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Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

I don't know how many times I will be saying this before the End of the Age and the return of the King of Kings to rule in Jerusalem, but here it is again.

We are very swiftly getting closer and closer to that time in the Bible known as "The Day of the Lord." Do I know exactly how much time there is left? No, I do not. And I am not going to fall into the trap of setting dates. But when I compare Bible prophecy with world events going on today, I see the pace picking up in humanities' march to the End of the World.

Japan is in great distress. The massive 8.9 magnitude earthquake that struck near Honshu brought down buildings, created firestorms, and initiated a devastating tsunami. Thousands are dead or still missing. The destruction was vast and there is still no full accounting of how much damage was done and how many lives were lost. Explosions have happened at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. Over 170,000 people have been evacuated from within a 12-mile radius as scientists fear a nuclear meltdown. I cannot even imagine having another Chernobyl, this time in Japan!

Four hundred times more radioactive material was released at Chernobyl than had been released by the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima at the end of World War II. The short-term results were that over 200 people became sick from acute radiation sickness, mostly firemen and rescue workers. 31 died within three months. Radiation fallout traveled west in the upper atmosphere as far as Sweden. Increased levels of radiation from the fallout were detected in all of Europe. Only the Iberian Peninsula escaped. The long-term effects of the Chernobyl reactor core meltdown is difficult to know.

The explosion last year on the British Petroleum oil platform and the resultant oil spill into the Gulf of Mexico is considered to be the greatest ecological disaster in U.S. history. Again, the long-term ecological effects of that disaster are unknown.

We can't even begin to imagine what is coming next!

Jesus said that at the End of the Age we would see more wars, disease epidemics, food shortages and famine; increased earthquake activity and other disasters, and false messiahs coming on the scene. Then He said: *All these are only the beginning of sorrows.*¹

Things continue to heat up in North Africa and the Middle East. Tunisia is getting ready for elections in July and radical Islamists are poised to become a part of the new government.

*TUNISIA: Once-banned Islamist party returns; will possibly join government*² is the headline of an article from the *Los Angeles Times*, written in cooperation with the Carnegie Middle East Center.

Wait a minute! I thought the “cry for freedom and human rights” was supposed to lead to these Muslim countries becoming open democracies with everyone loving their neighbors? President Barak Obama said about the recent uprisings in Egypt, “Like Martin Luther King said in Ghana: ‘There’s something in the soul that cries for freedom.’” The soul crying out for freedom makes a great sound bite for the Western media, but is freedom the end result of the future of North Africa and the Middle East?

I don’t doubt that many Egyptians, Tunisians, Libyans, and other Muslim peoples seek freedom and human rights. But ARE THEY GOING TO GET WHAT THEY SEEK? The fall of long-time leaders who wielded dictatorial powers is leaving a vacuum. Strongmen such as Mubarak, Ghadafi, and Ben Ali, with iron control of the military and ruthless secret police kept the radical Islamist organizations such as the Muslim Brotherhood and Al Qaida at bay. Once these men are removed, a vacuum is created; and WHO—repeat—WHO will step in to fill that vacuum?

And where does it all end? The domino fall of governments in North Africa has even the mighty powers of Russia and China worried.

*At a joint conference with the European Commission in Brussels, Russian Premier Vladimir Putin expressed concerns about the rising influence of radical Islamists in Middle East and North Africa, which may affect the situation in the North Caucasus.*³

This is not just posturing. Putin is genuinely worried. He went on: *Despite calming statements that radicals can hardly take over power or strengthen in North African countries, the situation is of great concern for Russia . . .*⁴

¹ Matthew 24

² <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/babylonbeyond/2011/03/tunisia-upheaval.html>; Los Angeles Times, 2 March 2011, Ann M. Simmons.

³ *Rising influence of Mid-East Islamists may affect N. Caucasus* – Putin, RT.com, Feb 24, 2011.

