

Appendix: The Image of Europe

Please refer to the Appendix: Seat of Satan.

As shared in the Appendix: Seat of Satan, for years I have travelled to Brussels, seat of the European Union Commission and Parliament. In 2004, the pastor there phoned me and said, "You have to get over here. All the things we've been saying and trying to prove about the European Union, they are saying about themselves."

And so, I quickly arranged to go see the exposition they had put up in a large colorful tent in Brussels. Inside the tent was a large golden image of a man credited with the original idea to create an economic union.

In concentric circles around the tent, a history of Europe evolved into a futuristic view of what they hoped to accomplish. The pictures included here we took ourselves.

Here are some of the statements unabashedly made on the large panels.
Here is what they said about themselves. Only the emphasis and bracketed comments are mine.

The Image of Europe,
Belgium, Brussels, 2004

Image of Europe, Belgium, Brussels

Internet

The creation of the European Union will ultimately be recorded as one of history's quietest revolutions. Europe's reticence has clearly had its benefits: the European Union has already – without fan fair or retribution - become the largest economy on earth, its population nearing 500 million – almost twice that of the world's last remaining 'super power.' But increasingly, as the EU grows in size and importance, the ineffectiveness of its communication is proving to be a serious political liability that weakens its external manifestations and has unnecessarily eroded its internal support.

To mark the occasion of the Netherland's 2004 Presidency of the European Union, ___ was asked by the European Commission to create an exhibition in Brussels (which then travelled to Munich and Vienna), "The Image of Europe" celebrating an end to the EU's inhibited iconography, its coming out...

On two panoramic murals – concentric circles of 60 and 80 meters in length – the evolution of "Europe", as a concept, identity, and political reality, is sketched...The story closes somewhere in the 2020s, in a speculative conclusion on Europe's possible future.

The bureaucrats in Brussels have created a new political space that has the power to make the 21st century the European Century.

The EU's geographical expansion to 25 countries, which will grow to include a dozen smaller ones and maybe even Russia, is nothing compared with its increasing legal and moral reach.

The 80,000 pages of laws the EU has developed since the common market was formed in 1957 – the *acquis* – influencing everything from genetic labeling to human rights – have made Europe the world's first viral political space.

Even though it legislates up to half of its member states, it was part of their trade, and many policy decisions – from agriculture to economics – the EU is practically invisible.

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By creating common standards that are implemented through national institutions, Europe can take over the world without becoming a target for hostility.

While every US company, embassy, and military base is a potential terrorist target, Europe's invisibility allows it to spread its influence without provocation.

Europe "syndicates" its legislation and values, often by threatening others with economic isolation. Many governments outside the continent have adopted Europe's regulations to get access to its market. Even US companies have been forced to follow European regulations in at least three spheres: M&A, GM foods, and data privacy.

The overblown rhetoric directed at the "American Empire" misses the fact that the US reach is shallow and narrow. The lonely superpower can bribe, bully, or impose its will almost anywhere in the world – but when its back is turned, its potency wanes.

The strength of the EU, conversely, is broad and deep: Once sucked into its sphere of influence, countries are changed forever.

Europe is a state of mind that cannot be contained by traditional boundaries.

NEW DAWN 2004 - To Infinity

Direct democracy

From instituting a Europe-wide flat tax to imposing a ban on Coca Cola, a petition with more than one million signatures allows Europe's citizens to make any subject of their choice or whim part of the European agenda.

Plans for a directly elected EU President are already underway.

EURO as Global Currency

Europe at 50

Once the current EU reaches stability, the next expansion needs to be plotted. Just as all of mankind's ancestors had to pass through the narrow Rift Valley in Kenya, the EU could expand through a narrow passage between Saudi Arabia and Russia to produce an Eastward probe that borders Russia, Mongolia, China, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

The EU will be at the frontline of every pressing political issue—present and future.

2015 SOUTHWARD

The southern half of the former Roman Empire returns: Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Jordan, Israel and Palestine (finally having achieved a lasting settlement thanks to the EU roadmap to peace) join.

From now on the European Union will be known as The UNION.

