

## THE MIDDLE EAST HOUSE OF CARDS

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Because the worldwide demand for oil is increasing and the supply is decreasing, it is clear that the long-term price of oil will continue to rise. Considering that the United States is the largest oil consumer in the world, this continuing price escalation should cause us serious concern. But that's not the scariest part. Iraq and Saudi Arabia combined are the largest single geographical source of oil in the world. We all know that Iraq is extremely unstable. If we pull our troops out, who knows what could happen to this supply of oil. What most people don't know is that Saudi Arabia is likely to become extremely unstable also. Saudi Arabia is a ticking time bomb. In the 1980s, Saudi was a very rich country with \$120 billion in cash reserves. Today, the reserves are less than \$20 billion. The middle class of the country has literally been wiped out financially supporting the royal family. In 1981, the average Saudi citizen had an income of over \$28,000 per year. By 2001, that income was down to \$6,800 and is still decreasing today. The oil income is going to support a huge royal family. The average Saudi prince fathers from 40 to 70 children during his lifetime. Thus, the royal family is growing at an unbelievable rate at the expense of the average citizen. Is it any wonder that al-Qaeda is becoming popular with Saudi's disintegrating middle class? Sooner or later, the house of Saudi will fall. What then? Who knows, but we can easily imagine a very, very serious interruption in the supply of oil. What if the downfall of Saudi Arabia also takes out Iraq? Or the fall of Iraq takes out Saudi Arabia? We had better tune up our bicycles!

Our country must become energy independent and that must happen soon. President Bush's plan to reduce gasoline use by 20 percent in the next ten years is too little too late. We must all act now! We must adopt every alternative form of energy possible, while conserving energy at the same time. We can move away from energy inefficient gasoline and toward more efficient diesel and biodiesel very easily. We can stop spraying used French fry oil on poor quality pet food and begin converting that oil to biodiesel. Many of our farms are quite capable of growing Canola and sunflower seeds. These seeds can easily be cold pressed and the vegetable oil converted to biodiesel. While it is a little more difficult, even waste cow fat can be rendered and converted to biodiesel.

Start reducing your family's dependence on unstable foreign energy now. You will be glad you did. Doctor Diesel is ready to help you. We have inexpensive seed presses and very easy to use biodiesel processors. Call us today.

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