

# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

**(A Look at How Christians Can Best Prepare for a Global Dark Age)**

**Matthew 5:16**

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.”*

**(AV Bible, slightly modified)**

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**Thought Starter**

*“When the whole world is in uproar, it is time for true believers of Christ to keep their nerve.”*

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## **PREFACE: A RETROSPECTIVE LOOK**

At first, there seemed little point in re-issuing a document, which appeared to be a period piece written in response to a specific event - the destruction by terrorist hijackers of the twin towers of the New York Trade Centre on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001. However a recent review of *'Let Your Light Shine'* persuaded the Director of YES-NOW Publications to publish it on his own Web Site. This was because he believed that many of the practical points raised by this document were still relevant. A strong case existed for making them again with even greater emphasis.

Since the original tragedy of '11/9' the so called '*war on terror*' has continued with American led invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq as well as terrorist bombings in far flung corners of the world – of which the ones in Istanbul were the most recent.\* It only appears to be a matter of time before weapons of mass destruction are used.

Politically (despite fierce quarrels between the governments of America and France over the invasion of Iraq) there has been an accelerated move toward the creation of a New World Order. This has included an astonishing informal alliance between the two old cold war powers of America and Russia. Within Europe, there is now a strong move to install a continent wide constitution. Under Prime Minister Tony Blair, the Labour Government has denied the people of Britain the right to hold a referendum on this issue. Britain's independence as a national power is steadily vanishing.

On the religious scene, there has been a major advance of the false, Gnostic Moralistic version of Christianity warned about in *'Let Your Light Shine.'* The appointment of a Druid to be Archbishop of Canterbury exemplified this trend, as did the highly divisive appointment of a practising homosexual to be bishop of the New Hampshire diocese in the USA. It now seems inevitable that any new Pope will likewise promote the advance of this dangerous form of Christianity. Much indeed has happened in the last two and a quarter years.

At a more personal level the author of this piece was highly encouraged to find that since '11/9' an abundance of opportunities did emerge to serve God within the local community and elsewhere. The same also applied to some of its readers. Such striking confirmation provided another incentive to re-issue this document. Even those who faithfully applied the points made in it could do with being reminded of them.

Apart from amending a few sub-title's and making minor corrections to grammar and punctuation, no attempt has been made to alter *'Let Your Light Shine.'* Instead, it was thought desirable to preserve the original simple structure in order to maintain accessibility. With hindsight, it appears that the events of '11/9' did much to legitimise and accelerate the creation of a New World Order; it's hard to escape the conclusion that human affairs have changed since those aircraft crashed into the twin towers of the world trade centre. On that day, a new and challenging era had begun. We are now living in its early stages.

The Director of YES-NOW Publications (Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2003)

\* Sadly today, Thursday 7th July 2005, one can now add London to that list. Shortly after these words were keyed in the writer's youngest son burst into his bedroom to announce the latest estimate of fatalities for the London bombing.

## **Section One: Introduction**

It was with some reluctance that the decision was taken to produce this response to the destruction of the New York Trade Centre on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001. Behind this hesitation lay three reasons. To begin with, I did not see exactly what I could add to the mountain of comment already being made about this tragedy. Even when I did see that I had something to share I felt personally concerned about being viewed as something of a pontificator – only adding to the grief of many. Lastly, a severe leg abscess (caused by an insect bite just above my right ankle) had left me in some degree of physical discomfort and I felt wary of undertaking fresh commitments. What persuaded me to change my mind was the response of true believers to some of my observations made when on the phone to them. My comments were found to be helpful and two or three people requested that I actually set them down in writing, (2 Corinthians 13:1). The observations themselves had begun to take shape on a personal prayer retreat held near the beginning of September 2001. Providing further confirmation was the fact that one reputable ‘*discernment*’ ministry had quite independently received the same passage as I had done from Revelation 6:1-4. Overall, there was a strong unanimity of witness that my thinking was moving along the right lines. In the case of one man with whom I had not been in contact for almost five years, I was amazed at how much our thoughts had converged. It was clear that the Holy Spirit was leading many people to the same conclusions. These developments helped decide the purpose of this piece of literature, which was to help faithful followers of Jesus speedily adapt to the new era in which they now find themselves. Absent was any desire to fuel more speculation about the future or to provide another weighty analysis of the Middle East question. The approach adopted was entirely non-academic, as this was judged to be the one most likely to help people.

