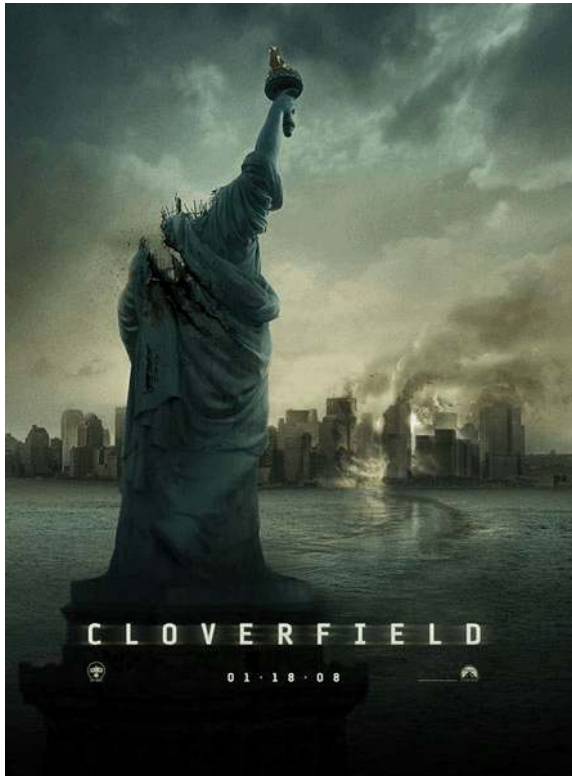


State of the Union - The Quiet Coup
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On the date of January 18, 2008 the movie *Cloverfield* was released. It utilized movie posters depicting the Statue of Liberty having been decapitated and New York City in flames. There are marks across the body of Liberty as if some monstrous beast had ripped the head off of the statue. The release date of this movie being the 18th day of the month (18 being 6+6+6) further emphasizes this aspect of a great beast being involved.

(Please Note: I have not watched this movie and do not know the actual plot. I am merely commenting on the promotional imagery.)

In November of the same year elections were held for the 44th President of the United States. Barack Obama won the election. The zip code for his campaign headquarters in Chicago was 60606. The day the election results were announced (November 5th, 2008) the winning pick 3 lottery numbers for his home state of Illinois came up randomly (or not so randomly) as 6-6-6. At the same time the Secret Service had ordered a brand new, heavily armored Cadillac limousine for the President's transportation. The nickname given to the vehicle by the Secret Service is "The Beast."

The loss of liberty and the pillaging of America did not begin with the 44th President. I have shared previously concerning the many actions of George W. Bush and the Congress serving concurrently with him. These steps have been consistent in nature, revealing a clear pattern for the coming implementation of a police state. Because these things will have a very real impact on the citizens of America, including Yahweh's remnant dwelling in her midst, it is prudent to keep these things in mind. I will therefore repeat what I shared last year in an article titled *Sinister Deeds*.

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You Will Know Them By Their Deeds

When dealing with those who are deceivers, it is best to ignore what they say, and watch carefully what they do. Many actions have in recent years and months been initiated which are all described in the most benevolent manner. Each plan put in place is "for the public good." Yet when the actions are examined apart from the deceitful explanations cited, a very sinister pattern is observed.

A man always has two reasons for what he does -- a good one, and the real one.

JP Morgan

Consider the following government actions, and the repercussions for the citizens of America in coming days.

Just after the events of 911 (September 11, 2001), the Patriot Act was rushed through Congress. This dramatically eroded the protections of citizens from being spied upon by the U.S. government. In each case, these acts have been rushed through speedily, often without the members of Congress even having taken time to read them. The justification given each time has been that these powers are needed in order for the President to protect American citizens from terrorists. This constant fearmongering has been the ruse utilized to change the laws of the nation in preparation for actions against America's own citizens in days very near at hand.

