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## Blackwater and CUFI Primer

by Mark Jenkins

**Threshers** Group contributor, Mark Jenkins, provides us with a very tight reference primer on the Blackwater topic covered in the “**Blackwater: The Rise of the Scorpions**” series and some of the scriptural under-pinnings spiritually linking Blackwater (the scorpions) to **CUFI** (the serpents) according to the prophetic template outlined in the epic Threshing Floor series of “**Third Day**” shows and Sue Patterson’s book “**The Trumpet Judgments Unveiled**”.

For more information of the definitions for “serpents” and “scorpions”—a spiritual metaphorical identification—see the [The Third Day Study: Glossary of Metaphors](#) web page and the [index](#) of Third Day audio podcasts.-Randy Maugans

**Luke 21:12** But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name’s sake.

**Mat 24:7** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8: All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9: Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.

10: And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

**Mark 13:9** But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

**Mark 13:11** But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

12: Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

13: And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.



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**John 16:32** Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.  
33: These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

**John 17:12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the **son of perdition**; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

**Phi.1:28** And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an **evident token of perdition**, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

29: For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

**evident token** G1732 endeixis *en'-dike-sis* From G1731; *indication* (abstractly): - declare, evident token, proof.

G1731 endeiknumi *en-dike'-noo-mee* From G1722 and G1166; to *indicate* (by word or act): - do, show (forth).

### **Indicate**

**IN'DICATE**, v.t. [*L. indico; in and dico, to show.*]

1. To show; to point out; to discover; to direct the mind to a knowledge of something not seen, or something that will probably occur in future. Thus, fermentation indicates a certain degree of heat in a liquor. A heavy swell of the sea in calm weather often indicates a storm at a distance. A particular kind of cloud in the west at evening, indicates the approach of rain.

2. To tell; to disclose.

3. In medicine, to show or manifest by symptoms; to point to as the proper remedies; as, great prostration of strength indicates the use of stimulants.

### **Indication**

**INDICA'TION**, n. The act of pointing out.



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1. *Mark; token; sign; symptom; whatever serves to discover what is not before known, or otherwise obvious.*

*The frequent stops they make in the most convenient places, are plain indications of their weariness.*

2. *In medicine, any symptom or occurrence in a disease, which serves to direct to suitable remedies.*

3. *Discovery made; intelligence given.*

4. *Explanation; display. [Little used.]*

**G1722** *en en* A primary preposition **denoting (fixed) position** (in place, time or state), and (by implication) **instrumentality** (medially or constructively), that is, a relation of *rest* (intermediate between G1519 and G1537); **?in?, at, (up-) on, by**, etc.: - about, after, against, + almost, X altogether, among, X as, at, before, between, (here-) by (+ all means), for (. . . sake of), + give self wholly to, (here-) in (-to, -wardly), X mightily, (because) of, (up-) on, [open-] ly, X outwardly, one, X quickly, X shortly, [speedi-] ly, X that, X there (-in, -on), through (-out), (un-) to(-ward), under, when, where (-with), while, with (-in). Often used in compounds, with substantially the same import; rarely with verbs of motion, and then not to indicate direction, except (elliptically) by a separate (and different) prep.

### ***Instrumentality***

**INSTRUMENTAL'ITY**, *n.* *Subordinate or auxiliary agency; agency of any thing as means to an end; as the instrumentality of second causes.*

### ***Instrumental***

**INSTRUMENT'AL**, *a.* *Conducive as an instrument or means to some end; contributing aid; serving to promote or effect an object; helpful. The press has been instrumental in enlarging the bounds of knowledge.*

1. *Pertaining to instruments; made by instruments; as instrumental music, distinguished from vocal music, which is made by the human voice.*

### ***Instrument***

**IN'STRUMENT**, *n.* [*L. instrumentum, from instruo, to prepare; that which is prepared.*]



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1. *A tool; that by which work is performed or any thing is effected; as a knife, a hammer, a saw, a plow, &c. Swords, muskets and cannon are instruments of destruction. A telescope is an astronomical instrument.*
2. *That which is subservient to the execution of a plan or purpose, or to the production of any effect; means used or contributing to an effect; applicable to persons or things. Bad men are often instruments of ruin to others. The distribution of the Scriptures may be the instrument of a vastly extensive reformation in morals and religion.*
3. *An artificial machine or body constructed for yielding harmonious sounds; as an organ, a harpsichord, a violin, or flute, &c., which are called musical instruments, or instruments of music.*
4. *In law, a writing containing the terms of a contract, as a deed of conveyance, a grant, a patent, an indenture, &c.; in general, a writing by which some fact is recorded for evidence, or some right conveyed.*
5. *A person who acts for another, or is employed by another for a special purpose, and if the purpose is dishonorable, the term implies degradation or meanness.*

**G1166** deiknuo? *dike-noo'-o* A prolonged form of an obsolete primary of the same meaning; to *show* (literally or figuratively): - shew.

