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True Versus Counterfeit Manifestations Part 8

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In this concluding article, cross-culturally, cross-ethnically, cross-religiously, throughout history, there were numerous stories of wars among gods and wars against people by evil spirits. The Old Testament, the New Testament, and in the life of the God-fearing-bearing Fathers and Mothers bear witness, as well, to the revealed truth that demonic powers have afflicted mankind. Unlike Almighty God, who has revealed true doctrine in the Holy Bible and Holy Tradition, Satan, the father of lies, promotes false doctrine and deceptions by (1) false supernatural signs; (2) mixing false teaching with man's reasoning; and/or (3) mixing Satan's revelation with God's revelation.

While the Author was in Jerusalem, on his second trip, at the Mount of Temptations of the Lord Jesus Christ, he understood, the titanic war of the Two Kingdoms referenced in Article #1. The Author contemplated the three attacks by Satan against Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ used the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy to attack Satan, Deut. 8:3; 8:13; and 6:16, see Luke Ch. 4. Then, Satan before the third attack also used God's Word against Jesus Christ, Ps.91:11-12. Can one contemplate this gigantic clash between the Lord Jesus Christ and Satan with both using the Old Testament Scripture as warfare!

According to the Holy Bible, every Unbeliever is deceived by his/her own deceitful heart, Jer. 27:9; Is. 44:20; deceived by sin, Heb. 3:13; and/or by the god of this world who has blinded their minds, II Cor. 4:4. The Author's hope is in the infinite mercy, grace and compassion of Almighty God, that those God-fearing persons who seek Almighty God shall escape from the "evil one."

The Book of Revelation, in the days to come, reveals a coming war on a scale undreamed of by man; war between angelic powers of light and darkness; war by Satan and the deceived humanity; war by Satan against the saints; and war between Satan and the Lamb of God. The Book of Revelation reveals a gigantic world-wide deception attack by Satan and his demons against all of humanity, including the Christian Churches. As the upcoming days unfold, the hope for the Believers is that "God is faithful, who will not allow them to be tempted beyond what they are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape that they may be able to bear it." I Cor. 10:13.

The Author urgently pleads that persons who wish to understand the coming wave of deception and hope to discern the truth are asked to read the Author's published 90-points on the Signs of the Times and to read the book by Jessie Penn-Lewis and Evan Roberts, War on the Saints, the Full Text Unabridged Edition, Thomas E. Lowe, Ltd., New York, 1912, and reprinted in 1991, especially pp. 306 - 313, on the True Workings of God vs. the Counterfeits of Satan.

Samples of God's true manifestations versus Satan's counterfeit manifestations, follows:

I.

True God in and with man in the spirit, Jn. 14:23. The Father in heaven is realized to be a real Father, Gal. 4:6; the Son, a real Savior; the Holy Spirit, a real Person; manifested as One in the spirit of the believer, by the Holy Spirit, with the resulting effects as in Rom. 8: 9-11.

False evil spirits counterfeit, as the occasion serves them, each Person of the Trinity, and can thus obtain access, and become in and with a man, in manifestations given to the senses, in which the real spirit-sense may have no part.

II.

True Christ manifested in the Believer by His Spirit, so that Jesus Christ is known as a Living Person on the Throne in heaven, and the Believer joined in spirit to Him there, with the result that Christ's life and nature is imparted to him, forming and building up in him a "new creation," Gal. 1:16; 4:19; Col. 1:27, the Believer growing up into Him in all things.

False Christ apparently manifested inwardly as a "Person," to whom the soul prays,

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Greek Prime Minister toured the National Hellenic Museum during U.S. stay



From Left to Right: Joanne Koudounis, John S. Koudounis, Betty Batziana, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, John P. Calamos, Sr., and Dr. Laura Calamos. Photo Credit: Starr McCaffery 2017

His Excellency Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, was guest of honor at a reception held at the National Hellenic Museum (NHM) in Chicago yesterday, hosted by Greek Consul General Polyxeni Petropoulou.

Addressing hundreds in attendance, Prime Minister Tsipras said, "I want to give you great thanks because you have never forgotten Greece and your feelings [for the country] are perhaps deeper than ours. And you agonize more than we do, and, with the help of technology, you know what is happening in Greece faster than we do. You are always with us."

Prior to joining the reception, Prime Minister Tsipras, accompanied by his longtime partner Betty Batziana, NHM President Laura Calamos, Ph.D., NHM Board of Trustees Chairman John P Calamos, Sr., and NHM Trustees, conducted an impromptu extensive tour of the Museum, including ongoing exhibits, *Aegean: A Creation of Archipelago*, and *Reaching for the American Dream: The Greek Story in America*.