The Military Commissions Act of 2006 was a step toward establishing draconian rule over the citizens of America. This act, which President George W. Bush assured Americans would never be used against citizens, strips away all constitutional protections from those who are declared to be enemies of the government, or those who aid and abet these enemies in any way.

The Military Commissions Act of 2006 was passed for the following stated purpose. "To authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, *and for other purposes.*" The Act uses the phrase 'unlawful enemy combatant' which it defines as "a person who has engaged in hostilities or who has purposefully and materially supported hostilities against the United States..." Although the President assured Americans it would never be used against citizens, Congress has since ruled that the measures apply to all who are defined as 'unlawful enemy combatants,' and this includes citizens as well as aliens.

The Military Commissions Act denies the right of habeas corpus to all who are thus designated. This means that a person can be held indefinitely without charges, and without trial...

In 2007 the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act included a section titled "Use of Armed Forces in Major Public Emergencies." This act provides for the use of United States Armed Forces to be used on American soil against American citizens. According to Wikipedia, this act declares the following:

The President may employ the armed forces to restore public order in any State of the United States the President determines hinders the execution of laws or deprives people of a right, privilege, immunity, or protection named in the Constitution and secured by law or opposes or obstructs the execution of the laws of the United States or impedes the course of justice under those laws.

[Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Posse_Comitatus_Act]

This recent act lays aside the Posse Comitatus Act which forbid the use of the military in actions against U.S. citizens. Posse Comitatus had been the Law in the United States since 1878. Prior to this law change it required an act of Congress in order for such military use, but now this power has been granted to the President.

For the first time in the nation's history, the Federal Government has positioned American troops on U.S. soil to be used against Americans, training them to handle civil unrest. The President and the Department of Homeland Security will have their own military force in place in readiness for what is soon to occur. I will quote from the publication *Army Times*.

Brigade homeland tours start Oct. 1
By Gina Cavallaro - Staff writer
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The 3rd Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team has spent 35 of the last 60 months in Iraq patrolling in full battle rattle, helping restore essential services and escorting supply convoys.

Now they're training for the same mission — with a twist — at home.

Beginning Oct. 1 for 12 months, the 1st BCT will be under the day-to-day control of U.S. Army North, the Army service component of Northern Command, as an on-call federal response force for natural or manmade emergencies and disasters, including terrorist attacks...

This new mission marks the first time an active unit has been given a dedicated assignment to NorthCom, a joint command established in 2002 to provide command and control for federal homeland defense efforts and coordinate defense support of civil authorities.

*After 1st BCT finishes its dwell-time mission, expectations are that another, as yet unnamed, active-duty brigade will take over and that *the mission will be a permanent one...**

They may be called upon to help with civil unrest and crowd control or to deal with potentially horrific scenarios such as massive poisoning and chaos in response to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-yield explosive, or CBRNE, attack.

Training for homeland scenarios has already begun at Fort Stewart...

[Source:

http://www.armytimes.com/news/2008/09/army_homeland_090708w/]

Note: *Army Times* has removed the article due to the public alarm it caused.

Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown and Root has been awarded contracts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars to build detention and processing facilities across the United States. KBR also provides police and military services to the Department of Homeland Security. This information was reported in the New York Times. The explanations given for these actions all sound innocuous. It is only when one begins to see a trend developing that things seem other than as they are reported.

[S o u r c e :
<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/02/04/national/04halliburton.html>]

One of the first acts of the current 111th Congress was to pass legislation to authorize and fund regional detention facilities across the nation. The legislation can be read at the government's website.

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:H.R.645:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:H.R.645)

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The 111th Congress was seated concurrently with Barack Obama. Perhaps it is not a coincidence that 666 is a MULTIPLE of 111. Surely the power to be wielded in future days by the President will be multiplied far beyond that originally intended by the framers of America's Constitution. Even as detention centers are used to deprive people of liberty, and authorizing the funding for the construction of such centers was approved almost as soon as the 111th Congress was seated, America will see a great loss of liberty in coming days.

