

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" - Luke 21:28

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THE GROWING CYBER-THREAT

China cyber-warfare capability a 'formidable concern'

BBC News reports: "China's growing capabilities in cyber-warfare and intelligence gathering have been described as a 'formidable concern' to the United States.

James Clapper, the US Director of National Intelligence, made the comments in testimony to the US Senate.

From Canada and Britain, France and South Korea, there have been growing reports of online attacks on computer networks around the world.

The finger of suspicion is often pointed at China.

In evidence to the U.S. Senate's Armed Services Committee, Mr. Clapper said last year saw a 'dramatic increase' in malicious cyber-activity targeting U.S. computers and networks.

He did not mention who might be behind the surge in attempts to steal information from government ministries, major companies and others.

But he added that China had made 'a substantial investment' in cyber-warfare and intelligence gathering, saying it had a 'very large organization devoted to it and they're pretty aggressive'.

'This is just another way in which

they glean information about us and collect on us for technology purposes, so it's a very formidable concern,' he said..." **(The rapidly growing cyber-attack threats are more serious than the world's citizenship realizes. This problem, along with solar storms predicted by NASA for December 21st, 2012, or the carrying out by enemy nations using the electromagnetic pulse explosion over a nation could by either one of the three destroy the electrical system from coast to coast in any nation under attack and bringing total darkness any paralysis to a nation for weeks or even months — II Timothy 3:1; Luke 21:25: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity..." See also the next two reports.)**

Cyber-attacks add to North Korean arsenal

Asia Times Online reports: "Military history is full of breakthroughs in technology that render existing forces obsolete and turn the global balance of power. While the overwhelming dominance of the United States armed forces in this day and age makes it difficult to imagine how anything could possibly alter the dynamic of military

power, even the American military has areas of overdependence that could be exploited.

The discovery of the computer worm 'Stuxnet' last July gave the international community a glimpse of what the future of warfare might look like. While the 'Stuxnet' attack on Iranian uranium-enrichment facilities may have been the most audacious attempt to undermine a state asset, the use of computer worms to disrupt the enemy has been in development and practice for decades in other countries, including North Korea.

Given its singular focus on security, North Korea has always been interested in engaging in asymmetrical warfare to balance the odds against the U.S. defense umbrella around South Korea. Acts of sabotage and terrorism were preferred methods during the 1980s, while bargaining with nuclear weapons and missiles has been Pyongyang's chief strategy since the 1990s. Now, the North seems invested in further utilizing cyber-warfare in an attempt to breach the increasingly expanding discrepancies in economic and defensive capabilities along the demilitarized zone that separates it from South Korea.

South Korea's minister of Public Administration and Security, Maeng

Hyeonggyu, announced on March 9 that a widespread denial-of-service attack has been made on South Korean banking and government institution websites. Although the attack was mostly contained by state-sponsored anti-virus programs, computer malware experts expressed concern over its sheer magnitude...”

U.S. cyber war defences 'very thin', Pentagon warns

BBC News reports: “The U.S. military lacks the people and resources to defend the country adequately from concerted cyber-attacks, the head of the Pentagon’s cyber command has warned.

‘We are very thin, and a crisis would

quickly stress our cyber forces,’ Gen. Keith Alexander told Congress.

The U.S. says government systems are attacked millions of times a day.

Disputes over budgets are holding up a new cyber protection system ordered by the Department of Homeland Security.

However, some argue the threat of cyber warfare is greatly exaggerated.

Gen. Alexander, head of the U.S. Defence Department’s Cyber Command, told a Congressional Committee that he would mark as a ‘C’ the military’s ability to protect Pentagon networks, although he acknowledged improvements in recent years.

‘We are finding that we do not have the capacity to do everything we need

to accomplish. To put it bluntly, we are very thin, and a crisis would quickly stress our cyber forces,’ he said.

‘We cannot afford to allow cyberspace to be a sanctuary where real and potential adversaries can marshal forces and capabilities to use against us and our allies. This is not a hypothetical danger.’

U.S. officials say cyber criminals, terrorists and other nations are getting better at penetrating state and private networks, whether to spy, to steal data or damage critical infrastructure...”
(While cyber-warfare may be greatly exaggerated, the Electromagnetic Pulse and solar storms are not — Matthew 24:2; Revelation 7:14.)

