

## KNOWLEDGE INCREASED

### CANADIAN STEM CELL BREAKTHROUGH

*The National Post* reports: "The ethical debate over embryonic stem cell use may soon be moot, thanks to a Canadian team of researchers who, together with a team out of Scotland, has found a safe way to grow stem cells from a patient's own skin.

The revolutionary finding, described in a paper published by the international science journal *Nature*, means doctors may be one step closer to treating a multitude of diseases, including Alzheimer's, diabetes and Parkinson's.

Someday, the regenerative and adaptive qualities of these skin-based stem cells could be used to repair damaged organs, bones and muscles, replace brain neurons and insulin-producing pancreatic cells, and even farm new organs for transplant use.

The Canada-led discovery, headed by Dr. Andras Nagy of Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital, was more than a year in the making and advanced the headline-grabbing breakthroughs of U.S. and Japanese researchers in November, 2007.

While the Japanese and U.S. findings proved it was possible to create stem cells from a patient's skin - the Japanese used cells from a 36-year-old woman's face and the Americans used those from infant foreskins - both teams used viruses to insert the

four necessary reprogramming genes into the genome of a mature skin cells. The use of viruses is associated with an increased risk of cancer and developmental disabilities and, according to the *Nature* paper, may also 'cause unpredictable genetic dysfunction.'

Dr. Nagy's team of 10 researchers combined their separate knowledge with that of a University of Edinburgh team led by Dr. Keisuke Kaji, becoming the first to successfully grow human stem cells without the help of viruses.

Instead, the scientists at Mount Sinai's Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute used an electric shock to insert the reprogramming genes into a 'jumping gene' - a transformative piece of DNA found in moths, corn and other species. This jumping gene can move around to different positions within the genome of a single cell and, once a skin cell is persuaded back to its embryonic state, the jumping gene can be removed to prevent any damage.

Also, because human stem cells - also known as 'induced pluripotent stems' - are bred from the patient's own skin, they pose no threat of immune rejection, mitigating another medical drawback of embryonic stem cell use..." **(This information is new and exciting. The Japanese are even able to now create stem cells from human teeth. These new innovations that will bring multitudes into healing and health are now no**

**longer objectionable because the methodology no longer includes life destroying means. It's a Latter Day sign that points to Christ's imminent return into a world of health and happiness. - Daniel 12:4; Isaiah 35:5, 6)**

### TRIALS FOR REVOLUTIONARY STEM CELL SURGERY IN UK 'WITHIN A YEAR'

*The London Daily Telegraph* reports: "Heart disease patients in Britain could soon take part in a revolutionary stem cell surgery trial that could change the nature of heart surgery and ultimately end the need for transplants.

It is believed that British patents could take the pioneering treatment, in which a patient's own cells are extracted and grown in a laboratory, in as little as a year.

Scientists have worked out a technique where human bone marrow cells are turned into human heart stem cells and then injected into the heart.

Laboratory grown heart stem cells were initially extensively tested on animals and trials on humans in Europe are due to start later.

Dr Jonathan Hill, a consultant cardiologist at London's King's College Hospital, is hoping to perform trials on British patients next year in conjunction with King's College London University.

'I have seen the results of the trials and they are very encouraging,' he

said. 'We are negotiating to carry out human trials in the UK.'

Professor Sian Harding, of Imperial College London, said being able to convert bone marrow stem cells into heart stem cell was a 'big leap forward' in finding an 'effective' treatment for heart failure.

'Placing heart stem cells into the heart to repair has a very good chance of working because the stem cells are the patient's own there are no problems with rejection,' she said...' (Again, praise God that these stem cells are created without the need to destroy life.)

### **HADRON COLLIDER RELAUNCH DELAYED**

*BBC News* reports: "The Large Hadron Collider could be switched back on in September - a year after it shut down due to a malfunction and several months later than expected.

Scientists had said they expected the £3.6bn (\$5.4bn) machine to be repaired by November, but then pushed the date back to June, before the latest delay.

The LHC was built to smash protons together at huge speeds, recreating conditions moments after the Big Bang.

The fault occurred just nine days after it was turned on last September.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research (Cern) said: 'The new schedule foresees first beams in the LHC at the end of September this year, with collisions following in late October.'