"We are so honored to have been included on the Prime Minister's first trip to Chicago," said Dr. Calamos. "As the preeminent museum dedicated to portraying the breadth of the Greek American experience, we enjoyed being able to spend time with the leader of Greece."

In his presentation at the reception, Prime Minister Tsipras recounted: "On the top floor of this building, [the Museum] has a very impressive exhibit about their stories." He then said: "I am very happy and honored to be at the National Hellenic Museum in Chi-

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or with whom he holds communion, yet there is no real evidence of the expression of the Divine Nature, or true growth of the Christ life, with a deepening fellowship with the Christ in heaven. On the contrary, the Christ in heaven seems far away. The Counterfeit centers and ends in an "experience" which keeps the person introverted or self-centered, spiritually.

III.

True Baptism, or Fullness of the Spirit. An influx of the Spirit of God into the human spirit, which liberates the spirit from the soul, Heb. 4:12, so as to become a pliable organ or channel for the outflow of the Spirit through the Believer, manifested in witness to Christ and in aggressive prayer service against the powers of darkness.

It is a true baptizing into the Body of Christ and oneness with all the members of the Body. Its special mark and result is known in power to witness for Christ and in conviction of sin in others, and their turning to God.

The highest manifestation of the Fullness of the Spirit, with many succeeding experiences, developments, or new crises, resultant on fresh acts of faith, or apprehension of truth; various Believers having varied degrees of the same Infilling of the Spirit, according to their individual conditions. The endowment of power for service is often a definite experience in many lives.

False counterfeit workings of evil spirits may accompany a true reception of the Fullness of the Holy Spirit, if the Believer "let's go" his mind into "blankness," and yields his/her body up passively to supernatural power. A "blank mind" and "passive body" is contrary to the condition for use required by the Holy Spirit, and is the primary condition necessary for evil spirits to work.

The anomaly is found in the Holy Spirit responding to the law of faith, and filling the man's spirit, at the same time that evil supernatural powers respond to the law of passivity fulfilled in mind and body. Evil spirits then can produce in the senses manifestations, which seem to be the outcome of the Holy Spirit's entry to the spirit.

IV.

True Divine guidance, through the spirit and mind; i.e., "drawing" in spirit, light in the mind. Spirit and mind brought into one accord in harmony with the principles of the Word of God, Eph. 5:17; Phil. 1:9-11.

False Satanic guidance by supernatural voices, visions, reading, drawings, are all dependent upon the passivity of the mind and reason, and take place in the sense-realm as a counterfeit of the true, in the spirit.

Believers, please seek refuge in a God-fearing-bearing Church; pray the Lord's Prayer of protection from the "evil one"; put on the Armor of God, Eph. 6:11-19; exercise the authority of the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ; confess your sins; renounce anything of evil; and forgive others! Unbelievers, please repent, like one of the thieves on the cross, put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and claim His authority in your life.

Lastly, please see this u tube video, <https://youtu.be/D20WcHaA30g>, Prophecies of the Antichrist. Read Fr. Seraphim Rose's book, Orthodoxy and the Religion of the Future.

Onward Soldier to discernment, repentance, illumination and Theosis!

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cago, an important monument to our culture and our history - a place where the Greek community's heart beats."

"Museum artifacts and recorded oral histories are incorporated into our programming to foster understanding about the impact of immigrant journeys from all parts of Greece, and the NHM Collections are used by researchers and educators alike," says Dr.



Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, Dr. Laura Calamos, John S. Koudounis and John P. Calamos, Sr. tour "Aegean: Creation of an Archipelago" exhibit. Photo Credit: Starr McCaffery 2017

Calamos.

"The Prime Minister appeared particularly impressed by the world map, a centerpiece of our *Greek Story in America* exhibit which marks the diaspora of Greeks throughout the world and the resulting impact of Hellenic culture worldwide," she added.

The core exhibit at the NHM encompasses thousands of unique experiences that portray the hardships and successes that continue to contribute to the American mosaic. Prime Minister Tsipras expressed curiosity at the display of newspapers, restaurant, and candy-making artifacts.

"He hadn't realized that many Greek immigrants went into the confectionary business in America," says Dr. Calamos. "He seemed impressed to see the deep level of connection to Greek culture in so many ways."

In that same exhibit, Ms. Batziana was especially drawn to photos and artifacts related to the roles of immigrant Greek women in America during the first part of the 20th century.