THE NEW WORLD ORDER

Iranian President: World People Tired of Western World Order

The Fars News Agency reports: “Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad reiterated that the recent uprisings and revolutions in the Middle-East and North Africa indicate that nations are tired of the present world order and intend to change the entire system of the management of world affairs.

Addressing the U.S. and the European countries, Ahmadinejad said, ‘It is now long years that you made your arrogant rule dominant over the world and made all relations unilateral and cruel, but now people are tired of your behavior and you can no more keep human beings in a cage.’

‘We are witnessing that massive awakening is taking place in the entire world and today all the world nations describe justice and monotheism as their main demand,’ he added.

Also in similar remarks earlier, Ahmadinejad had underlined in a meeting with visiting Bolivian President of the Chamber of Deputies Hector Arce in Tehran that hegemonic powers are incompetent

to manage world affairs, and added that future belongs to the freedom-seeking nations.

President Ahmadinejad noted that today all countries have realized that the arrogant powers (imperialist countries) cannot administer the world any longer because they are facing numerous problems.

Ahmadinejad pointed out that the arrogant powers (global imperialism) are against dignity, independence and progress of other countries.

‘Hence, the world needs a new order based on justice and those who feel being brothers and close to each other have a greater burden on their shoulders for setting the new world order,’ he added...” **(My video; *New World Order Rising has broken all orders ever for Jack Van Impe Ministries. In it I discuss the Revived Roman Empire which is today’s European Union. Now that Iran’s President has enlisted Syria, Venezuela’s Chavez and China as leaders in an Islamic New World Order, I now see that the image Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream in Daniel 2:34 — 35 portrayed kingdom number 4 in verse***

4 as having two legs. I only mentioned one — the European Union. Now I believe the two legs envision a united Roman Empire with the second leg as Constantinople, the government of Islamic Turkey! Presently the Club of Rome has drawn up a ten division global empire — group 1-6 is the European Union; group 6-10 is Islam — Daniel 2:41, 42; 7:7, 8, 20, 24; Revelation 12:3, 13:1, 17:3, 7, 12, 16. See also the next report.)

Ahmadinejad Stresses Iran, China’s Role in Establishing New World Order

The Fars News Agency reports: “Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in a meeting with China’s new ambassador to Tehran underlined the important role played by Tehran and Beijing in the establishment of a just and fair order in the world.

‘Iran and China are two great countries which cradle human civilization and they can have a role in the establishment of a just and humane new world order,’ Ahmadinejad said here in Tehran.

‘The order and the system dominating the world at present is worn-out and rotten and its unfair nature has been unveiled to all,’ he said, adding, ‘Under the present conditions, the world needs a humane and fair new order and Iran and China can have fruitful cooperation in the interest of humanity to define and establish this order.’

Ahmadinejad also called for expansive cooperation with China in economic, cultural and political fields, which, he said, can lead to the faster, more complete and better establishment of a new world order.

The Iranian president had also earlier lashed out at the present world order for impeding progress and advancement of independent nations.

‘The present world order is against

the interests of the nations, and hinders progress of independent nations,’ Ahmadinejad said in a meeting with the visiting President of the National Assembly of Ecuador, Fernando Cordero, here in Tehran...”

Deputy FM warns Islamist regimes could take over Arab world

Haaretz reports: “Democratic uprisings that have already unseated long-standing autocrats in Tunisia and Egypt and are threatening to topple Moammar Gadhafi in Libya may be taken over by Islamist groups, Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon said.

‘The fear is that they will be hijacked, (following the) the model of Iran, the model of Hamas in Gaza, the model of Hezbollah in Lebanon,’ Ayalon said

during a visit to Brussels.

To stave off an Iran-like scenario, Ayalon urged the European Union and other international players to reach out to ‘genuine’ pro- democracy groups, such as the January 25 movement that organized protests in Egypt.

Egypt’s largest opposition group, the Muslim Brotherhood, described his comments as ‘a blatant and clear event of interference in foreign affairs.’

Ayalon suggests ‘Israel would object to the Muslim Brotherhood being part of a future government and would work on banning the group from standing in any upcoming elections.’...” **(The attempt for democracy will go out the door permanently when the terrorists of Islam make their move — Matthew 24:37; Genesis 6:11.)**

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Foreign Minister: Hamas is Waiting in the Wings

Israel National News reports: “Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman says: Hamas is currently strong enough to wrest control over Judea and Samaria from Fatah — but is waiting until Fatah receives as much as it can from the international community.

