

Prosperity Before the End Times

Commentary for July 1, 2016 — Why Prosperity Is Necessary

I believe great prosperity — even unbelievable prosperity — will occur for most of the world in the years to come. Prosperity will come before the End Times begin, before the Tribulation against Israel begins, and before Christ returns. Let's see why this may happen.

- **God will make His presence known.** God will demonstrate to the world that He exists, that He is in control, and He shall make those demonstrations by science reaching further into the invisible realm to discover unmistakable evidences so awe-inspiring that they will be unable and unwilling to suppress those findings. Already there are severe "difficulties" with accepted scientific explanations of causation and creation that seek to deny God is the Creator and sustainer of all creation. In other words,

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold [back] the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in [plain to] them; for God has showed it unto them.

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, [how?] being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal [eonian, age-lasting] power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

• *Romans 1:18–20*

The apostle Paul states plainly (and modern translations are more clear) that they know God exists, but they refuse to acknowledge him. He does not say they "do not know" or "cannot know," the meaning of the term "agnostic." The "**invisible things**" are those which we must "see" with instruments such as microscopes, telescopes, and various means of extending our senses. "**His eonian power and Godhead**," refers to the finite nature of the creation which is limited to the eons. It will seem to be a time as prophesied by King David¹:

**"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.
That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the people praise you.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
for you shall judge the people righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.
Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the people praise you.**

¹ David wrote about the time after Christ's return. Deception is most effective when mixed with much truth. The antichrist and the false prophet will teach mostly truth, probably even teach universal salvation. This allows them to murder true followers of God and Christ and say, "They will be saved later."

**Then shall the earth yield her increase;
and God, even our own God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."**

• *Psalm 67:1–7*

When God reveals Himself (it will be done gently, scientific discovery after discovery), the world will be amazed and in awe, scientists and all people. They will desire to learn more about their God — "If God exists, then how should I live?" For a **short** time, a revival of righteousness will follow. Many people will have their consciences become active, which is a good thing. Read Romans 2: 15, 9:1, and 13:5 with their contexts. There will be a revival of honesty and truth, and information about God and the Scriptures. This **temporary** return to comparative "righteousness" will bring prosperity.

From this rudimentary knowledge of God, He will judge the nations by how they live the truths of God, and later, on how they treat His people Israel. Remember, in the time of Jonah, Nineveh was not judged until the people of that city were informed about God's truth.

- **Prosperity is a tool of Satan.** Satan's preferred method of attack is seduction intended to have people abandon God through neglect. Prosperity does that most effectively. Satan's **"ultimate goal is to promote your welfare and prosperity. Truly, he wants you to succeed and be prosperous if you will only do things his way."** (See "[The Deceptive Role of Satan](#).") Remember, Satan tempted Jesus with immediate success of what was His, but without being crucified (Matthew 4: 1–11; Mark 1: 12–13; Luke 4: 1–13).

It is not in Satan's interest to persecute Christians and Israel until God requires him to do so. Then Satan will do so with great energy and hatred. Persecution will build the *ekklesia* and tribulation will help build the faith of the people of Israel who come to accept Him **"whom they have pierced"** (Zechariah 12: 10).

- **Substantial decrease of globalism** (or globalization). Tribalism or nationalism will continue to increase. Mankind will insist on freedom from the so-called "elites."² As author Patrick Buchanan writes in "[After Brexit, a Trump Path to Victory](#)":

"Across Europe, tribalism, of all strains is resurgent. Not only does the EU [European Union] appear to be breaking up, countries appear to be breaking up. ... Ethnonationalism seems everywhere ascendant. Yet, looking back in history, is this not the way the world has been going for some centuries now?"

• *Buchanan, "After Brexit"*

² Jesus said, **"You always have the poor with you"** (Matthew 26: 11; stated differently in Mark 14: 7 and John 12: 8), so too the elite will always be with us. During the 1,000-year reign of Christ, Israel will be a nation most favored by God, a proper model of an elite people. They will fulfill God's intention for them to teach the nations about God (**"You shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation"** (Exodus 19: 5–6). A short history of globalism is given in the June 10, 2016 article by Rebecca Keller, "[The Rise of Manufacturing Marks the Fall of Globalization](#)." For more information view the 27 minute, 2012 YouTube video, "[John Ralston Saul: The Collapse of Globalism and the Reinvention of the World](#)."

Buchanan lists empires and nations that broke up since World War II. For example, the USSR dissolved into 15 nations, Czechoslovakia split into two. Yugoslavia broke into seven nations.

“People want to rule themselves. ... In Europe and America, corporate, financial and political elites are increasingly disrespected and transnationalism is receding. An anti-establishment, nationalist, populist wave is surging across Europe and the USA.”

• *Buchanan, “After Brexit”*

The collapse of globalism will release the creativity of the people of each nation, unfettered by international banking organizations, less international exploitation, reduced regulation (God willing), and the development of micro-economics.

