

## New World Order

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*Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
– Matthew 6:10 –*

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Over the past five to six decades, the devil's puppet-show of world leaders have frequently touted the emergence of a "new world order" (...one might stop and ask, What exactly was so bad about the old one? But we digress...) They have been arduously working toward amalgamating men and nations into a neo-Babel of global governance, and they are making rapid strides in that direction in our current day. Many Christians are unfortunately oblivious to these hellish designs, while others are equally overly anxious about them. At the end of the day, the Word of God confirms for us that they will succeed, but it also assures us that the success will be very short-lived and ultimately decimated by the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior.

But unbeknownst to the political and cultural elites, there is a spiritual new world order that was birthed over two thousand years ago that is still very much alive and active in our day. Its beginnings were in a little town called Bethlehem where a virgin-born Babe graced a cattle's stall. As He became a Man, this new world order began to dawn. It emanated forth as He vividly alerted mankind to the fact that, while we were at enmity with God, God was very much for us and desirous of reconciliation. Because of His identity, the god of this world tried to undermine Him by offering Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. But He categorically and summarily rejected that world order. Then, with a tiny retinue of twelve devoted followers, He taught all who would listen about a Kingdom not of this world – one that is open to all who will humble themselves as little children to enter its invisible gates. He secured the eternal establishment of this new order by offering Himself upon a lonely hill outside of Jerusalem as a propitiation for the sin of mankind, thereby placating God's wrath. He then proceeded to defiantly humiliate the prince of this world by rising triumphantly three days later. His subsequent ascension to the right hand of God birthed an invisible, global, spiritual organism, against which the gates of Hell itself hold no power. Even to this very day, men and women from every tribe and kindred and nation and tongue, by receiving His gracious offer of salvation, are adopting this new world order into their very being. And while they anxiously await the day when His will is universally done in earth as it is in heaven, they, as strangers and pilgrims here, rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory – a joy which their King Himself declared no man can take from them, neither in this world, nor in the one to come.

Brothers and sisters, let us rejoice that the King has come, and let us ardently await the soon coming revelation of His universal Kingdom! -- D. Murcek