An investigation into the LHC's problems concluded the initial malfunction was caused by a faulty electrical connection between two of the accelerator's magnets.

Cern said that as a result, 53 magnet units would have to be removed from the LHC's tunnel to be cleaned or repaired.

Cern had also said new protection systems would be added as part of £14m repairs...'(**The Hadron Collider created by 7,000 scientists and engineers at the borders of Switzerland and France at a cost of 10 billion dollars is located 320 feet - - 32 stories below the earth. When it is brought up to full speed, the**

**protons will travel at 176,000 miles per second around a track that is 16.9 miles long. At this speed they will circle the track 11,245 times per second. Finally the scientists will cause the protons going in opposite directions - each going 176,000 miles per second - to crash together causing the Big Bang and attempting to duplicate the Creation story! II Timothy 3:1; Luke 21:25. See also the notes on the next article.)**

### **RACE FOR 'GOD PARTICLE' HEATS UP**

*BBC News* reports: "Europe's particle physics lab, Cern, is losing ground rapidly in the race to discover the elusive Higgs boson, or 'God particle', its US rival claims.

The particle, whose existence has been predicted by theoreticians, would help to explain why matter has mass.

Finding the Higgs is a major goal of Cern's Large Hadron Collider (LHC).

But the US Fermilab says the odds of its Tevatron accelerator detecting the famed particle first are now 50-50 at worst, and up to 96% at best.

Both machines hope to see evidence of the Higgs by colliding sub-atomic matter at very high speeds. If it exists, the Higgs should emerge from the debris.

The LHC has been out of action since last September when an accident damaged some of the magnets that make up its giant colliding ring.

Project leader Lyn Evans conceded the enforced downtime might cost the European lab one of the biggest prizes in physics.

Cern and Fermilab officials squared up at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting in Chicago.

Identifying the so-called God Particle has been a target for the European Organization for Nuclear Research (Cern) ever since the LHC was first conceived in the early 1980s.

At the launch of the LHC near Geneva in September, some scientists predicted the Higgs would be revealed as soon as summer 2009.

But just one week later, an accident

occurred which will halt experiments at the accelerator for at least 12 months.

Fermilab has taken advantage, cranking up the intensity of research at their Tevatron accelerator in Illinois.

Director Pier Oddone presented the Tevatron's latest data at the AAAS meeting.

'We now have a very, very good chance that we will see hints of the Higgs before the LHC will,' said his Fermilab colleague, Dr Dmitri Denisov.

'I think we have the next two years to find it, based on the start date Lyn Evans has told us.

'And by that time we expect to say something very strong.

'The probability of our discovering the Higgs is very good - 90% if it is in the high mass range.

'And the chances are even higher - 96% - if its mass is around 170GV.

'In that case we would be talking about seeing hints of the Higgs by this summer.'...' (**The purpose of both of these monstrous machines is to re-create the 'Big Bang' theory. It could become the most catastrophic accident in history as they attempt to mock God - Romans 1:30; Psalm 106: 29, 39; Psalm 99:8.)**

### **MILITARY'S KILLER ROBOTS MUST LEARN WARRIOR CODE**

*The Times Online* reports: "Autonomous military robots that will fight future wars must be programmed to live by a strict warrior code or the world risks untold atrocities at their steely hands.

The stark warning - which includes discussion of a Terminator-style scenario in which robots turn on their human masters - is issued in a hefty report funded by and prepared for the US Navy's high-tech and secretive Office of Naval Research .

The report, the first serious work of its kind on military robot ethics, envisages a fast-approaching era where robots are smart enough to make battlefield decisions that are at present the preserve of humans. Eventually, it notes, robots could come to display significant cognitive advantages over Homo sapiens soldiers.

‘There is a common misconception that robots will do only what we have programmed them to do,’ Patrick Lin, the chief compiler of the report, said. ‘Unfortunately, such a belief is sorely outdated, harking back to a time when . . . programs could be written and understood by a single person.’ The reality, Dr Lin said, was that modern programs included millions of lines of code and were written by teams of programmers, none of whom knew the entire program: accordingly, no individual could accurately predict how the various portions of large programs would interact without extensive testing in the field – an option that may either be unavailable or deliberately sidestepped by the designers of fighting robots.