**G1519** eis *ice* A primary preposition; *to* or *into* (**indicating the point reached or entered**), of place, **time**, or (figuratively) purpose (result, etc.); also in adverbial phrases.: - [abundant-] ly, against, among, as, at, [back-] ward, before, by, concerning, + continual, + far more exceeding, for [intent, purpose], fore, + forth, in (among, at unto, -so much that, -to), to the intent that, + **of one mind**, + never, of, (up-) on, + perish, + set at one again, (so) that, therefore (-unto), throughout, till, to (be, the end, -ward), (here-) until (-to), . . . ward, [where-] fore, with. Often used in composition with the same general import, but only with verbs (etc.) expressing motion (literally or figuratively).

**G1537** ek ex *ek, ex* A primary preposition denoting *origin* (**the point whence motion or action proceeds**), *from, out* (of place, time or cause; literally or figuratively; direct or remote): - after, among, X are, at betwixt (-yond), by (the means of), exceedingly, (+ abundantly above), for (-th), from (among, forth, up), + grudgingly, + heartily, X heavenly, X hereby, + very highly, in, . . . ly, (because, by reason) of, off (from), on, out among (from, of), over, since, X thenceforth, through, X unto, X vehemently, with (-out). Often used in composition, with the same general import; **often of completion**.



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2 Th. 2: 3 hat ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3: Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, **and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

4: Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

1 Ti. 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and **perdition.**

10: For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

*Heb 10: 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (144,000)*

2 Pet. 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4: 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.

5: For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and **perdition** of ungodly men.

Rev 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, **and go into perdition:** and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Rev 13: 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were **wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed:** and all the world wondered after the beast.

14: And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, **which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**

Rev 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, **and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast**



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**should be killed.**

16: And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18: Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

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**George Morrison**

Senior Pastor, Faith Bible Chapel

George Morrison is the senior pastor of Faith Bible Chapel, a 4500 member, non-denominational church in Arvada; a city located northwest of Denver, Colorado. The church has two different campuses which host two traditional Sunday morning services, a Spanish-only speaking Sunday service, a traditional Wednesday night service, and multiple Gen-X services. Five other sister churches have been planted and are also located in Colorado. The church organization includes Faith Christian Academy, a kindergarten through 12th grade school with over 1100 students; and a Bible school for part-time students. In addition, Faith Bible Chapel serves the community through the Sonshine Center, which is a day care and pre-school.

Together with his wife Cheryl, Pastor Morrison is a leader in the Denver-metro area for supporting Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Together they support and lead numerous interfaith Pro-Israel rallies as well as host an annual Israel Awareness Day ? an educational, inspirational, and motivational series of performances, programs, and music designed to bring community awareness to Israel related issues. For more than two decades, Faith Bible Chapel has been sending The International Singers and Dancers, a performing group that travels to Israel to demonstrate unconditional love to military and civilian Israelis.



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Pastor Morrison was born and raised in Pennsylvania. After graduating high school in 1965, he attended Thaddeus Stevens Technical College. In 1968 Pastor Morrison joined the Marines and was sent to South Vietnam in 1969. While there he was stationed at Quang-tri where he served as crew chief for a OV-10A Bronco Aircraft as well as a door gunner in a UH1E helicopter and earned his combat air crew wings. He returned from his tour of duty at the end of 1969 and moved to Colorado in 1972.

After trying many things in search for life's meaning, Pastor Morrison had a dramatic conversion experience with Jesus Christ in 1971. This change gave him a new direction, and from that time forward, he became actively involved in pursuing God's will for his life. After meeting and marrying his wife, Cheryl, in 1972, he graduated from FBC's Bible College in 1974, later becoming a teacher and director of the college. In his earlier years of ministry, he and his wife Cheryl served as house parents for a youth home of 32 young people who desired discipleship. Pastor Morrison was ordained in 1975 and served as an associate pastor at Faith Bible Chapel until 1984 when he assumed the responsibility of Senior Pastor.

In 1990, Pastor Morrison returned to South Vietnam with an organization called "Vets With A Mission." The men took much needed medical supplies into various villages and also worked in some of the orphanages while they were there.

Over the years God has used Pastor Morrison to minister to pastors and church leaders. He has spoken at numerous leadership conferences both in the United States and overseas, including Promise Keepers events, and is the author of the book entitled, *If It's Not Broken, Break It!* He also serves as Chairman on the Board of Directors for **Promise Keepers**.

Pastor Morrison currently resides in Arvada with his wife, Cheryl.

## **Promise Keepers**

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The **Promise Keepers** (PK) originated in 1990 with "[Bill McCartney](#), then football coach for the University of Colorado, and [Dave Wardell](#), Ph.D." [1]

According to the PK web site, "In July 1990 seventy-two friends and associates of the core group gathered at Boulder Valley Christian Church to discuss a conference for the men of Colorado. The name **Promise Keepers** evolved out of Coach Mac's messages given to a number of churches along the Front Range of Colorado. His theme was "personal integrity." ... A board



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of directors was developed, and Promise Keepers was incorporated in the state of Colorado in December of 1990.”

