

## CHAPTER 1

# MANUFACTURED CRISES — A PLOT FOR WORLD CHANGE

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### PLANET IN PAIN

Without question, the world today is in quite a predicament. Certainly, never before in the history of our planet, has it ever been so greatly stressed upon mankind's consciousness the overwhelming ills that are facing our world. The urging of these continued reports seem to leave us in no doubt, that if we as a world, do not get our act together, it may be too late. The fact is, they tell us, that our world is facing a crisis hour, approaching its final destiny. We must act 'universally' now, if we are to avert a world-wide catastrophe. So they say.

We hear disturbing reports about our world environment. They tell us the ozone layer is rapidly being destroyed, causing global warming. The 'use it and throw it away' life style of the West is creating massive amounts of solid wastes at an incredible rate, of which much is nonbiodegradable materials, setting off the 'separate and recycle it' craze. Hazardous chemicals are being dumped into the delicate ecosystem by industries. Oil spills are polluting the oceans and waterways. Acid rain is destroying forests. The much needed oxygen-producing rain forests of South America are being annihilated. We are incessantly being bombarded by these and many other complex environmental issues that tend to haunt and restrict us. We are told, there must be a 'now or never' very bold world leadership, if Mother Earth is to be spared a rendezvous with death.

Another problem facing the whole world is the accelerating

pace of global financial breakdown. It is a world economic crisis looming on the horizon that threatens the very stability of the society of man. Russia's financial and banking sector is utterly bankrupt, leading nationalist calls for re-regulation of that economy. The Japanese banking system, with \$1.5 trillion in non-performing loans, is teetering on the edge. Japan's ninth largest bank, the Long Term Credit Bank, with \$190 billion in assets, has been insolvent for half a year. The world's stock exchanges are plummeting. Asia and South America's banks are tottering. American banking giants such as BankAmerica, Citicorp, and Bankers Trust have reported July-August 1998 losses of \$220 million, \$300 million, and \$340 million, respectively, in bad investments, mostly in Russia. And then, ready to explode with the slightest accident, is the world's \$130 trillion derivatives market. They tell us that the 1990's will decide the economic future of the world.

It has been made quite clear to us that, in order to secure peace and economic security for the whole world, there must be a well-directed international trading system. The New Age economic plan is pretty well outlined in Alice A. Bailey's book, "The Externalisation of the Hierarchy", published by Lucis Trust. It points out that there will be a "complete economic reorientation" by which 'humanity is relieved of all economic anxiety'. (p.574) "When the 'adjuster of finances' appears, national currencies will have been largely superseded, not only by a system of barter, but by a universal monetary exchange". (pp.580-581)<sup>1</sup>

The 27 April 1998 issue of Time magazine, ran a cover feature article titled, "The Future of Money — What the Big Mergers Mean — Are Banks Really Necessary — Will Microsoft Control it All?" The article emphasized that the electronic or "Omnocard" and a cashless society is fast approaching us where cash transactions will be prohibited. Plastic debit cards must then be used to pay bills so that funds can be instantly and efficiently removed from your bank account to theirs. All will be compelled to join the system or lose the privilege to buy or sell. However, this is but a small price to pay, when considering the uniformity and convenience you receive in return. So they say.

But over and above all the other financial ills facing our distressed world, is one that seems to lurk in the background

worse than the bubonic plague of the 1300's. It's the Y2K, year 2000 computer meltdown or computer "Millennium Bug". Whether real or a hoax, we are being psyched out into believing that there could be utter chaos — world-wide! The potential result: a global power failure that would bring industry to a stop; transportation will stop; government Social Security checks stop; and a possible bank run that could bankrupt banks all over the world. However, what if it turns out to be just some hysteria fraud? What would those who are manipulating us really have to gain? For one thing, someone would make a pile of money to fix the so called problem. But more important, there is no doubt of the impressionable effects it would have on the general public. Something similar to the villagers and the shepherd boy who thought it amusing to falsely cry wolf. So that when a true crisis actually does arrive, everyone will turn a deaf-ear thinking it to be another joke, and not wanting to be fooled again will refuse to respond. But there really is nothing to worry about — so they tell us.