China is also getting very nervous and quickly clamping down on potential trouble. A recent *Washington Post* article reports:

A previously unknown group has called on the Chinese to replicate the popular protests in the Middle East by staging their own peaceful "jasmine rallies" in cities across China every Sunday afternoon, to demand an end to corruption, greater accountability and an independent judiciary.

*The appeal comes as China's Communist rulers have displayed signs of being alternately alert and nervous about any replica of the popular unrest that began last month in Tunisia, convulsing much of the Middle East and North Africa and threatening to topple long-standing authoritarian regimes.*⁵

Pandora has opened her box. There is no stopping this sweeping movement of Islamization of the vast area of the world historically known as the Islamic Caliphate⁶. Yemen, Bahrain, Jordan and even Pakistan are now in serious trouble.

Pakistan is a reluctant ally of the United States. Recently, an assassination targeted the only Christian Minister in the government.

This is a concerted campaign to slaughter every liberal, progressive and humanist voice in Pakistan, said Farahnaz Ispahani, an aide to President Asif Ali Zardari.⁷

Even Spain has become a target of Islamization. Illegal and even legal immigration from North African nations as well as Pakistan and Bangladesh have made southern Spain a nursery for radical recruitment. It should be noted that Spain at one time was a part of the Caliphate with its capital in Cordoba. Muslim armies swept up through Spain toward the center of Europe and were only stopped by Charles Martel, the grandfather of Charlemagne, at the decisive Battle of Tours (in what is now France) which began on October 10, 732 C.E. This battle is considered to be the high-water mark of Muslim expansion into Western Europe.

This movement toward Islamization of one country after another is not fiat or coincidence. It is spiritual and the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. If we are spiritually sleepy or even asleep, we need to wake up! Daniel's prophecies are being fulfilled as I

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Keith B. Richburg, *Washington Post*. February 23, 2011

⁶ The Islamic Caliphate reached the height of power under the Umayyad Caliphate (661-750) at its greatest extent, and continued under the Abbasids dynasty (8th–13th centuries/750-1258 AD), stretching five million square miles over three continents.

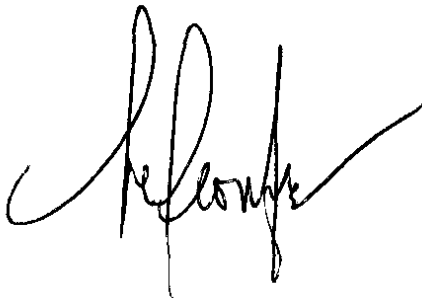
⁷ *Radical Islamists vs fragile democracy: Pakistan's cautionary lesson?*, March 2, 2011, Democracy Digest www.demdigest.net.

write this letter to you. Do not listen to those who might tell you that things are just going to continue on as they have been over the last several decades. Do not get caught spiritually unprepared!

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 2 Peter 3:3-4

Natural disasters are on the increase and the world is getting more dangerous. Muslim countries in the Middle East and North Africa are falling like dominoes and the King of the South is rising. Are you ready for what is coming next? We all had better be!

A Servant of the Great King Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

T. Leon Sexton

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P.S. I don't usually mention financial needs in my monthly letter lest I be accused of "begging for money." But we are preparing for another year of training at the Legacy Training Center in Chiang Mai and our computers are failing fast. We now have only two units in the computer classroom that still work and Austin Mangels is keeping them going with, as they say, "bubblegum and bailing twine." We sorely need six or seven new computers to teach typing and basic MS Office programs to our trainees. The cost will be close to 3000 U.S. dollars. I know times are tough back at home, but someone may decide that this is a worthy cause for a collective congregational donation or even an individual donation at this time. God has always stirred up His people to supply all our needs. And He will do so again.

Notice: Feast of Tabernacles in Chiang Mai, Thailand

Plans are underway for the 2011 Festival of Tabernacles in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The Thailand Feast is mainly for the benefit of local brethren, but international visitors are always warmly welcomed. Services are held all eight days and are in English, with Thai and Burmese language translations. For further information, please write to us at the address at the top of this letter or email us at: mail@legacyinstitute.org.