

Introduction

The Hidden Face of the Shadow Government

In Western democracies, citizens vote for representative members of their government. Democratic principles and national constitutions assure us of a voice in determining the policies and powers that rule us. What most of us don't realize is that the rules have profoundly changed, and no one gave us a chance to vote on this transformation.

We have entered the era of “shadow government,” a term I will use in this book to refer to powerful agencies that collect data on every person, observing our private lives and monitoring our finances. The shadow government tracks your movements, your communications, your purchases, your decisions, your preferences—and it stores that information in permanent computer files. You have no say in determining what they learn about you and how they use the information. Because this unelected authority operates in the shadows, it is not subject to meaningful oversight by any democratic institution or recognized arm of government. Intelligence agencies, legislative bodies, the courts, regulatory agencies—no center of elected, democratic political power has any real authority over the shadow government.

We are living in very dangerous times, when governments throughout the world have allowed an unprecedented system of shadow governments to exist and grow. Those who have begun to control our lives from the shadows now conduct massive surveillance and even exert extensive military power in countries around the world. While these activities are largely invisible to ordinary citizens, elected governments are aware of the shift in power. In fact, the change has taken place with the approval the citizens of Western

governments.

The Upheaval of 9/11

When radical Muslims hijacked four commercial airliners on September 11, 2001, and commandeered them on suicide missions to attack the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, we all realized the world had changed dramatically. What we didn't see coming was the way this attack on American soil would introduce a profound shift in power in Western nations. In response to the now-visible threat of Islamist movements against democratic countries, governments took drastic action—and made unprecedented changes in national security measures. This went far beyond tighter security at airports and military action in Iraq and Afghanistan. Ostensibly to protect the free citizens of their nations, governments began enhanced surveillance on all of us.

A troubling feature of modern society is that the real political power and security measures taken by governments have become increasingly secretive. Governments can now spy on anyone without due cause or due process, and they no longer have to obtain judicial approval, undergo review, or be held accountable to any elected body—such as a senate or parliamentary subcommittee. The real political power has increasingly hidden itself so that no one but insiders and intelligence agencies truly know who wields power at the top levels of national governments. Increasingly, secret military, intelligence, and security officials have taken control of our society in the name of national security.

If you wonder how such a thing could be possible, consider two things. First, the ongoing threat of attack from rogue nations, radical Muslim terrorists, and anti-democratic forces in possession of weapons of mass

destruction. And second, the rapid development of invasive technology that is at the disposal of those who make the calls for the shadow government. Our generation has witnessed these two developments that have converged to shift the power away from elected governments and into the hands of the hidden powers.

All of this has prophetic significance, which we will explore later in this book. It is no accident that technology now exists, in these last days, that can enable a world dictator for the first time in history to control the earth's population. As the levers of control of our society are targeted on scientific, economic, and military technologies, the intellectual and political global elites that monitor the surveillance systems become the secret manipulators of the world. And not just the world as a whole, but the lives of individual citizens. No one is protected from invasive surveillance. Privacy is a thing of the past.

The religious intellectual writer Teilhard de Chardin pointed out the overwhelming potential power of an organized group of dedicated brilliant minds, if those minds were dedicated to the cause of forming an unrivaled world government. He wrote: "Nothing in the universe can resist the cumulative ardor of a sufficiently large number of enlightened minds working together in organized groups."⁰⁰

[Add endnote: 00. Teilhard de Chardin, quoted in Louis Pauwels and Jacques Bergier, *Morning of the Magicians* (New York: Stein and Day, 1964), 55.]