Consequently, many of you who read this document will discover little that is new. Instead, what you will find is something similar to your own thoughts, confirmed and outlined in summary form. I hope that through doing this I will have helped bring clarity of mind that you have heard aright from the Lord. Thus the purpose of this work is not to say anything new - but rather to sum up what a lot of people already know. I do not claim much originality except perhaps in my layout. In order to compile this document I have drawn from five main sources, namely: -

- 1) My own Bible study and retreat notes
- 2) Observations made by mature Christians on either the phone or face to face
- 3) Some of the more sensible Christian web sites
- 4) Sermon material originating from a certain Church in my own home area
- 5) Carefully selected pieces of Christian literature

I have drawn comparatively little from the mass media, which at the present time is too confused to be of much use. Nor as a matter of principle have I said anything about the alleged organizers of this outrage in New York. They already have enough publicity. Instead, the focus has been upon finding the wisest way to respond to this tragedy and on gaining an understanding of this new era in which we find ourselves. My own hunch is that it will be an era of many terrors, but amidst these will exist wonderful opportunities to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. We will also learn to depend upon the grace of God in a way we have never done before. Superficially, this piece document does contain some ‘*doom mongering*,’ but it does not simply stop at that. What ‘*doom mongering*’ exists is purposefully designed to alert believers to some of the perils ahead – the most notable of which will be counterfeit form of Christianity, heading all too soon to global prominence. This, rather than any non-Christian ideology is the danger we must remain alert to.<sup>1</sup>

To gain the full benefit of this document it is suggested that all Bible passages referred to should be looked up and reflected upon. Only the need to keep this work to a limited size has prevented me from fully quoting some of these passages. In closing I wish to thank all who have provided me with valuable insights. As was stated earlier this document is of a non-academic nature and I have seen no need for a detailed Bibliography. Any ‘*feedback*’ will be welcome – but new professional commitments in the area of teaching will prevent me from entering into any

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<sup>1</sup> Here it is worthwhile recalling that the worst enemies of truth are those to be found within the Church. Unlike Middle Eastern terrorists the established Churches in the West are in a position to mislead countless numbers of God’s people. This counterfeit Christianity could ruin souls as well as bodies.

prolonged correspondence. My hope is that all reasonably minded readers will be equipped to face the new times ahead. History changed on September 11<sup>th</sup> and the public at large is aware of this. For Christians, there is a wonderful opportunity obey the command Christ gave in Matthew 5:16.

## **Section Two: A New Era for Christians**

The small minority of Christians who are still loyal to Biblical truth are being led into a new phase of their lives. The main differences between the old and new phases will be found outlined in the table below: -

<b>PHASE ONE</b>	<b>PHASE TWO</b>
The period of ' <i>Enforced Isolation</i> ' and ' <i>Spiritual Detoxification</i> ' (which began in late 1993) was characterised by:	The period of ' <i>Active Witness</i> ' and ' <i>Engagement in the World</i> ' (which began in September 2001) will be characterised by:
1. Separation from those supports which many Christians took for granted, e.g. the influence of a good minister or Church	1. Growing conflict with the ' <i>New World Order</i> ,' which seeks to impose its own non-biblical version of <u>unity</u> onto society
2. Opposition from apostate Christians who were committed to following various forms of deception	2. Opposition from an unholy Church-State alliance committed to building a new global order
3. Withdrawal from hopeless spiritual situations and from people who were no longer teachable because they had chosen to place experience before the word of God. The call was to separate from falsehood	3. Witnessing to the truth in what may often be very dark situations of perplexing difficulty and persecution. A call now exists for loyal Christians to start getting out of their hiding places
4. Often drastic detoxification (cleansing) from wrong spiritual influences picked up in bad Churches	4. Resisting what will be a very beguiling temptation to join in a false kind of unity having man at its centre rather than Christ
5. A realisation of how far the cancer of false teaching and spiritual deception had spread in many Churches	5. A realisation that we live in occupied territory – a society having rejected the gospel at all levels and so having shed the last veneer of Christianity
6. A long painful analysis as to where the Western Churches had gone wrong	6. An acceptance that Western Churches are beyond the point of no return
7. Grieving for the death of Western Christianity	7. Showing people what real faith is about
8. A temptation to despair and give up on God	8. A temptation to fear persecution and upheaval
9. A focus on getting the practical aspects of one's life in good order, e.g. personal finances	9. A focus on bearing the right spiritual fruit, which itself will provide opportunities to witness to others
10. Being humbled through various kinds of affliction in order to learn spiritual endurance	10. Being called to act as lights in an increasingly dark global situation
11. The shedding of unnecessary commitments	11. The opening of fresh opportunities of service
12. Quietly preparing for future service	12. Applying what has been previously learnt
13. Jesus releasing the spirit of anti-Christ on Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January 1994 at the Toronto Vineyard in order to judge a faithless Church, Revelation 6:1-2	13. Jesus having released the spirit of war at New York on Tuesday, 11th September 2001 in order to take peace from a rebellious earth and to judge it for its corruption Revelation 6:3-4
14. A judgement of spiritual confusion and drunkenness across much of the church	14. A judgement of physical, social and economic devastation across much of the world
15. A focus upon Christ the suffering servant rejected by his own people	15. A focus upon Christ the rejected King against whom the whole world will unite