Political unrest and constant fear of war is another very real problem that is kept before us to keep the world in a state of distress and unbalance. We do not have to be reminded of the ongoing Middle East crisis. First Iran, then Iraq, working to achieve military superiority with their intercontinental ballistic missiles, with either nuclear or chemical warheads, that threaten world peace. Nations hungry to acquire the power of mass death think nothing of stealing and cheating and lying to achieve their ambitions. Nor do nations with nuclear capabilities have any scruples of clandestinely selling nuclear technologies to nations who want it. So just when the world was beginning to think it was safe from the "Nukes", India's joy for her five underground nuclear explosions, May 1998, sent shudders throughout the world. When the age of nuclear terror seemed over, the specter is back.

So which country will show off its atomic prowess next? And no one even wants to think about what would happen should a nuclear device fall into the hands of some terrorist. The world is asking — is the nuclear arms race back on again? Will we ever devise effective ways to control the nuclear beast? Even as these words are being typed, December 1998, Iraq is being bullied and again bombed with innocent people being

murdered on the pretense of world peace. But of course, for the sake of world peace and harmony among nations, we are told, the world urgently needs an international peace or 'police' keeping force.

We certainly can't overlook the world-wide drug scene that is ravaging the very heart and soul of our society, either. What family today has not been affected in some personal manner by this diabolical scourge? Drugs could not be a more ingenious and efficient means inflicted on society to self destruct; to create brainless zombies, that takes away an individual's mind to think and the ambition to be a success; other than a life of crime and shiftlessness. Drugs have turned cities today into literal battle zones, with their gang wars, violent robberies, looting, muggings, rapes, shootings and killings that rock the streets. Drug users become immediate victims and prey as they expose and submit themselves to the lowest of moral values. Their drug environment then becomes a breeding ground stimulating free sex that results in abortions as birth control, homosexuality and aids, with lives and families destroyed and children abused that grow up very much confused. As an invention from hell, drugs fulfills its intended purpose splendidly.

As jails are filled to overflowing, we are told that an all out war on drugs has to be declared. The enforcement of these "tougher laws" requires additional tiers of expensive government. Of the \$7,900,000,000 dollars (that's \$7.9 Billion) that former President George Bush allotted to the war on drugs during his Administration, the bulk of the money went to swell the budget of 58 federal agencies and 74 congressional committees already engaged in the "war on drugs". And yet, drugs seem to be as prevalent today as when before the war was declared. Is it possible that the United States of America, the greatest military superpower the world has ever known; that has the ability and technology to send men to the moon and outer space, and to launch spy satellites that surveils every corner of the globe — can not win the "war on drugs", and has to admit defeat? That conclusion seems a little doubtful.

Perhaps a quick peek behind the scenes to reveal one tiny area may give us just a little different viewpoint. For example, it is well established that George Bush was quite actively involved in drug trafficking, not only from Central and South

America, but from the Golden Triangle of Northern Burma as well. As a duplicity and read his lips, he could quite willingly promote the international drug trade that brought him incredible personal 'financial' profit, and at the same time, also declare a "war on drugs" for personal 'political' profit. But keep in mind, there is something much much larger, lurking in the shadows, than just personal profit that is motivating the drug traffic. But to shed a ray of light on the position of the U.S. government and its leaders, there was a very revealing story, of all places, in the U.S. News and World Report, dated March 26, 1990 on page 16. Read it carefully:

"For more than a decade, Khun Sa, the warlord of opium, has flooded Washington with offers to end the poppy production within his Golden Triangle fiefdom in exchange for financial aid. The U.S. has not responded, and this year the region's crop could double from the levels of just a few years ago. Atty. Gen. Dick Thornburgh unsealed an indictment against the man considered responsible for 40 percent of the U.S. heroin supply. But Sa is not likely to be booked soon. In the remote hills of Burma, a private army of thousands protect him."<sup>2</sup>