Almost a century ago, John Buchan, a fascinating British writer and important figure in Britain's post-World War I political system, wrote an intriguing novel titled *The Power House*. Buchan's book explored the

concept of a group of extremely wealthy and powerful individuals who moved behind the scenes of politics, international finance, and business to subvert the national sovereignty and independence of Western governments. The goal of this secret group was to create a worldwide government under the control of their global elite group of wealthy and powerful individuals allied with Western politicians and former key political leaders. The conspirators moved behind the scenes to gain power over democratic nations.^{0intro/02}

[Add endnote: 00. John Buchan, *The Power House* (London: William Blackwood and Sons, 1916)]

How the Rulers Went into Hiding

Up until the last century, political power was concentrated in very public and widely venerated leaders such as kings, governors, and even dictators who were not very shy in making known their power over a nation. Some went out of their way to remind citizens exactly who was in control, such as the public displays and massive monuments utilized by Germany's Adolf Hitler and Russia's Joseph Stalin.

However, in the last half of the twentieth century and the beginning of the twenty-first, a new political power paradigm began to form. In place of highly visible leaders of the past, we have elected leaders who exert some control, but the real power resides with a separate group. The most powerful individuals who control our nations and our lives do their work quietly behind the scenes. They are joined by current and retired political leaders who, with wealthy financial leaders, form an "open conspiracy" to produce a new global government to replace all existing independent national democratic governments.

Shadow governments are composed of hidden leaders in both democratic and totalitarian governments throughout the world. Since World War II, present and former leading members of the United States' and numerous Western democratic governments including Canada and in Western Europe have also joined these secret globalist elitist groups. They are utilizing hidden agreements and secret treaties designed to produce a global government ruled by elite, unelected, international financial, political, and military leaders.

Just as our generation was transformed by the attacks of 9/11, the world was changed almost a century prior by the terrible devastation of World War I. For the first time, Western nations saw the very real possibility of human annihilation from the worldwide conventional conflict between states, with the tragic development of chemical gas weapons, machine guns, and the massive artillery that killed more than 40 million soldiers and civilians across the globe. (I include in these figures casualties of the 1918–1922 Russian Civil War.)

Many of the leaders of the Western nations concluded that the most vital political goal facing humanity was to eliminate the possibility of a future genocidal world war. That concern gave birth to a New World Order that would eliminate the possibility of a future world war, with the stated goal of protecting humanity from the devastating weapons developed following World War I. They believed the only logical alternative to the inevitable annihilation of humanity was to eliminate every one of the sovereign independent nations who could declare and prosecute deadly warfare against any other enemy state.

In the protracted negotiations of the Paris Peace Conference (1919),

many key Western political leaders came to believe that the only way to preserve humanity from the staggering threat of new military technology was to form a partnership with the “real” secret leadership of numerous Western nations. In the name of protecting the world’s population from a future world war, this secret group was subverting the historic system of sovereign governments.

Their audacious plan was to replace the ancient and historical system of national sovereign nation states. Initially, they created the League of Nations but it proved to be totally ineffective during the 1930s. Despite good intentions, the League of Nations failed to prevent World War II. The German, Italian, and Japanese fascist aggression bathed the world in the blood of more than 60 million dead before the Allied victory in 1945.

During and following World War II, those who had hoped but failed to create a global government under the League renewed their efforts. In light of possible unrestricted nuclear war between Russia and the U.S.A. (and later, China), they formulated a new international body that came to be known as the United Nations. What wasn’t announced publicly is that the United Nations was the global elitists’ next step in launching in embryonic form the coming world government.

Members of the global elitist group known as the Council of Foreign Relations (created after WWI and a powerful influence toward global government today) virtually wrote the United Nations charter. This group was dedicated to the proposition that the sovereign states of the West must be secretly joined into a global compact that would make future war impossible. While the goal of world peace was laudable, the unfortunate result was that these individuals and groups conspired to create a global

government without the knowledge or political approval of the citizens of the Western nations whose lives would be affected.

The Nature of Earthly Power

I realize it will be difficult for many of my readers to accept that widely respected American political and business leaders would support plans to eliminate the United States and its Constitution in favor of the tyranny of a secret global elite. However, as we will see in later chapters, a series of international crises and growing threats to the survival of humanity spurred the consolidation of power in the shadow government. Circumstances such as two world wars, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the more recent threats of attack from radical Muslim forces and other rogue powers have motivated the move toward globalism. And what we have seen so far is only a hint at what is to come.

