Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has proposed the establishment of an Asia Pacific Union , which would pave the way for further economic and political integration in the region. He made the comments during a speech at the Asia Society Australasia Centre in Sydney last night. Rudd believes that existing organizations such as the APEC and ASEAN are not designed to promote co-operation across the entire region, and that it would take an institution with similar powers to that of the European Union to bring peace and prosperity to Southeast Asia. Rudd hopes that this Asia Pacific Union will be in place by the year 2020, and has appointed a special envoy to lobby regional leaders to support the project.

Quote: *""We need to have a vision for an Asia-Pacific community, a vision that embraces a regional institution, which spans the entire Asia-Pacific region - including the United States, Japan, China, India, Indonesia and the other states of the region," said the Prime Minister. The body would be "able to engage in the full spectrum of dialogue, co-operation and action in economic and political matters and future challenges related to security". "The purpose is to encourage the development of a genuine and comprehensive sense of community whose habitual operating principle is co-operation," Mr Rudd said. "The danger of not acting is that we run the risk of succumbing to the perception that future conflict within our region may somehow be inevitable."*

This news comes just weeks before the expected announcement of the creation of a Mediterranean Union , comprising of the twenty seven members of European Union and the sixteen Mediterranean states participating in the Barcelona Process. It also follows a recent statement made by the Gulf Co-operation Council announcing the formation of a common market, similar to the one that eventually brought about the creation of the European Union. And like the EU, the GCC is also planning to launch a single regional currency by the year 2010. And of course efforts are still underway to bring about the establishment of a North American Union . The architects of this New World Order are planning to meet in Washington D.C. tomorrow to discuss ways of accelerating the globalization process. No doubt Kevin Rudd will be getting a great big pat on the back for services rendered. The question is, why are so many political unions being set up now? We have the EU, the AU, the ASEAN, the GCC, the NAU, the MU and now the APU. There are two main obstacles preventing the establishment of global government. They are religion and nationalism. The concept of nationalism is slowly being eradicated through the setting up of these diverse political unions. One of the goals of the European Union was to bring an end to war on the continent through the creation of a new 'European identity', to which people of all countries could subscribe to. Other groups such as the

ASEAN union
are also seeking to do the same. Last year we had the establishment of the
Alliance of Civilizations
, which seeks to bridge the cultural gulf between east and west. Efforts are also being made to erode the divisions between world religions and to bring them under one central authority. This year we have witnessed the establishment of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's
Faith Foundation
, a forum aimed at promoting dialogue between the major world religions. So where is all of this heading? It seems that the world is heading towards the establishment of a single economic, political and religious authority. The Bible states that during the tribulation period, a single religious authority will be established. This religious authority will be headed by one man, whom John describes as having the appearance of a lamb but he speaks as a dragon (Revelation 13:11). In other words, he will be a wolf in sheep's clothing (Acts 20:29). He may even have a semblance of Christianity. He will perform great miracles in an effort to persuade people that he has been sent from God, even going so far as calling down fire from heaven in the sight of men (Revelation 13:13-14). As we have seen this past week, there are people who are already fulfilling this Scripture in a spiritual sense. This spiritual leader will command all people to worship another man, a political leader, who will attempt to bring about world peace through the establishment of a single political authority (Daniel 7:20, Revelation 17:12).

But there will be no peace. What the world doesn't realize is, you can't have peace without first coming to know the Prince of Peace - Jesus Christ (Isaiah 9:6). The Lord Jesus Christ said, "Without me ye can do nothing", John 15:5. Jesus Christ is the Stone that is still rejected by this world's Bilderberg (Matthew 21:42). Only when Christ has been given His rightful place as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, will it be said, "
Of the increase of [his] government and peace [there shall be] no end
", Isaiah 9:7. What about you? Do you have peace in your heart? Without Christ you can do nothing. Trust in Jesus Christ for salvation today.

Isaiah 28:16
Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner [stone], a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

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