What the U.S. News and World Report is stating is that General Khun Sa will stop his shipments amounting to 40% of the heroin supply if the U.S. will send his nation financial aid, and from other sources, he wants another agriculture crop that he can grow that the U.S. will buy from him so that his economy will function without drug money. What the story does 'not' say is that the 1,200 metric tons of refined heroin per year, worth on the street an amount equal to 10% of America's Gross National Product, is being shipped from Thailand on U.S. Air Force cargo planes! Also, what the story did 'not' say is that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built a two lane road back into the North Burma mountains so that these shipments could be brought out on trucks instead of the backs of mules. No wonder the Bush Administration "has not responded".

So could it be that the 'no-win' war on drugs serves a greater and a more secret interest? Under the pretext of rescuing people from the incalculable perils of rampaging mobs seeking a

desperate fix, or the looting of their homes and ravaging their women, people willingly give up a little freedom and liberty for what they believe will be peace and safety. That is why we are told we need more police, more judges, more jails, more prisons, more and longer punishments. The power elite and government leaders at the top are immune to punishment. And they set up their off shore banks to launder drug dollars in the billions. It is these same people that tell us now that we need tougher gun laws, that our society must be more stringently regulated in order to curb the drug related epidemic of crime and lawlessness. Perhaps a national police state, to restore and maintain law and order. We are told.

Without a doubt, we are kept well informed today by those who want us to be keenly aware of our world's condition. But has it ever occurred to you that someone may be hoodwinking us; that we might be victims, being set up and conditioned to accept "change", — change in the social structure of the world at large and change in your own lifestyle? Whether you want to believe or accept it or not, this idea of change is part of a world wide revolution that is now in progress; that you will soon come to recognize fully as the, not so benevolent, "New World Order".

Think about this, citizens of the world, if you will even dare to think contrary to what you have been programmed to believe. But are we all so gullible, so naive, so blind, as to not see through the clever maneuvers the power brokers behind the scenes are manipulating us into? Are we to seriously believe, that unless mankind acts right now, this very decade, that the world situation is so hair raisingly critical, that life on our planet is going to cease to exist? Of course we've been well informed of the nuclear weapons that can overkill our race ten times over, if the powers-that-be so desire. But what about the so called climate crisis, the economic and Y2K crisis, that the intellectual computer designers could not seem to foresee the chaos they were creating only thirty years away, a food crisis when grain is rotting in the silos, drugs, with its no-win war policy, that is spawning an ever expanding circle of moral degenerates, where moral decline reaches even the highest levels of government, as our nation is victimized and divided by the President Clinton scandal? Do you begin to see maybe a little suspicious trend here?

## NEW WORLD ORDER

All of these numerous crises seem to be rushing in at us all at once to flood and overwhelm us with a feeling of great despair. But in reality, even if these crises were valid, which one of them could you convict the general public of actually being guilty of causing or creating? Or which of us, for that matter, as a mere citizen, could correct, even if we wanted to? But if you listen closely, it's the super-wealthy elite power brokers of the world that is screaming at us poor working class citizens telling us that the world is in a shambles. And with not too much discernment, it is 'they', not us, that have actually caused and created the world problems. So the question is asked — and you may not even have to stretch your imagination too much for the answer — could it be possible that there is a behind-the-scenes movement, a plot and a plan; yes, even call it a conspiracy, that is well networked and orchestrated, that is preparing the inhabitants of the world to sense a 'need' to change — from the decayed and unworkable 'old order', to their glorious "New World Order"?