Represented here is a major shift away from a situation of preparation to one of application. Near the beginning of the earlier period, when the Toronto Deception was unleashed upon many UK Churches (from late May 1994 onwards) the clarion call given to faithful believers at that time were the words of 1 John 4.1. They were warned by the Holy Spirit to “*test the spirits*” in order to avoid spiritual deception and to actively withdrew from increasingly apostate religious systems. In this new phase, Matthew 5.16 is now the most appropriate bible verse. The call is now “*to let our light shine*” in an increasingly dark global situation so that others might be won over to the faith. True Christians are now finding themselves in a completely new situation. The call is now to get out of our hiding places and be actively available to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He sees fit. Admittedly, we still have a responsibility to avoid church situations where people have rendered themselves impervious to the Holy Spirit, but this does not exempt us from the obligation of being ‘*salt and light*’ in our decaying society. It is necessary to remember that obedient followers of Jesus most effectively show their light by still CONTINUING TO DO GOOD IN SITUATIONS OF GREAT HATRED AND STRIFE! Consequently, the worse the world gets the more good we must do – even if that good is shown in apparently small things such as feeding a senile old woman. Even in minor ways it will be absolutely vital to do good wherever the Lord has put us in our daily work or recreation. Continuing to ‘*mope in our bunkers*’ would be a sinful abdication of responsibility. There is no alternative but to go out into the world and act as ‘*salt and light.*’

### **Section Three: Global Torment**

What cannot be denied is that the world too is entering a new era. The media was right on one thing - the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 ensured that the world would never be the same again. It acted as an historical watershed, which has greatly accelerated the pace of global integration. Reinforcing a new sense of unity was the immediate realisation by our political leaders that they were now in a race against terrorists who were already near to employing weapons of mass destruction. They perhaps know more at the present time than they care to divulge. In general, the world left behind the period of ‘*false peace,*’ which began with the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord of September 1993. This period was characterised by an attempt to settle disputes through diplomacy and by the growing power of ‘*International Bodies*’ such as NATO. For the Western world, there came the longest economic boom in its history, where the Lord seemed to speak to people through prosperity, showing what material blessings He could bestow (Jeremiah 22:21-22). In addition, the incredible revolution in Information Technology also took place. Negatively, there were growing signs of terminal decadence in both the Church and in Western Society as a whole. Within the UK the much-heralded ‘*Decade of Evangelism*’ turned into the ‘*Decade of Apostasy*’ and hopes of genuine renewal taking place within mainstream Christianity expired with the animalistic absurdities of the Toronto Experience. It was in this period that many in the Church (but especially major leaders) were given over to a retributive spiritual blindness. Like King Zedekiah in Jeremiah 39:7 they could no longer see the truths they had spurned in favour of self-interested gain. The Holy Spirit had ceased to strive with them and they were left to their own futile expedients, (Genesis 6:3). Such people are becoming more and more susceptible to further deceptions, which Satan may wish to bring along. The confused ‘*little boy lost*’ expression on the face of Archbishop Carey sums up the condition of UK Churches today. To all intents and purposes they are now a lost cause, as are its leaders!

