

Creation in Reverse *Based on an anonymous piece published in an American synagogue paper.*

In the end, Man destroyed the heaven that had been called earth. For the earth had been beautiful and happy until the destructive spirit of Man moved upon it. This was the 7th day before the end.

For Man said, "Let me have power in the earth," and he saw that power seemed good, and he called those who sought power 'great leaders', and those who sought to serve others and bring reconciliation 'weaklings', 'compromisers', 'appeasers'. This was the 6th day before the end.

And Man said, "Let there be division among all people, dividing the nations which are for me from the nations which are against me." This was the 5th day before the end.

And Man said, "Let us gather our resources in one place and create more instruments of power to defend ourselves; the media to control people's minds; conscription to control people's bodies; uniforms and symbols of power to win people's souls". This was the 4th day before the end.

And Man said, "Let there be censorship to divide propaganda from the truth". And he made two great censorship bureaux to control human thoughts - one to tell only the truth to be known abroad, and one to tell only the truth to be known at home. This was the 3rd day before the end.

And Man said, "Let us create weapons which can kill vast numbers - hundreds and thousands and even millions, without risk to ourselves". And so he perfected germ warfare, chemical warfare, guided missiles, globe-circling satellite arsenals, great fleets of war planes, and destructive power to equal tens of thousands of millions of tons of TNT. This was the 2nd day before the end.

And Man said, "Let us make God in our own image. Let us say God does as we do, thinks as we think, wills as we will, and kills as we kill". So Man found ways to kill on unprecedented scale, and maim even those as yet unborn, without damaging useful buildings, and he said, "God has blessed us with this knowledge and we use it to fulfil God's will".

And on the last day, there was a great noise upon the face of the earth, and Man and all his doings were no more. And the ravished earth rested.