As the world is being bombarded and barraged ruthlessly with its myriad of problems, Big Brother always seems to come up with the right solution and a law, that takes away another one of our freedoms; herding us a little bit tighter into their corral of regulations. There is no doubt, the world would not even be interested in any new system of 'Global Government', unless it could be fully persuaded that it really needs one. Remember, the perfect slave is one that is convinced he is a happy one. And certainly for the purpose of convincing us, it serves quite well if a "climate of panic" is trumpeted to hasten their New World Order goal to a climax. There is no better example of this than the two world wars, when after each war, "progress" was made by establishing a supranational organization for the alleged purpose of promoting world peace. First the League of Nations, then the United Nations; each organization bringing us closer to the realization of a one-world government. Surely the United Nations today, is the closest thing to world government that humanity has ever known.

The 'New World Order' is really not something new. And even though the term New World Order was unheard of twenty years ago, it is actually a catch-phrase that expresses a goal that

a certain religious-political world power has been working toward for centuries. They have also termed their master plan to bring the whole world under the heading of one centralized rule — that is, politically, economically, and religiously — “The Grand Design”. This plot, and even the term New World Order, has been kept a tight secret, known only to a select few. Only now, after the stage has been fully set and they can see the globalist golden dream shimmering tantalizingly within their reach, have those who have been scheming begun to talk publicly of their humanitarian goal. And for those who could recognize the signs, it was no coincidence that ever since former President George Bush’s Desert Storm Middle East war campaign, we have begun to hear the vague term, New World Order; first by George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev, and then by others. But even now, we are not told just what the New World Order precisely means.

In order to keep us all dociled and pacified as each crisis looms to devour us, and an outcry of public alarm is heard, new laws are then legislated to ward off and regulate the manufactured monster — for the peace and safety and well being of our concerned society. In other words, Big Brother in his benevolent love for us, saves us from the very menace he has intentionally created against us, so that we will all cry out for his “protection”; resulting in tighter laws to regulate and enslave us. Isn’t this quite the same as the ‘Protection Money’ demanded by the Mafia against the tyranny they themselves inflict? And then with all the hype and hoopla, it is advertised and promoted by the media that there is in progress a great movement for a “change”. We are led to believe, that this sudden movement is now coming from a spontaneous reaction of concerned grass root citizens of the world, appearing to come from the bottom up, as something the people of the world “want”, not the top down. So coming in the name of democracy, non-threatening, and not as a system being forced upon us, the inhabitants of ‘Mother Earth’ rush to embrace a program that gives hope for world peace and unity — unaware of the hidden agenda that is in store for them.

For those readers being introduced into this bold message for the first time, to impress upon you the enormity and seriousness of the issues at stake into which the world is about



to be plunged, and so you may know for a surety that you are being 'set up', it is vital to share with you in one area alone, pertinent information that should convince any skeptic who has any doubt as to where the globalist ideas are coming from. This information seems to be so classified that not a word has been passed on to us by the media, and no book to our knowledge, except one, has been written about it. It has to do with a series of meetings starting in the 1940's and culminating in 1959 by the founding of the organization called, the World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA).

Since the WCPA was founded, ongoing meetings have been carried on throughout the world, the latest in Lisbon, Portugal, from 29 April to May 1991. The organization's purpose was to forge a world constitution which it produced and adopted in 1977. The resulting document came to be known as the "Constitution for the Federation of Earth". Further meetings have been instrumental in forming a World Cabinet to serve until twenty-five countries have ratified the world constitution, making it then eligible to usher in a full-blown world government. Quietly prepared and waiting to be implemented, is the document that will soon efficiently serve its masters in their rule over us. Should you desire further information, including ample evidence of reproductions of the original WCPA documents, the reader is encouraged to purchase the eye-opening book, "En Route to Global Occupation", by Gary H. Kah.<sup>3</sup>

There are other secret and semi-secret organizations such as the International Bankers, the Council on Foreign Relations, The Bilderberger Group, Club of Rome, the Trilateral Commission, the New Age Movement, the Illuminati, and Freemasonry, who are all deeply involved in global politics, and who actively promote the uniting of the people of our planet under a New World Order. However, (and understand this well, because it is extremely important) these all are but mere "front" organizations, behind which the true source of power hides and uses to distribute and channel its designs. And as in any conspiracy, secrecy and shifting attention and blame away from itself, is paramount to its success. But "this" conspiracy is above all conspiracies, and makes all others pale in significance. No stakes could be higher, no prize could be greater. To rule the

entire world, and to control every human being in it, begins to touch upon a realm that is beyond the scope of man's grasp. For whether man wants to acknowledge it or not, there is a Sovereign God who is watching and promises to intervene.

