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# THE CROSS IS STILL



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# SAYS THE MAN WHO'S BRAVING RIDICULE TO WALK THE LENGTH OF BRITAIN

hether on land or sea, Richard Caleb Champion is one of several men who are prepared to be laughed at for walking around carrying a heavy wooden cross.

Happily this huge cross is a lot lighter than the crossbeam Jesus had to carry, and it's on wheels, nor has he been whipped to within an inch of his life beforehand as Jesus was by the Roman soldiers' cruel 39 lashes.

But Richard believes the cross is still the answer to all our national and personal problems. Since 2012 he's taken it to Parliament, the Calais migrant camp and now plans to tour the UK this autumn. His mission will be printed on a new T-shirt: "Bringing hope and healing to the UK".

Certainly it's a tall order – but he's not alone; he'll be meeting other Christians along the way, praying on the streets for anyone who wants healing and praying for God to restore marriages. "I'm looking to God to do amazing things for people."

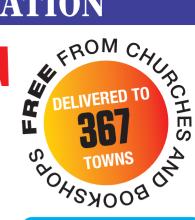
God has a plan for their lives

Where does this faith come from? Like other Christians, Richard had a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Now he's prepared to take risks and literally step out along what he believes is a path prepared for him, hoping to explain to everyone he meets that God has a plan for their

Richard is based in Crawley, West Sussex, and, like Crawley's more famous son,

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#### THE CROSS IS STILL THE ANSWER!

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Gareth Southgate, is ready to

fight for his nation.

Unlike the England football manager, though, Richard doesn't expect to endure the agony of a penalty shoot-out, because Jesus endured the agony of the Cross as the penalty for his

Jesus suffered and died because the Bible says: "The wages of sin is death."

Richard explains: "By dying and rising again, Jesus paid the price for all our sins for all eternity. So any of us can turn to God and ask for forgiveness for all the things we've done wrong and he'll be there, ready to receive us into his kingdom and welcome us to new life

"So for me it's imperative that Jesus gets what he paid for, in

terms of individuals turning to him and realising that the penal-ty has been paid."

What happened to turn a young man who had been bullied at school into a fearless cross-walker, a would-be 'Champion' for

#### In 1978 a break-up with his teenage girlfriend had left him devastated

Richard's life changed one night in 1978. He'd started fairly casually going to church after a break-up with a teenage girlfriend left him devastated, and had even joined the church youth group. One night a message had been given, telling them all that they were God's children.

"That clinched it for me; I went into the church, walked up the aisle, and knelt alone at the altar. It was 10.10pm on 16 July 1978 when I gave my life to Je-

Ever since, Richard says, the desire to "tell people about the Lord Jesus" is "immense."

#### "Even when I have to repossess people's cars, I tell them about Jesus"

He works in the motor industry and has had the unenviable job of repossessing cars when finance payments had stopped.

Richard at Notting Hill Carnival, 2019

"Even when I had to repossess peo-ple's cars, I told them about Jesus. I've prayed for the manager of a Bentley showroom, for example. You can't shut me up!

Richard also longs to see 'the great commission' become a reality; this refers to Jesus command to his dis-

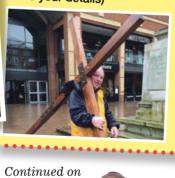
ciples to go into all the world and tell people about him and to heal the sick. On his travels he has already seen God heal people; he recalls one man's astonishment when his back pain went completely.

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#### RICHARD CALEB CHAMPION'S **ITINERARY:**

Starting on 4-6 September. he plans to visit Brighton. then London, Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield. Barnsley, Leeds, Carlisle, Sterling, Inverness and Thurso. There may be changes along the way

If you'd like to help Richard Caleb Champion practically or in prayer, or find out more about his route and can offer hospitality, email champion777@sky.com (or send your tel no/address to the HEART office if you'd like Richard to have your details)



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The Mayor of Merton, left, Pastor Richard Doe of Freelance Christian Ministries in purple sash and church members, Mitcham, 2016





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Three of England's star footballers have spaken openly of their Christian faith

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Bukayo Saka, the 19-year-old who faced the crushing disappointment of missing England's tie-breaking penalty against Italy in the Euro finals, grew up in a strong Christian family.

He told pupils at his old school: "My faith is constantly being exercised when I'm put in different situations or I play in big football matches such as my England debut." The

drew on his faith to cope with the racial abuse that followed the Euro defeat.
Saka said: "I hold onto God's promises

Saka said: "I hold onto God's promises such as the Scripture 'Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.'

"Before every game I ask God to help me play well, help my team and try to score a goal or assist a goal and he

answers my prayers so this is why
I point to the sky to thank him,"
he said.

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Raheem Sterling says he has "no doubts" that God exists

Arsenal two years ago, Saka attended Kingsborough Centre, a Pentecostal church in Uxbridge. His Instagram bio reads "God's Child".

England manager Gareth Southgate, who was seen hugging Saka after the match, referred to a greater openness toward faith among players in a 2010 interview. While Southgate is not known to be religious, a member of his coaching team, Chris Powell, is a Christian. "It gives me a great joy to

know that the Lord is around me at all times," he said.

Another England player not ashamed of his faith is Marcus Rashford, whose recent campaign against child poverty saw two government U-turns on free school meals.

Rashford, 23, was brought up as a practising Christian by his single mother Mel, who worked three jobs to provide for him and his five siblings. He told The Guardian in May: "The faith we have in God is shown by the people that we are.

"For me and my family, that's definitely the case. If you could see our lives 15 to 20 years ago to where we are now, it's impossible not to have faith in God and all he does for us."

A third team member with an awareness of God is Raheem Sterling, whose goal on 29 June helped catapult England to the quarter finals.

#### "A lot of scientists tell you that there has to be a Creator"

Sterling shares a home with his fiancée currently and has not always endeared himself to fans, but he told journalist Alistair Campbell in 2018: "[My faith is] massive to me. I always give thanks for my life, always give thanks for my family's life and I'm just really grateful for the position I'm in."

Despite the tragic murder of Sterling's father when he was just two years old, the footballer says he has "no doubts" that God exists. "I know for sure," he says. "A lot of scientists, the cleverest people in the world, tell you that there has to be a Creator. And they need answers, but you just have to sometimes accept that it's bigger than you and you have to leave it at that."

Sterling, 26, also speaks out against racial discrimination in sport, and is being recognised with an MBE for his work.

Matt Baker, who directs Sports Chaplaincy UK, told Premier Christian News that there has been "an influx... of players of faith over the last 20 years".

# Before every game I ask God to help me play well"

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# AGE OF DECEPTION

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#### WE MUST WAKE UP TO THE GOVERNMENT'S 'WEAPONISATION OF FEAR' - AND ASK A FEW QUESTIONS

illions around the world accept the Bible's great truths about Jesus Christ: his virgin birth, sinless life, death and resurrection.

The Bible also gives much detail about the return of Jesus and many Christians believe we are in the last days, because the signs Jesus gave are all around us. A key sign is the rebirth of Israel and her restoration to her ancient owners, the Jews. Jesus referred to this as the "fig tree" putting forth its leaves (Matthew 24.32)

But there is a vital aspect to Jesus' teaching of the last days, which believers ignore at their peril. It is the issue of deception.

his 'Olivet Discourse'. where Jesus most completely taught about his return, he warned of that time (our day!): "Let no one deceive you" (Matthew 24:4).

He warned of false Christs, apostles and prophets (verses 5. 11. 24). We are aware that this can be so in the Church at large, vet is that all we have to be concerned about?

The apostle Paul said of the last days that many would be-lieve "the lie" (or "what is false"), because they did not have the love of the truth in them (2 Thessalonians 2:11). Is this just confined to salvation and Christian activity? Jesus warned that even "the elect" could be deceived. That's you and me!

#### The Antichrist foretold

In a complex passage, Daniel prophesied of the Antichrist, a great world leader who would be a deceiver (Daniel 11:21, 23).

The book of Revelation makes abundantly clear that the whole world will be deceived (Revelation 12:9: 13:14).

In other words, at a national and worldwide level, there would be lies and deception in politics and world government.

We all know that politicians can and do lie. There are even iokes about it.

It is also naïve to assume that a one world government will suddenly come out of nowhere.

So it behoves us to ask the unthinkable question in these last



days: are we being politically deceived as the one world government is being prepared?

#### Many political issues are actually moral issues

committed Many sincere Christians might be uncomfortable with a subject like this, believing that we should not get involved with politics. While party politics are often divisive and unhelpful, many political issues are actually moral issues – abortion, marriage, sexuality, gambling and debt to name a few. Should the Church really not be engaging nationally in these issues?

#### Mixing truth and error

So where are we being deceived, politically, as a nation? Are there politicians who are lying to us, skilfully, with a mix of truth and error, as Satan did to Eve in the Garden (Genesis 3:1-5)?

#### Hitler was democratically elected!

Why has censorship been taking place regarding Covid-19, lockdowns and vaccines (or gene therapies, to be more accurate)?

Remember the advice we all used hear, to get a second medical opinion? The shutting down of debate over the last 15 months is deeply disturbing.

History shows that it is tyrannical regimes which have employed this tactic, as a route to gain absolute control. Lenin, Mao and Hitler did not bring in their despotic reigns overnight; Hitler was democratically elected! As philosopher George Santayana said: "Those who cannot remember the past (or, 'learn from history', in the popular paraphrase), are condemned to repeat it."

Have we really been told the truth of Covid-19? How many people do you know personally who have died of it (not just with

After all, if this is genuinely a worldwide pandemic, then we should all know quite a few. As someone quipped: "Imagine a disease so deadly, you have to be tested to see if you've got it!"

#### **Censoring experts**

Much medical "science" is not absolute, as medical professionals know well. So why have so many highly qualified medical experts been censored? How often do we check who funds the 'fact checkers' and find they in turn are funded by Big Tech or Big Pharma?

Kary Mullis was the inventor of the PCR test, for which he won a Nobel prize. He explained it was not designed to diagnose diseases, with which many doctors and researchers concur. This misuse has led to the over 90% false positives which have been driving this so-called 'pan-

Anthony Fauci in an American Congressional hearing, demonstrated that Fauci was lying about matters pertaining to Covid-19. Are these 'vaccines' really safe? If so, why have there been

a physician, in questioning Dr

reactions reported that now number in the millions? (These are recorded on official websites in the UK and USA, and other Western countries.)

#### Almighty God warned us not to trust in fallen man

Let's have the debate, and not just the assertions from one side.

Almighty God warned us, in his Word, not to trust in fallen man. As Lord Acton noted, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Why are so many, Christians included, jumping to take experimental vaccines being promoted by a man who has openly spoken of population reduction? In a TED Talk dated 20 February 2010, still available on YouTube, Bill Gates said: "If we



Dr Mike Yeadon worked for

Pfizer for 17 years, and was vice

president in charge of research

into respiratory diseases. He ob-

serves that we expect our politi-

cians to tell white lies at times,

but when they lie about medical

matters which you can check,

then there is something very se-

riously wrong.

do a really great job on new vaccines, health care, reproductive health services, we could lower that [total world population] by perhaps 10 or 15 per cent.'

Years ago a research scientist told me, personally, that many scientific papers were falsified - skewed according to the funding received. That is an extraordinary state of affairs. Yet we are told to "trust the science".

#### **Weaponising fear**

The government's advisory committee, SAGE, has a sub-committee, SPI-B – Scientific Pandemic Influenza group on Behaviour. A SPI-B report in March 2020, when the first lockdown was decreed, stated that the government should drastically increase "the perceived level of personal threat" that the virus poses, because "a substantial number of people still do not yet feel personally threatened'

That is psychological manipıılation.

#### **Decisions were made about** how to "ramp up the fear"

But it gets worse. One scientist with SPI-B admits that in March last year, the government was very worried about compliance, thinking that citizens wouldn't want to be locked down There were discussions about fear being needed to encourage compliance, and decisions were made about how to "ramp up the fear". The unnamed scientist added that "the way we have used fear is dystopian" and "ethically questionable"

Another scientist on the sub-committee admitted, "You could call the use of psychology 'mind control.' That is what we do." A colleague stated that "they had been stunned by the weaponisation of behavioural psychology, over the past year.

#### "Stunned by the weaponisation of behavioural psychology"



An aerial view of the 'Freedom March' through London on 26 June. The march was almost two miles long, according to Reform Party leader Richard Tice, who captured footage in a helicopter

#### At a national and worldwide level. there would be lies and deception in politics and world government

(Daniel 11, Revelation 12:9 and 13:14)

This is all recorded in a book by journalist Laura Dodsworth called 'A State of Fear', reported by the Daily Telegraph in May as well as other sites.

#### Creeping authoritarianism

Her book quotes another scientist warning, "We have to be very careful about the authoritarianism that is creeping in.

They added: "People could use the pandemic to grab power and drive through things that wouldn't happen otherwise.

Yet another scientist said, "Without a vaccine, psychology is your main weapon." They continued, "Psychology has had a really good epidemic actually.'

"The widespread fear morphed into a form of mass delusional psychosis" - Dr **Mark McDonald** 

Separately, psychiatrist and medical legal expert Dr Mark McDonald says, "The true public health crisis lies in the widespread fear which morphed and evolved into a form of mass delusional psychosis.'

As the Nazi propagandist

Dr Mike Yeadon warns of

In one of several videoed interviews.

former Pfizer chief scientist and vice

president for allergy and respiratory,

Dr Mike Yeadon, spoke of "the eight

Covid-19 lies" and claimed that several countries were deliberately

employing scaremongering tactics:

"The communications were done

with the guidance of people whose

professional jobs are psychological manipulators, sometimes called 'PsyOps', and used fear over any-

thing else." (It was revealed that the government had spent £1.6 billion

on communications during the cri-

sis, which included TV, newspaper

and radio advertising designed to promote fearful reactions).

"There is no possible benign interpretation of the fact that we're

all being lied to, for between 15-18

"What almost every government

told their people was an absurd set

scaremongering tactics

Joseph Goebbels said, "If you repeat a lie often enough, people will come to believe it.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the famous Russian dissident and novelist of the Soviet era, was attributed as saying,

"We know they are lying. They know they are lying.