Both Mr. Tsipras and Ms. Batziana also showed great interest in the children's area of the Museum, in particular its scale model of Athena's toe as she would have stood on the Acropolis, and an augmented reality experience of the Parthenon. This experience is one of early steps the NHM is taking toward digitization and worldwide access to the National Hellenic Museum.

The sight of Athena's toe and the reminder of the history of the Parthenon led to a discussion about the Parthenon Marbles and the NHM Trial Series.

"The Prime Minister was happy to hear about the dramatic legal examination of ancient and modern issues, and the expected release of the DVD of the NHM Trial of The Parthenon Marbles," says Dr. Calamos.

"We are also very proud of the progress the Museum is making," said NHM Trustee, C. Dean Metropoulos. "I think it is going to be the most relevant historical Greek cultural organization, certainly in the US" he said at the reception. Trustee George Korkos, M.D. remarked: "I believe strongly, that this building, this brick and mortar building - one of a kind - will be the leader and will sustain Greek American relationships here in America."

"The National Hellenic Museum offers such an outstanding blend and balance in its dynamic programming that connects us to our historic past while also looking toward the future," added Dr. Calamos. "We are completely honored to have had the Prime Minister, Ms. Batziana, and the accompanying ministers visit the Museum, meet proud Greek Americans, and learn about the educational work we do here at the NHM." Chicago is home to one of the largest Greek communities in the United States. Prime Minister Tsipras is visiting the city prior to his planned visit to Washington, D.C., later this week.

B-roll of the reception for the Prime Minister of Greece now is available for download at: <https://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/files/>

Republican push to repeal Obamacare collapses



Image caption Senator Susan Collins, a moderate Republican from Maine, said the bill is "deeply flawed"

A Republican plan to replace Obamacare will not be voted on this week, effectively signalling its collapse. The party leadership said the bill would not come to the Senate floor after a third "no" vote emerged. Susan Collins said she could not back the "deeply flawed" bill, despite a call from President Donald Trump and promises of money for her state.

It was a major blow for the president and Republican leadership, who have made Obamacare's repeal a top priority. They could only afford two rebel senators to pass the bill, and were working to a deadline of the end of this week. They now turn their attention to tax reform.

What now?

Republican attempts to push through healthcare reform just days before a procedural deadline was always a long-shot to succeed. The objections some Republican senators had to earlier versions - were never fully addressed. With some conservative senators also growing uneasy with what they viewed as halfway measures in the legislation, the narrow window for success quickly slammed closed.

Republicans now head back to the drawing board. The Republican Party, despite campaigning ferociously for Obamacare repeal for nearly seven years, could never agree on how to turn their promises into reality.

The question now is whether they'll pay a price for their failure in elections to come. One in five people in her home state depend on the programme for low income citizens and disabled children. Ms Collins also said the bill weakened protections for people with pre-existing conditions. She joins Republican Senators John McCain (Arizona) and Rand Paul (Kentucky) in rejecting the proposal. Senator Ted Cruz of Texas has also withheld his support and demanded changes.

Senators Lindsey Graham and Bill Cassidy, authors of the bill, had offered to boost federal healthcare funds by 43% in Maine. They have also dangled sweeteners for other states with wavering senators. Republicans hold a slim 52-48 majority in the Senate and must pass the bill by more than 50 votes before a 30 September deadline. A new CBS poll released on Monday said 52% of Americans disapprove of the Graham-Cassidy bill, while 20% approve.

Greek court deems Turkey safe, says refugees can be deported



Migrants can be returned to Turkey as part of the European Union's deal with Ankara last year, Greece's Council of State has found in a ruling with implications for thousands of refugees in Greece or aiming to seek asylum here. The country's top administrative court deemed that deported refugees face no threat of torture, inhumane treatment, or punishment in Turkey.

It issued its decision in response to an appeal lodged by two Syrian men who had their asylum applications rejected and were fighting deportation to Turkey.

The places on Earth where nature is most likely to kill you

The world is full of natural hazards, from volcanoes to floods and storms. But where is the risk to human life greatest?

Most of us have been caught out by the weather, whether we got soaked to the skin in a storm or burned red by the sun. But there are places in the world where Mother Nature really goes in for the kill. From deadly storms to volcanic eruptions, there are threats everywhere.

Of all Earth's danger zones, which is the most deadly? Let's break it down into the four elements to find the deadliest places on Earth.