### **CHRIST — OUR ONLY HOPE**

It is therefore with a very solemn dedication that the words of this book is sent on its mission. Without prejudice or offense toward any persons, but only in love to uncover, reveal, and share the truth about "the system" and other organizations who have confederated themselves together for the oppression of their brothers and sisters; citizens less powerful than they are. But in order to escape the risks of deception, and being side-tracked into believing a falsehood through the most powerful and convincing source of influence conveyed by the media which "this" conspiracy has at its disposal, we raise up that Book given to mankind for our guide and final word for truth, the Holy Scriptures of the Sovereign and Almighty God. Being forewarned, you are then admonished to draw near to our Saviour Jesus Christ, for only through Him is our victory over this conspiracy possible.

To a world that is racked with insurmountable problems, there is great personal solace and comfort to know, and with complete confidence, that there is a loving God that not only cares, but intends to intervene and make things right. But the heartbreaking side of this story is that our sophisticated society today is completely oblivious of this God; including those remarkable unbroken promises that He has given in His Word, the Scriptures. Amazing promises, when known, that become such a soothing balm when facing our world's ills. And by a God that proves He does not lie and we can trust; by giving us His elaborate promises centuries beforehand, and then are precisely kept. Only the true and loving God of creation has that ability to do this.

It is revealed in Scripture that man, from the very beginning, is bent on rejecting God's love and authority and prefers his own systems of rulership and worship. And it has brought untold misery, death, and problems upon the earth. It is a struggle that is as old as man himself, and God in Scripture has 'promised' that this struggle for world domination and world

kingdoms with its false religion would continue until He intervenes in man's affairs and sets up His own Kingdom of love and rightness.

It is for this purpose that the pages that you are about to embark on wants to make known; that the God who actually created and shows His love for us, certainly is not responsible for man's woes. But it is man himself, in his rebellion against God, that have brought on these woes and with staggering consequences. Yet in spite of man's obstinacy, God in His love, so that mankind would not be fearfully groping in the dark, has revealed specifically in Scripture those rebellious world empires that would arise to usurp and show contempt for God's authority and support a world false religion. It is the purpose of this book to boldly pull back the veil of misinformation and deception of these world systems and that collaborating false religion, that the reader may see and understand today's current events, and prove in his own mind what is truth.

To begin, anyone that has studied world history, even casually, knows that the last four world empires that rose and fell in succession until our very own day were Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. And it is Rome, the last of these world empires, that today, the whole Western civilization looks to for its roots. But God revealed to the prophet Daniel, in chapters 2 and 7 of his book, that these four world empires would emerge centuries before they appeared, even describing some of their basic characteristics. God, in Daniel chapter 7, used symbols of animals to represent these political world powers. But Rome, the last world power, is described in Scripture to be diverse or different from all the others. In fact, it was so different and so terrible that even though God used beastly animals of nature to represent the first three empires, there was no animal in nature to even compare it with the fourth. Daniel called it the fourth "Beast". The prophet John in the book of Revelation, chapter 13:1-10, was shown this same power and also called it the "Beast". It is a political and religious world power. It received worship. It is ROME!