Currently, (in October 2001) the world appears to be entering a period of growing lawlessness and massive socio-economic disruption. It does appear that as part of His judgement upon a rebellious world Christ has released a spirit of war, (Revelation 6:1-4). Ultimately, this seems set to culminate in dreadful Middle-Eastern conflict – one, which will employ weapons of mass destruction. Not only will strife occur between nations; there will also be strife within nations. In the longer term the effect of this situation will be to reinforce the power of International Institutions and to get people desperate enough to accept the imposition of a New World Order. At this point it is sobering to realise that the UK is a thoroughly decadent nation held together only by an ephemeral prosperity. Take away that prosperity and a collapse will rapidly ensue. This was a point highlighted in the now forgotten fuel crisis of September 2000. However, the problems created by this era of global torment will provoke at least some people to seek the Lord and opportunities to witness to the faith do exist. Another positive feature will be the way in which true Christians will be forced to depend entirely upon divine grace, without those props, which had seemed so essential. Thus they will still be able to manifest the kind of personality traits listed in Galatians 5.22-23. Many believers will know God’s sustaining grace in a way they have never

known before. This fact should provide a great deal of hope. Things are not going to be all doom and gloom; God will be working his redemptive purposes out amidst the turmoil and the tragedies – some of which may affect us personally.

Looking ahead in time the period of global torment will give way to a further period of rapid global integration. Panicked by the use of weapons of mass destruction and keen to safeguard their power, government and non-government agencies will seek to impose order by devising a new One-World order. With both Israel and Islam gravely weakened by the effects of a highly destructive Middle Eastern War there will be AN ENORMOUS SPIRITUAL VACUUM TO FILL. The best candidate for filling that vacuum will be a Gnosto-Moralistic version of Christianity. Such a version of the faith will offer a number of advantages to those world leaders wishing to build a new One-World order. Firstly, it will provide spiritual legitimisation to their activities. Secondly it will, unlike Islam, be adaptable and willing to do the New World Order's bidding and thirdly it will exercise a universal appeal through possessing the capacity to successfully absorb all kinds of cultural influences. It will also win over millions by offering an apparently positive message of love. This will come as a sharp relief after all of the fanaticism, which by this stage will have come to be associated with the ominous shape of the mushroom cloud. This version of Christianity will appear to be very spiritual and also very concerned to effect positive changes in the world. Through displaying a false purity it will manage to combine the apparently opposing errors of Gnosticism (which emphasises mystical experience) and Moralism (which emphasises social justice). Such a combination will make it very appealing to many different types of people. Like a parallel railway line it will run very close to the truth by saying and even doing many right things but it will not be the truth. Rather it will be the error that could '*deceive the elect if it were possible,*' (Matthew 24:24b). This almost true version of the faith will also be accompanied by many attractive spiritual manifestations. In addition, it will manage to attain the intellectual respectability needed to win over those in positions of political or cultural influence. For all its beguiling attractiveness, Gnosto-Moralistic Christianity will be the worst enemy that the Gospel has ever known. Underlying it will be an incredibly powerful seductive spirit, which will so cleverly mimic the Holy Spirit that it will become almost impossible to tell the difference between the two. Just like the Holy Spirit it will provide a sense of awe, peace and (a blissfully ecstatic) joy. Those in the Church who were unable (or unwilling) to withstand the more obvious deceptions associated with the Toronto Spirit will not stand any chance against this one. Even those who have been loyal to the truth will need much grace to resist its blandishments. We are dealing with the '*depths of Satan*' here, (Revelation 2:24).

