse of the world dollar standard. Washington uses the dollar-based international payments system to inflict damage on the economies of countries that resist Washington’s political hegemony.

“Russia and China have had enough, ... [and] are disconnecting their international trade from the dollar. Henceforth, Russia will conduct its trade, including the sale of oil and natural gas to Europe, in rubles and in the currencies of its BRICS partners.³⁰ This means a big drop in the demand for U.S. dollars and a corresponding drop in the dollar’s exchange value. ...

“[It is becoming] clear to all governments that Washington uses the dollar-based international payments system as a means of control. Why should countries accept an international payments system that infringes their sovereignty? What would happen if instead of passively accepting the dollar as the means of international payment, countries simply left the dollar system? The value of the dollar would fall and so would Washington’s power. Without the power that the dollar’s role as world reserve currency gives the U.S. to pay its bills by printing money, the U.S. could not maintain its aggressive military posture or its payoffs to foreign governments to do its bidding. Washington would be just another failed empire, whose population can barely make ends meet....

“It is only a matter of time before it is universally recognized that the U.S. is a failed state. Let’s pray this recognition occurs before the arrogant inhabitants of Washington blow up the world in pursuit of hegemony over others.”³¹

The “Errors of Russia” Are Now More Our Own Than Russia’s?

We should not fail to note a surprising twist which has developed from this U.S.-Russia confrontation – *i.e.*, that the errors of Russia seem finally to have come home ... **to us!** Bolshevik Russia institutionalized within its own borders, and then exported throughout the world, an entire collection of moral perversions, including the legalization of pornography, contraception, abortion, and divorce. These errors,

as well as homosexuality, have been actively and systematically promoted by Russia for decades throughout Western Europe and the United States, whose corruption was seen as a necessary first step in conquering Western society for the worldwide Communist Revolution.

The stench of Western corruption seems now to have already more than satisfied those who orchestrated the great fall of our once-Christian society. We have fallen so far, in fact, that Russia itself is able to claim a moral high-ground (comparatively speaking) while reproaching the West for its own apparently greater decadence. Russia, the Bear – the *monster*, whose brutality and atrocities against Hungary in 1956 and against Czechoslovakia in 1968 will never be forgotten – is today rather easily able to justify its actions in Crimea (where virtually not a shot was fired in expelling the Ukrainian military from the peninsula, and where Russia's *vital* interests were threatened by the West's reckless pursuit of its own *strategic* interests).

President Putin himself, whose public demeanor speaks of self-discipline and stern common sense, stands in stark contrast to the hapless U.S. Presidents of recent years – from the brazen adulteries of draft-dodger Bill Clinton, to the practically self-admitted³² warmongering of George W. Bush and the shameless immorality and entitlement championed by Barrack Obama.

The United States' godless domestic and foreign policies have been reshaping America's image in the rest of the world's eyes for many years now. International polling consistently reveals a growing popular sentiment that the United States is the greatest threat to world peace today.³³ President Obama's determination to launch a military strike against Syria in September of last year was a case in point for President Putin, who rightly pointed out that it is the U.S. which is driving the world toward disaster by its notion of exceptionalism and its unauthorized military interventions in other nations:

“From the outset, Russia has advocated peaceful dialogue enabling Syrians to develop a compromise plan for their own future. We are not protecting the Syrian government, but international law. We need to use the United Nations Security Council and believe that preserving law and order in today's complex and turbulent world is one of the few ways to keep international relations from sliding into chaos. The law is still the law, and we must follow it whether we like it or not. Under current

international law, force is permitted only in self-defense or by the decision of the Security Council. Anything else is unacceptable under the United Nations Charter and would constitute an act of aggression.* ...

“It is alarming that military intervention in internal conflicts in foreign countries has become commonplace for the United States. Is it in America’s long-term interest? I doubt it. Millions around the world increasingly see America not as a model of democracy but as relying solely on brute force, cobbling coalitions together under the slogan ‘you’re either with us or against us.’

“But force has proved ineffective and pointless. Afghanistan is reeling, and no one can say what will happen after international forces withdraw. Libya is divided into tribes and clans. In Iraq the civil war continues, with dozens killed each day. In the United States, many draw an analogy between Iraq and Syria, and ask why their government would want to repeat recent mistakes.

“No matter how targeted the strikes or how sophisticated the weapons, civilian casualties are inevitable, including the elderly and children, whom the strikes are meant to protect.