It is wrong to be kidding and deceiving ourselves. The Beast described in Scripture is not some oversized computer sitting in Brussels, Belgium, as some suggest. It sits on seven hills in Italy. The history of Rome, even though it has been greatly

suppressed, is filled with shocking horror stories. Its methods of execution and torture go far beyond our human imagination. These were not isolated cases, but instead, cruelty and brutality were the socially accepted norm among the ruling class, and became the amusement and recreation for the general populace. The early Christians had read in Scripture, (Daniel 7:7, 11 & 12) the "fourth beast dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly, and it had great iron teeth, it devoured and break in pieces and stamped the residue with the feet of it", and so they knew what was in store for them under Rome's rule. They also knew from Scripture that Rome was to undergo certain phases or physical changes in her long reign, but was to continue to exist right up until God set up His own Kingdom; destroying Rome in the burning flame at our Lord's second coming. The people of God, whether Jewish, early Christians, or true Christians today, know exactly what to expect from Rome — the "Beast".

God promised and foretold in Scripture that Rome was to undergo three separate phases. The first is what we know as historically, Pagan Rome. As a world empire, Rome was to collapse and then divide into small national fragments. But in an attempt to bind these national fragments together, for over a thousand years, the supreme pontiff or Pontifex Maximus of the Babylonian Mystery Religion began a reign of terror in Europe unparalleled in human history. This was Rome's second phase, when Europe was ruled by the Roman Universal Church and is known historically as Papal Rome. But Papal Rome was to lose its power too, and did. Seeking to regain that lost power, the world today is racing pellmell toward Rome's third and last stage of determined world domination.

It must be clearly understood, that the Church of Rome, even though she is not openly dominating the world just yet, is by far the most powerful, wealthiest, and influential organization upon the face of the earth. During Rome's second phase called, Papal Rome, the Roman Catholic Church of those medieval times held the population of the Western world in an iron grip of tyranny from which there was no escape. Her method of compelling others to conform was by stark terror and torture. She set up her ecclesiastical tribunals called the "Inquisition", and justified them by saying it was all in the name of God. Then she went about her inhuman acts of torture to

purge the world of what she considered nonconformists and branded them as heretics.

It is so very hard today to imagine how anyone could watch and inflict systematic tortures designed to bring to its victims the most severest and agonizing pain, to the very point of death, yet denying death, and then start the process all over again — even on an animal, much less another human being. How can we today grasp the living conditions of the common serf and peasant under the feudal system, where kings and the higher clergymen lived in pomp, luxuries, and extravagances of every kind, while the peasant and lower parish priests, who associated and sympathized with them, scratched out their grim existence without hope of redress or relief from their oppressions, except only by death. Rome, even today, does not deny this barbaric time of her history. She just does not want to advertize it and prefers to keep it quiet till she can employ it once again.

These atrocities are so repugnant to the character of the true God, which is love, that no wonder the Church of Rome forbids God's Word, the Scriptures, to be read. Rome hates to have her crimes exposed. She goes to great lengths to censor and establish elaborate cover-ups. And she can; because of her powerful influence. But the God of love looks down upon His stricken people and buoys their sinking spirits by giving them hope and confidence in His Word; that it will not always be this way. God exposes these world political systems and its Babylonian religion so that His people may see and compare with His own character; proving how far the depraved mind can go when it is controlled by Satan.

The central theme running throughout all the Scriptures, from cover to cover, is that One Person, Jesus Christ; who as a Gift from God to humanity, adamantly declares that He will triumph over the oppressors and pick up the downtrodden. But for those who have never been told this wonderful good news, they must be led to God's Word so that they may partake and be refreshed. They must understand God's promises. And because Rome has affected the whole world, we must have a basic knowledge of what Rome was like yesterday, if we are to understand what Rome's ambitions are today. If we are to clearly understand Biblical terms like "the Beast and his Image", and appreciate Scriptural language that states, "she was 'drunken'

with the blood of the saints", we must know the 'ferociousness' of Rome's past, to see why the God of Scripture would describe Rome as "the Beast".