Lieberman briefed the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on Israel’s diplomatic situation around the world. Regarding the Fatah-Hamas rivalry, he said:

‘Foreign Ministry assessments are that Hamas is stronger than Fatah not only in Gaza, but also in Judea and Samaria [Yesha]. However, Hamas is being smart and does not want to capture Yesha right now — because it is waiting for the ‘day after,’ when Abu Mazen [PA chairman Mahmoud Abbas] and [PA prime minister Salam] Fayyad

get the maximum they can from the international community – and then Hamas will take over.’

Hamas took control of Gaza from Fatah in 2007, following a short but bloody war in which 170 Arabs were killed. Both groups killed opponents by throwing them from building tops. Since then, sporadic clashes have erupted between the groups as well, though these are also dotted by periodic reports of attempts to make peace.

Lieberman explained why the Palestinian Authority does not want to negotiate with Israel: ‘They figure they can get more in the international arena than they can by talking with Israel.’...” **(Iran’s sponsorship of Hamas is bound to take over Fatah and it will only mean a greater slaughter of Jews in Israel — Psalm 83:4, 5. See also the next report.)**

Ahmadinejad calls for Mideast without Israel and U.S.

The Jerusalem Post reports: “Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad says Egypt’s popular uprising shows a new Middle East is emerging, one that will have no signs of Israel and U.S. ‘interference.’

The Iranian president spoke as the country marked the 32nd anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. His remarks came hours after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak refused to step down, angering hundreds of thousands of Egyptians who have been demanding he relinquish his three-decade grip on power.

Ahmadinejad says Egyptians have the right to live in freedom and choose their own government.

Iran crushed opposition protests against Ahmadinejad’s disputed 2009 re-election and recently, Iranian

opposition leader Mahdi Karroubi was placed under house arrest because of calls for a rally in support of Egyptian protesters...”

Iranian President Underlines Further Expansion of All-Out Ties with Venezuela

The Fars News Agency reports: “Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in a meeting with Venezuelan Ambassador to Tehran David Velasquez Caraballo stressed Iran’s eagerness to further develop relations with Caracas in all fields.

‘Expansion of Iran-Venezuela ties in all domains helps peace, stability and security in the world,’ Ahmadinejad said.

During the meeting, he also said independent nations and governments would not be deceived by Imperialism’s plots.

‘Independent and justice-seeking nations and governments have been vigilant against Imperialism’s plots and would not be deceived by them,’ Ahmadinejad added.

The Venezuelan ambassador on his part stressed boosting the bilateral ties, and said, ‘The Islamic Republic of Iran’s Revolution and Venezuelan Revolution can put imperialism aside and design the clear future for the whole humanity.’

Since taking office in 2005, the Iranian President has expanded Iran’s cooperation with many Latin American states, including Venezuela, Bolivia and Cuba.

But the strong and rapidly growing ties between Iran and Venezuela have raised eyebrows in the US and its western allies since Tehran and Caracas have forged an alliance against the imperialist and colonialist powers and are striving hard to reinvigorate their relations with the other independent countries which pursue a line of policy independent from the U.S. ...” **(Chavez of Venezuela has released a devastating message to the world. He stated that he will back Ahmadinejad and Islam in gaining their global control. Other South**

American nations are uniting under the despot for the upcoming battle of the ages — Matthew 24:6, 7; Mark 13:7, 8; Luke 21:9, 27, 28, 31, 32.)

Iran Planning to Widen Naval Presence in Oceans

The Fars News Agency reports: “A top Commander of the Iranian Army announced that the country plans to boost its naval presence in the far seas and oceans in the coming Iranian year (starts on March 21).

Elaborating on the Army’s strategies for the coming Iranian calendar year, Commander of the Iranian Army Major General Ataollah Salehi recalled dispatch of Navy forces and warships to the Mediterranean Sea and the Syrian coasts, and added, ‘The Navy will move along oceans next year.’

‘The move will demonstrate Iran’s might and power and at the same time conveys Iran’s message of peace and friendship (to the world countries),’ Salehi stated.

He further said that the Army also plans to display its latest achievements and products in the field of air-defense next year.