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“On March 20, 1990, Promise Keepers was created. Later that year in July, seventy-two men began the group with a meeting. The first conference was held at the University of Colorado at Boulder in July, 1991. 4,200 men attended. Two years later at the third conference, the attendance reached 50,000 and filled Folsom Stadium in Boulder. The following year Promise Keepers filled stadiums in seven cities with an attendance of almost a quarter of a million. Over the next four years more than two million men attended Promise Keeper rallies in fifty rallies in stadiums across the country. An additional 700,000 were predicted to attend the ‘Standing in the Gap’ rally on the Washington Mall on October 4, 1997. This rapid growth in attendance at rallies makes Promise Keepers the fastest growing religious movement in the United States.”<sup>[2]</sup>

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### **David Brog**

Executive Director, Christians United for Israel

David Brog lives and writes in Washington, DC. He worked in the United States Senate for seven years, rising to be chief of staff to a senior United States senator and staff director of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Prior to his time on Capitol Hill, Brog served as an executive at America Online and practiced corporate law in Tel Aviv, Israel and Philadelphia, PA. Brog is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School.

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### **Rev. Dr. Jerry Falwell**

Founder and Chancellor, Liberty University



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Jerry Falwell is well into his fifth decade as a pastor, educator, and conservative activist.

In 1956 with 35 charter members, Falwell founded Thomas Road Baptist Church in his hometown of Lynchburg. That same year, he launched regular radio and television broadcasts and became a pioneer in religious broadcasting.

As Thomas Road Baptist Church began to grow, Falwell had a vision for an educational system that would enable people to obtain a Christian education from kindergarten through post-graduate doctoral programs. In 1967, he founded Lynchburg Christian Academy (LCA), an accredited Christian day school. LCA now enrolls some 1,000 students, pre-school through 12th grade.

In 1971, Falwell founded Lynchburg Baptist College, later renamed Liberty Baptist College and then, Liberty University. That fall, the college officially opened with 154 students and four full-time faculty members. Classes were held in Thomas Road Baptist Church facilities, as the college did not yet have its own campus. Falwell's dream was and is to create for evangelical young people a world-class liberal arts university.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Liberty University is, today, the largest evangelical Christian university in the country, with more than 21,500 resident and external students from 50 states and 80 countries enrolled in its various programs. Liberty University resides on a 4,421 acre campus. With 18 of its teams competing in NCAA Division I athletics.

In 1979, Falwell, feeling a calling to mobilize the Christian church on behalf of moral and social issues and to encourage participation by people of faith in the political process, launched an organization called the Moral Majority. The organization quickly became a household name and Falwell became a lightning rod on a wide array of moral and social issues. The group mobilized tens of thousands of churches, registered millions of voters, and laid a foundation for what became known as the "religious right" or "Christian right."

Although Falwell formally dissolved the Moral Majority in 1989, he remains a national spokesperson for conservative Christian views. Having raised more than \$5 billion and traveled some 3 million miles in support of various projects, a tireless Jerry Falwell continues to work and plan for the future. The chief fundraiser and student recruiter for the school since its inception, he is committed to raising a \$1 billion endowment for Liberty during his lifetime. Maintaining his office and a daily presence on the Liberty campus, Falwell remains actively involved in the affairs of the school and addresses students and faculty weekly in a convocation service. Regularly seen driving around the campus in his Suburban truck, he is affectionately called "Jerry" by most of the students, many of whom he knows by name. He rarely misses a



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home football, basketball, or baseball game. He believes Liberty University and its 73,000 alumni will be his greatest legacy.

Falwell and his wife, Macel, have three grown children; Jerry Jr., Jeannie, and Jonathan; and eight grandchildren.

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### **Michael Little**

President and Chief Operating Officer  
The Christian Broadcasting Network

CBN.com - Michael Little is a member of the Board of Directors and serves as President and Chief Operating Officer of The Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc. (CBN). He is the Board Chairman of The Christian Broadcasting Associates (CBA) in Canada and the Vice Chairman of Operation Blessing International.

A 33-year veteran of CBN, Michael has worked in over 85 countries overseeing our TV production and global distribution. His previous responsibilities for CBN have included service as Group Vice President for CBN International, Vice President of CBN Programming, Executive Producer of The 700 Club, President of Middle East Television, and News Director for WYAH-TV. Before coming to CBN, Michael served as a U.S. Army officer in Germany.

Michael received an Emmy Award as Executive Producer of the CBS television movie, Never Say Goodbye. He has also received TV production awards from Religion in Media, National Religious Broadcasters and the New York International Film Festival.

In addition to his work for CBN, Michael serves as a member of the Board of Directors at Regent University, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, and the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.



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Michael enjoys leading study groups to the Holy Land having made over 45 visits to Israel and other Middle East countries.