They know that we know that they are lying.

We know that they know that we know that they are lying.

And still they continue to lie." Jesus Christ said, "I am the

#### **Truth matters, because Jesus** matters

He did not say, "I will tell you the truth," as if he could choose to lie. He is Truth personified, not only for religious matters, but in all of life. Truth matters, because



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disproven by reference to published

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ing.
"All that has been accomplished

is destruction of the economies of

many G20 countries, wrecking of

civil societies, substantial, avoida-

ble loss of life (often through depri-

vation of healthcare) and a pervad-

"Additionally, large and growing fractions of populations have been

injected with new technology, ex-

perimental gene-based vaccines.

which have been associated with

rates of death shortly afterwards

of one to two orders of magnitude

greater than any previous public health prophylactic vaccine. Every-

where they are steamrollering ap-

propriate objections to vaccination

in people who cannot benefit from this intervention, yet certainly can be harmed or even killed by them.

"We hear the imminent arrival of

"There is no other interpretation

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that the goal is control through

what will be the world's first digital

identity database."

'vaccine passports', which don't enhance public safety yet grant to the state totalitarian tyranny over

ing sense of fear, everywhere.

## "IT'S GOOD AGAINST EVIL"

#### says the top lawyer taking evidence for 'crimes against humanity'



Dr Reiner Fuellmich presents his case by video to the public

International lawyer Reiner Fuellmich says he is not a religious man, but during his year-long investigations into the 2020 virus crisis he realised the "spiritual level is increasingly important.

Dr Fuellmich defeated Deutsche Bank and VW but now believes that "all cases of fraud in German companies are meagre in comparison to the level and depth of damage that has been caused and continues to be caused to humanity by the Covid-19 regulations and this orchestrated crisis.

He says: "It turns out this is a fight of good against evil", calling those behind the crisis "monsters' for causing deaths through lack of viable treatment and banning families from seeing loved ones.

Evidence has shown him that the use of the PCR test (pushed by the WHO) has wildly inflated 'case' figures. In fact, the CDC in the US has announced the PCR test will no longer be used for Covid from 31 December.

Ignored by mainstream media, Dr Fuellmich is working with 100 lawyers internationally (not 1,000 as previously reported). Proof that the virus was man-made (and patented two decades ago) came from patents specialist Dr David Martin. He told Dr Fuellmich: "... this was an intentional bio-weaponisation of spike proteins to inject into people to get them addicted to a pan coronavirus vaccine and has nothing to do with a pathogen that was released and every study that's ever been launched to try to verify a lab leak is a red herring."

Dr Peter McCullough, America's most published renal-cardiology doctor and an infectious diseases specialist, told Dr Fuellmich that the virus and 'vaccines' are bio-weapons. Shocked by the lack of treatment available (apart from expensive and dangerous ventilators), Dr McCullough developed his own protocol to help patients, as did America's Frontline Doc-

By late July, the evidence of deaths and adverse reactions led Dr McCullough to warn urgently of "poisonous" jabs: "This is far and away the most lethal, toxic, biologic agent ever injected into a body in American history," he told interviewer Stew Peters.

He liaises with other top doctors, such as Professor Sukharit Bhakdi, who recently urged the public to decline any 'booster' shot. They and dozens more signed an open letter to the EMA (European Medicines Agency) calling for the 'vaccines' to be halted. They decried the EMA's subsequent claim that clotting cases were rare, replying: Common reactions to vaccination, including headache, nausea, blurred vision and vomiting are symptoms of CSVT (cerebral venous thrombosis), and should be assessed immediately.'

#### Unprecedented

Dr Tess Lawrie, founder of the Evidence Based Medicine Consultancy, wrote an open letter to the UK's MHRA (Medicines and Health Regulatory Authority) in June, saying that the number of adverse jab reactions was "unprecedented in the history of any medicine"

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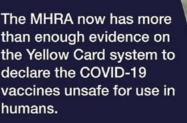
Latest figures of deaths and adverse reactions: yellowcard@ukcolumn.org, a more user-friendly source than the MHRA Dr McCullough's evidence: https://

www.bitchute.com/video/rKP61hruGxlt/ Dr David Martin giving a short interview:: https://www.bitchute.com/video/ BBITHWhUu93h/

#### **Bio-weapons**

The MHRA now has more than enough evidence on the Yellow Card system to declare the COVID-19 vaccines unsafe for use in humans.

Dr Tess Lawrie: Number of adverse jab reactions "unprecedented in the history of any medicine'



**TESS LAWRIE** 



#### **NATIONAL** NEWS by Andrew Halloway

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Covid-19 restrictions on worship were lifted in England by the UK government on 19 July, but one vicar could lose his job for breaking the previous rules.

Rev Charlie Boyle is accused by the Church of England of hugging a mourner, putting out Bibles and singing 'Thine be the glory' on Easter Sunday with no mask. He and his family could be evicted from the vicarage.

#### "It's only my faith that is keeping me going"



#### First black head of EA dies

Rev Joel Edwards, General Director of the Evangelical Alliance for 11 years, died of cancer on 30 June, aged 70.

He was the first black Pentecostal head of the EA, serving from 1997 to 2008. He was also General Secretary of the African and Caribbean Evangelical Alliance before the appointment, and after leaving was International Director of Micah Challenge, a coalition against poverty. He was also appointed a commissioner for the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

An EA statement said Rev Edwards "confidently promoted his evangelical faith and values in the public square".

The former Archbishop of York, Lord Sentamu, tweeted that Joel was "a very dear brother in Christ, and a friend" who "served



"What would Jesus do

in such a crisis?"

"During the pandemic, due to

government guidance, church-

es and their congregations

have become places of division and fear instead of the places

of prayer, refuge, worship, outreach and hope they should be.

We must all take precautions

of course, but we also have to

ask the question of what Jesus

The Christian Legal Centre

described the allegations against

would do in such a crisis?

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[Jesus Christ] "with exceeding joy and faithfulness".

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York said: "We are deeply saddened at the death of our dear friend and brother Joel. He worked tirelessly for many years with churches of all denominations to find common purpose, seek unity and encourage us all to try and learn to disagree well."

# DOWN'S SYNDROME LADY CHALLENGES ABORTION ACT







A woman with Down's syndrome, Heidi Carter, is seeking to protect disabled babies from late-term abortions.

The Abortion Act 1967 permits disabled babies to be aborted up to the time of birth – with conditions ranging from Down's syndrome to mere cleft lips.

Carter, a pro-life activist, has filed a joint challenge with Máire Lea-Wilson, who has a son with

#### Doctors repeatedly pressured her to abort

Down's, on the basis that the Act discriminates against the disabled because babies without disabilities cannot be aborted after 24 weeks. Lea-Wilson also complains that doctors repeatedly pressured her to abort her

son before he was born.

If Carter and Lea-Wilson win their High Court action, abortions of babies with disabilities will not be permitted after 24 weeks' gestation.

There was also a major prolife victory in July, when an attempt to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, right up to birth, failed in the House of Commons



London

An investigation by the BBC's complaints unit has acknowledged that the broadcaster's LGBT correspondent, Ben Hunte, wrote a biased article.

Hunte's report on a High Court ruling suspending the use of puberty-blocking drugs over-emphasised that the move could cause gender-confused young people to commit suicide. The BBC has now admitted that the article was one-sided, broke the rules on how the media should report suicide and could lead vulnerable young people to end their lives.

The article also failed to mention the "legitimate" views of those who oppose the use of puberty-blockers, and quoted an LGBT activist with no specialist knowledge of gender dysphoria and a woman who was suspended by the General Medical Council for running an unlicensed transgender clinic.

It has also been revealed that an LGBT group at the BBC has tried to vet Radio 4's Today programme on trans issues.

The Christian Institute's Ciarán Kelly said: "If journalists have agendas set for them by activists, they become campaigners and cease to be a reliable source of information."

#### POLICE, PRISONS AND NHS CAVE IN TO TRANSGENDERISM

The negative effect on women resulting from society's capitulation to transgender ideology is becoming clearer.

Firstly, women's crime statistics in England and Wales are being wrongly inflated as police place crimes by men identifying as women in the female category. The Christian Institute says at least 16 police forces now record offences according to the offender's self-declared 'gender identity' rather than biological sex.

Secondly, the High Court ruled in July that men who identify as women can be housed with female prisoners in England and Wales, despite the risk to women prisoners. Women's toilets can be used by male workers identifying as women, even if female staff object

Thirdly, an NHS Trust has decided that men who claim to be women can use ladies' changing rooms and toilets. According to the Staff Trans Equality Policy of the Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust, women's facilities can be used by male workers identifying as women, even if female staff object.

Meanwhile, in a victory for

free speech, a former tax consultant has won her appeal against an employment tribunal after she lost her job in 2019 for tweeting that people cannot change biological sex. Maya Forstater's approach was deemed "not worthy of respect in a democratic society" by the tribunal employment judge, but the appeal tribunal overturned the decision in June.

In her appeal, Ben Cooper QC said that biological sex is "real, important, immutable, and not to be conflated with gender identity", and changing one's appearance "does not change a person's sex".

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# LEARNING PAINFUL LESSONS

After millions tuned in to worship their heroes, led by the bearded 'prophet' Southgate whose words of wisdom had successfully guided his followers through the rigours of contest with foreign invaders, is our nation's football passion really only harmless fun – or bordering on blasphemous?

# WE CANNOT ALLOW July's Euro football final to pass into history without a biblical comment.

Even if you are sick of football, and all sport – there's a lot we can learn about ourselves as a nation, especially about how we face failure in a time of stress.

It was certainly not easy for the nation to accept defeat at the end of a match that began so encouragingly with a goal inside the first two minutes.

#### The chance to let off steam and forget the days of lockdown loneliness was here at last!

I have no doubt that the intensity of the football passion that had gripped the nation for so many weeks was, at least in part, a reaction to the pandemic lockdown that had kept people isolated and depressed for so many months. Here now was some good news – England was winning something – there was something to shout about. The chance to let off steam and forget the days of lockdown loneliness was here at last!

Sixty thousand people gathered in the 'people's temple' at Wembley, and 30 million turned on their TVs, to worship their heroes led by the bearded 'prophet' Southgate whose words of wisdom had successfully guided his followers through the rigours of contest with foreign invaders.

Their open top bus was led by a bunch of young men dressed as angels complete with wings, who were led by a bearded man in a long white robe

My mind flew back to the period in the early 1960s known as 'The Glory Days' in Tottenham. I was the minister of a church opposite the old town hall and the victorious Spurs team used to ride down the High Street in an open top bus, to be greeted by

the Mayor, whom I then served as chaplain. This became almost an annual event as the Spurs team won a succession of trophies.

In 1963 Spurs was the first team to win a European championship and the worship of the team broke all bounds. Their open top bus this time was led by a bunch of young men dressed as angels complete with wings, who were led by a bearded man in a long white robe. Together they carried placards such as: "HALLOWED BE THEIR NAMES" and "THEY SHALL REIGN FOR EVER".

#### I'm sure Jeremiah would not have accepted it as harmless fun!

I sent a telegram to the Home Secretary asking for them to be charged with blasphemy which caused the matter to be raised in Parliament, but it was dismissed as a piece of harmless fun by our politicians.

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"Has any nation changed its gods?" he thundered from the steps of the Temple in Jerusalem. Even pagan nations are faithful to their gods, he said: "Even though they are not gods at all, but just bits of wood and stone".

The people of Jerusalem had deserted the God of Israel who was the only true God, the Creator of the universe and turned away to worship worthless idols.

But this is just what Britain has done! It was GK Chesterton's biographer, Émile Cammaerts, who, paraphrasing Chesterton's fictional hero, Father Brown, said: "When a nation ceases to believe in God, they do not believe nothing – they believe ANYTHING!"

This is surely true of Britain. We have had the truth and we have even seen the power of God demonstrated in such miracles of national salvation as Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain – yet in a single lifetime we have rejected truth and embraced the gods of sport, entertainment, and profligacy.

I am old enough to remember the day when the whole nation turned to God in prayer, but today only a faithful remnant even believe in the God of the Bible. How could this happen in a single lifetime? It surely has to be because Bible believing Christians did not teach their faith to their children – they left it to the Sunday School, or the Church, or the day school, to do what they themselves should have done.

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We are now paying the price of formalising Christianity into institutionalised organisations run by professional clergy that bear little or no resemblance to the New Testament 'ecclesia' that were communities of believers radiating the presence of the living Christ in the lives of every member. In my book, 'The Post-Pandemic Church'. published last month, I point the way forward to the recovery of early Christianity as offering the only hope for the nation in these days when all the pillars of society are being shaken by a plague that has clearly been allowed by

God for a purpose.

The football mania that has gripped the nation reveals the godless state of the population that is hungry for good news. But we have a silent Church whose leaders have no message for the nation! Will the people of the remnant, the true ecclesia, also keep quiet and not share their faith with others?

Older Christians may not have done a good job with their children, but they have a wonderful opportunity with their grandchildren who love to hear stories from their grandparents. We all have a story to tell about faith in God and what he has done for each of us.

These are the good news stories that can transform the

nation! Bible believing Christians may be only a remnant – but God loves to use small numbers like Gideon's 300 to save a people.

This is another day in the life of the nation when 'The Few' can be used by God to save the nation from disaster. Telling our story is something that we can all do even as armchair evangelists.

Come on believers! Let's fly the flag for the Gospel in whatever time we have left!

Clifford Hill's latest book, 'The Post-Pandemic Church,' can be ordered from Issachar Ministries' office: 07759 042 315.