This book's purpose in unveiling Rome's dark past, must bring to light certain specific areas of the Church of Rome's history that she has purposely and effectively covered up. It must emphasize strongly that the Church of Rome at one time was the most powerful and brutal political-religious institution upon planet earth. That it also lost that temporal power to crush and destroy those who did not agree with her. This book will show how that 'loss' becomes directly connected and associated with movements and organizations, (some that many people have never heard of) such as the Knights Templar, Protestantism, the Inquisition, Freemasonry, the Jesuits, the Illuminati, and even how Rome was very much involved in the founding of the United States of America. But most important, it will show how in Rome's fanatical obsession to regain that loss, she has launched a "Grand Design" upon an unsuspecting world to bring it once again under her control. We must explore Rome's hidden obscured past, so that the correct view of today's end time current events and their relationship with the "Beast and his Image" and the New World Order can be known.

### **THE LORD'S COMMISSION**

The sovereign God has given to man in the Scriptures a clear description of the two powers that are to play the key role in the events just prior to the second coming of our Lord. The cowardly ministers of God today, have refused to call out the names of these powers because it would stir up the wrath of that very powerful and influential Universal Church, and it involves that world Superpower Nation that the Church of Rome intends to use to enforce its doctrines.

Consider the early Christians who lived during those times of the Pagan Roman Empire, and understood perfectly through Scripture the atrocities that Rome was to commit in its opposition to the truths of God. Were they not also under tremendous social and mental pressures in their decisions to either bow to Caesar or be torn by lions at the coliseum? Woe to those who claim to be representatives of God's Word, and fail to make known the truth because of fear of controversy.

Feed my sheep! is the commission given by our Lord. Our world is on the brink of disaster. The storm is coming, swiftly moving and relentless in its fury, as it sweeps all away in its path. Will we be guilty of not sounding the warning before it is too late? The sheep are hungry for truth. Too long they've been denied vital nourishment because of clever deceptions. This presentation will surely ruffle many feathers, as it searches out those unexplored areas that will lay bare the deceptions and expose the truth which Rome has for so long diligently kept hidden to accomplish her "Grand Design".

The word "Protestant" means in a religious sense, to protest Rome — her atrocities, her abuses, and her unScriptural doctrines. However, the protester of Rome fell into two main categories. The one group that everyone knows of, are those who protest from a firm Scriptural viewpoint. The second group, were those who had a 'personal' vendetta or grudge against Rome without any Scriptural consideration. It is this group especially that we want to intensely identify, who no one has the vaguest idea about, that are a complete historical mystery, and yet, were to quietly and drastically change the course of the whole world. But the fact remained, to protest Rome, whether king or peasant, meant swift and exact punishment. The profound question is: how could anyone shake themselves from the tyrannies of Rome? The answer lies in the history of this mysterious second group.

Secular history teaches that a vigorous movement to reform Rome began right after the invention of the printing press, in 1450, which made the Bible available to the downtrodden common people, and they began reading for themselves the truth of Rome's errors; as compared with Scripture. While this is certainly true, what history fails to show, is that another event had occurred over a hundred years before, that had rocked all of Europe like nothing before or since. An event so traumatic, that it shook the Roman institution to its very foundation, and set in motion seeds of such bitterness, hatred, and anger, that were so deeply planted and nourished in every level of society, that it prepared minds and moods for centuries afterward.

It began abruptly on the date known as the day of misfortune, — but no one today seems to know quite the reason why — Friday the 13th, October 1307, that the most vicious

arrest, suppression, and termination of that group of warrior knights, called the Knights of Templar, took place. You must bear in mind, that these were not just ordinary men, but were of the most noble aristocratic elite ruling class of Europe. As Knights, they were unwaveringly Catholic, and became nearly as powerful, wealthy, and affluent an organization as the Papacy itself. The Roman Church treacherously crushed them as an Order of Knights, but because of their unique position in world affairs, it certainly could not snuff out their political influence or smother their brewing resentment. It was this group of powerful, wealthy, and bitter men that were capable to form an underground movement against Rome that finally erupted into the Protestant Revolution. It was not possible, anymore than it is today, for the poor, defenseless, haggard common peasants to go up against the establishment without being brutally crushed. It is this vague area of history that Rome wants to be kept completely unknown; that will be exciting for us to venture into and explore.