Michael is a graduate of St. Leo University in Florida, and holds the Master of Business Administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, California. St. Leo University recently honored Mr. Little with the Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Michael and his wife Becky are active members of First Baptist Church Norfolk. They have two sons and a grandson-Caleb.

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### **Gary Bauer**

President, American Values

Mr. Gary Bauer, President of American Values, was a Republican presidential contender in the year 2000 primaries. He Served as Under Secretary of Education in the 1st Reagan Administration and went on to become President Reagan's Domestic Policy Advisor.

Mr. Bauer also served as Chairman of America's second largest political action committee, The Campaign for Working Families and as President of the Family Research Council, one of Washington's most well respected centers for public policy.

Mr. Bauer is a staunch supporter of Israel and is a frequent guest on a wide variety of political talk shows and a much-in-demand public speaker nationwide.

In his current position Mr. Bauer effectively educates policy makers, members of congress, the administration and the public at large in ways that strengthen the Israeli-American alliance



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against the ideology of terror and hatred. He is now heading an influential and hard-hitting rapid response policy organization like no other group in Washington.

On issues of moral clarity Mr. Bauer is the nation's preeminent conservative voice helping to shape a debate that will help generations to come.

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**Blackwater USA** is a [private military contractor](#) offering “tactical training,” firing range and target systems, and security consulting under the company’s subdivisions: Blackwater Training Center, Blackwater Target Systems, Blackwater Security Consulting and Blackwater Canine. According to its website, Blackwater provides “a spectrum of support to military, government agencies, law enforcement and civilian entities in training, targets and range operations as a solution provider.” Their slogan is: “Providing a new generation of capability, skills, and people to solve the spectrum of needs in the world of security.” [1]

Blackwater USA was co-founded by former Navy Seal [Erik Prince](#), a “billionaire [right-wing](#) fundamentalist Christian from a powerful Michigan [Republican](#) family. A major Republican campaign contributor, he interned in the White House of President [George H.W. Bush](#) and campaigned for [Pat Buchanan](#) in 1992. He founded the mercenary firm Blackwater USA in 1997 with Gary Jackson, another former Navy SEAL.” [2]

Prince’s father, Edgar Prince, and [Gary Bauer](#) started the [Family Research Council](#), where Prince interned. Prince’s sister, [Betsy DeVos](#), is a former chair of the Michigan Republican Party. [3]

Blackwater USA received no-bid contracts in [Iraq](#), [Afghanistan](#), and “[post-Katrina](#) New Orleans” from the current [Bush administration](#). [4]

### **About Blackwater USA**

Blackwater USA has a 6,000 acre training facility as part of its headquarters, in North Carolina. The firm has additional offices in Baghdad, [Iraq](#), and Kuwait City, [Kuwait](#).

The “About Blackwater” section of its website states: “Blackwater Training Center was founded in 1996 to fulfill the anticipated demand for government outsourcing of firearms and related security training. Located on over 6000 acres in Moyock, North Carolina (just south of the Virginia border), Blackwater has the finest private firearms training facility in the U.S. Blackwater has set a new standard for firearms and security training and is recognized as the industry leader in providing government outsource solutions in training, security, canine services, aviation support services, range construction and steel target equipment. Since its inception, Blackwater has trained over 50,000 military and law enforcement personnel and provided solutions to hundreds of satisfied customers.” [5]

Blackwater is one of two companies which make up [The Prince Group](#), the other being [Prince Manufacturing](#). [The Prince Group](#) tapped former [Pentagon](#) Inspector General, [Joseph E. Schmitz](#), for chief operating officer and general counsel in September of 2005. [6]



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The Prince Group bought [Aviation Worldwide Services \[7\]](#) in May of 2003. AWS consists of [STI Aviation, Inc.](#), [Air Quest, Inc.](#), and [Presidential Airways, Inc.](#) These companies provide the logistical and air support for Blackwater operations. Blackwater itself consists of Blackwater Training Center, Blackwater Target Systems, Blackwater Security Consulting and Blackwater Canine. [\[8\]](#)

## **Fatalities**

2007: The killing of five Blackwater employees in central Baghdad

On the morning of Tuesday, January 23, 2007, a helicopter owned by Blackwater crashed in “the heavily Sunni Fadhil neighborhood in north-central Baghdad [on the east side of the Tigris River], where witnesses reported clashes between insurgents and U.S. and Iraqi forces,” the Associated Press [reported](#). According to a U.S. military official, “five civilians were killed”. A “senior Iraqi defense official said the aircraft was shot down” by “a gunman with a PKC machine gun.”

Blackwater “confirmed the five men were employed by the North Carolina-based company as security professionals.” [\[9\]](#)

“Although accounts varied, all were consistent that at least one person operating the aircraft had been shot and badly hurt before the crash,” the Associated Press [reported](#) January 23, 2007.