#### Linking the 'remnant'

Issachar Ministries is currently seeking to link up like-minded believers in small groups around the country. See the 'Prophecy Today' section in the centre of this newspaper

#### Au revoir

Due to Clifford Hill's writing commitments and the call to focus on curating his decades-long minis-try's heritage, this will probably be one of his last contributions to HEART. I am so very grateful for his faith in coming on board in the early days (2011) and taking on another commitment at an age when others may have considered retirement. His insights and status as a nationally known prophetic voice have enhanced the paper immeasurably. If you'd like to show your appreciation personally, or wish to share memories of how his ministry benefit-ed you, please contact heritage@ candmministries.org.uk or if are not on e-mail ring the office mobile 07759 042 315 where you will be redirected.

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# GARDNER'S WORLD

# THE WONDER OF JESUS! Both Arabs and Jews are discovering the land's true treasure

A plan by the Church of England to offer an act of repentance its anti-Semitism over the centuries is wonderfully welcome.

A service is being suggested for 2022 to mark the passing, 800 years ago, of humiliating anti-Jewish laws which eventually led to the expulsion of Jews from the country. (Reported in The Daily Telegraph, 12 July 2021).

This monumental move follows their 2019 document, 'God's Unfailing Word', which acknowledged the Church's role in fostering anti-Semitic feeling and couldn't be more timely as we witness an exponential rise in this shocking form of racism.

We hear much about Israel supposedly practising apartheid, but there are large swathes of their own land from which Jews are banned

And it's not just about a particular ethnic group. It's really

about Israel and the God chose who them for his special purpose. In fact, the real battle is over the truth of God's Word – for the Arabs as well as the Jews. For the Arabs realising that though the land belongs to the Jews, they are still loved

by Jesus who died for them; and for the Jews, that Jesus is their Messiah.

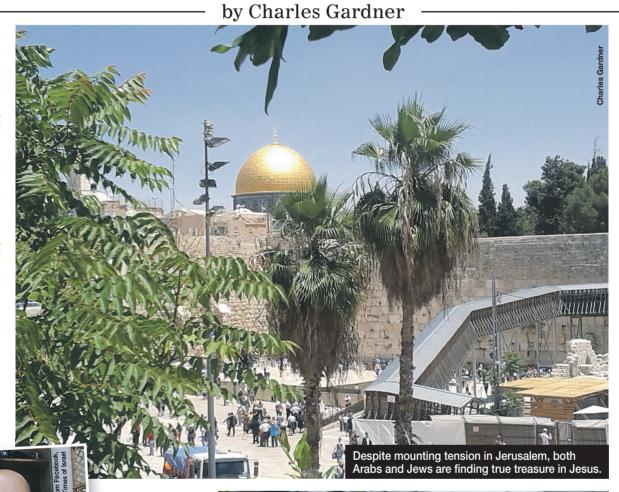
Nizar Banat, who made sarcastic

videos criticising the Palestinian Authority, has been beaten to

death by the PA's security forces

We hear much about Israel supposedly practising apartheid, but there are large swathes of their own land from which Jews are banned. However, little fuss is made about this in order to placate world opinion and at the same time keep the lid on the smouldering cauldron of Palestinian unrest

And so, though all the territory from the Mediterranean to the River Jordan belongs to the



Jewish people by biblical and his-torical right (Genesis 17:8, 15:18-21 and the 1920 San Remo Treaty), the world at large has swal-lowed the narrative that 'Palestine will be free, from the river to the sea'. Such conflicting

claims cannot be reconciled.

As David Soakell of Christian Friends of Israel put it a recent 'Watching Over Zion' report: "It's ironic how it's dangerous for Jews from Judea to enter their own land ruled by Arabs from Arabia!

They're tired of the hate and the fighting; so it's even easier to talk about love and reconciliation



And when Nizar Banat, a Palestinian human rights activist, took the Palestinian Authority to task for its corruption and bullying, he was brutally beat-en to death. Banat's family said PA security officers broke into their house in the middle of the night, pulled Banat from his bed and beat him with iron bars on 24 June, according to 'Deutsche Welle'

"They hit him on his head with iron bars, which they had Nizar Banat, an outspoken critic of the Palestinian Authority, during a rally protesting his death in the West Bank city of Ramallah in June. Protesters called for an end to President Abbas's extended

used to open the windows," said Banat's cousin Hussein. "They beat him continuously for eight minutes." Mahmoud Abbas is now in the sixteenth year of his onciliation.'

The "central expectation" of all Israelis "from me, from all of us, is to lower the tone, to lower the flames, to calm things down." From President Herzog's inauguration speech



Israel's new President, Isaac Herzog, said at his inauguration on 7 July that Israelis expect things to "calm down" after the May conflict. As well as Hamas firing rockets at Israel's civilian centres, there was a worrying new development of Arab Israelis rioting, which provoked retaliation from some Jewish Israelis, causing great tension between neighbours who had previously lived peacefully side

four-year term as President of the Palestinian Authority. Famously corrupt, he has managed while in office to amass, with his two sons Yasser and Tareq, a fortune of \$400 million, accord-ing to Robert Spencer of Jihad Watch.

#### Their seeking started after having a vision of Jesus

Yet it is Israel, a bastion of democracy in the region, that comes under fire over injustices.

But amidst so much conflict, there is something really wonderful happening. Ān ex-Muslim follower of Jesus, who has been working among Gazans coming to Jerusalem for medical treatment in the wake of the recent war, says: "They're tired of the hate and the fighting; so it's even easier to talk about love and rec-

Several have become believers and one man was miraculously healed of cancer. This man, who must be anonymous for his own protection, adds: "If only more people would preach the Gospel, many more Muslims would come to Jesus!

A great number of Jews have also come to discover Jesus as their Messiah, and now contend that they are more Jewish than ever. For some, their seeking started after having a vision of

There is a growing recognition, even among Jewish scholars, that Jesus was an authentic rabbi and that the New Testament is a document which can tell them a great deal about first century Judaism.

Israeli scholar Pinchas Lapide of Bar-Ilan University has been quoted as saying that "Jesus was more loyal to the Torah (the books of Moses) than I am as an Orthodox Jew". Mr Lapide has published 187 books, articles, essays and poems about Jesus in relation to Judaism. (Quoted here from 'Who is the Jewish Messiah? in 'Guidelines for Living' with Harold Sala, 4 June 2021).
Dr David Flusser, when pro-

fessor of religious history at Hebrew University, said: "I do not think that many Jews would object if the Messiah - when he

came – was the Jew, Jesus."
And he adds: "It has been my experience that most Jewish friends have never really gone to the pages of the New Testament to discover what its Jewish authors really had to say." (Also quoted from 'Who is the Jewish Messiah?').

Personally, I keep in touch with Messianic Jews near Jerusalem who spend their days sharing the wonderful truth of their Messiah, often hosting groups of eager seekers hanging on their every word. The lady of the house was recently interviewed at length by a TV station. When she told the interviewer that if he wanted to know the truth, he could ask for a sign, she had no sooner said it. than sirens suddenly started to sound as Hamas rockets were fired in their direction. "We ran for cover," she related, "and he looked at me and asked: 'Was this a sign?

Yes, the professor is right in saying that the returning Jesus may be welcomed by the Jew-ish community. Our Lord said so himself after weeping over Jerusalem's rejection of him, saying: "You will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'." (Matthew 23:39)

Come, Lord Jesus!

#### SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL **WANES UNDER WOKE** TIDAL WAVE

Future backing of Israel, particularly from America, is in danger of sinking under a woke tidal wave that is increasingly influencing evangelicals who, until now, have been the mainstay support for the Jewish

In fact, according to Tsvi Sadan of Israel Today, progres-

sive Jews are at the forefront of the woke revolution now sweeping America – and the wokerati loathe Israel with a passion.

This is borne out by the statistics showing that 77% of American Jews voted for Joe Biden. and just 21% for Donald Trump, whose pro-Israel credentials are undeniable.

So while Christian support is commendable, evangelicals are still a minority in the United States - and becoming increasingly woke - which means that if US support depends entirely on them. Israel has a problem.

#### **SAUDI JOURNALIST BLASTS 'SICK' PALESTINIANS**

Saudi journalist Dr Amal Al-Hazzani has compared the Palestinians to a sick family member who gets so much help he is incapable of taking care of himself.

In blasting the Palestinian leadership for not showing more appreciation for Saudi support, she noted that Israel entered the recent conflict in response to Hamas rockets, saying: "We must recognise who was in the wrong. We should not be blinded by our hatred toward Israel.'

#### **ALARM AS TURKEY COSIES UP TO POPE**

In a move that has set off alarm bells, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has urged Pope Francis to join him in coming against Israel.



Turkish delight: new Israeli president Herzog took a call from Turkish president Erdogan

Erdogan apparently fancies himself as leader of the Sunni Muslim world, and sees the Pope as head of Christianity. In his eyes, they must come together to lead the rest of the world in confronting the Jewish menace'

"All of humanity should be united against Israel," Erdogan told the Pope over the phone in a tone with worrying echoes of Zechariah 12:3 (speaking of a time when all the nations will be gathered against Jerusalem).

However, Feed Israel reported that by mid-July President Erdogan had called new Israeli President Isaac Herzog to congratulate him on taking office. According to transcripts of the call, Erdogan told Herzog Turkish-Israeli relations were important for regional stability. In addition to opening diplomatic channels with Israel, Turkey is working to repair frayed ties with the other major Sunni states, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

#### **SUPERSTAR'S CYCLING BOOST**

Cycling superstar Chris Froome has signed up with an Israeli

The four-time Tour de France winner has joined Team Israel Start-Up Nation, and has made it clear that he is in for the long haul. "This is very much a longterm commitment for me," said. "I have committed to the end of my career. I'm in to give everything I can to help the team in every way possible as well as improve myself and get back to the top."

#### Beauty on 'Nazi' threat

An Iraqi beauty queen has compared radical Islam's anti-Semitism with Nazi Germany. Former Miss Iraq, Sarah Idan, says there is a 'crazy' amount of anti-Semitism in radical Islam, "exactly like the Nazi movement," and that they threaten not only Jews and Israel, but also the US and the entire Western world.

#### **Ticking anti-Semitism**

Anti-Semitic content on the social media platform TikTok has spiked by over 900 per cent on the heels of May's Israel-Hamas clash, according to research.

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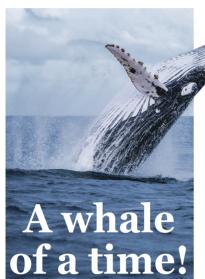
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# Videos removed

The BBC has removed a series of controversial videos about Israel and the Palestinians from its website following a complaint from UK Lawyers for Israel. The group described the videos, aimed at schoolchildren, as "unbalanced and partisan"

Meanwhile at least 25 teachers from a Jewish school in London have quit their trade union to protest its call for participation in pro-Palestinian rallies.

The NEU (National Education Union, the amalgamation of the moderate ATL and more radical NUT) is affiliated to Palestine Solidarity. ATL members, often from independent schools, found that their membership of the larger union included the NUT's favoured political causes.



Atheists like to question the story of Jonah being swallowed by a big fish, but a diver off the coast of Massachusetts has had a similar experience - and survived to tell the tale.

Michael Packard was hunting lobster when he felt himself suddenly trapped inside the mouth

of a humpback whale, and ended up having a frightful fight within the insides of the mammal.

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'I could sense I was moving, and I could feel the whale squeezing with the muscles in his mouth," he told the Cape Cod Times. "I was completely inside; it was completely black. I thought to myself, 'There's no way I'm getting out of here. I'm done. I'm dead'

#### Gideon's pottery

An inscribed piece of pottery from the time of the biblical judges has been uncovered by archaeologists excavating in southern Israel. At over 3,000 vears old, the extremely rare find bears the name Jerubbaal, lesser-used name of Gideon, best known for routing a Midianite army with just 300

men. Schoolbooks which contain incitement of hatred, martyrdom and violence towards Israelis

are still part of the Palestinian

Authority's curriculum.

Following a recent expose in the Daily Mail, which laid bare their disturbing content, the matter was debated in Parliament's Westminster Hall in late June, with 20 Conservative MPs in attendance

Leading the debate, Stoke-On-Trent North MP Jonathan Gullis held up a Palestinian textbook and also revealed that at least 31 Palestinian schools are named after terrorists, with five named after Dalal Mughrabi, perpetrator of the 1978 Coastal Road Massacre in which 38 Israelis were murdered, including 13

children, in a bus.

The UK has provided £330m to UNRWA (The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees) over the past five years, according to



Flocks of drones were used to save lives in the Gaza conflict

#### **Gaza conflict** was world's first Al war

The recent Gaza military campaign was dubbed the world's 'first AI war" by the Israeli military. Israel's Defence Forces reportedly deployed flocks of artificial-intelligence guided drones to spot and neutralise rocket launchers used by Hamas during the 11-day Gaza conflict in May. Hamas and Islamic Jihad conceal rocket launchers

Conservative Friends of Israel.

Bible teacher Amir Tsarfa-ti wrote in June: "It is hard to imagine how peace will ever come between Israel and the Palestinians. While Israel has held forth overture after overture, the Palestinian Authority and Hamas have refused every offer. Instead, what we find taking place in Gaza is a camp called 'Pioneers of Liberation', where children and teens are trained in handling weapons and attacking Israeli police. This is their way of ensuring that their hate will be generational"

However, some children do learn that God has a better plan for them through annual summer camps run by Christians. Maoz Israel, a ministry that began in 1976, reported that its partners in the Palestinian controlled territories had started this year's camps in June, including visits to orphanages. in schools, hospitals and private homes, in breach of international law, so AI was needed to interpret the masses of data from aerial surveillance in order to more efficiently locate and neutralise the rocket launchers while sparing civilians.

During the conflict, the Gazabased terrorist organisations Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad launched more than 4,300 rockets and mortar shells into the Jewish state, killing several Israelis and injuring hundreds.

#### **DEFIANT OVER DISMISSAL**

A Palestinian journalist fired by the BBC in June for posting an anti-Semitic tweet in 2014 (before she began working for the BBC) that included the words, "Hitler was right", has issued a defiant statement accusing her former employer of "capitulating" to the "whim of a pro-Israel mob".