EUROPE AS MODEL

In 3000 years Europe has given us democracy and fascism.

In the past 50 years Europe has reinvented itself.
Today Europe has achieved democracy, prosperity, and lasting peace.
The EU's success creates a positive **contamination** beyond Europe's borders.
Through syndicated – i.e. borrowed – legislation, the EU **infiltrates** the legal systems of other nations, silently remaking the world – an end to the crusades.

Vending Machine – Passport to Europe

Passport to Europe

The Image of Europe
Nine Previous Europes,
Brussels Part of each of them.

EU" half a century of treaty signing.

[Brim Note:

At the time of this display in 2004, the EU had been entirely a product of treaties.
(The founding treaty was **The Treaty of Rome** signed in 1957. It is amazing to research some of the founding statements and the references to the Roman Empire.)
The push was on to ratify an 80,000 page constitution.
That failed due to France's voting no.
This due to French intercessors.]

2004: After 52 Years of Stealth, Europe Has A Constitution

[They did not get the constitution. But this seems to be the proposed preamble]

Conscious that Europe is a continent that has brought forth civilization; that its inhabitants, arriving in successive waves from earliest times, have gradually developed the values underlying **humanism**, equality of persons, freedom, respect for reason, Drawing inspiration from the cultural, religious and **humanist** inheritance of Europe, the values of which, still represent in its heritage, have embedded within the life of society the central role of the human person and his or her inviolable and inalienable rights and respect for law, Believing that **reunited Europe** intends to continue along the path of civilization, progress and prosperity, for the good of all its inhabitants, including the weakest and most deprived; that it wishes to remain a continent open to culture, learning and social progress; and that it wishes to deepen the democratic and transparent nature of its public life, and to strive for peace, justice, and solidarity throughout the world, Convinced that, while remaining proud of their own national identities and history, **the peoples of Europe are determined to transcend their ancient divisions**, and united ever more closely, to forge a common destiny, Convinced that, thus united in its diversity, Europe offers them the best chance of pursuing, with due regard for the rights of each individual and in awareness of their responsibilities towards future generations and the Earth, the great venture which makes of it a special area of human hope, Grateful to the members of the European Convention for having prepared this Constitution on behalf of the citizens and States of Europe, **Who, having exchanged their full powers**, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:...

Passport,

Left Page:

Under back neck

The Image of Europe

This passport is part of 'The Image of Europe',

Right Page:

In 3000 years Europe has given us democracy and fascism.

Not surprisingly, over the past fifty years it has been trying to reinvent itself.

Instead of accepting its complex history as an alibi to excuse more turmoil and tragedy, it decided to reverse history.

After WWII, visionary politicians created a new structure with new codes of behavior for the entire continent in a series of highly improvised steps and arrangements.

Because the operation was so radical, it could only take place by stealth; for the initial part of the EU's existence, its ulterior motives could never be openly stated. Because of the complexity of the operation, the treaties and blueprints that defined the new Europe were hard to communicate.

For the average European the EU now is a parallel universe that coexists – inexplicably and unexplained – with the real world, as we know it.

Too often, this double life has been perceived as negative – as if the 'blue' territory of Europe would take away our national identities; in fact the creation of a new Europe gives each of us new space to imagine ourselves.

The EU perplexes, more than it inspires...yet at 50, the EU has accomplished Schengen, the Euro, prosperity, and lasting peace. This exhibition celebrates an end to its inhibited iconography, its coming out.

From now on the EU will be bold, explicit, popular...

**The Automium
Symbol of Brussels**

Quite apart from the temporary exhibition just quoted, a gigantic permanent symbol of Brussels has stood since the World's Fair of 1958 in that city.

Interestingly enough, the gargantuan structure is an IRON crystal, magnified 165 billion times. [Hmmm! Considering iron legs, and iron teeth!]

Strict copyright laws (they sued the pastor for posting a picture) claim "worldwide intellectual property rights to all reproductions of the image"—even pictures you take yourself! Talk about control!

So, we will not show you a picture. However, you can find one on the Internet. Look it up.