It is during this period that believers will be faced with the greatest deception ever to arise from within the Church. In order to understand this deception it is first of all necessary to see that Satan is a being who craves worship (Matthew 4:9). The sources of this craving need not be explored here, but the devil's ultimate aim is to entice the whole world into worshipping him and to oust God out. His preferred strategy is to draw the Church into compromise so that its ability to counter his influence is nullified. Moreover, in a futile attempt to hit back at God, Satan actually prefers to do much of his dirty work through the Church, which he has already seduced into error. If he has the Jews on board so much the better. Consequently, he will not use any non-Christian faith or ideology to rule the world. Instead he will exploit the violence inherent in many of these non-Christian alternative ideologies to create chaos and to frighten people into accepting the New World Order. He will also employ them as a means to generate systems of coercion, which will eventually be turned against Bible-believing Christians, who will be increasingly labelled as '*Fundamentalists.*' Once used these non-Christian alternatives will be disregarded in much the same way Judas was disregarded after he had done the devil's work. What Satan does want to do is to seduce the bride of Christ (used broadly to cover both Jewish and Gentile Christians) thereby employing this Gnosto-moralistic Christianity as a means of luring countless number of people into worshipping him. To do this he will require a thoroughly ecumenical One World Church, able to exercise a supreme global influence unchallenged by any religious rival. In exchange for receiving "*the Kingdoms of the world and the glory of them*" this apostate body will deliver millions into the worship of anti-Christ. For a while Satan will get the worship he wants. It is vital that believers do not allow today's turmoil to cause them to lose sight of the fact that the long-term menace is not Islam, but rather a highly beguiling, if very deviant form of Christianity. Much discernment will be needed to see through this highly subtle deception. A brief overview is given in the following diagram: -

Stage one: Global Diplomacy (1993-2001)



Stage two: Global Torment (2001-?)



Stage three: Global Integration



Stage four: Global Totalitarianism

(Concerning the era of Global Totalitarianism nothing at this juncture need yet be said, except that it appears to be the period covered in Revelation 13-14.)

The above overview implies that a time will come when faithful believers in Jesus shall be called upon to actively confront those evil trends, which are already destroying contemporary society. Taking this kind of firm stand will not make them popular, but circumstances will leave them with no choice. Without exception, every believer is on collision course with the New World Order now rapidly being constructed. (His speech to the Labour Party Conference made on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2001 showed Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair to be one especially fervent advocate. In contrast, President Bush appears to lack the ability to think clearly about such matters.) However, when a firm stand is made the Holy Spirit will be present to guide and comfort. The Lord will not forsake His people in their hour of need, (Deuteronomy 4:31a). He will be with us to the end of the age, (Matthew 28:20b).

Before closing this section one chilling thought needs to be stated. If the destruction of the New York Trade Centre was largely the result of man's wrath against a decadent, if expansionist Western culture what will things be like when God's wrath begins to break out against that very same culture? For their own sake, Christians needs to take more seriously the awesome reality of divine anger. Many of them have so overdosed on the gentle compassion of God that they will be totally unprepared when His anger really does manifest itself in our society. Their position is comparable to that of a car driver who is unable to see the colour red. Sooner or later a crash is inevitable. When it comes to the wrath of God it is unwise to remain locked in denial.

### ***Section Four: Responding to the New Era***

Having outlined possible future developments, it will be wise to ascertain the best ways to respond to them. As a starting point, Christians would do well to heed their Master's words in Matthew 24:13 "*He that endures (stands steadfast) unto the end, the same shall be saved.*" The call then is to endure and not to give up, no matter how tempted we might be to do so. Endurance is a quality badly needed in a Church grown soft through decades of self-indulgence. More specifically, believers need to respond by: -

**1)** Ceasing to '*sit on the fence*' about the issues raised in this document. Please accept there can be no middle ground between truth and a lie. Those who continue to dither will one-day find that Christ is no longer there. He and His Spirit will have departed from their lives. We live in serious times and my gut instinct is that the door of grace is beginning to close upon those who have prevaricated over a long time about their commitment to the word of God. The same warning also applies to those who have knowingly flirted with particular popular errors and spiritual deceptions – including those of a mystical nature. A last chance of repentance is being given - but very soon now the door of grace will close and people will be left to their own devices just as surely as people were left outside the ark in Noah's day, (Genesis 7:16). The time has come to stop dithering and to follow Christ along whatever path He might choose to take us.

**2)** Accepting that Christianity has been vanquished within the UK. The Church as a whole has been the author of its own misfortunes and has been destroyed by subversion from within. Many congregations have been '*removed from their lamp stand*' (Revelation 2:5) because leaders and laity alike have ceased to be teachable – preferring to trust to their own experience (or feelings) rather than the Word of God. Mainstream Christianity is no longer retrievable - we are now in enemy territory. However, God's call for us is to actively respond to this situation, and not just endlessly analyse it. However, care must be taken to use the right spiritual rather than the wrong carnal weapons in our warfare, (2 Corinthians 10:3-4).

