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## SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS

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As the year 2007 rolls in, what would most of us desire more than anything? Many of us would say, “World peace.” It seems, however, the opposite is happening. We are bombarded daily and conditioned to abuse, violence, and loss of respect for humanity. The Bible predicted that these signs would be, “The beginning of the birth pains,” just prior to the return of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 24: 5-8)

In the year 425AD, the Jewish High Council, the Sanhedrin, split up. In Israel, on Oct 14, 2004, the Sanhedrin was reformed for the first time in 1600 years. The Sanhedrin believes their Messiah is coming soon and wants to be ready. For Christians, a recent AP survey revealed 25% of those polled believe Christ may come this year. That is astonishing to me. Sadly, that doesn't line up with prophetic scripture but it's very interesting. For many Muslims, the Islamic religion believes their savior, the Mahdi, is arriving in 2007, at a time when the entire world is in total chaos. President Ahmadinejad of Iran believes and wants to bring total chaos to the world at the time of Mahdi's return. It's interesting those 3 major religions all believe their savior is coming soon. Are these beliefs coincidence or significant to the rest of the world? **READ ON!**

This is my 11<sup>th</sup> Inspirational Newsletter since 9-11. I want to address WHAT I DO KNOW, WHAT I DON'T KNOW, and WHAT I'VE LEARNED from studying the Bible, pertaining to the Middle East, Israel and Iran.

### WHAT I DO KNOW:

Since 9-11 we have adapted to a new way of thinking and new vocabulary. Prior to 9-11, whoever heard of Jihad, Sunni, Fatah, Hezbollah, Muhammad or Islam? We rarely considered safety and security issues when flying, picking up our kids at school or using any of the many new technologies. I can put any one of your addresses into my computer and in a few seconds see a satellite photograph of your property. I believe these are pieces in the, “Big Brother Is Watching”, puzzle. Many events concerning this exact time in history is referenced throughout many books in the Bible written approximately two thousand years ago.

There are approximately 100 million American church members who have little or no understanding of Bible prophecy. These church members are from churches whose leaders believe what is happening today in Israel and the world is not related to prophecy. These church leaders believe that Bible prophecy should only be viewed as allegorical or symbolic and not literal. Doesn't allegory and symbolism still have literal meanings? The leaders see no correlation between the Bible and what is happening today in China, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, other Middle Eastern nations, and in particular, Israel. Most are not aware of how the European Union, the Quartet, the Roadmap, SPP, and new identification technologies relate to our future. In addition, they do not view the fact that Russian scientists presently helping Iran produce weapons of mass destruction to destroy Israel, as important. The good news is, many who understand the significance of Bible prophecy, are watching closely and sharing as these world events unfold.

On 9-11, terrorists flew planes into buildings to try to destroy the Great Satan (America). Instead, of being destroyed, we started what we call, “The War on Terrorism” and I assure you, this war will be like none other. For Islam, the battle of 9-11 was a victory. After the twin towers fell, Muslims throughout the world were celebrating and dancing in the streets. From our side, we hear and believe that the moon god of Mecca, whose name is Allah, is a God of peace, and the 18 hijackers were just a few crazy radicals. With the enemy being an ideology or belief that you can't geographically identify, whom do you retaliate against? Who has the advantage if we do not understand the religious or spiritual aspects of Islam? What will it take for us to wake up? My point here is this. Islam is a religion of submission not peace. There is no middle ground. Submit or die. It's that clear. America is the greatest nation on the earth. Fundamental Islamic believers hate us because we are not Muslims and we support Israel. This true believer in Islam wants to sacrifice his or her own life, in order to rid the world of any un-believers. This is all about good verses evil.

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#### **WHAT I DON'T KNOW:**

Why do some of us think that it's not appropriate to speak about politics or religion? Now that we are in a Holy war, is it ok? Why are we set in our ways of political or religious correctness when that type of thinking could ultimately harm us? Why do we bury our head in the sand and tolerate Islam's mission to take over the world? Where is the outrage? Are the opinions and viewpoints others and I share about the world, Islam, the Middle East or Israel correct or not? Unfortunately, only time will tell. Long-buried Vatican files revealed an accusation of World War II's Pope Pius XII. Apparently, this pope helped Hitler destroy German Catholic political opposition and betrayed 10 million Jews and others in Europe. He sealed a deeply cynical pact with this 20th-century devil. Where was the outrage at that time?

#### **WHAT I'VE LEARNED:**

I realize some of you may say, "Who the heck does this pool guy think he is? And why is he writing about the events in the Middle East, Israel etc?" My response... Back in February of 2002, I believe God directed me to start studying prophecy and pass on what I learn to people I come in contact with. That's you folks; also known as, my church. I realize to some, I may appear to be a religious nut or sound like I am better than anybody else. Quite the opposite is true but I can't control how some feel about me. Honestly, I'm more concerned with what God wants. Along with being a sinner, I'm the least religious person you will meet. Religion is man's attempt to get to God through religious organizations that frequently fail mankind. The Bible states, God's attempt to get to mankind is through a relationship with Jesus Christ. That belief comes with a free pardon for our sins. I don't understand why God loves us so much and He offers such an easy out. If God gave us what we deserved, many would be in Hell for eternity. Thank God for His grace!

I've shared the Biblical significance of our times with some people who are unwilling or are not able to process the information mentally, emotionally, or spiritually. Due to fear or unbelief, many do not want to hear it. Check out Bible accuracy and compare scripture with the world news of today. (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

With Islamic terrorists boldly stating the destruction of Israel and America, one must wonder where the outrage from the rest of the world is. Allah requires the death of any infidel that doesn't submit to Islam. Paraphrasing a quote from the Qur'an, "War not friendship is mandatory until Islam reigns everywhere."

My friends, we may be eyewitness to some terrifying events. Israel and America will soon decide on what action must be taken against Iran, who may ignite a war unlike any other. Hosea 4:6 says, "My people will die for lack of knowledge." Let's heed that scripture! Do not be ignorant. As informed believers, we have information the rest of the world does not have. For me, the more I learn in my study of the Bible, the more the scripture confirms God is in total control. What can we do? Pray daily! That can give us inner peace.

2006 has been a difficult year for me personally. When going through the seasons of life, we all will have challenges. My prayer last year was for the Lord to open and close doors to help direct my life, and He did. I didn't agree with what He did. But, I deal with that sadness along with many blessings. Last night, my youngest son came to me and wanted to pray for a friend of his that just got into an accident. That was a blessing to me. The good news is God listens, still answers prayers and really knows what's best for us. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not onto your own understanding."

Life is precious my friends. Make time for yourself and your loved ones. Make that phone call you've been avoiding to the one who just popped into your mind. When the warmer weather arrives, be sure your pool or spa is ready and use it! Summerize early and schedule those repairs now to make the most of your investment. Call when you need us and let's pray for an uneventful 2007. Please send back your contract and payment information to get on the schedule right away. For 38 years, we at The Pool & Spa Doctor have provided expert pool and spa service in Connecticut and New York. Take advantage of our technical knowledge and many services we offer this summer. Let us maintain, repair or upgrade your pool or spa. *Remember:* We'll do the work - You have the fun.

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God Bless you with good health and success,

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