“The world reacts by asking: if you cannot count on international law [i.e., to restrain U.S. aggression and intervention], then you must find other ways to ensure your security. Thus a growing number of countries seek to acquire weapons of mass destruction. This is logical; if you have the bomb, no one will touch you. We are left with talk of the need to strengthen nonproliferation, when in reality this is being eroded.

“We must stop using the language of force and return to the path of civilized diplomatic and political settlement. ...

“I carefully studied [President Obama’s] address to the nation on Tuesday. And I would rather disagree with a case he made on American exceptionalism, stating that the United States’ policy is ‘what makes America different. It’s what makes us exceptional.’ It is extremely dangerous to encourage people to see themselves as exceptional, whatever the motivation. There are big countries and small countries, rich and poor.... We are all different, but when we ask for the Lord’s blessings, we must not forget that God created us equal.”³⁴

One week later, on September 19, 2013, President Putin delivered an even more cutting speech before an international audience at the Forum Valdai in Russia:

“Another serious challenge to Russia’s identity is linked to events taking place in the world. Here there are both foreign policy and moral aspects. We can see how many of the Euro-Atlantic countries are actually rejecting their roots, including the Christian values that constitute the basis of Western civilization. They are denying moral principles and all traditional identities: national, cultural, religious and even sexual. They are implementing policies that equate large families with same-sex partnerships, belief in God with the belief in Satan.

“The excesses of political correctness have reached the point where people are seriously talking about registering political parties whose aim is to promote pedophilia. People in many European countries are embarrassed or afraid to talk about their religious affiliations. Holidays are abolished or even called something different; their essence is hidden away, as is their moral foundation. And people are aggressively trying to export this model all over the world. I am convinced that this opens a direct path to degradation and primitivism, resulting in a profound demographic and moral crisis.

“What else but the loss of the ability to self-reproduce could act as the greatest testimony of the moral crisis facing a human society? Today almost all developed nations are no longer able to reproduce themselves, even with the help of migration. Without the values embedded in Christianity and other world religions, without the standards of morality that have taken shape over millennia, people will inevitably lose their human dignity. We consider it natural and right to defend these values.”³⁵



President Vladimir Putin reproves Western society for its moral perversions and for having forsaken its Christian heritage.

Not empty words (in spite of coming from a man in the process of divorcing his wife). In 2013, the Kremlin enacted legislation banning abortions after 12 weeks, banning all advertisements for abortion, criminalizing homosexual propaganda, and protecting religious believers from sacrilegious insults. Patrick Buchanan asks:

“What is going on here? ... In the new war of beliefs, Putin is saying, it is Russia that is on God’s side. The West is Gomorrah. ...

“In the culture war for the future of mankind, Putin is planting Russia’s flag firmly on the side of traditional Christianity. ... He is also tapping into the worldwide revulsion of and resistance to the sewage of a hedonistic secular and social revolution coming out of the West. ... Russia’s role, in Putin’s words, is to ‘prevent movement backward and downward, into chaotic darkness and a return to a primitive state.’ ...

“Putin is saying the new ideological struggle is between a debauched West led by the United States and a traditionalist world [which] Russia would be proud to lead.”³⁶

Part III

We Need the Consecration of RUSSIA! NOW!!!

What will Russia do in the coming weeks and months? Is she still committed to her century-old announced program of conquering the entire world for the Communist Revolution? Will the West goad Russia into resuming military conquests for the sake of her own national security, bringing an escalation of the present crisis to an armed confrontation between the U.S. and Russia over Crimea and Ukraine? Only time will tell.

In the long term, however, we do know Russia’s course, and we know also what is in store for all the nations of the world. Regardless of all evidence (true or false) of President Putin’s decency and piety, Russia’s role in God’s plan has been spelled out to us by Our Lady of Fatima, and nothing but the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by the Holy Father and all the Catholic bishops of the world can change that course.

When Our Lady of Fatima's request for the Consecration of Russia is heeded, She will miraculously convert Russia. Until that day, Russia will continue in its divinely appointed role of being "the instrument of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the world (for its sins) unless we obtain the conversion of that poor nation." Russia will continue to spread her errors throughout the world, fomenting wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer. *This is what is in store as our very near future*, unless we manage quickly to bring about the fulfillment of Our Lady's request for the Consecration of Russia!