Earlier, two Iranian military vessels, Khark and Alvand, docked in Syria for training amid attempts by the United States and Israel to brand the mission as a cause for concern...” **(See Revelation 8:8, 9 and Revelation 16:3 — could these predictions occur because of nuclear war at sea? I personally think so.)**

IRGC Official Terms Iran “Axis of New Middle-East”

The Fars News Agency reports: “A senior Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) official underlined Iran’s might and power in the region and the world, and said a new Middle East will be formed with Iran as its axis.

‘Iran’s pivotal role in the new Middle-East is undeniable,’ IRGC Politburo Chief General Yadollah Javani said, addressing a conference in the Western Iranian city of Kermanshah.

‘Today the Islamic Revolution of the Iranian nation enjoys such a power, honor and respect in the world that all nations and governments wish to have such a ruling system,’ he added.

Javani said enemies have always been fearful of the spread of Iran’s Islamic Revolution in the world, but this is happening in the Middle East now, and the Muslim nations are experiencing gradual change by the wave of Islamic awakening.

The comments by the Iranian official came after several revolutions and uprisings in the regional countries, including Tunisia, Egypt, Bahrain, Yemen and Libya.

Earlier, Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei had also stressed that the recent developments in North of Africa and other parts of the Muslim world signify the impacts of the Islamic awakening inspired by the Islamic Revolution in Iran...” **(Persia changed its name to Iran in 1935 and unites with Russia to incinerate the Mid-East for the war of “The Latter Years” and “Latter Days” — Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 11, 16; Joel 2:3, 30.)**

Quartet ‘giving up hope’ of renewing Israeli-Palestinian talks

Haaretz reports: “Growing pessimism about the prospects of a breakthrough in Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations is prompting new international calls for the unilateral establishment of a Palestinian state.

Representatives of the Middle East Quartet — the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations — who attended talks held in Tel Aviv and Ramallah with Israeli and Palestinian negotiators emerged without much hope for the resumption of peace negotiations in the near future, according to senior Israeli officials and European diplomats. The representatives said that the differences between the two sides were far too wide to get negotiations back on track.

French Foreign Minister Alain

Juppe said recognition of a Palestinian state by the European Union is a 'possibility that should be kept in mind.' Speaking at the parliamentary foreign affairs committee, the newly appointed minister said: 'There's no point in recognizing the Palestinian state on our own. It must be done together.' His statement comes amid mounting international pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu to make an overture to the Palestinians..." **(It should be the Jewish people giving up hope. Why? President Obama of America wants to give Jerusalem to the Palestinians, mainly Muslims. The United Nations constantly shows their animosity toward Israel while allowing Ahmadinejad liberty to spew out anti-Semitic (Jewish) hatred at UN international meetings.**

The European Union is horribly anti-Israel at this period in history and Russia will along with Iran try to destroy God's Chosen People. See what Jesus said to His Jewish brethren — Matthew 24:9; John 16:12. See what Russia and Persia [Iran] do in their attempt to wipe the Jew out of existence in Ezekiel 38: 8, 11, 17, 18, 29; 39:2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 17, 22.)

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Pakistan Christian's death 'not due to natural causes'

BBC News reports: "A Christian convicted of blasphemy in Pakistan has died in mysterious circumstances in a jail in the southern city of Karachi.

Qamar David was serving a life sentence in Karachi's central jail for insulting the Koran and the Prophet Muhammad.

Officials say he died of a heart attack but his family say that as a fit and healthy man, this is unlikely to be true.

Pakistan's penal code prescribes punishments up to death for blasphemy against Islam and the Prophet.

The law has elicited strong criticism - although recently liberals are more nervous about speaking out against it.

That appears to be especially the case since the murder of Minority Affairs Minister Shahbaz Bhatti — a Christian - earlier this month, an event preceded by the murder of another liberal, Punjab Governor Salman Taseer in January.

David was convicted of making blasphemous comments against the Koran and the Prophet in a text message to a business rival.

'My client was in perfect condition the last time I met him,' Qamar David's lawyer Pervez Chaudhry

told the *BBC*.

'I have spoken to the family and we don't believe he died a natural death.

'He had been receiving threats against his life.