3) God's particular challenge to Christians in a land conquered by the enemy is; "*What are you going to do about it?*" Moping is not the answer; rather we must face up to the gravity of the situation and prepare to resist what evils we can by: -

**3.1** Being balanced in our view of God. We must refrain from so emphasising God's loving compassion that we forget His holy wrath against corporate as well as individual sin. (Admittedly the reverse error of overlooking His love is just as dangerous.)

**3.2** Maintaining open communication with God through prayer and participation in the sacraments. Indeed the need to pray is more pressing than ever before.

**3.3** Being informed and knowing what is going on in the World, whilst taking care not to be overly-distracted by the ocean of speculation emanating from the media.

**3.4** Being realistic in our expectations. September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 represented a major turning point in history and sadly it only marked the beginning of strife. A great deal more blood is yet to be shed. Also, to be aware that God is withdrawing His protection from Western civilisation, which has (over a long period of time) wilfully, rejected His gospel at every level of society.

**3.5** Obediently following Divine direction. If such direction is lacking not to panic – but instead to take what opportunities are in hand to serve Him and to realise that Jesus can guide us through those daily talents, which He has provided.

**3.6** Asking the Lord for clear direction in this new situation. Once a direction has emerged to ask then for the wisdom and strategy to follow that direction (and also for abundant confirmation that the direction comes from God and from no other source)

**3.7** GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD AND BEING USEFUL - even if only in apparently small ways. With the official Churches in the UK largely discredited the world has more need now of the witness of ordinary Christians than ever before.

**3.8** PREPARING FOR FUTURE SERVICE IN WHATEVER WALK OF LIFE GOD HAS CALLED US – sometimes this service may mean confronting situations and people whom we would naturally prefer to avoid. At other times it means simply doing well the routine tasks of life

**3.9** Going to the Lord and asking for wisdom in accordance with the promise of James 1: 5 – this will become increasingly important, as we may no longer have elders or pastors to turn to.

**3.10** Continuing to enjoy God's peace amidst all of the confusion and clamour. In particular, recalling Christ's command not to be terrified, (Luke 21.9a). If necessary, seeking the grace to avoid any trace of fearfulness. The situation is far too serious to afford the luxury of panic. We must draw strength from Christ's promises made in Matthew 28:20 and John 14: 27 and realise that He is with us in these difficult times. Admittedly, most Churches appear to have departed from Christ, but this does not mean that Christ has departed from those who still remain loyal to Him. Keep your nerve and do whatever good you can.

## **Epilogue: Fallen Towers**

**Setting:** This meditation was first compiled on the morning of Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2001. Its theme is the need to see that the World is entering a new era of strife, for which Christians must be prepared.

*The twin Towers are no more  
 The twin Towers are no more  
 Monuments to man's pride  
 Have become monuments to man's anger.  
 The lives of thousands have been destroyed  
 And many more are yet to be forfeit.  
 Children cry out for parents who will never return home  
 Families grieve for those who lie crushed flat beneath the rubble.  
 Politicians prance and preen on the world stage  
 Whilst laser-eyed terrorists skulk in cavernous lairs  
 Church leaders pontificate uselessly  
 Baring their spiritual nakedness before a grieving world  
 A new era of brutality has commenced,  
 The time of weeping has now begun.  
 Fanatics promised paradise now roast in Hell  
 Lusting after Virgins they will never hold  
 The world looked on in shock  
 Fearing that the worst mayhem is yet to come.  
 Rulers tremble in their Palaces,  
 People have nightmares in their houses –  
 Only the stupid rejoice  
 Not knowing that death too will stalk them  
 The Media talk glibly of war  
 But all commentary has become a bore.  
 Abject dismay fills the airwaves  
 And the devil's face appears in Cyberspace \*  
 Riotous mobs take to the street,  
 At sea there gathers a high tech fleet.  
 Welcome sleek citizens of the West  
 To the New Age of 'Fratricidal Strife'  
 Old hopes of plenty have expired  
 Fallen Towers of Mammon  
 Now lie destroyed  
 Who is next on the 'Terrorist's Target List?'*

\* A reference to a photograph published on the Internet, which seemed to show the Devil's face appearing in the collapsing rubble of the New York Trade Centre.