The solution, he suggests, is to mix rules-based programming with a period of ‘learning’ the rights and wrongs of warfare.

A rich variety of scenarios outlining the ethical, legal, social and political issues posed as robot technology improves are covered in the report. How do we protect our robot armies against terrorist hackers or software malfunction? Who is to blame if a

robot goes berserk in a crowd of civilians – the robot, its programmer or the US president? Should the robots have a ‘suicide switch’ and should they be programmed to preserve their lives?

The report, compiled by the Ethics and Emerging Technology department of California State Polytechnic University and obtained by *The Times*, strongly warns the US military against complacency or shortcuts as military robot designers engage in the ‘rush to market’ and the pace of advances in artificial intelligence is increased.

Any sense of haste among designers may have been heightened by a US congressional mandate that by 2010 a third of all operational ‘deep-strike’ aircraft must be unmanned, and that by 2015 one third of all ground combat vehicles must be unmanned...

A simple ethical code along the lines of the ‘Three Laws of Robotics’ postulated in 1950 by Isaac Asimov, the science fiction writer, will not be sufficient to ensure the ethical behavior of autonomous military machines.

‘We are going to need a code,’ Dr Lin said. ‘These things are military, and they can’t be pacifists, so we have

to think in terms of battlefield ethics. We are going to need a warrior code.’

Isaac Asimov’s three laws of robotics:

1. A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm
2. A robot must obey orders given to it by human beings, except where such orders would conflict with the First Law
3. A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law...”

**(Imagine! robots that kill human beings. Military analysts fear that such mechanical monsters could go berserk and go on a killing rampage.**

**Such robots have no conscience and God’s commandments about killing are meaningless to the robotic warriors without a shut off valve. – Exodus 20:13; Romans 13:9. Could the beasts – demons out of the bottomless pit control these killing machines? I think so – Revelation 11:7.)**

# SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

## **THERE’S ANOTHER EARTH OUT THERE – AND WE’LL FIND IT**

*The Independent.co.uk* reports: “The first Earth-like planet orbiting a distant star could be discovered within four years, astronomers believe. None of the 300 ‘extra-solar’ planets so far identified beyond our own system is thought to be suitable for life, so the discovery of an Earth-like planet made of rock rather than hot gas or frozen ice would significantly increase the chances of finding the second habitable world, scientists said.

A leading astronomer confidently

predicted yesterday that the discovery of an earth-like planet – possibly in the water-friendly ‘habitable zone’ around a nearby star – would soon be announced, after two satellite studies by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

‘Within about three or four years, there will be a press conference at NASA headquarters and they will tell us just how frequently Earth-like planets occur and once we know that we will know how to take the next steps in the search for habitable planets,’ said

Alan Boss of the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington.

‘I think it’s inevitable that there are Earth-like planets out there. I suspect that every star we look at in the night sky has an Earth-like planet around it. We already know that most stars have planets,’ Dr Boss told the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago.

‘We’ve been able to find planets a few times the mass of the Earth around lower-mass stars but while they are not quite earth analogues, they are getting closer and closer to Earth. The fact that

we can find them already implies we are seeing just the tip of the iceberg.’

Scientists believe up to a third of the sun-like stars in the Milky Way galaxy have planets that are several times larger than Earth. Dr Boss said the figure could be even higher for smaller planets the size of Earth. ‘I think we are talking about a number that is very close to one, one Earth-sized planet around each sun-like star,’ he said. This would mean there could be 100 billion earth-like planets in our galaxy alone, and at least 100 billion galaxies in the Universe.

‘What we’re going to find is that the number of Earths is quite large and that’s going to tell us how to build the next telescopes to go out and examine these finds,’ Dr Boss said...’ **(Astronomers and scientists inform the world that there is, by the latest estimate 100 billion, that’s 100,000,000,000 worlds in space, each with 200 – 400 million suns. The Hadron Collider**

**will never begin to measure up to God’s glorious creation through the second member of the Trinity, our Lord Jesus Christ – see Hebrews 1:2 “Christ, by whom he made the worlds” plural. Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:10, 11; Psalm 19:1-3; Psalm 8:3.)**

### **UNSEEN DARK COMETS ‘COULD POSE DEADLY THREAT TO EARTH’**

*The London Daily Telegraph* reports: “Unseen ‘dark’ comets could pose a deadly threat to earth, astronomers have warned.