On Wednesday, January 24, 2007, the Associated Press [reported](#) that U.S. and Iraqi officials said that four of the five Blackwater employees were “shot execution style in the back the head.” A senior [U.S. Department of Defense](#) official said that it was unknown whether the four were alive when shot.”

Although a “senior Iraqi military official said a machine gunner downed the helicopter,... a U.S. military official in Washington said there were no indications that the aircraft, owned by Blackwater USA, had been shot out of the sky. Two Sunni insurgent groups, separately, claimed responsibility for the crash.” [\[10\]](#)

“The helicopter was shot down after responding to assist a U.S. Embassy ground convoy that came under fire in a Sunni neighborhood in central Baghdad, said a U.S. diplomatic official in Washington. ... The doomed helicopter swooped into electrical wires before the crash. U.S. officials said it was not clear if gunfire brought the aircraft down or caused its pilot to veer into the wires during evasive maneuvers.” [\[11\]](#)



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“A second helicopter also was struck, but there were no casualties among its crew, said the diplomatic official, who spoke anonymously because he was not authorized to make statements.” [12]

“Before Tuesday’s crash, at least 22 employees of Blackwater Security Consultants or Blackwater USA had died in Iraq as a result of war-related violence, according to the Web site iCasualties.org, which tracks foreign troop fatalities in Iraq. Of those, 20 were Americans, and two were Polish,” the Associated Press [reported](#).

### **2005: The loss of seven Blackwater employees north of Baghdad and in Ramadi**

Blackwater lost seven American employees on Thursday, April 21, 2005, in Iraq, bringing the “number of Blackwater employees killed in Iraq to 18,” CNN [reported](#).

Six employees were killed “when a Bulgarian commercial helicopter crashed north of Baghdad. ... A seventh died when a roadside bomb detonated next to one of the company’s armored personnel carriers near Ramadi. Four Blackwater employees were wounded in the Ramadi attack. All were working under contract to the U.S. military.” [13]

Insurgents shot the helicopter down “with a heat-seeking missile”, Ellen Knickmeyer [reported](#) April 22, 2005, for the *Washington Post*. “The Blackwater contractors and two Fijian bodyguards working for Virginia-based [Skylink Air and Logistic Support](#) were en route from a Baghdad-area airfield to Tikrit, north of the capital, U.S. officials said.

“The three-man Bulgarian crew was flying the helicopter close to the ground, a military tactic intended to avoid giving attackers time to spot aircraft and line up a shot, according to U.S. officials,” Knickmeyer wrote.

“The attack marked the first time in the two years of the U.S.-led occupation that fighters in Iraq have succeeded in bringing down an aircraft contracted for transporting civilians. Planes and helicopters are being used increasingly around the country as attacks make road travel on vital routes deadly for Iraqis and foreigners alike,” Knickmeyer wrote.

### **2004: The killing of four Blackwater employees in Fallujah**

Blackwater and private military contractors in general came under increased public scrutiny following the public killing and mutilation of four employees in Fallujah, Iraq on March 31, 2004. This increased scrutiny led the firm to hire the [Alexander Strategy Group](#) for crisis management, public and media relations. [14]



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According to Russel Mokhiber and Robert Weissman, a few days after the Fallujah killings, “Blackwater Security Consulting engaged in full-scale battle in Najaf, with the company flying its own helicopters amidst an intense firefight to resupply its own commandos.” [\[15\]](#)

## Lawsuits

- Blackwater has been sued by families of the contractors killed in Falluja in March 2004. The case marks the first time a company has been sued for deaths in the line of work. As Peter W. Singer states, this lawsuit, or one like it, was inevitable and necessary to establish some of the legal groundwork regarding contractors and PMCs on the battlefield. [\[16\]](#)[\[17\]](#)

The case has been remanded back to Wake County Superior Court after being transferred to North Carolina Federal Court. [order.pdf](#)

- [Aviation Worldwide Services, LLC](#), [Presidential Airways, Inc.](#), [STI Aviation, Inc.](#) and [Air Quest, Inc.](#) together form Blackwater’s aviation division. The four companies are being sued by the families of three soldiers in the US military killed in an airplane accident in Afghanistan in November, 2004. [\[18\]](#)

## [Complaint](#)

## [Amended Complaint](#)

## Controversy

### “America’s Holy Warriors”

Erik Prince ([bio](#)) is “the secretive, mega-millionaire, [right-wing](#) Christian founder of Blackwater, the private security firm that has built a formidable mercenary force in Iraq,” Chris Hedges [wrote](#) December 31, 2006, in *Truthdig*. Prince “champions his company as a patriotic extension of the U.S. military. His employees, in an act as cynical as it is deceitful, [take an oath of loyalty to the Constitution](#). These mercenary units in Iraq, including Blackwater, contain some 20,000 fighters. They unleash indiscriminate and wanton violence against unarmed Iraqis, have no accountability and are beyond the reach of legitimate authority. The appearance of these paramilitary fighters, heavily armed and wearing their trademark black uniforms, patrolling the streets of New Orleans after [Hurricane Katrina](#), gave us a grim taste of the future. It was a stark reminder that the tyranny we impose on others we will one day impose on ourselves.”