This loss of liberty was written into law when President Obama's massive Health Care Reform Bill was passed. Bondage comes to people through unexpected ways. Under the guise of revamping the nation's healthcare system, a segment of the economy so huge that some have estimated that one of six people work in a healthcare related occupation, the government has in one fell swoop grasped in its talons the liberty that American's once experienced. She is not likely to let go.

The reform bill requires all Americans to purchase health insurance. This is unprecedented in the history of the nation. Never before has the government mandated that her citizens purchase a product, or face penalties. The Republicans in Congress have estimated that 18,000 (6+6+6 to the level of the thousands) new IRS employees will need to be added to serve as the enforcers of compliance with the demands of this mandated health insurance program.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/on-the-money/domestic-taxes/88367-democrats-dispute-gop-irs-expansion-estimates>

There is no possibility to opt out of this program. Those who do not comply will be fined, and criminal charges and imprisonment have not been ruled out as coercive measures. There is nothing more diabolical than giving the power of judge, jury and policeman to a financial organization.

All these things mentioned so far are merely one aspect of the judgment falling upon America at this hour. One aspect of judgment being conducted by sleight of hand involves the plundering of the wealth of America. This has occurred in such an underhanded manner that most Americans do not realize that their homes have been broken into and their wealth removed.

For years that government has funded massive spending programs (at taxpayer expense) which amount to taking money out of one man's pocket to give to another. This has accelerated in recent years.

During the tenure of George W. Bush, a Republican President whose party has cultivated an image of standing for free enterprise and smaller government, a massive expansion of Medicare was accomplished. At a time of growing budget deficits a very counter-productive action was taken. This action assured that the deficits would become staggeringly larger, and that money would be siphoned away from the taxpayers and put into the pockets of monstrous pharmaceutical companies' bank accounts. G.W. Bush pushed through legislation that would establish Medicare as the world's larger purchaser of prescription drugs.

It is a well known fact that when people do not have to pay for something, they will demand more of it. Cost is no longer a prohibition. This is the subtlety and deceit of government programs. There is an *appearance* of receiving something for nothing. Yet the tab for the purchase of hundreds of billions of dollars of prescription medications has to be paid by someone, and that someone is the citizenry of America.

At the same time the government has been giving trillions of dollars in taxpayer money to megalithic financial institutions. The numerous bailouts and so called "financial stimulus package" has taken hundreds of billions of dollars of money from the citizenry and given it to bankers whose companies are now reaping record profits at a time when approximately one out of five Americans

is out of work and more than fifty million are receiving food stamps. The rich are plundering the middle class, swiftly pushing them into penury, while they extract windfalls.

It is a blind populace that has not noticed that their government has been quietly hijacked by global corporate entities. The pervasive control of big oil and pharmaceutical companies under G.W. Bush has been replaced with the global bankers of the Obama administration. The following excerpts come from a highly recommended article in *The Atlantic*. The only reason I can perceive that such an article would be published is that it suggests that nationalizing the banking systems is the best way out of the problem. Such an idea is certainly amenable to those international interests who first provide an entrance to conquer America by stealth when the Federal Reserve system was created in 1913 (conceived in 1910 - a 100 year war for control of America that has now come to fruition.)

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The Quiet Coup

The crash has laid bare many unpleasant truths about the United States. One of the most alarming, says a former chief economist of the International Monetary Fund, is that the finance industry has effectively captured our government—a state of affairs that more typically describes emerging markets, and is at the center of many emerging-market crises. If the IMF's staff could speak freely about the U.S., it would tell us what it tells all countries in this situation: recovery will fail unless we break the financial oligarchy that is blocking essential reform. And if we are to prevent a true depression, we're running out of time...