The comets, of which there could be thousands, are not currently monitored by observatories and space agencies.

Most comets and asteroids are monitored in case they start to travel towards earth.

But Bill Napier, from Cardiff University, said that many could be going by unnoticed.

‘There is a case to be made that dark, dormant comets are a significant but largely unseen hazard,’ he said.

Scientists estimate that there should be around 3,000 comets in the galaxy, but only 25 have so far been identified.

‘Dark’ comets happen when the water on their surface has evaporated, causing them to reflect less light.

Astronomers have previously spotted comets heading towards earth just days before they passed.

In 1983 a comet called IRAS-Araki-Alcock passed at a distance of just 5 million kilometres, the closest of any comet for 200 years, but it was noticed just a fortnight beforehand.

Tests on another comet, called Comet Borrelly, in 2001 revealed it to have large dark patches across much of its surface...’ **(Deadly? Yes. In February 2009 an asteroid the size of a 45 story building was only a stone’s throw in astronomical terms from earth. Had it hit the power and devastation on the earth would have equaled 1,000 Hiroshima bombs released during the Truman presidency – Revelation 6:12.)**

# THE SURVEILLANCE SOCIETY

## **RADIO CHIP COMING SOON TO YOUR DRIVER’S LICENSE?**

*WorldNetDaily.com* reports: “Privacy advocates are issuing warnings about a new radio chip plan that ultimately could provide electronic identification for every adult in the U.S. and allow agents to compile attendance lists at anti-government rallies simply by walking through the assembly.

The proposal, which has earned the support of Janet Napolitano, the newly chosen chief of the Department of Homeland Security, would embed radio chips in driver’s licenses, or “enhanced driver’s licenses.”

“Enhanced driver’s licenses give confidence that the person holding the card is the person who is supposed to be holding the card, and it’s less elaborate than REAL ID,” Napolitano said in a *Washington Times* report.

REAL ID is a plan for a

federal identification system standardized across the nation that so alarmed governors many states have adopted formal plans to oppose it. However, a privacy advocate today told *WND* that the EDLs are many times worse.

Radio talk show host and identity chip expert Katherine Albrecht said REAL ID earned the opposition of Christians because of its resemblance to the biblical “mark of the beast,” civil libertarians opposed it for its “big brother” connotations and others worried about identity theft issues with the proposed databases.

“We got rid of the REAL ID program, but [this one] is way more insidious,” she said.

Enhanced driver’s licenses have built-in radio chips providing an identifying number or information that can be accessed by a remote reading unit while the license is inside a wallet or purse.

The technology already had been implemented in Washington State,

where it is promoted as an alternative to a passport for traveling to Canada. So far, the program is optional...’ **(The Bilderburg organization just met secretly in Virginia. At this meeting plans were formulated to microchip all humans in the skin within the next few years under the premise of protection against and from terrorists – Revelation 13:16-18; 14:11; 20:4. See also the next two articles.)**

## **WARNING OVER ‘SURVEILLANCE STATE’**

*BBC News* reports: “Electronic surveillance and collection of personal data are ‘pervasive’ in British society and threaten to undermine democracy, peers have warned.

CCTV cameras and the DNA database were two examples of threats to privacy, the Lords constitution committee said.

It called for compensation for people subject to illegal surveillance.

The government said CCTV and DNA were 'essential' to fight crime but Liberty said recent abuses of power meant 'even the innocent have a lot to fear'.

Civil liberties campaigners have warned about the risks of a 'surveillance society' in which the state acquires ever-greater powers to track people's movements and retain personal data.

Controversial government plans for a database to store details of people's phone calls and e-mails were put on hold late last year after they were branded 'Orwellian'.

Ministers are consulting on the plan, which would involve the details but not the content of calls and internet traffic being logged, saying it is essential to fighting terrorism.

In its report, the Lords constitution committee said growth in surveillance by both the state and the private sector risked threatening people's right to privacy, which it said was 'an essential pre-requisite to the exercise of individual freedom'.

People were often unaware of the scale of personal information held and exchanged by public bodies, it said..."