Water

Water has obvious perils for us, because we are pretty poorly adapted to an aquatic environment. Some waters are more dangerous than others, thanks to unique geographical features that boost their power. The Saltstraumen strait in Norway has earned a fearsome reputation for having the strongest currents on Earth. The Maldives, a group of low-lying islands and atolls in the Indian Ocean, have also been called "the ephemeral isles" because they are so vulnerable to rising sea levels. The risk rises every year as our climate continues to change.

A tsunami is the sudden displacement of water causing a colossal wave, or series of waves, and can have devastating consequences. Those generated by earthquakes can occur in any subduction zone. In 2004, the deadliest tsunami in recent history claimed up to 280,000 lives across 15 countries, after an earthquake struck off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia. That death toll is so high, it is hard to comprehend. Yet even more lives have been lost to flooding rivers. The summer flood on China's Yangtze River in 1931 is thought to have killed millions of people, though official records downplay the casualties. Heavy snowfall that year was followed by thawing and abnormally heavy rainfall, resulting in arguably the worst natural disaster on record.

Air

A number of "killer lakes" have been found in Africa, but it is not the water that is the worry. Lake Nyos in Cameroon and Lake Kivu, on the border of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda, both harbour an invisible danger. These lakes sit on areas of volcanic activity where carbon dioxide leaks from beneath the ground. Cape Denison in Antarctica is, on a year-round average, the windiest place on Earth. But it is not just gases that can kill. The air itself can dish out deadly punishment when winds become brutal. Haiti is extremely vulnerable to hurricanes. The strongest storms form over warm oceans north and south of the equator. Here, the trade winds are boosted by the change in pressure and spun by the Coriolis effect, creating rotating weather systems known variously as hurricanes, cyclones and typhoons.

When it comes to such storms, Haiti is considered the most vulnerable island in the Caribbean. Not only does it lie in a hurricane highway, but the poverty-stricken country lacks resilienties. The worst loss of life due to a cyclone happened in November 1970, when Bangladesh was hit by the Bhola cyclone. As many as 500,000 people died.

Earth

If there is one thing that ties the world's deadliest destinations together, it is tectonic activity. The Earth's crust is made up of moving plates, and where they move against each other, potential energy builds. When this energy is released, the ground cracks and a seismic wave is thrown out, shaking the surface of the Earth in violent quakes. Eight of the world's ten most vulnerable cities to natural disaster are in the Philippines.

The deadliest earthquake on record was the 1556 Shaanxi earthquake in China, with an estimated death toll of over 800,000. Since earthquakes also trigger tsunamis, it is fair to say they give floods fierce competition for the world's deadliest natural disasters. The San Andreas Fault, where the Pacific Plate slips alongside the North American Plate, runs through California and is one of the most famous plate boundaries.

Fire

On the flip side of the tectonic coin is volcanic activity. Where plates move away from each other, hot magma from the beneath the Earth's surface spews up to fill the gap. More than 200,000 people have died as a direct result of volcanoes in the last 400 years. Often described as "the cruellest place on Earth", the Danakil Depression in Ethiopia is the meeting point of three plates. It has possibly the most volcanic activity in the world. In fact, humans have a habit of settling near unsettling geographic features, and that includes exploding mountains that spew out rivers of fire. The most famous example is Pompeii, the ancient Italian city buried by lava from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. But several modern cities have views of active volcanoes. Naples is less than 6 miles from Mount Vesuvius, and Mexico City is 43 miles from Popocatepetl.

According to research published by the Global Volcano Model network in 2015, more than 200,000 people have died as a direct result of volcanoes in the last 400 years. The international team of experts also listed the places most at risk of volcanic activity. Indonesia was at the top.

Mount Tambora on the island of Sumbawa directly killed 70,000 people in 1815, leading to a "year without summer" across the northern hemisphere. The eruption temporarily altered the climate, meaning the volcano ultimately claimed even more victims through famine and disease.

More recently, Mount Merapi caused devastation in 2010, killing over 350 people with its explosions and suffocating ash clouds. Yet tens of thousands of lives were saved by timely evacuations.

It may not be molten lava so much as heat that represents a significant threat in the future. Across Europe in 2003, there were 70,000 deaths as a result of heat stress when a heatwave struck and temperatures soared. Urban areas are particularly at risk, so as our cities grow, heat waves could become natural nemeses for a greater proportion of humanity than ever before. Experts in disaster mitigation will do their best to keep us safe. But it could be our own success, in procreation and economic development, that causes us the most problems.

NEW METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO ARCHONS

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you our two newest Metropolis of Chicago Archons: George Cepynsky, Archon Depoutatos, Leslie, Illinois, Electrical Engineer & John Fotopoulos, Ph.D., Archon Didaskalos Tou Evangeliou, Munster, Indiana, University Professor, Orthodox Scholar.