#### Other recent articles

by Charles Gardner can be found at www.heartpublications. co.uk: The lesson of Entebbe; A wicked world of woke; Bojo's Bible belief; Terrorist goes free; Covid horror; Lawless lies

Charles is also editor-in-chief of the free weekly online magazine Prophecy Today at www. prophecytoday.uk, as well as a regular contributor to Israel Today at www.israeltoday.co.il

His latest book, 'King of the Jews', is available from Christian Publications International or Eden Books. He is also author of 'A Nation Reborn' (CPI), 'Israel the Chosen' (Amazon) and 'Peace in Jerusalem' (olivepresspublisher. com and Eden).

#### Fighting for children's futures



Children at a summer camp organised by Christians in a Palestinian-controlled area in 2019; this year's events cannot be shown for security reasons

#### THE CROSS IS STILL THE ANSWER!



William Porter of Beacon House of Prayer, Stoke on Trent, has also been taking a cross across 51 cities throughout July, after sensing that God wanted prayer walking to happen in every city in England.

"As the pandemic was ending, I felt a burden to walk with this cross through the city centres and pray with local Christians for God's strength, blessing and glory".

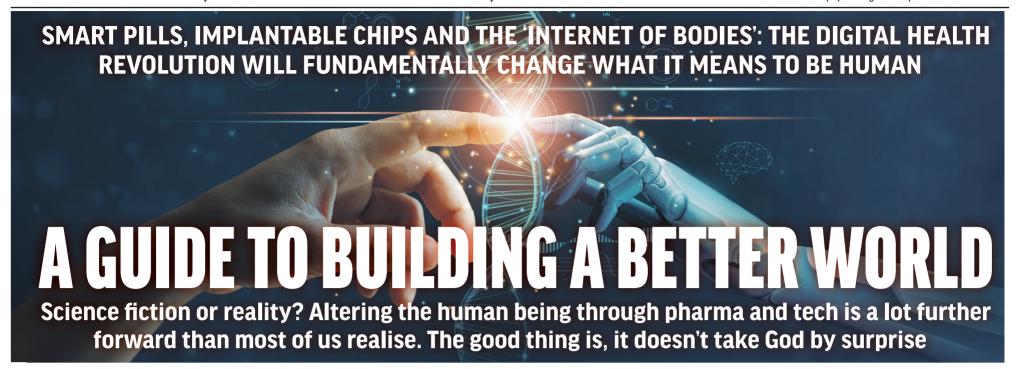
Kent-based evangelist Dave Workman runs Open Air Campaigners. He goes to local markets weekly and also Hyde Park Corner once a month (where he distributes this paper). He also holds regular, informal evangelism training via Zoom.

Dave Workman says: "The New World Order 'chaos to control' is happening fast - speeding up the eventually global cashless/contactless/cardless digital payment system of Revelation 13:18. The Lord is near!'

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Through Faith Missions also invites volunteers to join their walks of faith, going from town to town and finding accommodation in local churches. https://www.throughfaithmissions.org



In October 2020. Pastor Keith Malcomson felt prompted to warn Christians about the agenda behind the World Economic Forum's 'Great Reset' of the global economy. His online videos quickly went viral. Here, he sounds the alarm about their goal of merging man with machine

Imagine being permanently connected to the internet, which transmits daily Artificial Intelligence (AI) input on your mental and physical condition. You are also taking legalised medical pills called 'nootropics' to enhance your alertness.

This isn't science fiction; it comes from a 2018 book by a man who is taken very seriously by governments.

The book is called 'Shaping the Future of the Fourth Industrial Revolution: A Guide to Building a Better World', by World Economic Forum (WEF) founder Klaus Schwab. In it, he depicts what the average person will look like in the year 2030.

One section in the book is titled, 'Altering the human being'. Three chapters cover biotechnologies, neurotechnologies and virtual realities.

Reading this book helps us begin to see that the crisis of the past year, the present use of the new mRNA vaccination, the use of intelligent medicine, and the push to vaccinate an entire generation is part of a larger plan.

Here is an extract from chap-

It's 2030 and you're sitting in front of a screen when a pop-up grabs your attention.

"Your concentration levels are

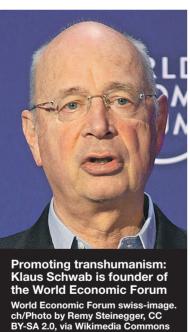
low," it announces. You realise you've been staring blankly at the screen for the last few minutes. Stifling a yawn, you click a link to analyse the recent readouts from a system monitoring your brainwaves and assessing your real-time mental state.

It recommends you sleep, but you still have hours of work to complete. Just one more nootropic pill perhaps, to push through to

Friends are starting to say that over-reliance on chemical enhancers is harmful, but you are constantly being monitored for signs of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. No problems yet.

Schwab is an initiator of the

'Great Reset', launched in June 2020 by Prince Charles. He is also a major promoter of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) which is impacting many nations including the UK, the US and New Zealand.



For the WEF, 'smart medicine' is central to their vision of the post-Covid new normal, and to their worldwide goal to "Build back better.

#### This new technology will alter the building blocks of life itself

In his 2016 book, 'The Fourth Industrial Revolution', Schwab defined the 4IR in the following terms: "It is characterised by a fusion of technologies that is blurring the lines between the physical, digital and biological spheres... Biotechnologies will change the future, and... challenge our understanding of what it means to be human.

#### Manipulating the body

Biotechnologies are defined as "technology that alters biological systems". This includes manipulating DNA, genome modification, designer babies and changing the human germ line. Schwab and others openly confess that this new technology will intervene in human biology and alter the very building blocks of life itself.

A vital impact of introducing this technology will be to change the entire healthcare system within each nation; 'precision medicine' (PM) will pass information between bodies and computers for tailor-made medical treatment. They want the Internet of Bodies (IoB) to monitor bodies constantly, collect health metrics and other personal information and transmit this data over the internet back to care teams, who will then apply digital medicine.

A June 2020 article on the WEF website describes this agenda as "collecting our physical data via devices that can be implanted, swallowed or simply worn, generating huge amounts of health-related information".1

The article gives the example of digital pills which "contain tiny, ingestible sensors, as well as medicine. Once swallowed, the sensor is activated in the patient's stomach and transmits data to their smartphone or oth-

er devices."

A WEF briefing paper says: "With an unprecedented number of sensors attached to, implanted within or ingested into human bodies to monitor, analyse and even modify human bodies and behaviour, immediate actions are needed to address the ethical and legal considerations that come with the IoB."2

The WEF repeatedly states that this new technology will be vital in fighting the coronavirus pandemic and will demand a whole new set of international legislation to govern it.

#### Altering the brain

"The category of 'neurotechnologies' describes a wide set of approaches that provide powerful insights into the workings of the human brain, allowing us to extract information, expand our

senses, alter behaviours and interact with the world," explains Schwab. "This may sound like science fiction, but it is not. Neuroscience is slowly leaving the medical and scientific labs to penetrate our daily lives.

This new science of the brain includes the use of drugs and technology to alter the chemistry of the brain or its normal function, such as nootropic pills. The word 'nootropic' means to turn,



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bend or shape the mind. These new smart drugs are used to heighten concentration, sharpen attention and improve memory and creative ability. The great titans of Silicon Valley are already driven in their inspiration by

#### "The ability to access a person's innermost thoughts and influence his or her thinking"

Added to these mind-bending drugs is the creation of new, brain-enhancing technologies. Schwab defines them as either unobtrusive, operating outside the body, or intrusive, operating inside the brain. This technology is "the ability to access a person's innermost thoughts and influence his or her thinking'

The 2020s are the era when such moves towards transhumanism will be accomplished, according to Schwab: "Influencing the brain in more precise ways could change our sense of self,

redefine what it means to have experiences and fundamentally alter what constitutes reality... brain science encourages a huge step for humans beyond natural evolution.'

He gives just one example of how such intrusions into privacy will be accepted: "trading privacy of brain to type on social media through thought alone"

#### "We need to reconsider longheld assumptions and values like free will and the role of reason in human behaviour"

There are serious implications for individual autonomy. A 2018 WEF article stated: "It is clear by now that brain research has the potential to radically transform how humanity defines itself, for good and for bad. For example we need to reconsider long-held assumptions and values like free will and the role of reason in human behaviour."3

#### The computer brain-chip is their holy grail

The 'BRAIN Initiative', an ambitious project to map the entire brain in order to create a 'Brain 2.0' connected to computers. was publicly announced in 2013 as a joint initiative between the US and EU. Since then, seven large-scale regional brain proiects have converged to form the International Brain Institute which holds annual summits with this goal in view. The computer brain-chip is their holy grail.

#### **Virtual realities**

But the greatest transformation of the 4IR, according to Schwab, will be three new forms of technology-based reality.

The first is Virtual Reality, "a rich, multisensorial, three-dimensional, 360-degree computer-simulated environment... with which we can interact... A person experiences realistic images, sounds, and other sensations that replicate a known environment

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or create an imaginary one."

Basically, it shuts out the real physical world, replaces it with a simulated one and tricks your brain into thinking this is reality.

The second, Augmented Reality, "enhances users' perception of reality" by adding technical information to enhance our daily lives - such as Google glasses which allow users to search the internet.



The third is Mixed Reality. which brings virtual things right into the real world so that you experience two distinct realities at the same time - such as using a phone app to visualise a new sofa in your home before buying it.

When these three are merged they create Extended Reality: the blending of virtual and real worlds that blur the lines between realities, creating a brand new 'reality'.

Schwab envisages that you will no longer interact with these technologies on a screen but control them internally in your own brain. In this environment all your responses would be tracked and recorded as you interact with a personal, digital avatar that would guide you through the affairs of life.

In the words of the WEF, "The future is virtual.'

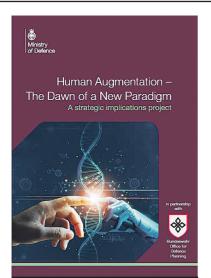
On page 183, Schwab quotes from another author: "To play God, to create whole worlds, whole universes atom by atom, pixel by pixel, they dreamed of building worlds in which one can live... creative, immersive experiences of almost supernatural proportions.

#### **Human augmentation**

These ideas cannot be written off as a conspiracy theory; they are being promoted by the British government. I want to place in your hands some solid evidence which you can check for vourself.

In the most significant change in military thought for generations, the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) launched its 'Integrated Operating Concept (IOC) 2025' in September 2020. The following month, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced a £24.1 billion increase in defence spending over the next four years, but a reduction in the size of the British Army. This signalled a significant shift towards

cyber technologies. In May 2021 the MOD released a new document which you can



Birth of the super soldier: The MOD's new project with the German military

download from the UK government website entitled, 'Human Augmentation – The Dawn of a New Paradigm'. The 106-page document was compiled in partnership with the German, Swedish and Finnish defence forces. It lays out very clearly radical changes in the British military, and society in general, that will happen within the next 30 years.

It contains everything I have already stated, but in a far more explicit fashion. They say that released a similar document called 'Exploring Biodigital Convergence' in May.

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The MOD document states: "Brain interfaces mixed with augmented and virtual reality could dramatically enhance our experiences and our ability to express ourselves. New concepts of intelligence and higher levels of creativity could emerge by connecting brains with other brains/or computers.

A picture shows the evolution of man from a monkey, to a man with a mobile phone in his hand, and finally to a man with a brain chip connected to the internet. Another picture shows men with computer chips on the back of their hands.

#### Top of the list is vaccines. which will lead to genetic modification of the body and of the germline

The four key augmentation technologies presented are: genetic engineering (dubbed "omnipotent technologies"), bioinformatics, brain interfaces and pharmaceuticals. On page 41 they present a diagram depicting the timescale of where each technology will ultimately lead.

diseases will lead to a global acceptance of augmentation.

They acknowledge the ethical problems associated with these plans and note that in at least 40 countries these activities are presently illegal, but say that a change of law often changes

#### "Human augmentation may challenge or offend religious views and give credence to transhumanism"

It is obvious where this is leading: "Human augmentation may challenge or offend religious views and appear to give credence to other belief systems, such as transhumanism.'

they helieve Nonetheless. that this merging of brain with technology is urgent: "Defence cannot wait for ethics to change before exploiting human augmentation".

#### **Bible prophecy fulfilled**

This is a search to become immortal by conquering death and

#### "In the 2030s nanobots in our brains will make us godlike"

In 2015, Google's director of engineering, Ray Kurzweil, said: 'In the 2030s nanobots in our brains will make us godlike.

Meanwhile, Elon Musk has been working on Neuralink, and now wants to combine the human brain with technology to make us greater than computers them-

In this final generation, Satan is coming to offer a super-intelligence to make mankind like gods. This has gone on since the garden of Eden. Do you know what the serpent offered Eve? It was a new form of intelligence: "You will be like God" (Genesis

Eve looked and saw that the fruit was "desirable to make one wise". That word "wise" means to be intelligent, expert and prosperous.

But the apostle Paul said that Eve's mind was "corrupted" meaning to be shrivelled and destroyed.

Do you know that the Bible accurately predicts that at the very end of the age, a joint political, economic, military and religious system will suddenly arise and gain control over the nations through the use of remarkable technology and pharmaceuti-

#### The Bible predicts that a political and religious system will gain control over the nations using technology and pharmaceuticals

In the book of Revelation, we are told that this system will institute control over men and women by coercing them, under great pressure and threat, to take



a mark on their forehead and right hand, without which they will not be able to buy or sell. But it also says of this system, "by your sorcery all the nations were

deceived" (Revelation 18:23).
'Sorcery' is the Greek word
'pharmakeía', which was used to describe drugs or drug-related sorcery. Here it is prophesied that this last political system will use pharmaceuticals to deceive nations and gain control by marking men with a technology that would put them beyond the point of salvation.

This is a very desperate and urgent hour. Since doing my You-Tube videos on the Great Reset, I've received numerous emails from new Christians, many saved out of the New Age during the past year or so.

Have you repented of your sins? Have you put faith in Christ's finished work on the Cross? Have you received the indwelling Holy Spirit through the new birth?