### **SPY CHIEF: WE RISK A POLICE STATE**

*The London Daily Telegraph* reports: "Dame Stella Rimington, the former head of MI5, has warned that the fear of terrorism is being exploited by the Government to erode civil liberties and risks creating a police state.

Dame Stella accused ministers of interfering with people's privacy and playing straight into the hands of terrorists.

'Since I have retired I feel more at liberty to be against certain decisions of the Government, especially the attempt to pass laws which interfere with people's privacy,' Dame Stella said in an interview with a Spanish newspaper.

'It would be better that the Government recognised that there are risks, rather than frightening people in order to be able to pass laws which restrict civil liberties, precisely one of the objects of terrorism: that we live in fear

and under a police state,' she said.

Dame Stella, 73, added: 'The US has gone too far with Guantánamo and the tortures. MI5 does not do that. Furthermore it has achieved the opposite effect: there are more and more suicide terrorists finding a greater justification.' She said the British secret services were 'no angels' but insisted they did not kill people.

Dame Stella became the first woman director general of MI5 in 1992 and was head of the security agency until 1996. Since stepping down she has been a fierce critic of some of the Government's counter-terrorism and security measures, especially those affecting civil liberties.

In 2005, she said the Government's plans for ID cards were 'absolutely useless' and would not make the public any safer. Last year she criticised attempts to extend the period of detention without charge for terrorism suspects to 42 days as excessive, shortly before the plan was rejected by Parliament..."

# PLAGUES AND PESTILLENCE

## **SCIENTISTS WARN OF FIRST EVER CASE OF HUMAN MAD COW DISEASE FROM BLOOD PLASMA**

*The London Daily Telegraph* reports: "The first case of a person being infected with the human form of mad cow disease after receiving contaminated blood plasma has been identified by scientists.

The man was one of thousands of haemophiliacs who received blood plasma transfusions in the years before strict controls were brought in to eliminate the spread of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD).

Until now, scientists had maintained that the 4,000 people who may have received plasma from infected donors were at very low risk of developing the fatal brain disease. Warnings were issued to them as a 'highly precautionary measure'.

But the Health Protection Agency is

expected to announce that an elderly man, who died from other causes, contracted vCJD from plasma.

Although vCJD has been transmitted by blood donations in the past, leading to three deaths, no cases of infection had ever been linked to plasma, which is used to clot blood. Scientists had believed the processing and dilution of the product before it is injected into patients significantly reduced the risks.

BSE expert Professor Hugh Pennington, Emeritus Professor of Bacteriology at Aberdeen University said the findings would have 'significant implications' for thousands of people who had been given plasma before the dangers were suspected.

'This looks like pretty grim news for a group of people who have been through fire and water for so long; they have already had increased exposure

to hepatitis B and HIV,' he said.

Warnings were sent to 4,000 haemophiliacs, and patients suffering from other rare blood conditions in 2004 to warn them that they had had received transfusions from 200 batches of blood products at risk of contamination with vCJD. The plasma was collected from nine people who went on to develop the brain-wasting disease.

All 4,000 were advised not to give blood or donate organs and to warn doctors and dentists that they had been put at risk by the use of plasma.

To date, 164 people have died from vCJD in Britain, with most cases linked to eating meat infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Prof Pennington said details of the way the new link had been detected would be crucial in determining further investigations..." **(Jesus said:**

**“Just before I return, the world will be inundated with pestilences [plural]” – multiplied viruses – Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11; Revelation 6:7, 8.)**

### **SCIENTISTS USE SMALLPOX VACCINE TO FIGHT BIRD FLU**

*Voice of America News* reports: “Scientists from Hong Kong and the United States say they have developed an experimental bird flu vaccine by modifying a vaccine once used to treat smallpox.

They told a news conference in Hong

Kong that initial tests on mice showed the new vaccine to be highly effective.

An article published in the current *‘Journal of Immunology’* explains how the scientists from Hong Kong University and the U.S. National Institutes of Health inserted key components of the H5N1 bird flu virus into the smallpox vaccine.

The scientists say the new bird flu vaccine could be produced cheaply and would have a long shelf-life, making it more accessible to poorer nations.

But they say it would not be ready for sale for a few more years, because it has not yet been tested on humans.