The Investiture of our new Archons took place on October 22, 2017 at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of The Holy Trinity as part of the Annual Archon Weekend, which was held in New York from October 20-22, 2017. A total of 24 Archons were Invested as the Archons proclaimed AXIOS!



The following Metropolis of Chicago Archons attended the Archon weekend in New York: Newly Invested Archons George Cepynsky and John Fotopoulos, along with Archons John Calamos, John Galanis, Steven M. Laduzinsky, Paul Lillios, and Wesley Andrew Stinich, and Metropolis of Chicago Regional Commanders John G. Manos and Gus M. Pablecas.

Pictured here from Left to Right: Metropolis of Chicago Regional Commander John G. Manos, Archon Wesley Andrew Stinich, Archon George Cepynsky, Archon John Fotopoulos, Archon Steven M. Laduzinsky, and Regional Commander Gus M. Pablecas.

NIKOS KONSTANDARAS

Desolate Elliniko



The economy is in dire need of stability and trust, and yet many players who ought to pursue these goals seem indifferent to them. From the beginning it was clear that Greece’s crisis was not about debt alone, it was also political and cultural.

It remains, above all, a crisis of trust: The state does not trust citizens and they do not trust the state; citizens do not trust each other; there is no trust between Greek governments and EU partners and foreign creditors. Suspicion and distrust contributed greatly to the crisis; at the same time, the crisis “confirmed” to everyone why they expected ill of others. This still drives the crisis.

For us Greeks, what is important is not so much what “others” did to us as what we have done to ourselves. The longevity of the crisis stems from our inability to build a climate of trust in our country, with foreign players either failing to help or even contributing to instability. Or they simply stay away, as the lamentably low foreign direct investment figures show.

The most recent example of the cost of this situation was Thursday’s demand by the European Commission that the Greek government commit itself to furthering the investment at the site of Athens’s old airport in Elliniko, a major project to which Greece is already committed under the bailout memorandum. A European official called Elliniko “a symbol of mismanagement and delay.”

This kind of talk is the uninterrupted continuation of the dramatic days at the start of the crisis, when European officials were stunned by the size of Greece’s deficit, when ratings agencies consigned Greece’s creditworthiness to the junk heap, when the leaders of other EU countries presented the Greeks simply as wastrels, without seeing the greater dimensions of the problem. In the meantime, endless tax hikes and income reductions contributed to instability and suspicion.



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Surgeons successfully reattach woman's arm at Athens hospital



Surgeons at the KAT hospital in northern Athens announced on Saturday that they had successfully reattached the arm of a 20-year-old woman which had been severed at the elbow in a road accident in Iraklio on the island of Crete.

The surgery was conducted on October 25, shortly after the woman had been flown to Athens from Crete.

The hospital said that the operation's successful outcome was a result of cooperation between the Department of Hand and Microsurgery, headed by Sarandis Sprydonos, and the Department of Vascular Surgery, coordinated by director Chrysostomos Maltezos.

"The KAT hospital, which is open for emergencies every day, has extensive experience in dealing with complex and difficult traumatic events," said hospital director Nikolaos Kontodimopoulos.

"At the same time, successes like this highlight and demonstrate the great potential of the public health system," he added.



New Democracy leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis visits the eHealth Forum at the Technopolis complex in Gazi, central Athens, Friday. The exhibition, supported by the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV) and dedicated to the digital revolution in healthcare, brings together industry leaders, scientists, innovators and patients, and ends Sunday. [Alexandros Vlachos/ANA-MPA]



Students march in a parade in the northern Peloponnese town of Argos on Saturday. Similar events took place around the country to mark Ochi Day, which commemorates October 28, 1940, when Greek leader Ioannis Metaxas rejected Mussolini's ultimatum, propelling Greece into World War II. However, the anniversary events were not without controversy as Thessaloniki Mayor Yiannis Boutaris refused to preside over the student parade or a display by the armed forces in the northern port city, saying that such displays 'cultivate a military spirit, and do so in the wrong way.' [Evangelos Bougiotis/ANA-MPA]

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Athens fears impact of German election fallout

The victory in Sunday's German election of Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) – albeit with heavy losses – is a cause for concern in Athens as political developments in the European Union's wealthiest nation could punch holes in the narrative of Greece's leftist-led government with regard to a range of issues, not least the Greek bailout program and hopes for debt relief.

Kathimerini understands that Eurogroup President Jeroen Dijsselbloem, who was visiting Athens on Monday, suggested the result would not affect the Greek program.