If so, then there is One indwelling you who is divine, all-knowing and all-powerful who will guide you and keep you until Jesus comes again.

If you are challenged by this article, you can give your life to Jesus by praying the prayer on p2; also do con-



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Videos of the 'Navigating the Pandemic Fog' conference, at which Keith spoke, as well as author Graham Bridger on the financial system and Dr Henry Reitzug on vaccines can be accessed free via www.christianstogether.net

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"An unprecedented opportunity to change humanity... Defence cannot wait for ethics to change before exploiting human augmentation"



"human augmentation is the missing part of the puzzle" and an "unprecedented opportunity to change humanity"

Interestingly, Policy Horizons Canada, a federal government organisation that helps develop future-oriented programs, also

Top of the list is vaccines, which will lead to genetic modification of the body and of the germline (changes to the sperm and eggs that pass on permanent changes to the next generation). They also depict one scenario where a universal vaccine for all

# "Occultic activities gave me nightmares. Then I found Jesus" – says former UFO fanatic

In previous issues we featured actress Marianne Gaston, who was miraculously healed of Lyme Disease. Now read the story of her faithful husband, Leslie, who nursed her for ten years and has his own story of a mighty deliverance from the forces of evil

AN OCCULTIC CALL to the dead by a clairvoyant alarmed Leslie Gaston so much that he found himself praying silently to God in response.

It was a pivotal moment after years of spiritual searching. Leslie grew up near Hull in the 1950s. His father, an optician, and his mother were both "lapsed churchgoers". Describing himself as a "quiet and reserved child" who was a "deep thinker", Leslie was worried about the future of the human race. A Polish refugee camp near his school made him even more aware of "man's inhumanity to man".

He believed in God but a chance sighting of a UFO, when he was in his early teens, became an obsession. A significant spiritual awakening happened later, when Leslie was working as an aircraft engineer in Saudi Arabia: "I went outside late one evening, looked up at the sky and the stars and felt the presence of God as Creator of the universe." Even so, Leslie had still not found Jesus.

"I suffered nightmares but didn't connect these with my occult studies"

When he emigrated to New Zealand in 1974, his quest for truth saw him look into different beliefs such as Sufism and Rosicrucianism. Enthralled by the supernatural, he also investigated comparative religions, especially those promoting beliefs in reincarnation and karma. "During this time I suffered nightmares but didn't connect these with my stud-

ies," he says.
"The turning point came when I went into a new book shop in town, which unbeknown to me was a Christian bookshop. When I realised this I said to myself, 'This isn't for me,' and avoided the welcoming smile

of the owner.

Bible teacher

"As I turned to leave, I saw a book with a UFO on the front cover, entitled 'The Cosmic Conspiracy' by Stan Deyo. After a brief look at the contents I knew I had to purchase it.

Today Leslie Gaston is a

'Reading it challenged many things that I had taken on board over the years regarding UFOs and the future destiny of mankind. After reading it several times I became convinced it contained some essential truths which I would refer back to as I continued on my spiritual journey.'

Leslie moved to Auckland but then began attending meetings of the Theosophical Society, a movement which draws on Eastern and occult ideas. "I attended meetings regularly but did not fully accept nor study the teachings of the founders.

He also became a committee member at a spiritualist 'church', the Church of Spiritual Awareness. Meetings involved mediums claiming to communicate with the dead - a practice that the Bible clearly warns against (Deuteronomy

One of these gatherings with a clairvoyant seriously disturbed Leslie. "I felt a revelation of

Leslie getting baptised; his nightmares stopped after giving his life to Christ dark forces at work. Thanks to the influence of the book 'The Cosmic Conspiracy', my thoughts turned to Jesus and I prayed for a breakthrough and revelation of truth at this time of great confusion for me.

<sup>•</sup>I had no concept of having a personal relationship with God but did believe in the God of the Bible. That evening I was strongly convicted that these [occult] activities were not pleasing to him. Hence at the end of the meeting I left, never to return."

Then Leslie was invited to a men's dinner with Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International. After meal, and hearing the Gospel message, he decided the time had come to invite Jesus Christ into his life.

"Following the meal, songs of praise and the message, I felt a strong conviction that Jesus had answered my prayers and revealed himself as the way, the truth and the life. Stuart [my friend] asked me my feelings about the evening and I replied I was ready to accept Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. He called over the president and together they led me through the sinner's prayer."

Leslie also repented of his involvement in occult activities and burnt his collection of Continued on page 14



Free to fly: these days Leslie's interest in flying objects finds its outlet in piloting a shared plane

# CREATION CORNER



#### by Geoff Chapman

One of evolution's persistent myths is the concept of "vestigial organs.

Charles Darwin claimed that our bodies contained what he called "rudimentary organs", which meant that "man still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin."

It was once believed that our bodies contained around 180 of these relics from our supposed evolutionary past. These included our appendix, third eye-lid, tonsils and coccyx. This myth dies hard. Discover magazine claimed in June 2004: "Our bodies

Liver

Gallbladder

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intestine

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Were you told that your appendix wasn't necessary and your coccyx was the remains of a tail? Scientists have discovered that the appendix helps children fight infection, while your coccyx has two important functions - more proof of a brilliant and economical Creator

are littered with parts we don't need.'

Atheistic scientists argue that this proves we weren't created, since a wise Creator wouldn't give us useless organs. However, advances in medical knowledge have reduced the list of vestigial organs, proving that such claims were evidence of our own ignorance of the wonderful workings of the body.

For example, our appendix is far from useless. Sometimes, in cases of appendicitis, it becomes infected, and has to be surgically removed. Since we can live quite happily without it, it has been claimed that it's of no use to us.

However, scientists have discovered that the appendix is part of the body's lymphatic system, useful in helping the body fight infection, particularly in early childhood. According to US surgeon Bill Parker, "Far from useless, the organ is actually a storehouse of beneficial bacteria that help us digest food." (National Geographic.com, 3 July 2009)

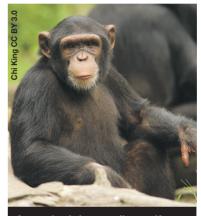
Another so-called vestigial organ is our "tailbone" — actually the coccyx — at the base of our spine, which some claim is a remnant of a tail our ancestors once had. However, our coccyx is not useless, but an important part of our pelvis, part of a three-part support for when we sit down, providing balance and stability. It is also the connecting point for many pelvic floor mus-

Although monkeys have tails, apes, including chimps — our supposed close relatives — don't. Why would they lose their tails if

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their ancestors had them?

There are many body parts we can live without, eg an arm or a leg, but no one would argue they are useless! 2,500 years ago, the Psalmist



Apes don't have tails, so if we were descended from apes, the coccyx cannot be the remains of a tail

without the knowledge we now have — viewed his body as the work of a Creator: praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.' (Psalm 139:14).

What evolutionists really need are nascent organs — structures on the way to becoming useful — but they are conspicuous by their absence

Even if some organs did lose their function, it wouldn't really help evolution. What evolutionists really need are nascent organs — structures on the way to becoming useful - but they are conspicuous by their absence.

Evolutionists may expect continuous improvement, but we live in a "fallen world" which bears little comparison to the original Creation that God declared "very good." (Genesis 1:31). The Creation model allows for the deterioration of a perfect Creation because the world has been spoilt by human sin.

However, those who put their faith in Jesus Christ are promised new bodies with no limitations or defects. (Philippians 3:20-21).

**Notes:** 

'Flaws in the Theory of Evolution', 1961, pp 56-57



evolutionary humanism.

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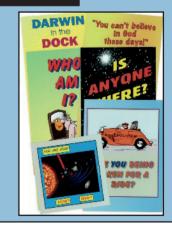
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occult books and tarot cards when he went home. "This was an extremely spiritually liberating experience," he says.
"From this point on I no longer suffered from nightmares. I knew then that by the grace of God and the power of prayer, all bondages to those forces of darkness were behind me.'

Leslie enjoyed meeting other Christians and grew in faith at the North Shore Faith Centre in Auckland, a Charismatic church where he 'received'

the Holy Spirit, as spoken of in the book of Acts. He was also baptised in water and felt that God asked him to start prison ministry. For the next seven years, he helped inmates at Auckland Maximum Security Prison and saw men come to faith in Jesus.

Leslie met his wife Marianne, an actress, in November 1986 via a church singles' group. An afternoon tea turned into two hours of non-stop talking and only two weeks after meeting, during Leslie's next

communion service, he felt the Lord say that he should propose to Marianne.

#### He saw prison inmates come to faith

Happily Marianne responded with a "yes" and they were married on 18 July 1987.

With all their family in the UK, their church family assisted with the wedding. An actor friend gave Marianne away. Her flatmate, a former principal dancer with the New Zealand Ballet Company, made the cake. Marianne's dress was made by the wardrobe mistress of a theatre company and the event was filmed by a TV cameraman friend.

The couple returned to the UK in 1990 and settled Gloucestershire. ordeal followed when Marianne became confined to a wheelchair with Lyme Disease in 1997. She was miraculously healed ten years later, thanks

prayer from a visiting Pakistani bishop (see HEART April/May 2020 and Feb/Mar

Leslie is now busy studying and leading groups looking at Bible prophecy. His obsession with UFOs has gone, but he enjoys flying and has a share in a small plane. He is inspired by 2 John 1:9: "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.'

#### NUSUAL FORMATIONS IN VACCINATED BLOOP

When a Harley Street doctor's patients started complaining about chronic fatigue, dizziness, memory issues, even sometimes paralysis and late onset of heavy menstruation (women in their 60s upwards), he took blood samples.

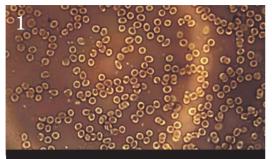
What he found astonished him.

Their blood had unusual tube-like structures, some particles which lit up and many damaged cells. Few healthy cells were visible. Until three months earlier, he had never seen these formations in blood.

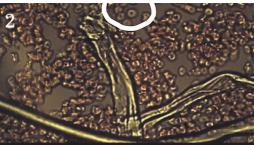
A highly qualified bio-medical specialist in private practice, Dr Philippe van Welbergen said: "These strands or tubes appear to be hollow – it's really



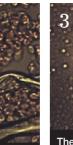
At a medical conference in The Netherlands, he found similar blood was being discussed; some blood samples even showed blue and red cells, which are not organic matter. "Linking the dots,



Healthy blood shows cells able to move around separately; they have good motility and will not cause thrombosis



The few healthy cells are circled. The rest are cracked and fractured: "They're finished. These 'tubes' are a new phenomenon.. We're seeing it again and again



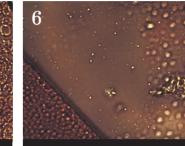
These one or two structures encapsulate very large bright spots. "The rest of the blood cells outside the structure are clumped together – they are not functional – there should be space between them with healthy cell walls"



Bright cells or particles: "There are things which can look like this – macrophages – but these aren't. Those white dots actually light up – they're reported as a vaccine-related oddity. In some slides you see what will be a thrombosis"



Some cells are 'smashed up', while those which look like bottle tops are 'burr' cells, seen in renal and liver disease and anaemia



Clumping cells and debris which healthy cells would have removed (the mouse shape near the centre)

we found they had all had the Covid 'vaccine'.

He and his wife, who works with him, hope a lab with very sophisticated equipment will examine this phenomenon. "Insurance companies won't cover vaccine damage because it's an experimental treatment."

Dr van Welbergen told HEART he has no interest in publicity or his findings went viral after he forwarded them to colleagues in Australia. The information here comes from a two and a half hour interview with Dr Welbergen dated 1 July with a Christian station in South Africa: https://lovinglifetv.com/

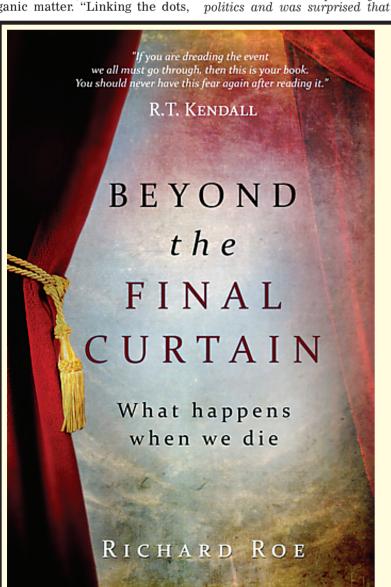
In the interview he gives details of restorative supplements that can be taken after vaccination. A researcher who reported the findings to Stew Peters' programme has given out her email: drjaneruby@protonmail.com

#### **Prayer for release from the** effects of the 'vaccine'

This will be on our website: it was "downloaded" to David Tidy of Prayer Warriors International

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# PERSECUTION WATCH by Andrew Halloway

#### India



#### **PASTOR KILLED IN INDIA**

A convert from Hinduism was killed in northern India on 30 June after sharing the "love and forgiveness of

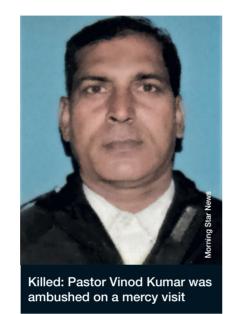
Christ" with a suspected criminal.
According to Morning Star News,
Pastor Vinod Kumar was beaten with
a piece of wood by Sonu Kashyap, a
Hindu of Sangoi village in Haryana state. The pastor had received a call from Kashyap's brother to visit a sick villager and was attacked at the person's home.

Pastor Kumar's wife, Sunita, says Kashyap ambushed her husband when he came out of the house and which him in the days hard that

hit him in the head so hard that "his skull broke open". She says her husband had been sharing the Christian faith with Kashyap for two and a half months before the

Meanwhile, a new report by Open Doors and the London School of Economics says that Christians and Muslims in India are being systematically raped and murdered by Hindu extremists.

The report, 'Destructive Lies: Disinformation', documents a



shocking rise in persecution by vigilante mobs of Hindu extremists, or Hindutva, who want to turn India into a Hindu state.