The World Health Organization says 408 people have contracted bird flu worldwide since 2003. More than half of the victims died...” (Psalm 43:5 - **“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.” Praise God for medicines, but praise Him even more for His power to heal.**)

# NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

### **IRAN HOLDS ENOUGH URANIUM FOR BOMB**

*The Financial Times* reports: “Iran has built up a stockpile of enough enriched uranium for one nuclear bomb, United Nations officials acknowledged.

In a development that comes as the Obama administration is drawing up its policy on negotiations with Tehran over its nuclear programme, UN officials said Iran had produced more nuclear material than previously thought.

They said Iran had accumulated more than one tonne of low enriched uranium hexafluoride at a facility in Natanz.

If such a quantity were further enriched it could produce more than 20kg of fissile material – enough for a bomb.

‘It appears that Iran has walked right up to the threshold of having enough low enriched uranium to provide enough raw material for a single bomb,’ said Peter Zimmerman, a former chief scientist of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

The new figures come in a report from the International Atomic Energy Agency, the UN’s nuclear watchdog. This revealed that Iran’s production of low enriched uranium had previously been underestimated.

When the agency carried out an

annual stocktaking of Natanz in mid-November Iran had produced 839kg of low enriched uranium hexafluoride – more than 200kg more than previously thought. Tehran produced an additional 171kg by the end of January.

‘It’s sure certain that if they didn’t have it [enough] when the IAEA took these measurements, they will have it in a matter of weeks,’ Mr. Zimmerman said.

Iran’s success in reaching such a ‘breakout capacity’ – a stage that would allow it to produce enough fissile material for a bomb in a matter of months – crosses a ‘red line’ that for years Israel has said it would not accept.

UN officials emphasize that to produce fissile material Iran would have to reconfigure its Natanz plant to produce high enriched uranium rather than low enriched uranium – a highly visible step that would take months – or to shift its stockpile to a clandestine site.

No such sites have been proved to exist, although for decades Iran concealed evidence of its nuclear programme...” **(Watch out for Iran and this nation’s fanatical leader. His goal is to wipe every Jew from off the face of the earth, even with nuclear weapons – Psalm 83:4; Isaiah 56:5.)**

### **IRAN CLAIMS TO BUILD LONG-DISTANCE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**

*Voice of America News* reports: “A top Iranian defense official says Tehran has built an unmanned surveillance aircraft with a range of more than 950 kilometers. The claim, if true, would put the drone within range of Israel.

Iran’s Deputy Defense Minister Ahmad Vahidi has told the semi-official *Fars* news agency his country has succeeded in building an unmanned aircraft.

This is not the first time Iran has claimed to have built a drone aircraft, but Iranian officials have never before indicated the range capability of such aircraft.

Lebanon’s Iranian-backed Hezbollah claimed, several years ago, to possess an unmanned drone, capable of reaching Israel, but photos of the drone proved to be little more than a slightly larger than normal model aircraft.

Iran also showed grainy footage, in 2006, of what it said was an Iranian-built unmanned aircraft, circling the USS Ronald Reagan in the Persian Gulf. A number of military experts said the footage, however, was ‘faked.’

Internationally recognized, London-based security expert Bob Ayers thinks the ability to build a drone is quite ‘trivial,’ unless the equipment on board is high-tech.

'Drones are really nothing more than small aircraft and they are usually remote-controlled, some sort of radio control, some can be pre-programmed, they have onboard computer systems. That tends to be the bigger ones. The smaller ones are easier to make. They are easy to control. Radio-controlled model aircraft have been around for 40 years with the hobbyists,' said Ayers.

'The thing that makes a drone valuable is the electronics on board. What has it got on? Has it got a camera on it? Is it taking pictures? Are the pictures down-linked? Is it real time? Do they take pictures with a camera, then have to develop the film? So, the drone itself is fundamentally trivial,' he added. 'It is the payload that makes it either important or unimportant.'

Iran expert Ali Nourizadeh of the London-based Center for Arab And Iranian Studies says the Iranian leadership likes to make exaggerated claims to give the impression their country is a superpower...'' (Persia in Ezekiel 38:5 is modern day Iran who changed their nation's name from Persia to Iran in 1935.)