However, with the Free Democrats (FDP) – which won 11 percent of the vote – tipped as a possible coalition partner, analysts did not appear to share the same sentiments.

"The FDP's stance is clear," said Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff, vice president at the Washington-based German Marshall Fund think tank.

"The party has basically said no to Greece, to the further integration of the eurozone, the establishment of a eurozone finance minister and the creation of a European monetary fund," he said.

The Greek government's concerns are also echoed by a number of analysts at home and abroad who fear that the German election result – which also saw the far-right AfD party become Germany's third strongest party with 12.6 percent of the vote, as well as a leak of right-wing voters from the CDU – could trigger a conservative backlash.

This could in turn, sources say, prompt the new government in Berlin to take a tougher stance on a range of issues directly impacting Greece, including immigration and German-Turkish relations.

With Merkel now embarking on the difficult quest to form a coalition, analysts believe this could lead to a prolonged phase of horse-trading with other parties, to the chagrin of Athens as there is strong conviction in Greece that without a government in place in Germany, the third review of the country's third bailout will not be completed within the desired timeframe.

But the bailout is not the only issue worrying Athens, as a tougher stance by Berlin on the migrant/refugee issue could have a direct impact on Greece, which has borne the brunt of the crisis since 2015.

Furthermore, Athens fears that a further deterioration of the already strained German-Turkish relations could have an adverse impact on ties between Greece and its neighbor on the other side of the Aegean.

Given that Ankara's relations with the EU have been sorely tested ever since its president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, launched a large-scale purge in the wake of the failed coup attempt last year, sources in Athens have indicated that Turkey could get even more jittery, especially after the Kurdish referendum went ahead on Monday in Iraq, which it vehemently opposed.

To the end of containing any negative impact on Greek-Turkish relations and to defuse recent tension between the two countries, the government is banking on Foreign Minister Nikos Kotzias's visit there on October 24.

SYRIZA still split over Elliniko investment



Despite the "full support" expressed by ruling SYRIZA's political council for the planned real estate investment at the site of the capital's old airport in Elliniko, party cadres appear reluctant to endorse the government's bid to bypass the Central Archaeological Council (KAS), which is set to decide next Tuesday on whether a part of the plot will be declared to be of archaeological interest.

On Wednesday, KAS, the country's top advisory body on the protection of antiquities, again failed to reach a decision as to whether to approve the project, and its 17-member committee has now adjourned for a third time this month. It will reconvene on Tuesday.

Several senior party officials have warned against ignoring KAS, as was advised by some during the political council meeting, because the government could be accused of undermining the views of archaeologists on the matter.

This, officials said, may lead to accusations that the government is resorting to populist tactics in its bid to get the investment back on track. However, Greece's deputy Economy Minister Stergios Pitsiorlas expressed confidence on Friday that the project will go ahead whatever KAS decides on Tuesday.

Speaking to Skai TV on Friday, he said that even if part of the plot at Elliniko is declared of archaeological interest, the rest of the investment will proceed as planned. "Entire cities are of archaeological interest in Greece and yet houses are built [there] every day," Pitsiorlas said.

Letter-bomb suspect caught clearing weapons, explosives from safe house



A 29-year-old man who was arrested in the early hours of Saturday in central Athens on suspicion of having sent the letter bombs that injured former premier Lucas Papademos in

May and an employee at the International Monetary Fund's office in Paris in March, was allegedly in the process of clearing guns and explosives from a safe house.

Police told Kathimerini that the suspect had been under surveillance for two weeks before being caught carrying eight forged ID cards, two guns, ammunition, an explosive device rigged with a timer and gunpowder in three hold-alls, a plastic garbage bag and a fanny pack.

The unnamed suspect had previously been linked to the urban guerrilla group Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire, which had claimed responsibility for a similar letter bomb sent to German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble, also in March.

Infectious diseases increase 39.7 pct in 2017

The number of patients suffering



from infectious diseases such as the flu, tuberculosis and meningitis that were reported to the Center for Disease Prevention and Control (KEELPNO) shot up by 39.7 percent in 2016 to 4,780 cases, against 3,421 the previous year.

The recent data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) also show that the majority of cases pertained to the flu, which represented 2,454 of reports last year against 1,495 in 2015, marking a rise of 64 percent. Salmonella poisoning was also high on the list of ailments that are easily prevented, with 750 cases reported in 2016, mainly in August and September.