#### **Pakistan**



# **Christian** couple on death row acquitted

A Christian couple in Pakistan has been acquitted of blasphemy after it was shown that the charges were based on false evidence.

On 3 June the Lahore High Court cleared Shafqat Em-manuel and his wife Shagufta Kausar, saving them from the death sentence. The innocent Punjabi couple have suffered over seven years in jail, on the basis of "adulterated evidence and manipulated testimonies of the prosecution witnesses", according to their attorney, Saif Ul Malook.

The lawyer told Morning Star News: "It came as a surprise to me, because the Court had



and wife Shagufta Kauser, 52

over six years on one pretext or the other. I believe that the hearing was expedited due to international pressure on the Pakistani government." An EU resolution recently expressed concern for Kausar

been delaying the hearing for

and Emmanuel, stating: "The evidence on which the couple were convicted can be considered deeply flawed." Malook says "the couple was tortured into confessing the false blasphemy allegation".

However, the couple, Malook and the two judges who made the decision now fear for their lives as Islamic extremists have flooded social media with death threats.

#### South Sudan



# **CHRISTIANS** KILLED IN **SOUTH SUDAN**

Extremist Muslims killed 13 people and wounded eight others on 19 May in the village of Dungob-Alei in South Sudan.

The atrocity happened in the northern part of the nation, where previous violence against Christians has taken place. The Episcopal Church of South Sudan says that the area of Abyei in particular "experiences Islamic encroachments followed by harassment, intimidation and frequent attacks carried out by Arab Islamic militias".

# GIRL, 8, "RAPED AT SCHOOL BY LAB TECHNICIAN"

An eight-year-old Christian girl was raped at school by a lab technician, but so far the police have failed to pursue her Muslim attacker.

The attack was reported by Bishop Yousaf Nadeem, leader of His Grace Churches International, who featured in the last issue of HEART. He told HEART that according to the police report and the victim's family members port and the victim's family members, the girl, Susan, was very quiet and traumatised when she came home from school on 22 June.

She told her mother that she had been raped by someone at school, but when the family went to the school, the Sajan Nagar Public Education Trust, Lahore, the headteachers denied it, threatening the girl not to tell her family anything, before dismissing them.

At the local police station, the fam-

ily was ignored, but convinced their daughter had been raped, the family went to court to appeal against the school and police. Initially the judge would not agree to hear the case, but after protests from lawyers, the judge ordered the police to act, so on 2 July the police registered the case, but "gave favour" to the Muslim lab techni-

cian by not naming him in their report.

"Filing the case as rape by an unknown person is totally ridiculous and universe as rape by a respective of the second sec unjust", says Bishop Yousaf, who urges prayer for Susan, her family and other persecuted Pakistani Christians.



Susan came home traumatised after the attack

#### **Burkina Faso**



In Burkina Faso on 18 May, Islamic terrorists attacked a baptismal ceremony, killing 15 Christians.

Violence attributed to al-Qaeda and Islamic State has left thousands dead in the West African nation in the past few years. More than a million people have been displaced and tens of thousands are near starvation.





#### PERSECUTION WATCH

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#### Uganda



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#### **BISHOP AND PASTORS SLAUGHTERED BY MUSLIM RADICALS**

#### Islamic extremists target Ugandan Christians

An extremist Muslim has confessed to the murder of a bishop in Uganda on 11 June.

Bishop Francis Obo, senior leader of Mpingire Pentecostal Revival Church Ministries International in Odapako village, was killed by an Islamic mob as he walked home from a market with his wife.

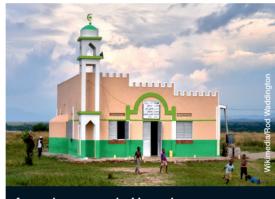
The bishop's wife, Christine, told Morning Star News that one of the mob called her husband an "infidel" who causes Muslims to leave Islam. Later, one of two suspects arrested told the police that he didn't regret the murder because he did it for Allah.

The 70-year-old bishop oversaw 17 churches in the area

Meanwhile, the Gatestone Institute reports that on 3 May, Pastor Thomas Chikooma was beheaded and his tongue cut out after taking part in a public debate about Islam and Christianity.

Morning Star News also reports that, on 30 June, Hajat Habiiba Namuwaya was beaten and forced to drink poison by her Muslim fa-ther, for leaving Islam. She had put her faith in Christ after a miraculous healing.

On the same day, Islamic extremists in eastern Uganda set Pastor Isima Kimbugwe's home on fire and he was burned to death.



A rural mosque in Uganda

#### Nigeria

## **Kidnappings and murders** continue unabated in Nigeria

With continued attacks on Christians in Nigeria, the charity Release Interna-tional is demanding the government is called to account.

Over 140 Christian children were kidnapped from Bethel Baptist Boarding School in Kaduna on 5 July. News agency AFP reports that this is the fourth mass school kidnapping in Kaduna state since December. It's estimated that more Christians are kidnapped in Nigeria than any other country in the world.

Paul Robinson, CEO of UK-based Release International, which supports persecuted Christians around the world, says: "This appalling failure by Nigeria to protect its Christian

citizens has to stop. The international community must compel Nigeria to effective action to protect its vulnerable Christian minority in the North against attacks from extremists.'

#### "Appalling failure by Nigeria to protect its Christians"

The Gatestone Institute reports that between January and April of this year alone, 1,470 Christians were hacked to death by Muslim Fulani herdsmen – an average of about 368 each month.

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### **Feeding a forgotten community**

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#### Covid restrictions brought families in Kibera, Kenya, to the brink of starvation, but many are turning to Jesus, thanks to one man's vision

#### "No one should live like this anywhere in the world, in this century".

So says Bishop Andrew Ouma, who saw his community in Kibera, Nairobi, lose their jobs and face starvation after Covid restrictions came into force.

Kibera is one of Africa's largest slums and Bishop Andrew says: "Life in Kibera is pathetic – no clean water, sanitation, toilets or food. People live under leaking, corrugated iron roofs. The envi-

ronment is permanently stinking. "It's clearly a forgotten community.

In the midst of this wasteland, Bishop Andrew Ouma leads a "Spirit-filled, charismatic" church with a vision of sharing Jesus with its residents.

Born into poverty, many Kiberian children scavenge for food, while teenagers engage in robbery, prostitution and substance abuse, such as glue sniffing and drinking illicit brew known as

#### **Children scavenge** for food







Bishop Andrew's charity has given away over 100,000 meals during the pandemic

Bishop Andrew Ouma, a man with a vision

chan'gaa.

Slum dwellers usually earn less than a dollar per day, but many faced starvation after losing their jobs due to Covid restrictions, so Andrew's charity has given away over 100,000 meals since March 2020. Thanks to the feeding programme, many children have started following Jesus, and their have parents are also attending church.

Kiberians consider themselves very fortunate if they have rice, cabbage and tinned sardines to eat: Andrew was "astonished" by the amount of food waste in the

Recognising the spiritual nature of their work, Andrew and his wife Ruth spend time praying and fasting at the start of each year. Speaking at Elim Church, Bognor

#### "The environment is permanently stinking"

Regis, before lockdown, Ruth encouraged the congregation to be "soaked" in prayer, similar to the prophet Nehemiah.

The couple's charity, Hope for Kibera, also runs a primary school, gives football coaching to teenagers, provides girls with sanitary towels and teaches elderly widows to sew.

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#### **INTERNATIONAL** NEWS by Andrew Halloway

## HUNGARY PROTECTS CHILDREN FROM GAY PROPAGANDA

Hungary has passed anti-paedophilia and child protection laws that ban the promotion of LGBT ideology to minors.

The legislation outlaws the showing of pornographic material, homosexual content or transgenderism to under-18s. There will also be a registry of sex offenders, restrictions on sex education and a crackdown on child pornography.

on child pornography.

The Hungarian National Assembly overwhelmingly approved the bill, as left-wingers boycotted the vote

boycotted the vote.

Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's government aims to preserve the country's Christian values, and since 2018 has removed 'gender studies' from university courses, banned same-sex adoption and defined the family as based on the marriage of one man and one woman. Consequently, he has been vilified by liberal politicians in the West.



ENGLISH EVANGELIST LEADS DAY OF PRAYER IN UKRAINE

was a Bible that had been handwritten over three years by 31,598 individuals, who each wrote a few verses. The contrib-

Dewsbury-based evangelist David Hathaway

Veteran Pentecostal evangelist David Hathaway led his sixth National Day of Prayer in Ukraine on 12 June – the first post-Covid mass event to be allowed by the government.

Over 8,000 people were allowed to attend the event in the Sports Palace stadium in Kiev, which was supported by every denomination in the country. A representative of Ukraine's Prime Minister read out a letter of support.

Central to the celebration

was a Bible that had been handwritten over three years by 31,598 individuals, who each wrote a few verses. The contributors included four Presidents, the current Prime Minister, the Head of the Ukraine Security Service and church leaders.

"The only nation in Europe where prayer and the authority of the Bible have united and changed the whole nation"

The Day of Prayer was broadcast to the whole nation live on secular and Christian TV. Hathaway says: "Ukraine is the only nation in Europe where prayer and the authority of the Bible have united and changed the whole nation."

# Win for Christian fostering agency



The US Supreme Court building in Washington

The US Supreme Court has ruled that a Catholic fostering charity can't be forced to place children with homosexual couples.

The court ruled city officials were wrong to stop co-operating with Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia when they refused on religious grounds to place children with same-sex couples. The decision reversed a judgment of the US Court of Appeals.

However, the judge warned that the ruling "provides no guidance regarding similar controversies in other jurisdictions".

## PARTIES FIGHT EU SUPERSTATE

#### Politicians object to gagging pro-life doctors

A new political alliance to prevent the creation of a federalist Europe has been founded by the leaders of 16 political parties.

#### A "godless, multicultural superstate"

The Gatestone Institute reports that the Joint Declaration on the Future of the European Union agreed on 2 July

is the first significant step by eurosceptic parties to work together against proposals to turn the European Union into a "godless, multicultural superstate".

The document, written by former Polish Prime Minister Jaroslaw Kaczynski, has been signed by parties in Hungary, Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Romania and Spain. It states that EU co-operation must be based on "respect

for the Judeo-Christian heritage of Europe"

age of Europe".

Santiago Abascal, the leader of Spain's conservative party Vox, said: "The EU's 'Conference on the Future of Europe' has already written its conclusions. It seeks the forced federalisation of the EU against the true will of European nations and apart from the national parliaments."

The Declaration comes after the European Parliament passed a resolution in July demanding that Hungary repeal its new law which prevents homosexuality being promoted in schools.

It also follows the European Parliament's declaration that abortion is a human right and doctors should have no right to conscientiously object to performing abortions. Aontú (an all-Ireland political party) representative Gemma Brolly stated: "Such mat-

ters as abortion should be democratically debated... sensitively and in line with all human rights, including those of the unborn child."

The EU Parliament building in Strasbourg – designed to look like the incomplete Tower of Babel

# Canadian churches torched with civil liberties boss's approval

# Trudeau silent during burnings; African evangelical church attacked

After fury developed over the discovery of unmarked graves in former Catholic-run schools for hundreds of indigenous children, at least 23 Canadian Catholic churches have been burnt to the ground or vandalised

Ten churches were attacked in Alberta and some non-Catholic churches have also been targeted, including an African Evangelical Church in Calgary.

From the 1800s up to the 1970s, thousands of indigenous children were sent to state-funded Catholic boarding schools in an attempt to assimilate them into Canadian society. Many

never returned to their families because they died from disease while at school.

The fires have been encouraged by the head of a Canadian civil liberties group: "Burn it all down," tweeted Harsha Walia, executive director of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association on 30 June after two churches had been burned. She later claimed she was not calling for arson, but her resignation was announced on 17 July.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau didn't comment on the attacks for three weeks, finally condemning them as "unacceptable" but adding it was "understandable".

# Church wins \$220,000 due to unfair Covid restrictions

A Washington DC church has successfully sued the District of Columbia for restricting inperson worship during the pandemic.

Capitol Hill Baptist Church claimed the government's ban on outdoor worship services that had more than 100 people in attendance was discriminatory.

The 850-member church filed its lawsuit last September, arguing that the restrictions imposed were worse than for comparable secular groups.



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#### The case for vaccines

Many Christian health care workers will be dismayed by James Smith's article ('Test all things', June-July issue).

For the past year, I have worked for the NHS 111 Covid Clinical Assessment Service, and am now an NHS vaccinator. I can personally testify to the devastating effect that Covid-19 has had on many - but also to the real benefits of vaccination in preventing hospitalisation and death.

I can agree with Mr Smith on one point: that God is in control. But perhaps God's way of bringing relief from our ongoing crisis is to use the very instruments that he condemns.

The author decries lock-downs, but early and effective lockdowns have considerably reduced subsequent deaths. Also, while understanding the reservations of some over the development of Covid vaccines, the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines have brought the pandemic under control in this country, dramatically reducing both hospitalisations and deaths.

Mr Smith mentions two therapeutic agents which can treat Covid. Unfortunately, so far only the use of corticosteroids has resulted in a substantial effect on mortality. While ivermectin may not have been adequately trialled, drugs such as hydroxychloroquine have been demonstrated in reliable clinical trials not to be beneficial.

To those who are uncertain, my advice is to please get vaccinated, not only for your own benefit but also for those in your community. Is jeopardising the lives of others, who do not share one's views, a fair use of personal freedom?

At present, I can think of no clearer demonstration of Christian care for others than getting vaccinated.

From a GP

Name and address supplied

#### **Masks forever?**

According to card-carrying Communist and SAGE professor Susan Michie, we should wear face masks "forever" (Daily Telegraph, 20 June).

However, masks cause great misery for those who wear spectacles, outer hearing aids or need to lip read. And if you use regular nasal drops in order to breathe properly, life is almost impossible.

Masks also restrict people from communicating their opinion about restrictions in public places. No "read my lips" is possible. This bondage is another government effort to keep our mouths shut regarding the prison-like existence of lockdown. It really is quite cunning!