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## **Starr defense**

"The new 'counsel of record' for the North Carolina-based company is none other than former Whitewater investigator [Kenneth Starr](#)?the independent counsel in the 1999 impeachment of President [Bill Clinton](#) over the [Monica Lewinsky](#) sex scandal," Jeremy Scahill and Garrett Ordower [reported](#) online October 26, 2006, in *The Nation*. "Starr was brought in last week by Blackwater to file motions in front of the US [Supreme Court](#) in a case stemming from the killing of four Blackwater contractors in the Iraqi city of Fallujah on March 31, 2004."

"There are undeniable benefits to having Starr, the US Solicitor General under President [George H.W. Bush](#), represent Blackwater?a highly partisan [GOP](#) company?in front of a Supreme Court stacked with Bush appointees. Starr also has a personal connection to Blackwater. Starr and Joseph Schmitz, the general counsel and chief operating officer of Blackwater's parent company, the Prince Group, have both worked closely with the arch-[conservative Washington Legal Foundation](#). Since 1993 Starr has served on the legal policy advisory board of the organization for which Schmitz has frequently acted as a spokesperson and attorney," Scahill and Ordower wrote.

## **CIA-Pentagon-Blackwater "[revolving door](#)"**

"A number of senior CIA and Pentagon officials have taken top jobs at Blackwater, including firm vice chairman [Cofer Black](#), who was the Bush Administration's top counterterrorism official at the time of the [9/11](#) attacks (and who famously said in 2002, 'There was before 9/11 and after 9/11. After 9/11, the gloves came off.),' " Ken Silverstein, [wrote](#) September 12, 2006, in *Harper's Magazine*.

In fall 2005, [Robert Richer](#) "resigned from the post of Associate Deputy Director of Operations; he immediately took a job as Blackwater's Vice President of Intelligence. Richer is a former head of the CIA's Near East Division and long served in Amman, where, for a period beginning in 1999, he held the post of station chief. For years he was the agency's point man with Jordan's King Abdullah, with whom he developed an extraordinarily close relationship," Silverstein wrote.

Also, Silverstein wrote in September 2006, "there's talk at the agency that Blackwater is also aggressively recruiting [Jos? Rodriguez](#), the CIA's current top spy as director of the [National Clandestine Service](#). Rodriguez has a number of former agency friends at Blackwater, most notably [Rick Prado](#), with whom he served in Latin America and who is now Blackwater's Vice President of Special Programs."



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Recent Cofer Black start-up and merger, [Total Intelligence Solutions, LLC](#), is a merger of three companies, [The Black Group](#), [The Terrorism Research Center, Inc.](#) and [Technical Defense](#). TIS very well may fall outside the legal corporate domain of Blackwater, however two of the top executives at TIS, Cofer Black and [Enrique Prado](#) still hold positions at Blackwater, and Robert Richer recently left his position at Blackwater to take on responsibilities at TIS. As well, it should be noted that one of the three companies merged to create TIS, The Terrorism Research Center, is owned by Blackwater founder Erik Prince. [\[19\]](#)

### **UN Peacekeepers?**

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Blackwater's advertisement in the IPOA journal, March/April 2007

Blackwater is an active member of the [International Peace Operations Association](#), a trade association which promotes the use of commercial force, logistics, demining and other conflict/post conflict services. Blackwater runs an advertisement on the second page of their journals, which can be downloaded free at [their website](#), which acts well as an example of the image the [PMC](#) industry is seeking to re-define themselves within.

Blackwater said that "it can help keep peace in [Darfur](#), Mark Langfitt [reported](#) May 26, 2006, for [NPR](#). "Doug Brooks runs an association of private military firms, which includes Blackwater. He says his members can help where governments have failed."

"The [United Nations](#), which hopes to deploy in Darfur this fall, opposes the [outsourcing](#) of force," Langfitt wrote. "The peacekeeping pitch sounds great, but has all kinds of problems, [said] Peter Singer, a scholar at the [Brookings Institution](#) and author of *Corporate Warriors*. "For one thing, [Singer said], there's little accountability. If contractors misbehave?as they did at Iraq's [Abu Ghraib](#) prison?they rarely face charges. Singer says private military firms are focusing on peacekeeping, in part, to improve their image."

Blackwater "is pushing to be part of UN peacekeeping missions in places like Darfur," *The Current* host Anna Maria Tremonti [commented](#) June 11, 2006, on her CBC (Canada) radio show. "But so far the United Nations is not buying. It says peacekeeping is something that requires great sensitivity."

### **Soliders of Fortune**

#### **"Coalition of the Billing"**



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“There are no reliable figures on the number of guards from [Colombia](#) or other countries,” Sonni Efron [wrote](#) July 30, 2005, in the *Los Angeles Times*. “Fijians, Ukrainians, South Africans, Nepalese and Serbs reportedly are on the job in Iraq.”