Of the incidents reported to KEELPNO in 2016, 442 were of tuberculosis, 142 of viral meningitis and 103 of bacterial meningitis, and 120 of bru-

Drop in deposits worrying banks

The slight decline of bank deposits last month, despite the strong tourism season, and the upcoming shift of all general government entities' cash to the Bank of Greece are generating serious concern among the country's commercial lenders.

The payment of the second installment of income tax and the first tranche of the Single Property Tax (ENFIA) in September caused a marginal drop in the deposits of households and corporations compared to the end of August, according to central bank data released on Thursday, which put the decrease at 52 million euros. Private sector deposits came to 122.57 billion euros.

However, when central government deposits are included in the sum, total deposits registered a monthly increase of 36 million euros to 133.15 billion.

The main cause of the contraction in deposits was a 242-million-euro drop in the balance of corporate accounts to 21.8 billion. Household deposits rose 190 million euros to 100.7 billion. This decline runs counter to the positive momentum in the economy with record tourism figures and an improvement in economic sentiment, showing that the tourism revenues have vanished within the space of a few weeks. Banks are also worried about the plan to move all cash in the accounts of the broader state sector to one account at the central bank. In a recent speech, Piraeus Bank's chief economist Ilias Lekkos described that prospect as "a serious risk factor for banks." It will deprive the local credit system of vital liquidity amounting to 3.3 billion euros, according to Piraeus estimates. Central bank figures show that the sum of central government deposits amount to 10.6 billion euros, of which 2.5 billion belongs to local authorities and 2 billion comprises the deposits of social security entities.

The lack of liquidity led to a drop in loan issues, with the credit contraction amounting to 0.8 percent in September.

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cellosis, also known as Malta fever.

The mystery behind Greece's temples



By Stav Dimitropoulos

When I was a little girl, I would pester my grandfather with the same question every time we wandered the flagstone streets of Athens' Philopappou Hill on a clear evening. I would wait until we had reached the 147m peak, with the Parthenon at eye level, to ask: "Why are the stars shining so brightly from here?" "Ancient Greeks were wise. They knew where to build their sacred venues," my grandfather would say, unfazed by the annoying excitement in my voice. "These are places symbolising something greater than us."

Some astronomy enthusiasts believe Greece's temples were built to align the inhabited parts of Earth with the planets in the sky. In retrospect, I can't help but wonder if this beautiful explanation was inflated by my grandfather's immense pride in Greek culture. The placement of Greece's temples was not random. These are places symbolising something greater than us

I first met Fernandez amid the ancient ruins of the Parthenon during a late June heat wave. Surrounded by the temple's stately Doric columns, he unfurled a map of Greece. "Look at the map, there," he said. "The temple of Poseidon in Sounion forms an isosceles triangle with the Hephaisteion in Athens and the temple of Aphaia Athena in Aegina. Apollo in Delphi, Aphaia in Aegina and the Parthenon, the same: they all form perfect isosceles triangles!"

Fernandez is sure that the triangles made by the sites reflect the movements of different celestial bodies such as the sun, moon or planets and stars in relation to the Earth's surface. This theory frequently leads him to the National Observatory of Athens to attend stargazing events. Inside a domed marble building, the Doridis telescope provides visitors like Fernandez with marvellous views of the night sky. Having seen the moon, Saturn, Mars and various constellations through the telescope, he is adamant that "the temples of Greeks were built to align the inhabited parts of the Earth with the planets in the sky."

The temple of Aphaia in Aegina is said to form an isosceles triangle with several other temples across Greece. The idea of a triangulation of the Greek world is not new, but rather an example of 'sacred geography', or how religious sites were situated according to astronomy or mythology. In the 1960s, Jean Richer, a French literature professor (with a special interest in symbolism, esoteric doctrines and Greek mythology) at the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis in Nice, France, described it as a 'grand design' bonding sacred sites with each other and the sky. He imagined Greece to be divided into 12 sectors reflecting the 12 signs of the zodiac, with the oracle shrine of Delphi as the omphalos, or 'navel', of the Greek mainland.

But sacred geography theories like Richer's never earned proper respect from orthodox science as they could never be proven. "Let's start with Acropolis. Which temple was used as the Acropolis point for a start? The Classical Parthenon, the Archaic Parthenon, the temple of Athena Polias or the temple of Athena Nike?" asked Efrosyni Boutsikas, archaeology lecturer at England's University of Kent, who focuses on ancient Greek astronomy, mythology and religion. "If we are talking about creating precise geometrical shapes like an isosceles triangle, we need accuracy of less than a metre. These temples are several metres apart so you can take your pick on choosing the one which gives you the most precise isosceles, but this does not mean that the shape would have had any significance for the Ancients."