We are rapidly approaching the greatest crisis in human history. The development of revolutionary military weapons, sophisticated information warfare, and astonishing surveillance technologies are transforming our world. Jesus Christ warned that humanity would experience an unprecedented historical crisis just before He returned to establish His eternal Kingdom on earth. Jesus declared there would be a “great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 24:21). The prophet Daniel foretold that the terrible “time of tribulation” will last seven years and will conclude with the Battle of Armageddon and the triumphant return of the Messiah to earth (Daniel 7).[GRANT, I added Daniel 7 as reference, Please add specific verses if you want to.]

The biblical prophets also warned that the most evil man in history would

arise during the final generation of this age. This man would be satanically empowered to seize political, economic, military, and religious control first in Europe (the ancient Roman Empire revived), and then the entire world population. This mysterious individual is identified by a number of names throughout Scripture, including the “lawless one,” “the man of sin,” “the Wicked,” and even “the mystery of iniquity.” Yet most people today know him by the prophetic name applied to him by the prophet John in his second epistle in the New Testament — the “Antichrist” (see 2 John 7). This totally evil man will embody Satan’s ages-long passion to set himself up as “god” to be worshipped by all of humanity.

You and I will live to see the most evil and terrifying dictator in history arise to rule the world. This mysterious person will embody pure evil, and he will demand that every human on earth worship him as their only true “god” or they will be annihilated.

In the past it was difficult to understand how the Bible’s prophecies about the Antichrist’s complete control over humanity could be fulfilled. The book of Revelation describes devastating military attacks from the air, the deliberate poisoning of one-third of the planet’s land and water, and the destruction of two-thirds of the planet’s population. Serious students of the Bible naturally wondered how these predictions could be fulfilled. Did the Bible’s prophecies speak of actual future events or were they only allegorical symbols referring to a spiritual apocalyptic war between the forces of good and evil? In our generation, we know enough about warfare, technology, and shifting political allegiances that we can begin to see how one man could exert such power throughout the world. For the first time in history it is possible to contemplate the possibility of humanity’s destruction

in a global war.

In the chapters that follow, we will explore the prophecies that describe the ultimate rise to power of the Antichrist and the nature of the global government that he will use to enslave all of humanity until Jesus Christ returns. The Scriptures reveal that the Antichrist will rapidly rise to global power during the overwhelming economic, military, and political crisis during the last days to become the dominant political, military, and religious figure in the world. God revealed these prophetic truths to believers to awaken Christians to the signs of Jesus Christ's near return to take His people home to heaven.

We need to understand the implications of the rise of the secret "shadow" government, the rush to global government, and the astonishing new developments in surveillance technology that will allow the totalitarian government of the Antichrist to introduce his dreaded "Mark of the Beast" population control system. It is essential that we understand the prophetic warnings of the Word of God about the coming world dictator—the Antichrist.

Step by step our national sovereignty is being progressively eroded, with the threat of global warming and the demand of various United Nations treaties to harmonize our laws with other nations, in the name of globalization. The proud historic national sovereignty of Western nations that allowed us to create a democratic free enterprise society with political, economic, and religious freedom is being secretly surrendered by our political leaders. These new leaders no longer believe in loyalty to sovereign nations; they have adopted a philosophy of globalism and share the desire to become global citizens of the new world order.

In addition, we are facing an unprecedented assault on our precious freedom and privacy due to the latest remarkable advances in surveillance technologies. Following the horrific terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on September 11, 2001, national governments throughout the world have decided to accelerate their spying on their entire population and their collecting of massive amounts of surveillance data concerning every citizen. The technological advancement in new surveillance equipment, including the global spy system known as Project Echelon that can listen to every phone call and Internet communication on earth, is destroying every vestige of our privacy.