Pearl Coleman Woking, Surrey

#### **End-time explanations**

So many otherwise mature Christians are drifting into ridiculous conspiracy theories on the internet. They claim that mankind is planning all kinds of evil so "the Antichrist" and presumably "the Beast" can take over the world and destroy all Christians, after which the Lord will return

Such Christians believe the false teaching that the Antichrist and the Beast have not existed in the world for the past 2,000 years. Apparently, martyred Christians "under the

altar" (Revelation 6:9-10) will not be in Heaven until some future date. This is a denial of the historic Christian martyrs, starting with Stephen and the slaughter of early believers by the Roman Empire. It wrongly insulates UK Christians from the persecution of Christians worldwide, which has been increasing for the past 20 years.

Biblical theologians must set out clearly the Protestant truth on the 'end times'. We have failed to get our message out to those who need it.

Roland Parsons Gloucestershire

#### The true Gospel

Ephesians 2:8 says that we are saved by faith, not works. Galatians 1:6-10 says that if anyone teaches a different Gospel to this, let him be accursed. Catholics teach salvation by faith and works, which is a false Gospel whichever way you cut it. When will born-again believers wake up to this fact, and act accordingly? Dean McBride London

#### **Praising God with** pom-poms

A URC church in Woking has been signing the words of praise songs with their hands, as they following government guidance not to sing. What a good idea – why should we only use our voice to worship?

I'm a member of the Christian Dance Fellowship of Britain, and I believe that we can use our body in praise. After lockdown ends, we could organise Christian movement groups for seniors, using colourful pom-pom shakers. Older people appreciate melodic songs such as Graham Kendrick's 'Shine, Jesus Shine' and Marilyn Baker's songs.

Movement improves fitness and balance, but too often exercise is done to a repetitive, tuneless disco beat!

Ann Wills Ruislip, Middlesex

#### A scriptural challenge

I read with interest Charles Gardner's article 'Divided over Israel' (April/May).

Could he tell us how he understands these texts by the apostle

"For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter" (Romans 2:28-29).

"For they are not all Israel who are of Israel" (Romans 9:6b).

"Beware of the mutilation! For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Philippians

Eldo Barkhuizen Llandudno, Conwy



# In my own words...... Readers' longer letters Vaccine damage ignored

am a retired NHS GP and have been lobbying my MP, MSP's and First Minister (I live in Scotland), BMJ, RCGP, and national and local papers for months with little response. These are the points that don't add up:

- 1. Fauci lying about case fatality rates and the likely source of where the virus came from. This has come out in Congress.
- 2. Myth of asymptomatic spread and abandoning of estab-lished public health measures from previous infective outbreaks.
- 3. Exaggeration of the benefit of face masks and risk of infection outside.
- 4. The suppression/censorship of effective cheap, safe, widely available treatments and benefit of vitamins and
- 5. The use of Relative Risk Reduction instead of Absolute

- Risk Reduction to "sell" the "effectiveness" of the novel mRNA vaccines.
- 6. The rapid granting of EUA (Emergency Use Authorisation) of the vaccines, again abandoning all previously accepted safety standards when assessing totally new technology, especially as the track record of vaccine development for the coronavirus was of concern.
- 7. The totally arbitrary and restrictions inconsistent placed on society and the evidence provided from totally unreliable models from Prof Neil Ferguson, whose track record was disgraceful.
- 8. The ignoring of the rapidly accumulating records of serious adverse reactions and deaths in association with the vaccines recorded in VAERS, Yellow Card, EudraVigilance, and even WHO's Vigiaccess and with

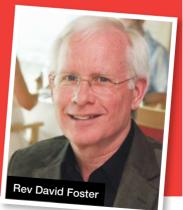
- respected clinicians across the world expressing concern (which has been ignored by authorities).
- 9. The emerging evidence (which social media and the press are trying to censor) of the toxic nature of the spike protein and the widespread distribution of the vaccine throughout the body and its uptake in certain key organs and the damage it does to the circulation and clotting mechanisms.

By and large all my letters to politicians and journals and the press have either been ignored or I have received insipid replies claiming to be working hard for our good but containing no real substance. I could go on.

Dr Alistair Montgomery Dundee

Responses can be forwarded to this doctor

#### It's time to get rid of old denominational **boundaries**



any Christian leaders agree that God's desire during Covid-19 has been to mould his Church into something new.

We are all like clay in the hands of the Lord, who is "our potter" (Isaiah 64:8). What kind of clay will you and I be? Hardened clay is much like old wineskins, which crack when new wine is poured into them. We must not become hardened by

our church rituals, ministries or boundaries, but allow the new wine of the Lord's Spirit to change us.

#### Jesus wants us only to worship him

As believers living in a relatively free society, we have been able to "do church" inside a building. But we must not worship our church traditions; Jesus wants us only to worship him "in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship him" (John 4:23).

Believers must not identify as Baptists, Anglicans, Charismatics, Pentecostals or by any other man-made terminology. God wants to "sanctify and cleanse [his Church] with the washing of water by the word, that he might present her to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing..." (Ephesians 5:26-27).

A Church that has been "brought to complete unity" (John 17:23, NIV) will identify foremost as a group of believers who are "in Christ" – a unity that transcends all geographical and social boundaries.

Rev David Foster Minister of Manor Park Christian Centre Manor Park, London E12



# Readers' longer letters

## Methodists have abandoned biblical faith In the 18th century

n 30 June the Methodist Church's annual conference voted to accept the conducting of same-sex marriages on its premises.

Just as seriously, the same conference also passed a resolution affirming the legitimacy of cohabitation outside of marriage. Both resolutions represent a denial of plain biblical teaching.

The vote to introduce same-sex marriage was carried by a large margin of 254 to 46. The decision was much influenced by a study document produced in the summer of 2019 entitled. God in Love Unites Us'. This document states: "The Methodist Church must engage with the reality of how people are living today"

Here we observe the root of the problem within so many churches (and not just Methodist ones): a desire to conform to contemporary society, and, in particular, to embrace the all-prevailing teachings of cultural Marxism, even though it is a fundamentally anti-Christian creed

> There is nothing in the Bible about a range of gender and sexual identities

'God in Love Unites Us' refers to "the range of identities to be found among human beings, especially with regard to gender and sexuality". This statement represents a craven capitulation to the LGBT lobby.

When God created mankind, we are told, "Male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27). There is nothing in the Bible about a range of gender and sexual identities.

Methodism, under God, helped to rescue this nation from a violent revolution

As one who is a minister in the historic Methodist tradition (independent of the main denomination), how I lament the Methodist Church's departure from the faith of the Bible. To vote for same-sex marriage, rejecting the Bible's clear classification of homosexuality as sinful, is to ignore what John Wesley taught about the authority of Scripture:

"My ground is the Bible ... I follow it in all things great and small ... The Christian rule of right and wrong is the Word of God, the writings of the Old and New Testament ... This is a lantern unto a Christian's feet, and a light in all his paths'

In the 18th century Methodism, under God, helped to rescue this nation from a violent revolution such as occurred in France. The early Methodist preachers accomplished this, not by emulat-

ing the fashionable causes of a God-rejecting society, but by fearlessly calling upon sinners to repent and flee to the only Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Peter Simpson Minister of Penn Free Methodist Church High Wycombe, Buckingham-

Peter Simpson's latest book, 'When a Nation Prays'. features the 12 national days of prayer held during World War Two and can be ordered from https://pennfree.square.



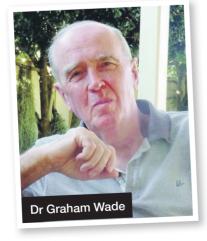
# Hope the Church ignores

ovid-19 has led to talk of conspiracies and world government and advanced technology leading to the 'mark of the

Even in Christian circles, there is fear. So let's re-read prophecy and Jesus' words of hope! In his parable of the wise and foolish virgins, Jesus strongly implies that the so-called 'age of grace' or 'Church age' will end: "... the door was shut" (Matthew 25:10). What then?

The short time epoch (seven prophetic years) during which God judges the earth

The pre-tribulation view of prophecy fits well with today's scenario. This view takes Daniel's 70th week (Daniel 9:24-27) as still future and provides the short time epoch (seven prophetic years) during which God



judges the earth. Some maintain that Christians then come under intense pressure and many are martyred. But does this include the true Church? Maybe not.

Why does the Church ignore the very clear teaching Jesus gave on the mysterious removal of believers before the traumas of week 70

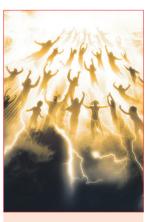
Why does the Church ignore the very clear teaching Jesus gave on the mysterious removal of believers before the traumas of week 70 (see Matthew 24:36-44, Luke 17:26-37)? The Philadelphia-type church that Jesus loves appears to be "kept from the world's hour of trial" (Revelation 3:10).

Paul sees this mystery as "instantaneous immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:50-54) as true believers are caught up to meet with

Christ in the clouds (1 Thessalonians 4:17). It seems that whilst the godless suffer God's wrath, those caught up (the bride of Christ) enjoy a wedding feast (Matthew 24:10), prior to their return to earth with him.

Doesn't this view give us hope and an urgency to reach out to the unsaved before the door shuts? More at https:// seekingtruth.co.uk/ what-is-the-rapture-inthe-bible/

Dr Graham Wade Yealmpton, Devon



Views on the 'pre-' or 'post-tribulation' 'rapture of the saints' vary and it is hoped to have articles explaining both views in a future issue.

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# COVID COMPLIANCE IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

merging from the depths of lockdown last year, my family and I found salvation in the Salvation Army, while the Catholic church we normally attended treated its parishioners like lepers.

In our London suburb, the Salvation Army chapel opened Salvation Army chapel opened its doors long before other churches. My three daughters, aged 4, 8 and 11, really enjoyed the service and mixing with the other children doing craftwork. They learned more from the Bible than they ever gleaned from the garbled

readings at their usual church.
The pastor couple regarded the lock-out of places of worship as an affront to Christianity. Tentatively, in private conversation, I asked our newfound spiritual guides what they thought about Covid-19

and the totalitarian response by governments around the world and found we were on the same wavelength, although the pastors were less surprised by events.

#### Tyranny is only possible because so much of society has abandoned faith

The threat of the Antichrist is ever-present, luring good but gullible people into misdeeds. Tyranny is only possible because so much of society has abandoned faith.

People hid their faces in the house of God, with elbow bumps instead of the usual handshakes

Sadly, all the social distancing imposed by the Catholic Church, nationally and local-ly, didn't prevent the elderly priest dying with coronavirus and co-morbidities. For some of the flock, this emphasised the need for rigid regulations; people hid their faces in the house of God, with elbow bumps instead of the usual handshakes. How sad, I felt.

Two hours of joyful, maskfree interaction with a small and cohesive community of like-minded souls

Meanwhile the NHS was sanctified: the Thursday clapping ritual seemed to symbolise the transfer of faith from God to medicine. Doctors and



nurses may save lives, but it is Jesus Christ who really works wonders.

Our Sunday mornings became a highlight of the week: two hours of joyful mask-free interaction with a small and cohesive community of like-minded

Not all Catholic churches and clergy are Covid zealots, and not all Salvation Army ministries kept the flame lit in the lockdown gloom. But it is probably fair to say that the more established the Church, the more the official narrative dominates.

Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury could have bucked against the unprecedented closure of churches, but they sided with lay authorities. We have learned much in the last 18 months. Dr Niall McCrae Carshalton, Surrey

Dr Niall McCrae is a writer on mental health and society, with almost 100 papers published in academic journals. His latest book, 'Moralitis: a Cultural Virus', was reviewed in Prophecy Today as "a thoughtful, helpful and resourceful little book...at least five copies per congregation!"

As an officer of the Workers of England trade union, Niall represents members against Covid coercion in the workplace.

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#### **NEW "ANTI-WOKE" NEWS CHANNEL**



Andrew Neil launches GB News – a new voice in British news broadcasting

GB News, a new Freeview news channel that launched in June, attracted more viewers than the BBC or Sky in its first hour.

The new channel aims to allow free speech on controversial issues, in response to the established channels' apparent bias against traditional values, and has been called "anti-woke". Its chairman, former BBC presenter Andrew Neil, is one of the most respected journalists in British media

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#### CHRISTIAN BAKER LOSES TRANSGENDER CASE

We reported in our last issue that US Christian baker Jack Phillips, who had previously won the right to refuse to make cakes promoting messages he disagrees with, had been taken to court yet again. We must now report that he has lost his latest case.

Alliance Defending Freedom General Counsel Kristen Waggoner, whose organisation has defended Phillips through years of legal battles, vowed to appeal the decision

#### Prayer news

Hancock: marital unfaithfulness worse than hypocrisy? "In our latest prayer morning, we cried to God for a change in our nation's attitude to marital faithfulness in light of Matt Hancock's affair," said Ashley Thompson, 32, who with Josh MacDonald recently succeeded Dave Borlase as co-director of Intercessors for Britain. "We recognised that although he was wrong to break his own Covid rules, many people thought this was worse than breaking his marriage vows.

IFB will continue to hold prayer events around the country and on Zoom. www.intercessorsforbrit-

Pro-lifers redouble efforts after clinic closure: Brighton's 40 Days for Life prayer group recently celebrated the closure of a BPAS clinic on 30 June (see HEART June/July). But the following day, Marie Stopes International opened a clinic elsewhere in the town, so a prayer vigil will take place opposite the new facility from 22 September to 31 Octo-

get involved, visit www.40daysforlife.com/ brighton, or contact Sheridan Lynch: brighton-40daysforlife@btinternet.com or 07803 047402.

There will also be a national March for Life on 4

Children's health: According to NHS research, one in six children aged five to 16 had a mental health problem in 2020 – up from one in nine three years earlier. And the charity Mind reports that three quarters of 13 to 24-year-olds with an existing mental health say they deteriorated during lockdown.

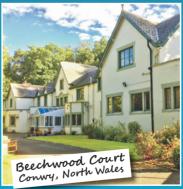
Pray that all our young people are refreshed over the summer.