'I had submitted an application in this regard in court - my client had also mentioned that prison officials were involved.'..." **(The 'Blasphemy Law' practiced in Pakistan is being promoted for the world at the UN. Our President backs it and Hillary Clinton opposes it. If it's passed, anyone who speaks a word against Mohammed or the Koran could be imprisoned or executed. This is what happened to the Christian in this story — Jude 1:3; I Timothy 6:12. Christians are hated and killed in many Muslim nations. See also the next two reports.)**

10 Christians Killed in Clashes with Muslims in Cairo

Israel National News reports: "Ten people were killed in clashes between Muslims and Christian Copts in Cairo and at least 110 others were wounded, according to the Egyptian Health Ministry.

The two groups clashed in the areas of Moqattam, the Citadel and Sayeda Aisha, according to Sherif Zamel, head of emergency services.

Coptic spokesmen told news media at least six Christians were shot dead and 45 others were wounded. They placed the cause of the clash on a feud between two families, Muslim and Coptic, that resulted in the burning of a Coptic church in Helwan province.

The feud started when a Christian man fell in love with a Muslim woman in the town of Sol.

The Coptic Shahedain (Two Martyrs) church in the town was burned down on the Muslim Sabbath, after clashes that left two people dead.

'Problems escalated in the village when a group of Muslims headed to the burned-out church and conducted a mass Islamic prayer there,' Maged Ibrahim, a local Christian, explained in an interview broadcast on Egyptian state television.

The destruction was followed by a mass demonstration in Moqattam as at least 1,000 Coptic Christians took to the streets in protest.

Muslims opened fire on the demonstrators, according to Samann Ibrahim, a priest quoted by *AFP*. He also said that Muslims firebombed local houses and workplaces and hurled rocks at the protesters from both sides of the street. Soldiers at the scene just added to the chaos, firing into the air to try and bring the crowd under control..."

Pakistan Christians bury murdered leader Shahbaz Bhatti

BBC News reports: “Thousands of Pakistani mourners have attended the funeral of murdered minorities minister Shahbaz Bhatti.

Mr. Bhatti, a Christian, was shot dead by the Taliban after he urged reform to blasphemy laws.

There were emotional scenes as several thousand Christians buried their leader in his home village near

Faisalabad.

Earlier, hundreds turned out for a church service in the capital. Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani told them his colleague had been ‘very rare’.

The assassination in Islamabad was the second this year of a Pakistani politician who wanted to reform the controversial blasphemy laws.

In January, Punjab Governor Salman Taseer, who had also opposed the law, was shot dead by one of his bodyguards

in the capital.

The blasphemy law carries a death sentence for anyone who insults Islam. Critics say it has been used to persecute minority faiths.

Observers say Mr. Bhatti’s killing leaves Pakistan’s Christians without their most prominent voice and threatens to silence debate on the blasphemy law. The government is accused of giving in to religious hardliners...”

EARTHQUAKES IN DIVERSE PLACES

Tsunami hits Japan after massive quake

BBC News reports: “The most powerful earthquake to hit Japan since records began has hit the country’s north-east and triggered a devastating tsunami.

Japanese TV showed cars, ships and buildings swept away by a vast wall of water after the 8.9-magnitude quake.

A state of emergency has been declared at a nuclear power plant but officials said there were no radiation leaks.

At least 40 people have been killed by the quake, which struck about 400km (250 miles) north-east of Tokyo.

The region has been rocked by a number of powerful aftershocks.

The tremor, measured at 8.9 by the U.S. Geological Survey, hit at 1446 local time (0546 GMT) at a depth of about 24km.

A tsunami warning was extended across the Pacific to North and South America.

The Red Cross in Geneva warned that the tsunami waves could be higher than some Pacific islands, *Reuters* news agency said.

Coastal areas in the Philippines, Hawaii and other Pacific islands were evacuated ahead of the tsunami’s expected arrival.

New Zealand later downgraded its alert to a marine threat, meaning strong and unusual currents were expected...” **(Matthew 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11; Revelation 6:12; 8:5; 11:13, 19; 16:18. I believe the greatest earthquake to occur will happen as Christ returns to earth to set up His 1,000 year Kingdom — Psalm 2:6; Revelation 19:11, 14, 16; 20:4; Zechariah 14:2, 4, 12, 16. See also the next report. This could be the hour — keep looking up!)**

Experts: Israel should prepare nuclear reactor for quake

YnetNews.com reports: “In the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that killed thousands and caused massive damage in Japan, experts assert that Israel should take the necessary measures to prepare for a similar event.