- **Reduction of regulations** within every nation will free up economies. Elites in every nation impose regulations to favor some segments of the economy and diminish other segments. Such regulations strangle most every nation on the globe. International organizations such as the European Union add a further level of bureaucratic and regulatory burdens on each of the (now 27) nations within the EU, making decisions that the people of individual nations do not want done. International organizations such as the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, impose further globalist agendas upon smaller nations to favor larger nations, international corporations, and the ruling elite within small nations.³
- **Repudiation of Debt.** A cancellation of some major debts will likely take place and it will jumpstart the world economy. The creation of money out of nothing imposes a debt load tax on economies of the world that must be canceled out in some way. It will not be equitable, but the poor will have least to lose. It must be done in such a way that goods and services can continue, or billions will die. (That will not happen until Christ returns to punish humanity in the Day of YHWH.) The debt repudiation may be a secular style of “jubilee” that at a set time all debts of a certain type will be canceled.
- **The economy of the United States will be freed to flourish.** Geography survives bad governance and the United States has more natural (God-given) advantages than any country in the world. Rejection of regulation and bad governance is occurring all over the United States. (See Dr. Martin’s article, [“The Secret of United States Economic Success”](#) and my January 2003 Commentary, [“The Power of the United States.”](#))
- **Genius around the world will multiply.** What I wrote in 2008 still holds true. The beneficial effects of more geniuses will begin to be noticed around the world:

“Within less than a generation, the number of geniuses in the world will substantially increase and be productive. Ordinarily in history lack of food, poor

³ In a February 16, 2004 *Forbes* column “Mideast Miracle?” (copy and paste the link to avoid ads: <http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2004/0216/027.html>), Steve Forbes wrote about the coming economic miracle due to an intended official decrease in stifling regulation in Egypt sanctioned by then President Hosni Mubarak. That miracle failed because Mubarak feared domestic radical Islamic groups would take over the country. The poor economy caused Mubarak’s downfall in February 2011.

sanitation, and low social standing prevented genius from fully developing. ... Geniuses born in famine areas ... have suffered brain damage from malnutrition or died young from poor sanitation, or did not reach their potential due to extreme poverty. Today things are changing.

For the aggregate populations of China and India, their geniuses will now flourish instead of dying or suffering brain damage. This will also occur in other nations of the world with smaller but increasing populations such as Egypt and Indonesia [and Nigeria]. Wherever living conditions improve, genius has an opportunity to survive, develop, and flourish.

... within a very short time, another one third of the world's geniuses will have a better opportunity to live lives that will permit them to reach their potential. To put it another way, the number of geniuses in the world will approximately double as world prosperity continues on to Christ's Second Advent. ...

Genius and brilliance of mankind will be the hallmark of the near future. It will occur at an increasing rate. Not only will knowledge increase at a faster rate, but application of that knowledge will increasingly benefit mankind."

• *Sielaff, "Redistribution of Wealth, Part 2"*

- **Energy everywhere.** In case you have not noticed, oil and natural gas have been discovered everywhere, and extraction has been expanded by technology to extract more oil and gas from old reserves. World energy prices have decreased. Huge offshore and on land oil and gas reserves in Israel have been proven as Dr. Martin wrote in "[Oil Soon to be Discovered in Israel](#)." It will take time for Israel to exploit these energy resources. Israel's economy is booming; with energy independence and dominance in technological innovation, Israel will be in a position to be the economic catalyst for the countries surrounding it.⁴

You probably already know about LED (Light Emitting Diode) lights. They are replacing other types of bulbs with a great decrease in cost for companies, government facilities, cities, and homes. Within a decade, yellow sulphur street lamps will be replaced with LED lights.⁵

- **Robotics and virtual reality.** As computer chips continue to become more powerful and robotics more common, we will be surprised what human functions will be automated. Drones and driverless cars will be commonplace on the roads of economically advanced countries much sooner than you might think. Household robotics will begin to appear, and they will be useful, not just toys. Somewhat related to robotics, are the tremendous advances in virtual reality. Surprisingly, this technology can be used to lessen pain. It is much more than a new way to play games. More on these innovations later.

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⁴ As the United States is the economic catalyst for the world economy, Israel will become the economic catalyst for countries in the eastern Mediterranean basin and inland. Cooperation with Israel will only begin when new neighboring countries are formed and borders are stabilized. See "[How Israel will Conquer the Middle East](#)" by Dr. Martin. Israel will (hopefully as soon as possible) create a Solomonic type of "empire" of economic cooperation with its immediate neighbors. This arrangement will be wildly successful with great benefits to all parties.

⁵ Here is one example, "[Buenos Aires is switching around 100,000 street lamps to LED technology, cutting energy use by 50%](#)." The cost to switch out old lamps for new will pay for itself in a few years.