The world finds itself today being helplessly catapulted toward truly hellish scenarios of bloodshed, chaos, and desperation, which are likely to pale only in comparison with the horrors of the global tyranny to which they lead. No one can claim that all this will not be a fitting consequence for the unparalleled sins of the world in our time, but how tragic it will be for the world to endure these just punishments when they might have been so easily avoided. Our Lady of Fatima has shown us how to prevent not only the looming international disasters which we now see taking shape, but also the eternal loss of so many souls which will surely accompany such upheavals.

When Will the Pope Get It?

When will the Holy Father at last be moved to obey Heaven's command for the Consecration of Russia? There can be no other meaningful or effective calls for world peace from the Pope so long as he refuses to take the course marked out for him by Our Lord through Our Lady of Fatima. The Pope must order the Catholic bishops throughout the world to join him in publicly consecrating explicitly and only Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In his Easter Sunday message, Pope Francis urged the international community to "prevent violence" in Ukraine, but his words could not have been meant as a mockery of Our Lady of Fatima since he himself holds the key to the only means of bringing peace to the world. It must be that Pope Francis truly is ignorant of Our Lady of Fatima's solemn command to consecrate Russia. When Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk met with the Pope on April 26 to ask for his support in settling the volatile situation, the two heads of state seemed to vie for the most ludicrous verbal assaults on the



Pope Francis met with the new Ukrainian Prime Minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, on April 26, 2014 and assured him that he would do everything in his power to bring peace to Ukraine. The Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as commanded by God through Our Lady of Fatima as the only means of bringing peace to the world, is in the Pope's power. Only the Pope can give the order to the Catholic bishops of the world to join him in performing this Consecration. Will the Pope actually do as he says and obey this command of Heaven? Will enough Catholics embrace the reparatory devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as requested by Our Lady in time to move the Holy Father to prevent the full scope of the cataclysms already being unleashed upon the world for its sins? Our lives and possibly our souls depend upon the answers to these questions.

reality of our situation.

At an exchange of gifts, Yatsenyuk presented Pope Francis with a photograph of Independence Square in Kiev, saying: "This is where Ukrainians fought for their freedom and rights. Millions of people." The Pope responded by giving the Prime Minister a pen, saying, "I hope this pen will sign the peace." At the end of the meeting, Pope Francis put his hand over his heart and said: "I will do everything possible" for peace.

If only Yatsenyuk or one of the monsignori present – or a fly on the wall, anyone! – had possessed the sense to cry out:

"The Consecration of Russia is in your power, Holy Father! Only your own obedience to the command of Heaven can stop this disaster."

Even EWTN and NCR Finally Get It!

Even EWTN's *National Catholic Register* is finally getting the picture. In an astonishing blog article posted on April 16, journalist Patrick Archbold dares to pierce the veneer of Cardinal Bertone's Party Line and to speak the plain truth about the Consecration-of-Russia-That-Wasn't. With a modicum of lip service to the Party Line claims that Sister Lucia had verified Heaven's "acceptance" of Pope John Paul II's 1984 consecration of the world, and that the Consecration of Russia requested by Our Lady has therefore already been accomplished, Archbold goes on to point out that we have yet to see the promised effects of that supposed Consecration.

Discounting the possibility that God has chosen to grant those effects in such a manner and time that they cannot be meaningfully associated with the "Consecration," Archbold concludes that we had better repeat the Consecration, this time in the manner specified by Our Lady – naming Russia as the explicit object of the Consecration, and ordering the participation of all the Catholic bishops! Archbold quotes Our Lady:

"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. In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world."

Shortly thereafter, Archbold continues:

"Once again, an aggressive and militaristic Russia dominates the news. That country, under the dictatorship and thumb of a thug, threatens its neighbors once again with annihilation.

"As Catholics, how should we respond? We should pray, of course. But there is more we can do. That country is in dire need of conversion (as are most countries in the world) and while the Orthodox Church has been given more freedom in post-Soviet Russia, the people are far from converted. Abortion rates in Russia and the countries of the former Soviet Union are the highest in the

world. While the Orthodox Church has made some inroads with the people of Russia, its reach is still very limited and even in the best of interpretations, the lack of communion with the Holy See represents a serious problem for the Russian people.

“Because of Russia, souls are perishing, the world is threatened with war, and nations continue to be annihilated.

“More is needed. What is needed is that Russia should be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Russia is a country in dire need of the assistance of Our Blessed Mother.