### **PARTNERS IN ARMS? FATAH AND HAMAS SAY THEY'LL UNIFY**

*Israel National News* reports: "Fatah and Hamas leaders have announced an 'agreement in principle' that would lead to a joint Fatah-Hamas led Palestinian Authority, according to the Bethlehem-based *Ma'an* news agency. The two groups plan to form a joint transitional government that would operate until elections can be held. In addition, they agreed to a prisoner exchange

between them.

The groups began operating in tandem at the helm of the PA in 2006 after Hamas won more legislative seats than Fatah in elections in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. They split again following the violent Hamas takeover of Gaza in 2007, and have remained separate and hostile ever since, and attempts to reconcile between them have failed.

Hamas politburo chief, Mussa Abu Marzook, said in a press conference in Cairo that the various factions have reached an agreement to create a transitional government. The Cairo conference of 14 different divisions is an effort to end nearly two years of disunity, mainly between Fatah and Hamas.

Fatah delegation leader, Ahmad Qurei, said, "This government could be formed and approved by all the Palestinian factions, or could be a technocrat government, or another form of government approved by the committees."

The secretary-general of the Palestinian National Initiative, Mustafa Al-Barghouti, said, "All of the Palestinian factions will together confront any Israeli assault."

An Arab Liberation Front leader, Wasel Abu Yousef, called for a policy review regarding Arabs living under Israeli rule, construction of a separation barrier, and Jewish towns within Judea and Samaria. "This review should come within a national strategy towards establishing a Palestinian state," he stated...'' (It won't work for long – Amos 3:3 "Can two walk together except they be agreed?")

### **PA OFFICIALS REITERATE WARNING OF RENEWED 'ARMED STRUGGLE'**

*Israel National News* reports: "A Palestinian Authority official reiterated the oft-repeated threat that Fatah will 'return' to armed attacks against Israel if negotiations do not produce the results the movement wants.

Addressing a pro-Fatah rally of more than 100,000 people in the Samaria city of Shechem (Nablus), the PA Mayor Jamal Muhsein threatened: "Whoever thinks that negotiations are the only choice for Fatah is wrong. On the contrary, all options are open, including armed struggle, as long as we seek peace and others do not. Jerusalem is the gate to peace as well as the gate to war."

Another high-ranking local representative of Fatah, which is headed by PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, told the crowd that his organization is 'renewing its pledge to the PLO as it had done before.'

Regarding reconciliation talks with the Hamas organization underway in Egypt at this time, the Fatah official said that his movement 'seeks dialogue and real reconciliation,' but first Hamas had to 'give the Gaza Strip back to legitimate Palestinian [authority].' Clarifying his view of the relations between the two movements, he added, "We are ready for Hamas to join the PLO, not for the PLO to join Hamas..." (Wars will only cease when the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ returns – Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3.)

# ONE WORLD SOCIETY

### **BROWN WOOS OBAMA ON GLOBAL DEAL**

*The Times Online* reports: "Gordon Brown hopes to forge a partnership with President Barack Obama in Washington, to call for a 'global new deal' to lift the world out of recession.

As he prepares for his first White House visit since the president's inauguration, the prime minister has hinted that he is ready to make further

tax cuts to boost the UK economy.

Brown will meet Obama and address a joint session of Congress. Aides say he has both to demonstrate to a sceptical British public that he commands the respect of the president, and to persuade the American political establishment that global action is needed to rescue the US economy.

Brown is under pressure to persuade American political leaders to sign up to bold aims for the G20 summit of

industrial and leading developing nations, which is to be held in London.

Many US politicians believe economic policy should put America first, and have shown little interest in concerted global action. Brown will argue for a renewal of the transatlantic relationship, with the two powers working together to solve global economic problems.

The prime minister will borrow from the rhetoric of Franklin Roosevelt, who introduced the government-financed

New Deal to tackle the US Depression of the 1930s. He will argue that his 21st century 'global new deal' will also require public spending on a huge worldwide scale..." (Dr. Henry Kissinger has been promoting our new president as the upcoming leader of the New World Order. Now the Prime Minister of England is wooing President Obama about a global new deal. In May my new video "New World Order Arising" will shock my partners and fans as I release documented facts as to this final sign before Christ returns – Daniel 7:23; Revelation 13:1, 7, 8.)