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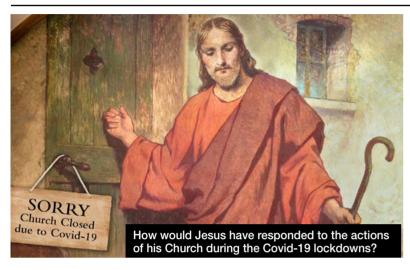
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# THE CHURCH'S FIVE KEY ERRORS IN THE COVID CRISIS

# "Under Covid, we have set a precedent of obeying man rather than God"



n March 2020, we were told that we're facing a worldwide pandemic that was highly contagious and was killing indiscriminately.
The Church in the UK, as in

other countries, was hit hard.

From 22 March 2020, churches and other places of worship were ordered to shut their doors completely. When they were allowed to re-open on 4 July 2020, clergy and churchgoers faced bans on singing, Bibles, Communion and baptisms.

In their place came tracking, tracing and ticketing of worshippers, enforced mask wearing, and, in some settings, enforced 'PCR' testing. On top of this was the pressure, even from the pulpit, to take an experimental, novel 'vaccine'.

These are hugely spiritual problems, as well as physical and mental.

#### For generations, and without government interference, church services have followed certain routines

At the beginning of Covid, we obeyed the rules out of genuine trust and to maintain the Christian default posture of submission to the ruling authorities, believing it was for our own and others' good. Eighteen months later, with churches 'allowed' to return to 'normal' by government decree, I believe we need to learn from five key errors made by churches:

#### 1. We neglected our holy gatherings

Lockdowns swept away the comforting familiarity of an orderly service and worship as prescribed in the Scriptures. For generations, and without government interference, church services have followed certain routines, known as the regulative or normative principles for a service.

#### Could it be that the safety rules under Covid are the 'suggestions of Satan'?

Modern evangelical churches practise the normative principle, which teaches that worship in the Church can include elements that are not prohibited by Scripture - such as using instruments, announcing notices, and taking up tithes and offerings.

These principles for a holy gathering uphold unadulterated scriptural directions as the basis of church worship. The Second London Baptist Confession of 1689 states: "The acceptable way of worshipping the true God, is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshipped according to the imagination and devices of men, nor the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representations, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures (22.1).'

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#### 2. Many allowed themselves to become a nongathered, non-functioning church

Scripture exhorts us to:

- a) Gather in his name and not neglect meeting together; this makes no provision for universal isolation and lockdowns (Hebrews 10:25).
- b) Greet one another with a holy kiss and have good fellowship with each other (Romans 16:16, Acts 2:42, Romans 12:13). Social distancing and masks ruin gatherings.

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- c) Partake in the Lord's Supper (therefore rejecting a 'bread only' version).
- d) Baptise.
- e) Sing to the LORD (therefore rejecting mandates to stop congregational singing and to play a music video only, or be sung to by a small music group).

#### 3. Now we obey men before

Acts 5 clearly tells us that when the commandments of men and the commandments of God are at odds, we are always to obey God. Under Covid, we have set a precedent of obeying man rather than God. This needs to be truly repented of.

#### 4. We have treated healthy people as unclean plague bearers

Instead of quarantining the sick only, as the Bible teaches. we have treated everyone as if they are contaminated with a deadly disease and must be kept away from us, which is not only a gross misinterpretation of the situation, but is anti-biblical and anti-Christian in spirit.

#### 5. The Sovereign God has been forgotten

Our Lord does not give us get-out clauses for what he prescribes - namely gathering for Christian worship. He is fully aware of, and sovereign over, the coronavirus.

Do we believe that? Have we trusted that he calls us to worship together at any and all times? Sadly not. Let us remind ourselves that our heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit have feelings - they are

jealous for us, they are grieved by our idolatry and side-lining of them and will not sanction the neglect of their holy Word.

#### A lesson from **Nazi Germany**

Hitler systematically used Scriptures such as Romans 13:1-7 on submission to the higher powers to manipulate the Church into obedience to his regime and in disobedience to God.

Could we be facing the beginnings of something similar here? It's crucial for us to discern the times we're in and keep a close, obedient walk with the Lord.

We are not to simply pray about obeying, or obey as far as we can, given the government rules, or adapt how we obey, given the situation. No, we are to simply OBEY!

Just because we are putting a lot of time, effort and prayer into our activities, we should not mistake disobedience for true obedience.

Similarly, we are told to 'put on the Lord Jesus Christ' (Romans 13:14), not simply look at him in wonder; we are to be followers of Jesus - doing what he tells us, having counted the cost upfront not mere admirers.

J L Fuller has written a book called 'Romans 13 and Covid 19 – Knowledge, Warnings and Encouragement for the Church', which analyses and exposes deceptive dangers and errors entering the Church under coronavirus mandates, and gives a biblical roadmap out of it.

Available now from Amazon or www.Romans13Revival.com

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and consultancy. 'Saved' out of the occultic New Age and 'humanistic self-development worlds', J L Fuller is now a 'dedicated follower of Jesus', with

a keen interest in biblical doctrine. After studying the official documents and factual criminal agendas of the 'Luciferian New World Order globalist elites' for more than 20 years, J L Fuller delights in seeing people 'set free from this pervasive deception and bondage, through faith in Christ'.



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## One of the greatest divine interventions in history lies ahead

#### **Derek Walker explores the next invasion of Israel**

#### 'The Imminent Invasion of Israel'

#### **By Derek Walker**

Oxford Bible Church (Tel: 01865 515086)

I was sitting watching television as Derek Walker, senior pastor of the Oxford Bible Church, was being interviewed on Revelation

Viewers were emailing and texting questions on Bible passages and topics.

After dealing with a question on how to understand and interpret the passages in Ezekiel 38 and 39, which talk about the end times. Derek held up a book he had written.

#### Syria's collapse as a functioning state allows Russia and Iran access to Israel's northern border

He told viewers that he had originally written it in 2010 but had revised and expanded it in 2018. With all that was happening in the world today, he recommended it to anyone who wanted to understand what the Scriptures taught on the end of the days. Its title was The Imminent Invasion of Īsrael'.

I rang up the television station control room and asked the programme producer if he would ask Derek to leave the book for me to read. The next morning it was on my desk. That's what I call service!

#### God moves in judgement upon those invading nations

Derek Walker took his degree in maths at Oxford University and stayed on to found the Oxford Bible Church with his wife in

He is acknowledged for his Bible teaching and special interest in Bible proph-

The book is a study of Ezekiel 36 to 39; Derek describes "the regathering of Israel to her land in the last days", in Ezekiel 36 and 37 as "one of the greatest miracles ever ... made more remarkable by the fact it was the fulfilment of many prophecies made over 2,500 years ago'

Ezekiel 38 and 39 is an amazing end-time prophecy about a massive invasion of Israel from the far north. There is intriguing discussion about the invasion's setting and time.

Ezekiel calls the invading nations: "Gog, of the land of Gog, the Prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal". which Derek interprets as Russia, some of the Islamic nations, including Iran and Turkey, and other nations.

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Syria's collapse as a functioning state allows Russia and Iran access to Israel's northern border. Derek then believes one of the greatest divine interventions will occur as God moves in judgement upon those invading nations. The result will be huge worldwide political, religious and spiritual changes.

There is so much material in this 240-page book that can't do it justice here.

Do I accept all that Derek Walker says in his book? Not necessarily.

#### **He believes Tarshish is Great Britain**

Derek has a section in the book about Tarshish (Ezekiel 38:13), which he believes is Great Britain (more likely than Spain, the other candidate, in his opinion). When I questioned him about it, he put a strong case for his

It's an enthralling book that will make you question what is happening in our world today and what the Scriptures have to say



Gordon Pettie and his wife Lorna

Gordon along with his wife Lorna, is part of the leadership team of Revelation TV, a 24/7 Christian television station that broadcasts in the UK on Sky 581 and Freesat TV 692, and throughout the world via the Roku Box and Apple TV. Gordon's passion is writing and he is the author of eight books.

#### THE GANGSTER WHO **FOUND JESUS IN JAIL**

#### An honest memoir from an ex-prisoner

#### 'Sins of Fathers'

#### **By Michael Emmett with Harriet Compston**

**HarperCollins** 



Gangsters such as Ronnie and Reggie Kray, Charlie and Eddie Richardson, and the great train robbers, are familiar names to

Michael Emmett might not be so well known, but he was part of the same set and involved in similar crimes. His story begins in the 1950s on a south London council estate, with a father who was very much part of the London gangster scene.

As Michael grew up, longed to follow in his father's footsteps: at 18 he joined the family business and entered the seemingly glamorous, dangerous world of organised crime.

Michael describes the lovehate relationship he had with the world he was in, until it all came crashing down around him in 1993 when he was arrested at gunpoint in a Devon fishing port for smuggling five tonnes of cannabis into Britain, worth an estimated £13 million. When the case came to trial, he and his father were convicted and Michael was sentenced to  $12\frac{1}{2}$  years in jail.

#### Michael entered the seemingly glamorous, dangerous world of organised crime

At the time he had started going out with a girl who was the friend of a 'Page 3 Sun girl', Samantha Fox. Samantha had started going to Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, and Michael's new girlfriend started to go to church with her.

After she asked the church to pray for her incarcerated boyfriend and his father in Exeter prison, they sent a group down to conduct an 'Alpha in prison' course. For something to do, Michael and his father went on the course and for the first time in their lives they had an experience of God.

#### For the first time in their lives, they had an experience of God

What I like about the book is its honesty. I would love to tell you that once he had his experience of God, his life turned around and everything was fine. It wasn't. He struggled to let go of his past.

Even so, when released from prison, he did work with Holy Trinity, Brompton. On one occasion he was invited to a line-up of Holy Trinity Church workers to meet Prince Charles. The book tells us that as Prince Charles walked towards him, Michael ignored royal proto-col and said: "All right, Charlie?" and shook the heir to the throne's hand.

#### "Will you tell the Queen how uncomfortable those prison mattresses are"

He then asked the prince: "Next time you see your mum, do me a favour Charlie. Will you tell her how uncomfortable those mattresses are in prison?" Prince Charles burst out laughing.

At Michael's father's funeral at Holy Trinity Church, lots of old gangsters were in the congregation. A video from the musical 'Oliver' with Ron Moody as Fagin singing, 'You've got to pick a pocket or two' was screened, and Michael spoke very openly about his faith.

Let me give the final words on this book to famous ex-prisoner and former Cabinet minister Jonathan Aitken. In his foreword to the book, he writes:
"How Michael Emmett found **Emmett found** Christian faith when in prison and was transformed by it, is the stuff of which miracles are made ... His book deserves to be a bestseller."



# REVIEWS

#### **By Gordon Pettie**

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# Clifford Hill challenges the Church to break her silence and repent

Coronavirus was "a clear warning sign that the time for repentance is running out"

#### 'Beyond the Pandemic'

#### **By Clifford Hill**

Wilberforce Publications, available from Issachar Ministries (Tel:07759 042 315)

Dr Clifford Hill, founder of 'Prophecy Today', wrote this book in the latter part of 2020 when nations had shut down in response to coronavirus.

He reminds his readers that as that disease hit the nations, a second plague – a plague of locusts, which some describe as possibly the greatest plague of locusts ever seen – was afflicting many nations of the Middle East and Africa. In one day, the locusts could eat the food of 35,000 people!

One of the greatest plagues of locusts ever seen was afflicting the Middle East and Africa

Clifford's message is specifically

one to the Church. Almost every page made me stop and ponder how it could apply to me.

Successive Acts of Parliament have secularised Britain and weakened its Judeo-Christian heritage

On the cover Clifford has asked: "Is there any word from the Lord?"

He sums up what he is sensing, when he says God is shouting at the nations ... a clear warning sign that the time for repentance is running out.

The book is written from both a sociological viewpoint as well as a theological one. With his sociology hat on, he describes the five major social institutions that are the pillars of society:

- 1. The family
- 2. The economy
- 3. Education
- 4. Law and government
- 5. Religion

He then shows how over the last 70 years, Acts of Parliament have been passed which undermine those five pillars. He lists many of the Acts that will sound familiar to us today: the Obscene Publications Act 1959, the Abortion Act 1967, the Theatre Act 1968, the Children's Act 1989, the Sunday Trading Act 1993, the National Lottery Act 1994, the Civil Partnership Act and the Gender Recognition Act, 2004, the Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Act 2013. Many others are listed in the book. He discusses how they have secularised Britain and weakened its Judeo-Christian heritage.

Clifford takes readers back to the Old Testament as he examines words received by prophets such as Jeremiah, Haggai, Ezekiel and Isaiah. He shows how their radical messages apply to the times and seasons we are living in.

It saddens him that as so many in our nation are searching for answers, the authentic voice of God is not being heard. He writes: "Senior church leaders are silent in these times of crisis when the nation is searching for an understanding of what is happening in the world".

He wants to remind the Church of its Hebraic roots and expresses concern over anti-Semitism which he believes has been embraced by most branches of the Western Church. He sees the purposes of God in church buildings being closed and devotes several pages to explaining why.

But do not lose heart. Clifford challenges the Church to repent, as the nation is shaken, and to learn to grieve.

Many in our nation are searching for answers, but the authentic voice of God is not being heard

When this happens, he believes the vision given to Ezekiel of the valley of the dry bones (Ezekiel 37) will become a reality in our nation, and the outcome will be an outpouring of God's Spirit to bring new life to his people.

Clifford Hill's latest book, 'The Post-Pandemic Church,' can also be ordered from Issachar Ministries' office



Clifford Hill brings his sociological and theological experience to bear on the nation's troubles

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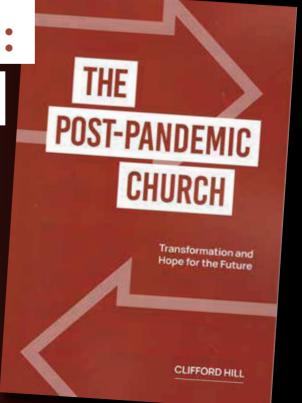
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