George Pantazis and Evangelia Lambrou, associate professors at the National Technical University of Athens, recently used rigorous geodetic methods to determine the astronomical orientation of Ancient Greek temples. The pair zeroed in on the temples of the Parthenon and Hephaisteion, two of the greatest temples of the classical era, both of which were dedicated to the goddess Athena (though Hephaisteion was also dedicated to Hephaestus).

The orientation of temples has to do with the sunrise on the celebration day of the god to whom the sacred site is dedicated. They found an extraordinarily symmetric positioning between the temples, ensuring both had the same view towards the east. "The astronomical orientation of temples has to do with the sunrise on the celebration day of the god to whom the sacred site is dedicated," Pantazis said. "The sunrise must occur exactly on the central axis of the temple in order to illuminate the central statue of the worshipped god."

The sun would once have illuminated the central statue of worship at the temple of Apollo. Tourists who roam Athens' historical centre during the day make their way to the observatory come sundown to see which stars will emerge in the night sky. As I joined the queue at the entrance, I spotted a familiar man. Fernandez, the fervent stargazer, would soon be marvelling at the Milky Way, an experience I am sure left him even more bent on uniting the celestial objects above with the sacred sites on the ground.

Obamacare v Republican plan compared

By Anthony Zurcher



Republican politicians have campaigned on repealing President Barack Obama's healthcare reforms pretty much since they were enacted in 2010. Now, with a governing majority, they've had to come up with a replacement plan - a task that has proved much more challenging than they may have imagined.

The latest bill was crafted by Republican Senators Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Bill Cassidy of Louisiana

Here's a look at some key differences between the existing law, informally known as Obamacare, and the Graham-Cassidy legislation.

Individual mandate Obamacare: All Americans are required to have health insurance or pay a tax penalty. **Republican plan:** The mandate and penalty are repealed under the Senate plan. **Employer mandate Obamacare:** Companies with more than 50 employees are required to offer health insurance or pay a penalty. **Republican plan:** The mandate and penalty are repealed.

Five big consequences of Trumpcare win

Taxes. Obamacare: Raised Medicare taxes on the wealthy and imposed new taxes on medical devices, health insurers, drug companies, investment income, tanning salons and high-end health insurance plans. **Republican plan:** Maintains roughly 90% of Obamacare taxes, including the tax on high-income earners, but ends the 2.3% sales tax on medical devices.

Insurance for dependents under 26 Obamacare: Requires insurers to allow children under age 26 to be covered by their parents' policies **Republican plan:** Maintains this requirement.

Essential health benefits Obamacare: Requires all insurance plans to cover certain health conditions and services, such as emergency room visits, maternity and postnatal care, cancer treatment, annual physical exams, prescription drug costs and mental health counselling. **Republican plan:** States may apply for waivers that allow them to end mandatory coverage of certain health conditions, such as vision and dental care for children, hospital care, and outpatient services. States that receive such waivers could allow insurers to set a maximum amount they will pay for an individual's medical services - a practice that Obamacare had prohibited.

Pre-existing condition coverage Obamacare: Prohibits insurers from denying coverage or charging more to individuals who have pre-existing medical conditions. **Republican plan:** Gives states the ability to opt-out of requirements that insurers charge the same premiums for healthy and sick customers.

Medicaid Obamacare: Expanded Medicaid health insurance for the poor to cover more low-income individuals. **Republican plan:** Starting in 2020 it distributes money the federal government currently spends on Medicaid to states in the form of "block grants" that are capped based on a state's population and whose growth is limited. The money could then be used for a variety of health-related programmes, and not just for expanding coverage or assisting individuals with insurance premiums.

Women's healthcare. Obamacare: Insurance companies prohibited from charging women more than men for the same health plan and must provide core services including maternity care and contraceptives. **Republican plan:** Insurance companies prohibited from charging women more for health insurance, but states could apply for waivers that allow them to drop coverage for maternity care and contraceptives.

Older Americans. Obamacare: Insurers can charge older Americans no more than three times the cost for younger Americans **Republican plan:** States can receive waivers to allow them to charge older Americans more.

Subsidies. Obamacare: Provided refundable tax credits for low-income individuals who purchased their insurance on government-run marketplaces and support for some out-of-pocket medical expenses. **Republican plan:** Allows states to devise their own insurance subsidy plans. It expands the contribution limits on tax-free health savings accounts and allows individuals to use them for insurance premiums as well as out-of-pocket healthcare expenses and insurance co-payments.

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