The creation of a total surveillance society throughout the world is setting the stage for the totalitarian police state described two thousand years ago by the prophet John in the book of Revelation. Our examination of the explosive growth of the Internet and its pervasive influence on the lives of every citizen will reveal that it is transforming our communications and economy while simultaneously opening the door to the government's virtually complete surveillance of every aspect of our lives, finances, and our conversations. In Revelation 13:16-18, John prophesied that the "666 mark of the beast" totalitarian police system would be utilized in the last days to force everyone on earth to worship the Antichrist as "god."

This book will demonstrate that the radio frequency identification (RFID) technology for implanting computer chips beneath the skin is laying the groundwork for the fulfillment of John's prophecy about the totalitarian police state during the last three and a half years of this age before Christ returns at Armageddon to set up His Kingdom. The development of sophisticated and revolutionary new weapons systems, neutron bombs

including suitcase-sized tactical nuclear weapons, biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction, and computerized information warfare can neutralize an enemy's economy, defenses, economy, and infrastructure. The production of revolutionary new weapons using powerful electromagnetic forces to influence a country's weather, destroy another nation's computer systems, or remotely influence the mind of a person suggests how the coming Antichrist may quickly establish his global domination.

Finally, we will explore the geopolitical situation that is developing in light of the shifting geo-political power alliances between America, Europe, Russia, China, the Arab states, and Israel. This massive shift in the balance of power is laying the groundwork for the dramatic battles that will lead to first the establishment and then the eventual destruction of the global power of the Antichrist.

God's Description of the Last Days

A number of biblical prophecies teach that Jesus Christ will return from heaven to resurrect and take all real Christians home to the New Jerusalem in heaven immediately before the seven-year Tribulation period, which will begin when the Antichrist signs a seven-year treaty with Israel. Christ's promise to Christians is the Resurrection, the "blessed hope," also known as the Rapture. We are commanded by the Lord to hope and rejoice in our continuing expectation that "when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:4). Therefore the message of prophecy is not one of "doom and gloom" as some critics have suggested. Rather, Jesus commanded that His followers should respond to the beginning of the fulfillment of these prophecies with joyful anticipation.

Some Christian critics have publicly declared that most prophecy

teachers and authors, such as myself, are “sensationalists” because we take the Bible’s prophecies seriously enough to study and discuss whether these specific predictions are being fulfilled by events occurring in our generation. However, the Word of God clearly commands Christian believers to carefully consider the prophetic passages of the Scriptures. The apostle Peter assures us that “we have a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19). There are 31,124 verses found in the Bible, of which 27 percent focus on the topic of prophecy. The fact that one-quarter of God’s revelation to us in the Bible concerns prophecy suggests to us the tremendous importance of the prophetic message in the plan of God.

The great scientist Sir Isaac Newton was also fascinated with Bible prophecy. The discovery of thousands of his unpublished manuscripts in a long abandoned attic at Cambridge University, where Newton served as a distinguished professor, have revealed that he actually wrote many more research notes and manuscripts about Bible prophecy than he did on scientific projects. He wrote many manuscripts about the prophets and a book called *Observations on the Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse of St. John*. Newton wrote, “And the giving ear to the prophets is a fundamental character of the true Church. For God has so ordered the prophecies that in the latter days ‘the wise may understand, but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand’ (Daniel 12:9–10).”⁰⁰⁰ [John Newton, *Observations on the Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse of St. John* (CITY: PUBLISHER, YEAR), XXX.][NEED CITATION for edition of Newton book you took this from.]

In this book we will look at current trends, developments reported in the news media, the prophecies of God's chosen prophets over the last two and one half millennia, and the remarkable advances in science and technology. All of the evidence points to the fulfillment of God's plan at the end of the age—sobering and yet faith-building events that we will witness in this generation.

And at the very center of Satan's attempt to use the Antichrist to take over the world—before his ultimate defeat at the hands of the returning Messiah—is the work, strategies, and agenda of the shadow global government.