‘Japan was greatly prepared for such a scenario,’ Dr. Uri Friedlander of the Geophysical Institute of Israel told *Ynet*. ‘This could be seen in the

durability of the buildings, and in the fact that most of the damage was caused by the tsunami.’

While the buildings in Japan withstood the 8.9-magnitude quake, the damage caused to the nuclear plant in Fukushima raised fears of a radiation leak — something that Dr. Ron Avni, a geology professor at Ben Gurion University says that Israel should take notice of.

‘Our nuclear reactor was founded and built in the ‘50s,’ he said. ‘What is known today about geology and earthquakes wasn’t known then.’

Avni warned that the reactor, which is located near the southern Israeli city of Dimona, was built too close to the Great Rift Valley.

‘Experts knew back then that the region was a source of earthquakes, but they were unaware exactly to what degree,’ he said. ‘It was discovered since then that the rift forms a border between two tectonic plates, and that their relative movement reaches five to seven millimeters a year, on average.’...”

BIG BROTHER TECHNOLOGY

Russia plans 'universal ID-payment card' to cut bureaucracy

RIA Novosti reports: "Russia plans to introduce a universal 'identity-payment card' for all of its citizens, Kremlin aide and chief presidential economics advisor Arkady Dvorkovich said.

According to the proposal, a universal card implanted with an electronic chip will be used not only as an identification card complete with the holder's picture and fingerprint replacing internal passports for Russians, but would also be used to pay for household utilities, public transportation, prescriptions, or any other social or municipal needs. The card is similar to a regular bank card.

'The new modernization project will cost somewhere between 150 and 200 billion rubles (\$5.2-\$6.9 bln) over the next five years, though Economic Development Minister Elvira Nabiullina will give a more exact figure in her report to the committee later,' Dvorkovich said during a press conference at *RIA Novosti*.

Dvorkovich said that all of the normative documents should be prepared by the end of the first six months of this year and laws on a national payment system are currently in their last stages of being accepted by parliament.

One of the key issues in introducing the universal card is the technical demands, which should be adopted 'within about two months' by the committee overseeing the project, he added.

One of the main advantages of a universal card is that bureaucracy will be minimized because all of the information about a user will be centralized and any of the appropriate administrative organs can access the information immediately, Dvorkovich claimed.

This will cut down on the time most Russians spend standing in lines to

process documents, some of which go through at least four stages, including receiving the appropriate forms, processing them, payment for services, and receiving a finalized document, according to Dvorkovich.

The universal card could also be used to register for weddings and in the health care system, he said..." **(Shades of Big Brother and the Mark of the Antichrist — Revelation 13:11-18. See the next report.)**

Kevin Libin: Alberta's dangerous database

The National Post reports: "When the RCMP were caught many years ago burning down a barn belonging to a family of Quebec separatists — after a judge refused to grant the force permission to wiretap their meeting — Pierre Trudeau shrugged off the incident.

If Mounties burning down barns was illegal, the prime minister said dismissively, perhaps he should make it legal for them to burn down barns. Mr. Trudeau had a sharp legal mind and so he surely understood the difference between something being illegal and something being wrong. Even if he was being deliberately provocative in public, privately Mr. Trudeau knew full well torching people's property isn't wrong strictly because it's illegal. It is, of course, illegal because it is wrong.

That is a difference apparently lost on the Alberta government. The province is quietly putting together a database for police that is every bit as dangerous to citizens' liberties as giving police the unwarranted right to destroy private property. The project is called, rather ominously, TALON — as in The Alberta Law Officers' Network — and it will, according to the solicitor general's department, allow police quick access to information about 'persons of interest.' The trouble is, TALON is designed to keep track not

just of Albertans' criminal records, but also, according to the *Calgary Herald*, any 'speculations, unproven allegations, investigation theories, details of 911 calls — virtually any record of a citizen's contacts with the police' anywhere in the province. Any officer will be able to dial it up without a supervisor's permission, warrant, or cause. It is, in other words, a record of any old thing that authorities consider worthwhile keeping track of that can be accessed at any time for any reason by any officer. That kind of police-state-style record keeping might be otherwise ruled unlawful because it is so plainly an unjust violation of citizens' privacy. To get around that, the province appears to be prepared to simply make gross intrusions perfectly legitimate.