Becoming a Banana Republic

In its depth and suddenness, the U.S. economic and financial crisis is shockingly reminiscent of moments we have recently seen in emerging markets (and only in emerging markets): South Korea (1997), Malaysia (1998), Russia and Argentina (time and again). In each of those cases, global investors, afraid that the country or its financial sector wouldn't be able to pay off mountainous debt, suddenly stopped lending. And in each case, that fear became self-fulfilling, as banks that couldn't roll over their debt did, in fact, become unable to pay. This is precisely what drove Lehman Brothers into bankruptcy on September 15, causing all sources of funding to the U.S. financial sector to dry up overnight. Just as in emerging-market crises, the weakness in the banking system has quickly rippled out into the rest of the economy, causing a severe economic contraction and hardship for millions of people.

But there's a deeper and more disturbing similarity: elite business interests—financiers, in the case of the U.S.—played a central role in creating the crisis, making ever-larger gambles, with the implicit backing of the government, until the inevitable collapse. More alarming, they are now using their influence to prevent precisely the sorts of reforms that are needed, and fast, to pull the economy out of its nosedive. The government seems helpless, or unwilling, to act against them...

Instead, the American financial industry gained political power by amassing a kind of cultural capital—a belief system. Once, perhaps, what was good for General Motors was good for the country. Over the past decade, the attitude took hold that what was good for Wall Street was good for the country. The banking-and-securities industry has become one of the top contributors to political campaigns, but at the peak of its influence, it did not have to buy favors the way, for example, the tobacco companies or military contractors might have to. Instead, it benefited from the fact that Washington insiders already believed that large financial institutions and free-flowing capital markets were crucial to America's position in the world.

One channel of influence was, of course, the flow of individuals between Wall Street and Washington. Robert Rubin, once the co-chairman of Goldman Sachs, served in Washington as Treasury secretary under Clinton, and later became chairman of Citigroup's executive committee. Henry Paulson, CEO of Goldman Sachs during the long boom, became Treasury secretary under

George W. Bush. John Snow, Paulson's predecessor, left to become chairman of Cerberus Capital Management, a large private-equity firm that also counts Dan Quayle among its executives. Alan Greenspan, after leaving the Federal Reserve, became a consultant to Pimco, perhaps the biggest player in international bond markets.

These personal connections were multiplied many times over at the lower levels of the past three presidential administrations, strengthening the ties between Washington and Wall Street. It has become something of a tradition for Goldman Sachs employees to go into public service after they leave the firm. The flow of Goldman alumni—including Jon Corzine, now the governor of New Jersey, along with Rubin and Paulson—not only placed people with Wall Street's worldview in the halls of power; it also helped create an image of Goldman (inside the Beltway, at least) as an institution that was itself almost a form of public service.

Wall Street is a very seductive place, imbued with an air of power. Its executives truly believe that they control the levers that make the world go round. A civil servant from Washington invited into their conference rooms, even if just for a meeting, could be forgiven for falling under their sway...

The response so far is perhaps best described as “policy by deal”: when a major financial institution gets into trouble, the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve engineer a bailout over the weekend and announce on Monday that everything is fine. In March 2008, Bear Stearns was sold to JP Morgan Chase in what looked to many like a gift to JP Morgan. (Jamie Dimon, JP Morgan's CEO, sits on the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which, along with the Treasury Department, brokered the deal.) In September, we saw the sale of Merrill Lynch to Bank of America, the first bailout of AIG, and the takeover and immediate sale of Washington Mutual to JP Morgan—all of which were brokered by the government. In October, nine large banks were recapitalized on the same day behind closed doors in Washington. This, in turn, was followed by additional bailouts for Citigroup, AIG, Bank of America, Citigroup (again), and AIG (again).

Some of these deals may have been reasonable responses to the immediate situation. But it was never clear (and still isn't) what combination of interests was being served, and how. Treasury and the Fed did not act according to any publicly articulated principles, but just worked out a transaction and claimed it was the best that could be done under the circumstances. This was

late-night, backroom dealing, pure and simple.