[Peter W. Singer](#) of the [Brookings Institution](#), “author of a book on the private military industry, said veterans of Latin American conflicts, including [Guatemalans](#), [Salvadorans](#) and [Nicaraguans](#), also had turned up. ‘What we’ve done in Iraq is assemble a true ‘coalition of the billing’,’ Singer said, playing off President Bush’s description of the U.S.-led alliance of nations with a troop presence in Iraq as a [‘coalition of the willing’](#),” Efron wrote.

### **[Chilean](#) “former commandos”**

Blackwater and other U.S.-based private military contractors do not only recruit Americans; according to Jonathan Franklin, former commandos from Chile are an increasing presence among private military troops in Iraq. Gary Jackson, president of Blackwater, told the British newspaper *The Guardian* that former Chilean commandos, “many of who had trained under the military government of [Augusto Pinochet](#),” will be sent to Iraq for a year and a half, to guard oil wells from saboteurs. “We scour the ends of the earth to find professionals - the Chilean commandos are very, very professional and they fit within the Blackwater system,” said Jackson. And the private military melting pot doesn’t stop there: “Squads of Bosnians, Filipinos and Americans with special forces experience have been hired for tasks ranging from airport security to protecting Paul Bremer, the head of the Coalition Provisional Authority.” [\[20\]](#)

### **Colombian “seasoned counter insurgency troops”**

The Colombian news magazine *Semana* and the *Financial Times* of London reported in September 2006 that “35 Colombians?mostly seasoned counter insurgency troops?alleged in a letter to Blackwater that recruiters had promised them salaries of \$4,000 a month,” Bill Sizemore [wrote](#) in *The Virginian-Pilot*. “They said it was only when they were given their contracts barely hours before leaving Bogota that they learned they would be paid \$34 a day, or about \$1,000 a month.”

“American contractors can earn \$10,000 a month or more working for Blackwater and its competitors in Iraq,” Sizemore wrote.

In July 2005, Rep. [Jan Schakowsky](#) (D-Ill.) was concerned “that U.S. government contractors [were] hiring thousands of impoverished former military personnel, with no public scrutiny, little accountability and large hidden costs to taxpayers,” Sonni Efron [wrote](#) in the *Los Angeles Times*.



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“The United States has spent more than \$4 billion since 2000 on [Plan Colombia](#), a counter-terrorism and counter-narcotics program that includes training and support for the Colombian police and military. Last month, Congress moved toward approval of an additional \$734.5 million in aid to the Andean region in 2006, most of it for Colombia. ‘We’re training foreign nationals - who then take that training and market it to private companies, who pay them three or four times as much as we’re paying soldiers,’ Schakowsky said. ‘American taxpayers are paying for the training of those Colombian soldiers,’ she said. ‘When they leave to take more lucrative jobs, perhaps with an American military contractor, they take that training with them. So then we’re paying to train that person’s replacement. And then we’re paying the bill to the private military contractors,’” Efron wrote.

### **Filipino “mercenaries”**

“Many Filipinos apply for any type of work just to work abroad and earn money”, with an estimated “tenth of the country’s 84 million population ... out of the country and working legally and illegally abroad”, Claro Cortes [reported](#) June 11, 2006, in *Gulf News*.

“Authorities at the former US Naval Base in Subic have denied reports that an American company is using the facility to hire Filipino mercenaries for Iraq”, Cortes wrote. Several Manila newspapers reported that Blackwater USA “was using the former US naval base to recruit Filipino mercenaries to fight in Iraq” and “even featured pictures of Filipino-looking men wearing combat fatigues during what appears to be guard duty in an alleged Middle East community.”

“The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) denounced the US for hiring Filipino mercenaries to fight its wars in Iraq and other countries,” Manila’s *Sun Star* [reported](#) June 12, 2006. “New People’s Army (NPA) spokesman Gregorio ‘Ka Roger’ Rosal said hiring Filipino civilians to provide support services for the US’ war in Iraq and other countries is bad enough and should be discouraged, but ‘hiring Filipino soldiers of fortune to fight in US wars of aggression and terror against other countries is even worse and deserves nothing but condemnation.’

“Rosal said the establishment of Blackwater’s recruitment center in the Philippines stemmed from the mounting casualties of US military personnel that have triggered severe criticism, massive protests and plunging ratings for US President George W. Bush.

“He said the US has also turned to Third World countries to be able to cut costs as hired Filipino mercenaries are paid only US\$60,000-US\$80,000 a year, half of what it pays American mercenaries with equivalent qualifications and assignments,” the *Sun Star* reported.