“Wait!!! Hold your horses there, bub. The Consecration of Russia was already accomplished in 1984. Are you one of those Fatima deniers?

“No. I do not doubt for a second the veracity of Sr. Lucia or anyone else involved in the affair that the consecration of 1984 was ‘accepted by heaven.’ Of this I have no doubt. One would have to be blind not to see that so quickly upon the heels of that consecration, the threat posed by the Soviet Union dissipated as the Communist leviathan disintegrated. That the consecration was accepted by heaven and was efficacious is beyond reasonable doubt.

“But one must admit that even though the disintegration of the Soviet Union was a miracle, it does not seem by itself to ultimately fulfill the promises made by Our Lady. I think no reasonable person can make the case that the Immaculate Heart of Mary has triumphed in the world in the last 30 years. If anything, it seems clear that the world has gleefully headed in the opposite direction. While the Orthodox Church has been liberated to some degree in Russia, with the highest abortion rates in the world and with a population that remains 22% declared atheist and less than 10% of the population attends Church just once a month, this hardly represents conversion in any meaningful way, even leaving entirely aside the continued schism of the Russian Church.

“Further, it is impossible to argue, even as Russia’s 20th Century errors continue to spread around the world, that the last war-filled and decadent decades can in any way be construed as a period of peace being granted to the world.

“So if one believes in Fatima and in the promises of Our Lady, one must conclude that some 30 years after the consecration of

the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary that these promises have not been fulfilled. That leaves one with two possibilities to consider. First, that Mary will yet fulfill the promises, but in a manner so remote from the 1984 consecration to not be seen as an obvious consequence of it. Or, I think it reasonable to surmise, that even as efficacious as the 1984 consecration obviously was, it was not the consecration that will ultimately precipitate the fulfillment of Our Lady's promises. ...

“That Russia needs to be and should be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary seems as plain as day. Regardless of where anyone stands on Fatima and the 1984 consecration, Russia and the world need Our Lady's protection. Is there any good reason to argue why Russia should not be consecrated again to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Such consecrations are regularly renewed. And if this consecration occurs, why not do it by name and in public union with the Bishops of the World?

“Now is the time, Russia and the world need it.”³⁷

Blessed Elena Aiello's Warning!

Blessed Sister Elena Aiello, like Blessed Jacinta Marto, received revelations from Our Lady about the terrible chastisements which now seem ready to fall upon the world, and even saw them transpire in prophetic visions:

“[I]f people ... do not return to God with truly Christian living, another terrible war will come from the East to the West. Russia with her secret armies will battle America; will overrun Europe.



Blessed Elena Aiello (1865-1961), who bore the stigmata, founded a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Jesus Christ. On every Good Friday from 1923 until her death, she suffered with Our Lord in His Passion, and bled profusely, particularly from the crown of thorns.

The Rhine River will be overflowing with corpses and blood. Italy will also be harassed by a great revolution, and the Pope will suffer terribly.”³⁸

“Russia will march upon all the nations of Europe, particularly Italy, and will raise her flag over the dome of St. Peter’s. Italy will be severely tried by a great revolution, and Rome will be purified in blood for its many sins, especially those of impurity. The flock is about to be dispersed, and the Pope will suffer greatly.”³⁹

“Oh, what a horrible vision I see! A great revolution is going on in Rome! They are entering the Vatican. The Pope is all alone; he is praying. They are holding the Pope. They take him by force. They knock him down to the floor. They are tying him. Oh, God! Oh, God! They are kicking him. What a horrible scene! How dreadful!”⁴⁰

We must all redouble our efforts now, for whatever length of time remains to us before further wars and persecutions befall us. We must do all in our power to move Heaven by our prayers and sacrifices for the Consecration of Russia and for the publication of Our Lady’s words in the Third Secret. Even at this late hour, Our Lady can deliver us from the scourges of war and enslavement to a global satanic regime. She can deliver us through our fidelity to the devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary which She asked of us at Fatima – our daily Rosaries, our constant sacrifices, and our fervent Communion of Reparation on the First Saturday of each month.

Our Lady’s revelation to Sister Elena of August 22, 1960, continued:

“Spread the devotion to My Immaculate Heart, in order that many souls may be conquered by My love and that many sinners may return to My Maternal Heart. Do not fear, for I will accompany with My maternal protection My faithful ones, and all those who accept My urgent warnings, *and they – especially by the recitation of My Rosary – will be saved.*”

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