Canadians already tolerate a certain amount of monitoring of personal information by police in the name of fighting the bad guys. The Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) keeps track of criminal records, pending charges, and lists any acquittals and discharges. Questions for the firearms registry go much deeper, including not only what guns a person owns, but also his or her financial circumstances, personal romantic relationships and any history with mental illness.

But databasing unproven allegations, 911 calls and 'theories' appears to be new territory. The average citizen stopped by an officer can be compelled to volunteer a lot of information (notice that officers at drunk-driving checkpoints routinely ask you what you've been up to that evening) that could, quite conceivably, find its way into the database. And at least CPIC requires officers to furnish a valid reason for running someone's name through a check, not TALON..."

SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

Solar storm 'could cause more damage than Hurricane Katrina'

The Independent.co.uk reports: "Havoc wreaked by a solar storm — such as the one that recently occurred — could be equivalent to a 'global hurricane Katrina' that would cost up to \$2 trillion dollars in damage to communications satellites, electric power grids and GPS navigation systems, scientists said.

The recent solar flare was the biggest in four years and ejected billions of tons of matter travelling at a million miles per hour towards Earth.

When it hit our magnetic field it generated magnetic storms and power surges which disrupted communications and grounded flights.

Senior government advisers have warned that the world has never been more vulnerable to the effects of such an event, which buffets the complex and delicate electronic technology that now controls almost all aspects of modern society.

An increasing reliance on electronic equipment, such as GPS satellite navigation and the computers controlling smart grids for electricity distribution, has meant that solar storms can now produce unprecedented damage on a global scale, they said.

Professor Sir John Beddington, the government's chief scientific adviser, said that the growth in the use of complex electronic machinery over the past 10 years has made society far more susceptible to catastrophic disruption than a decade ago when the last solar activity cycle reached its peak. 'Space weather has to be taken seriously. We've had a relatively

quiet period of space weather and we expect that quiet period to end,' Sir John told the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington.

'At the same time, over that period the potential vulnerability of our systems has increased dramatically, whether it is the smart grid in our electricity system or the ubiquitous use of GPS systems,' he said.

The approximately 11-year solar cycle is now emerging from one of its quietest periods in 50 years and is expected to reach a solar maximum in 2013, when the number of solar flares on the Sun which generate electromagnetic storms reaches a peak..." (**Return to the beginning report concerning solar storms, NASA 2012.**)

NASA Scientist Claims Evidence of Alien Life on Meteorite

Fox News reports: "We are not alone in the universe — and alien life forms may have a lot more in common with life on Earth than we had previously thought.

That's the stunning conclusion one NASA scientist has come to, releasing his ground-breaking revelations in a new study in the March edition of the *Journal of Cosmology*.

Dr. Richard B. Hoover, an astrobiologist with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, has traveled to remote areas in Antarctica, Siberia, and Alaska, amongst others, for over ten years now, collecting and studying meteorites. He gave *FoxNews.com* early access to the out-of-this-world research, published in the March edition of the *Journal of Cosmology*. In it, Hoover describes the latest

findings in his study of an extremely rare class of meteorites, called C11 carbonaceous chondrites — only nine such meteorites are known to exist on Earth.

Though it may be hard to swallow, Hoover is convinced that his findings reveal fossil evidence of bacterial life within such meteorites, the remains of living organisms from their parent bodies — comets, moons and other astral bodies. By extension, the findings suggest we are not alone in the universe, he said.

'I interpret it as indicating that life is more broadly distributed than restricted strictly to the planet earth,' Hoover told *FoxNews.com*. 'This field of study has just barely been touched — because quite frankly, a great many scientist would say that this is impossible.'

In what he calls 'a very simple process,' Dr. Hoover fractured the meteorite stones under a sterile environment before examining the freshly broken surface with the standard tools of the scientist: a scanning-electron microscope and a field emission electron-scanning microscope, which allowed him to search the stone's surface for evidence of fossilized remains.

He found the fossilized remains of micro-organisms not so different from ordinary ones found underfoot — here on earth, that is..." (**My view is that alien life is demonic — the fallen angels following Lucifer — Isaiah 14:12-19; Matthew 25:41; Ephesians 6:12.**)