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### **Colonel Thomas X. Hammes on Blackwater in Iraq: “They made enemies everywhere”**

In late January 2005, journalist [Tim Shorrock](#) wrote on his blog about a conference “organized by the George Washington University Law School with support from the [International Peace Operations Association](#), which represents, Blackwater, [MPRI](#) and other major contractors”. According to Shorrock [\[21\]](#):

“They made enemies everywhere,” Colonel [Thomas X. Hammes](#), an expert on [guerrilla warfare](#) and a senior fellow at the [National Defense University](#) told [the conference]. He was referring to the tactics used by Blackwater USA, the North Carolina company that was hired by the [Coalition Provisional Authority](#) to provide security for [L. Paul Bremer](#), the US administrator who was dispatched by the [Bush administration](#) to run Iraq in 2003.

A few minutes earlier, [Chris Taylor](#), Blackwater’s vice president for strategic initiatives, had boasted about the protective cordon his company provided to Bremer. Under a “turnkey security package” with the CPA, Bremer was accompanied by 36 “personnel protection specialists,” two K-9 dog teams and three MD-530 helicopters built by [MD Helicopters, Inc.](#)

### **Executives**

- Erik Prince, Chairman of the Board ([bio](#))
- [Joseph E. Schmitz](#) (former Inspector General, [Office of the Secretary of Defense](#), under [Donald Rumsfeld](#)) [\[22\]](#)
- [J. Cofer Black](#), Vice Chairman of the Board (former Coordinator in the Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, [U.S. Department of State](#), under Secretary of State [Colin Powell](#))
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### **[ICE removes detention and removal strategy from website](#)**

Filed under: [Border Security](#), [Investigation & Enforcement](#) ? by Christian Beckner on November 15, 2006

The kooky website Cryptogon [had a post a few days ago](#) (hat tip: CQ) where they linked to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement strategic plan for detention and removal from 2004 codenamed Endgame. That report had previously been available online at ice.gov, but shortly after the Cryptogon post revealed its existence, it was removed from the website. The proprietors of this Cryptogon site therefore put it up on their own server, and you can download it here:

[ENDGAME: Detention and Removal Strategic Plan, 2003 - 2012](#)

The document is unclassified and fairly banal, so I have a hard time believing that this was removed for security reasons. A likelier explanation is that it was removed because it was outdated, a lot of the content in it having been superseded by strategic work under the auspices of the Secure Border Initiative over the last 1+ years.

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### **Pastor John C. Hagee**

Founder and Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Church  
President and CEO, John Hagee Ministries  
Founder and National Chairman, Christians United for Israel

Pastor John C. Hagee, founder and senior pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas, has built a ministry on straightforward Bible teaching and preaching, and unwavering support for the nation of Israel and the Jewish people.

Pastor John Hagee is a fifth generation pastor and the 47th descendent of his family to preach the gospel since they immigrated to America from Germany. Pastor Hagee received his bachelor's degree from Trinity University, earned a master's degree from North Texas University and trained in theology at Southwestern Bible Institute.

Pastor Hagee is married to Diana Castro and together they raised five children while pastoring their beloved 18,000 member Cornerstone Church founded in 1975.

While pastoring the evangelical, non-denominational Cornerstone Church, Pastor Hagee acquired licenses for two low-power television stations in San Antonio over 28 years ago. The Cornerstone family sacrificially gave to buy the necessary broadcasting equipment with the Hagees personally mortgaging their home to help build the radio and television ministry.

Today, John Hagee Ministries occupies a 50,000 square-foot production center which houses both radio and television studios, 100 telephone prayer partners, and a vast distribution center. Currently, Hagee telecasts on eight major networks, 162 independent television stations, and 51 radio stations throughout the globe broadcasting in over 190 nations.



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In addition to founding the global media ministry Pastor Hagee is the author of 21 major books the latest being Jerusalem Countdown which made the USA Today's best seller list. Many of his books have been best sellers with one, The Beginning of the End, reaching the New York Times best sellers list.

Pastor Hagee is the founder of 'A Night to Honor Israel' which is celebrated annually at Cornerstone Church over national and international television. 'A Night to Honor Israel' is a non-conversionary tribute to the nation of Israel and the Jewish people of the world. Its purpose is to promote esteem and understanding between Christians and Jews and to emphasize that the beliefs we hold in common are far greater than the differences we have allowed to separate us. Pastor Hagee has been presented the ZOA Israel Award, the ZOA Service Award and the Humanitarian of the Year Award by B'Nai B'Rith Council in recognition of his unwavering support of Israel.

Pastor Hagee's ministry has given millions of dollars to bring the Jewish exiles of the world home to Israel. The ministry has provided comfort and consolation to the Jewish people through the building of orphanage facilities, absorption centers and hospitals.

In February, 2006, Pastor John Hagee, Founder and National Chairman of Christians United for Israel, decided the time had come to create a national grassroots movement focused on the support of Israel. He called upon Christian leaders from across America to join him in launching this new initiative. Over 400 Christian leaders each representing a denomination, mega-church, media ministry, publishing company, or Christian university answered the call and Christians United for Israel was born.

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