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Greetings from Tyler

Crazy as it seems, it's now 2010. We can be thankful 09 didn't go out with a bang, but not for lack of intent on the part of would-be terrorists. If the now famous failed attempt by the Nigerian underwear bomber, we can all look forward to ever more intrusive treatment by the TSA every time we want to fly. The whole notion that all the flying public should be treated like potential terrorist, at total taxpayer expense, continues to defy logic. While politically correct, multicultural mindset prevails in defiance of the reality that there is only one religion and one cultural class that produces these idiots who want to blow themselves in the process of killing hundreds of innocent people.

By the way, the latest terrorist attempt on the Delta jet illustrates just how wrong the prevailing argument has been. That being that poverty breeds terrorists. The Nigerian terrorist came from a fabulously wealthy family, and lives a very privileged life.

The recent murderous rampage by another deranged "extremist" is an unavoidable example of how political correctness allowed a Muslim U.S. Army officer to commit the Fort Hood atrocity despite the fact he'd been long recognized to sympathize with radical ideology. Those who glimpsed his leanings towards terrorist ideology were afraid they'd get in trouble if they reported him! Instead of turning away from policies that result in useless harassment of good citizens while radical Muslims are treated with kid gloves, the U.S. government for the most part the media has embraced them.

Will 2010 bring a nuclear Iran? What was bill as an important deadline for Iran to come clean about its nuclear program has just passed. According to reports, Iran has been given an extension of another six months to a year to give diplomacy another chance. Be hard put to have missed defiant statements and actions of Iran's recalcitrant [stubborn, defiant] leaders. How well are we supposed to believe they'll behave once they have nuclear weapons?

And what more will be done to destroy the American way of life in 2010? It looks like socialized, government-controlled healthcare will be implemented despite tremendous popular discontent. Lawsuits by several states' Attorneys General are promised, and several governors have vowed to resist the implementations of the provisions of nationalized healthcare with all means at their disposal.

Despite dangerously cold temperatures and blizzard conditions gripping much of the country, there's still a good chance the majority party in Washington D. C. will attempt to visit so-called cap and trade legislation upon an already over-burdened economy in honor of the largely discredited theory of manmade Global Warming. Assuming politicians could alter global temperatures by enacting energy taxes and forcing us into electric Yugos, just how much colder do they want it to get? It's already thirty below in some of the northern states!

Well, the most important things for us to watch in the coming year is now the newly reconfigured European Union will behave now that it has single political, economic and foreign policy voice. Although the Lisbon Treaty was finally ratified some weeks ago, this authority of this Pan-European government actually came into effect beginning today, January 1st. Right now it represents twenty-seven member nations, but that number is fluid and subject to change. To what degree will it march in lockstep with the Vatican? Will it follow the European precedent of anti-Israel sentiment? Will it emerge as a contender among superpowers?

Europe as a single political and economic entity is something we have expected for decades primarily due to the teachings of Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong in regard to the end time prophetic scenario. My grandfather was actually telling his audience this would transpire years before I was born. The implementation of the Lisbon Treaty is a major development but probably not the final configuration, as most of you know. There will be more fallout, twists and turns along the way and we will be more than a little interested.

If 2009 was fraught with outrage and intrigue, 2010 promises to be an even wilder ride. May God bless and protect our troops, save us from the false one-world religion of Global Warming and protect those in His true church from persecution as we go forward. It sounds a little trite to say, "Happy New Year" but I am hoping for the best. God is ultimately in charge. His will be done.

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