### **SARKOZY CALLS ON EU TO PROTECT OWN INDUSTRY**

The *EU Observer* reports: "French president Nicolas Sarkozy on Tuesday (24 February) called on the EU to protect its industry in the face of US protectionism, and said France and Italy would insist on this during a meeting of EU leaders in Brussels.

"There must be competition, but competition to build big European groups, not to make the totalities of our industries delocalize. France and Italy will as soon as Sunday [at an emergency EU summit] speak with one voice to ask Europe to take decisions, strong decisions,' Mr. Sarkozy told the press following a meeting with Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi in Rome.

'You know how much I cherish the friendship with the United States, but if the United States defends its farmers as it does, maybe we can do the same in Europe. If the United States defends its industry, as it does - and they are right - maybe in Europe we can do the same,' he added.

The French president's comments come as the US earlier adopted a \$787 billion (€617 billion) package to boost its economy. The bill contains 'Buy American' provisions prohibiting foreign steel companies bidding for US infrastructure contracts financed by the

plan. The European Commission has already raised concerns about the clause.

France itself has been accused of protectionism after earlier this month unblocking €6.5 billion for its car industry, and Mr. Sarkozy speaking out against delocalization of French factories, notably to eastern Europe.

Later on, Spain and Italy also adopted state aid schemes for their ailing car industries, with Germany also considering a bailout of car maker Opel.

The French president defended the moves, arguing that member states were forced to take such measures because of the lack of a common EU policy..." (The Club of Rome, an organization promoting a ten division empire to control the world has America, Canada, and Mexico [NAFTA] in a separate category in relationship to the new world order. All ten groups form the one world government but in various ways – yet one – Revelation 17:13.)

# NEWS FROM ASIA

### **MOSCOW MOVES TO COUNTER U.S. POWER IN CENTRAL ASIA**

The *Wall Street Journal* reports: "Russia is reasserting its role in Central Asia with a Kremlin push to eject the U.S. from a vital air base and a Moscow-led pact to form an international military force to rival NATO -- two moves that potentially complicate the new U.S. war strategy in Afghanistan.

Russia announced a financial rescue fund for a group of ex-Soviet allies and won their agreement to form a military rapid reaction force in the region that it said would match North Atlantic Treaty Organization standards. That came a day after Kyrgyzstan announced, at Russian urging, that it planned to evict the U.S. from the base it has used to ferry large numbers of American troops into Afghanistan. Russia said the base may house part of the planned new force instead.

The steps mark Russia's most aggressive push yet to counter a U.S. military presence in the region that it has long resented. They pose a challenge for the administration of President Barack

Obama, which sees Afghanistan as its top foreign-policy priority and is preparing to double the size of the American military presence there.

The developments also underscore the difficulties for Mr. Obama as he seeks to build a closer relationship with Moscow. Russia is signaling that it will be a tough defender of its interests, especially in its traditional backyard of the former Soviet Union. Though its huge cash reserves are rapidly draining because of falling oil prices, the greater needs of its poorer neighbors are still giving it an opening..." (Beware America – Russia is the nation that begins World War 3 – Ezekiel 3:1, 2, 8, 11, 15.)

### **NORTH KOREA 'DEPLOYING MORE MISSILES'**

*BBC News* reports: "North Korea has recently completed the deployment of new medium-range missiles capable of reaching more parts of Asia, South Korea says.

The communist nation also bolstered its special forces and its navy, a

Ministry of Defense white paper said.

North Korea and its 1.19 million troops constituted a 'direct and serious threat', the report said.

The white paper comes amid speculation that Pyongyang could be planning to test-fire a new long-range missile.

It also comes amid heightened tension between the two Koreas, over South Korean leader Lee Myung-bak's decision to link economic aid to progress on denuclearisation.

Observers believe Pyongyang could test-fire its Taepodong-2 missile in a bid to improve its bargaining power with the new US administration over the stalled aid-for-disarmament deal.

The industry journal, *Jane's Defense Weekly*, is reporting that its analysis of satellite imagery suggests a test launch could take place within the next few days..." (Revelation 16:12 pictures the "kings of the East" united for the second invasion of a three part campaign during Armageddon.)