Throughout the crisis, the government has taken extreme care not to upset the interests of the financial institutions, or to question the basic outlines of the system that got us here. In September 2008, Henry Paulson asked Congress for \$700 billion to buy toxic assets from banks, with no strings attached and no judicial review of his purchase decisions. Many observers suspected that the purpose was to overpay for those assets and thereby take the problem off the banks' hands...

The second scenario begins more bleakly, and might end that way too. But it does provide at least some hope that we'll be shaken out of our torpor. It goes like this: the global economy continues to deteriorate, the banking system in east-central Europe collapses, and—because eastern Europe's banks are mostly owned by western European banks—justifiable fears of government insolvency spread throughout the Continent. Creditors take further hits and confidence falls further. The Asian economies that export manufactured goods are devastated, and the commodity producers in Latin America and Africa are not much better off. A dramatic worsening of the global environment forces the U.S. economy, already staggering, down onto both knees...

Under this kind of pressure, and faced with the prospect of a national and global collapse, minds may become more concentrated.

The conventional wisdom among the elite is still that the current slump "cannot be as bad as the Great Depression." This view is wrong. What we face now could, in fact, be worse than the Great Depression—because the world is now so much more interconnected and because the banking sector is now so big. We face a synchronized downturn in almost all countries, a weakening of confidence among individuals and firms, and major problems for government finances. If our leadership wakes up to the potential consequences, we may yet see dramatic action on the banking system and a breaking of the old elite. Let us hope it is not then too late.

[S o u r c e : <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2009/05/the-quiet-coup/7364/>]

It seems symbolic that the magazine that has printed the above article is headquartered in The Watergate complex in Washington, DC. This is the same Watergate that in 1972 was burglarized as the headquarters for the DNC was

broken into, leading to the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

The news of a burglary committed by stealth led to the downfall of a President. It is a much greater act of robbery, undetected and aided by government, that will lead to the ultimate collapse of the nation that boasts of being the world's only superpower.



One shortcoming of *The Atlantic* article is that it does not concede that the demise of America has been planned and carried out with careful orchestration. The cunning of wicked men is merely Yahweh's method of bringing judgment to a nation of people who have allowed their wealth and ease to lead them to depravity.

Ezekiel 21:31

And I shall pour out My indignation on you; I shall blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and I shall give you into the hand of brutal men, skilled in destruction.

The coming breakdown of the economy, resulting in great civil unrest, a division of the nation, and tremendous loss of life and liberty will also serve as Yahweh's means to purify a remnant among His people.

People of God, I am not an advocate of Tea Party revolution. I desire to let Yahweh's people know what is coming. The Father is in this season before the

total collapse of America sending me out to speak to His scattered remnant. He has commissioned me to speak a message contained in the following words of the apostle Paul:

Acts 14:21-22

And... they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

The names of the cities have changed, but the message remains the same. We live in an hour when the earth must experience her birth pangs. Great tribulation must come to the earth to such great extent that unless the Father had cut those days short, no flesh would remain. "Yet, for the sake of the elect, He has cut those days short" (Mark 13:20).

The words of Yahshua quoted by Mark should be evidence enough that the elect of God will be present during these dark days. Those who are preaching a fly-away escapism are deceived. "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

It is my heart's desire to encourage the saints to put on the mind of Christ, to clothe themselves with a complete abandonment to the will of the Father. Being led of the Spirit will be requisite of all who would walk as overcomers in these days. Please continue to lift up the upcoming meetings, and plan to attend those that will be in your area.

For my international readers, what is written here is not merely an American experience. It is a global experience. Daily the news brings reports of similar events occurring in nations like Greece, Spain, and virtually all of Europe. The nations have followed a similar path. The same distresses will be known in Australia, in Argentina, and in Asia.

Through all of these events the Father will prepare a body of sons who will be able to share the glory of Christ.

Daniel 12:10

"Many will be purged, purified and refined; but the wicked will act wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand."