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An apocalyptic autumn

beckons according to the mainstream media, with the possibility of a return to the three-day working week with food and fuel running week, along with tage of

lorry drivers.

Christmas is also under threat, much like last autumn, with the possibility of too few turkeys.

There could also be food shortages next year; HEART has learned of some farmers deciding not to plant crops. Due to the lack of pickers from Europe they have been reduced to inviting locals to "pick their own" for

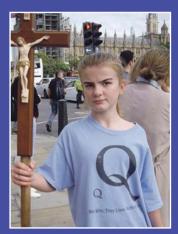
The government has promised the lights will not go out, but other factors could be outside their control.



Blackout warning: A "catastrophic" blackout could come from a cyber attack, an electro-magnetic pulse attack or solar weather

A "catastrophic" blackout cannot be avoided unless governments prepare, according to social entrepreneur Samuel Feinburg. In September 2017, the same year that America's Continued on page 2





Vaccine passports The road to tyranny



Climate change? Plus ça change



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Until the lights go out?

Until there's another lockdown?

Until there are food shortages?

Until fuel runs out?

Until vaccine deaths are reported along with Covid deaths?

Until the nation turns to God in desperation?

UNTIL JESUS RETURNS...

Government "denying evidence" of jab injuries

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top government doctor, Anthony Fauci, announced that a respiratory disease was on the way, Samuel Feinburg forecast the blackout at a TED talk. As cofounder of Helena, a "problem-solving institution that addresses urgent societal issues' which attracts top movers and shakers, Feinburg warned that the blackout could come from a cyber attack, solar weather or even an electro-magnetic pulse attack which would "fry" one in five electronic devices. If the internet was knocked out, the effects would rapidly be seen in the shops and sewage system.

The World Economic Forum also flagged up a potential cyber attack, hosting an open meeting called "Averting a cyber pandemic", followed by a meeting closed to the public in June. It was said that the effect of a computer virus would be ten times worse than Covid.

Four times as many deaths

The UK Medicine Regulator has confirmed there have been four times as many deaths due to the Covid-19 vaccines in eight months from January to August than deaths due to all other vaccines combined in 20 years. The revelations came in response to a Freedom of Information request this August.

It is also estimated that only between one to five per cent of adverse effects are reported because filling in the standard

'yellow card' report takes up to an hour per patient.

Yet the government is "failing to get to grips" with the scale of vaccine injuries, according to MP Sir Christopher Chope, who told Parliament that despite the evidence from the yellow card reporting system, "The government seems to be denying that in a lot of their literature.

"The government needs to be open with the public about the facts" - Sir Christopher **Chope MP**

He cited 767 cases of heart inflammation (which has particularly been quoted as a side-effect among young men), 35,000 cases of menstrual disorder and 1,632 reports of deaths shortly after vaccination as at 10 September. "If the government is trying to build vaccine confidence it needs to be open with the public about the facts.

Experts have admitted that the Pfizer vaccines are killing two people for every life saved

Sir Christopher demanded that compensation be readily available for the families of the vaccine injured and dead.

A Milton Keynes funeral director, John O'Looney, reported that although he and other undertakers recorded no excess deaths since the first lockdown in spring 2020, he experienced a 250 per cent increase in workload between January and April this year - which coincided with the first vaccination rollout in his area

Experts in the FDA, the US's top medical body, have admitted that the Pfizer vaccines are killing two people for every life saved and that there is no clinical data to deny this to overcome vaccine hesitancy.

Panic at the pumps

The Road Haulage Association has blamed the government for not heeding its warnings in June. By August we were lacking around 100,000 drivers.

Five factors caused the current driver shortage:

There were already too few drivers in 2019.

Brexit caused the loss of about 15,000 European HGV drivers.

HGV testing facilities were closed during 2020 under Covid

The government closed the door to overseas applications by not adding HGV drivers to the list of skilled jobs.

A change in self-employment rules caused employment costs to rise by 25 per cent.

A perfect storm

By June this year food retailers warned that fresh food was being dumped due to the lack of drivers, but a number of retailers quickly worked to resolve

the issue.

Our supply chain is run on a "just in time" basis, so even extra snow can cause delays to food reaching the shelves.

Some respected Christians have even had dreams and a prophecy about the lights going out soon.

No panic in heaven

Panic at the pumps can be seen as a metaphor for the parable of Jesus of the "wise" and "foolish" whose lamps were not full when the "bridegroom" (Jesus) returned for his people.

Let us heed his warning and put our trust in him! Our perfect Saviour has a more immediate plan for us: peace, joy and everlasting life.

Church planter and author Jason Carter says: "God will provide if you lay down your life to follow him. Jesus is waiting for the Church to return to him.

Carter had foreseen the current crisis in 2014 and wrote a book, 'Trumpet Blast Warning' and predicted an unholy alliance of the media and pharmaceutical industry. He also made a video in 2019 showing that police would be turning up on people's doorsteps.

He believes the Church should be bolder: "The command of Jesus is to go out and save lives, but the government wants you to stay at home! The Church needs its own Great Reset and lots of groups are already meeting se-

Jesus has promised to return and he will deliver (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). In fact, this will happen "in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Corinthians 15:52-58).

Ultimately, the plans of all governments will fall to nothing – for God in heaven, upon his throne, laughs at their plans (Psalm 2).

Melanie Symonds and Andrew **Baguley**



Richard Caleb Champion, who featured in our last issue, is carrying a wooden cross to towns in Scotland and the north of England. This shows him in Scotland, thanks to a short video by one

of our readers. If you'd like to help Richard practically or in prayer, or find out more about his route and can offer hospitality, email champion777@sky.com (or send your contact details to

the HEART office)

How do I become a Christian?

BEING A CHRISTIAN is about a relationship with Jesus Christ, the only Son of the living God, who died in our place, to pay the price for our sin. Jesus rose from the dead because he was sinless. He desires to welcome you into God's family here on earth and into heaven when you die.

To start this relationship, simply pray the prayer below; if you mean it, he'll respond, because the Bible says that God looks

The churches featured in this paper will be happy to welcome you and explain the importance of daily Bible reading, daily prayer, baptism, being part of a congregation where the Bible is preached and believed, and telling others about what Jesus has done for you.

L Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness.

I believe that Jesus shed his precious blood and died for my sin.

I am willing to turn away from my sin.

I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.



CHILDREN AND THE VACCINES



Emeritus Professor of Microbiology Sukharit Bhakdi warned in May: "Parents are willingly allowing their children to be killed if they allow them to have the Covid vaccine"

Doctors have been warning about the dangers of giving the experimental Covid vaccines to children as well as adults, but letters signed by scores of medics and scientists have been ignored or rebutted.

Now legal action has been launched against the European and British medical authorities (the EMA and MHRA).

One of the signatories, Emeritus Professor of Microbiology, Sukharit Bhakdi, warned back in May: "Parents are willingly allowing their children to be killed if they allow them to have the Covid vaccine." He has since recorded an open appeal to the British government.

In the US, over 150,000 people, including 600 children, have died from the Covid-19 vaccines, according to analysis of the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) by Jessica Rose PhD.

Parents of schoolchildren have received a consent letter from the NHS saying that the vaccines are safe and have been "rigorously tested", whereas the head of the MHRA has admitted to simply accepting Pfizer's own test results. Nor did Pfizer promise that the treatments would be efficacious or without adverse effects in its agreement with the government (clause 5.5).

Dr Roger Hodkinson, a respiratory specialist in Canada, has said that vaccinating children for a disease that university studies have shown has a 99.95 per cent recovery rate in children would be "monstrous child abuse'

There are high levels of censorship of doctors and scientists who challenge the safety of the vaccines. Please email the office if you would like links for the sources quoted.



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PEOPLE & PLACES

Let's have more hummus and less Hamas

Brave students train to tackle anti-Israel rhetoric on campus

What's the best way to change students' minds about Israel?

Why not give them some tasty falafels and hummus and invite them to events celebrating the Jewish state's vibrant culture, unique history and legal legitimacy?

That's what students working with Israel charity StandWithUs will be doing over the next academic year; they met for training from 12-14 September.

Speakers at the event in London included Col Richard Kemp, former commander of British troops in Afghanistan and an outspoken voice for Israel at the UN. Col Kemp explained how anti-Israel rhetoric emboldens the terrorist group Hamas, which fired over 4,000 rockets at Israeli civilians in May. He praised the Israel Defence Forces' response as "the most precise military campaign that's ever been conducted", minimising civilian casualties.

Investigative journalist David Collier spoke on the manipulation of Wikipedia's Israel pages by neo-Nazis and Islamist terrorist supporters. By



exposes the neo-Nazis who edit Wikipedia's Israel content

monitoring the website's editors, he has exposed their deliberate attempts to remove pro-Israel content while painting anti-Israel activities in a favourable light.

Lord Ian Austin, whose father is Jewish, described his painful decision to leave the Labour Party in 2019 due to its ongoing anti-Semitism. Isaac Zafarti, associate director of StandWithUs UK, spoke of the use of human shields by Israel's enemies; as a former IDF soldier, he had personally witnessed missiles being unloaded from an ambulance.

Rachel Cary



Col Richard Kemp is a staunch supporter of the Israel Defence



Burgers, bouncy castles and the Gospel: Volunteers at the annual Passion for Kirkby event saw around 900 people flock to Kirkby town centre each day for free children's activities, burgers and Gospel preaching. Organiser Pastor Graham Peel commented: "Much Gospel seed was sown throughout the week, and we trust that God will glorify himself with a harvest of souls.

Wilberforce would have been proud

Young visionaries stand up to 'cancel culture'

Despite a free speech furore, delegates left this year's Wilberforce Academy inspired to speak up for Jesus in public life.

In a parliamentary debate, Fiona Bruce MP praised the conference, which was hosted by Christian Concern from 6-10 September.

As if to underline the importance of training future leaders, the conference hit the headlines when a small group of Oxford students forced the venue, Worcester College, to apologise for hosting the event. The provost of the college, David Isaac, had previously expressed support for faith groups in universities while chair of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Appropriately, the professionals attending the Academy had been encouraged to take a bold stand on moral issues. "Don't let people shut you up for 'imposing' your views on them; tell them they're imposing their views on you," said Tim Dieppe, Christian Concern's head of public policy. "If we're legislating morality which we always are - let's make sure it's the best morality out there!'

Another speaker, Steve Beegoo, head

of education at Christian Concern, is currently working with 11 groups across the country hoping to start their own Christian schools.

Rev Melvin Tinker exposed the rise of cultural Marxism – the ideology that attacks marriage, family and the Church as outdated, "repressive social institutions".

Several 'heroes of faith' also gave moving testimonies, including Dr Dermot Kearney, who was blocked from giving life-saving treatment to unborn babies whose mothers regret taking DIY abortion pills, and Kristie Higgs, who lost her job as a pastoral assistant after sharing concerns on Facebook regarding sex education in her child's primary school. These are just some of the many clients supported by the Christian Legal Centre each year.

The Academy's 600-strong alumni network forms the modern equivalent of the Clapham Sect, Wilberforce's dauntless group of anti-slavery reformers. Given society's increasing opposition to Christian values, such a network is needed more than ever.

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Delegates and speakers celebrating the close of the Wilberforce Academy 2021



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IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE YOUR RED LINES



In the face of increasing mind control, Dr David Donovan believes the Church isn't ready for what's coming next



Dr David Donovan, his wife Shirley and two fellow missionaries were kidnapped by an armed gang in 2017. They spent 22 days on a pontoon in a flooded swamp of the Niger Delta. Fellow hostage Ian Squire, an optometrist from Surrey, was shot on the first day for singing 'Amazing Grace' to lift their spirits.

Now David speaks to HEART about what their harrowing experience can teach the UK Church

hen thev came for us, we were naked, sleeping and unaware.

That memory of our kidnap, so brutal, sudden and unexpected is sobering.

A walled mission compound, floodlights, steel doors and window bars were no match for the armed gang which broke down the door during the night and kidnapped us just four years ago on 13 October 2017.

Assumed safety, familiarity and routine counted for nothing. Nor did our service: we'd worked in that region for 14 years and were known across the surrounding communities.

yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray" (Luke 21:34-36).

New paradigm

Much has been spoken of the new paradigm that lurks at the door of Western democracy. Shapeless and ill-defined, we catch glimpses of its features, which are authoritarian and prescriptive.

Each week, YouTube prophecy updates pedal new horrors to stoke the 'remnant' believ-

'breaching community guidelines'). Concerningly, there's an almost salacious relish for the next outrage.

Then we have the media circus called the "news", where the Taliban, vaccines, glacier recession and the plight of Covid-hit drag shows vie for centre

What is the appropriate response to all the voices in such a crowded marketplace of fear and uncertainty?

And what should we expect in these latter days? Is it not all foretold?

Deifying science

Francis Schaeffer stated that where God has been rejected, tyranny will abound. With the deification of science and militant atheism on the rise, seducing many from a biblical understanding of Creation and the natural order, the door is indeed open for tyranny.

I was struck by a recent metaphor for humans, God's highest creation, as "meat computers". It came from Andrej Karpathy, Tesla's director of artificial intelligence (AI), a man at the forefront of recent logarithmic advances in information technology. These include 'deep learning' (machine learning based on artificial neural networks), Elon Musk's Neuralink (which is creating implantable brain/machine



interfaces), and Dojo (Tesla's new supercomputer for training AI).

Tesla's director of Al referred to humans as "meat computers"

In the fields of robotics, gene therapy, stem cell research and the unsettling interface between AI and the human brain, the average befuddled person, Christian or not, has little cogent argument to proffer.

Meanwhile some sections of the Church focus on 'churchianity' and make antiseptic, magnolia proclamations designed neither to offend nor inspire. Sadly, much of the Church is still shut, physically and existentially the pulpit mute and the pews empty. Increasingly, therefore, Christians are meeting to worship and study in homes.

Red lines

Our humanist society is directly at variance with God's laws and preferences for his Creation. We see the rejection of God's natural order in education - with gender preference being taught to children as young as four in Scotland - in universities, and in the celebration of ungodly lifestyles in the workplace.

For myself, the issue of foetal cell lines in the research, development and quality control of vaccinations, drugs and even foods, speaks directly into the decisions Christians need to consider at the dividing line of faith and science, God's ordinances and man's contrivances.

God help us if we can't see the red lines and stand resolute now

To me the line is clear: God's Creation is sacrosanct and no humanistic arguments of the

'greater good' will persuade me. God help us if we can't see the red lines and stand resolute now, before the great deception is upon us and even the very elect can be deceived (Matthew 24:24).

The wise flee

What do the wise do in the face of encroaching disaster? If they can, they escape.



When the Taliban took outlying provinces of Afghanistan this summer, journalists, military pundits and even presidents claimed it would be unlikely that Kabul would be taken quickly. Nonetheless, those who had the means fled the country. Then it happened, precipitously and with little warning.

In a similar way, it only took 18 years for Jews to have their status as recognised citizens of the German state changed to 'Untermenschen', who merited the gas chambers of the death camps. The descent was slow, but the 'final solution' was swift. Sensing the change nationally, the wise fled the country.

But unlike 1930s Germany,

there is nowhere to go. The globalist agenda pervades every nation.

Foundation of Scripture

Before our kidnap, Shirley had felt strongly directed to Revelation 3:2: "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God."

This verse reminds us of the centrality of Scripture and of our Lord Jesus who is himself the Truth, the Word made flesh (John 1:14). Without this foundational fulcrum for our faith, today's hue and cry of competing voices will destabilise and confuse us.

While being held as hostages, we needed truth and a reference point to dispel the fear and confusion. The Word of God – "the sword of the Spirit" – cut through it all.

With our movements confined to a single mattress on a pontoon, we took turns reading the Bible aloud for hours each day. Incredibly, following our release, Shirley and I suffered no PTSD; we credit this to the supernatural power of God to cleanse our minds with "the washing of water by the Word" (Ephesians 5:26).

Prophetic timeline

As Christians we find ourselves in the prophetic timeline of Scripture, and we should not be fearful. Jesus said: "You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?" (Luke 12:56)

We cannot vacillate between man's ways and those of God. There has to be a divergence of paths.

Now is the time to align ourselves with God. This must be as intentional, as filling a lamp with oil.

Behaviour change is seldom achieved by force but by creep; without our setting our lines clearly, we risk gradual compromise. A decision must be made, and red lines drawn. We are mandated to walk "circumspectly" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

Behaviour change is seldom achieved by force but by creep

The prince of the world seeks to kill, steal, and destroy (John 10:10). Christians cannot become myopic, entangled in issues that are more of the world than the Word. Debates over vaccines, sexual identity, climate change, critical race theory and social justice are all emotive and divisive. These are details, distractions even: the main issue is the souls of men.

The Lord is coming back, and we must lift up our eyes and set our face. We will not be distracted or fearful of all that is around us, real or leveraged.

In our time of trial, Shirley and I made our choice and God was faithful. The situation before us, in all its complexity, is ultimately a spiritual conflict between two worldviews. But the outcome is foretold and we should rejoice: Christ is both the answer and the victory.

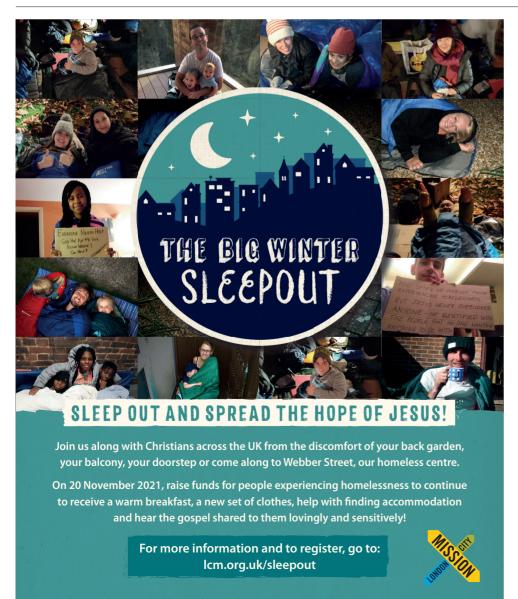
Dr David Donovan is a GP based in Cambridgeshire. He and Shirley founded New Foundations medical mission in the Niger Delta: www.newfoundations.org.uk.

'Counting the Cost', the book which recounts their kidnap, was reviewed in the Apr/May 2020 issue



lan with one of the eye care team









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Modern paganism teaches that 'Mother Nature' functions independently of any divine involvement, but Scripture repeatedly refers to God's control over the weather

n the last 18 months we have seen our society gripped by fear over Covid-19.

This has been stimulated by government pronouncements and advertising, and by the messages being conveyed day after day in the media.

This fear of a virus has come on top of the already-existing and ever-increasing fear of climate change.

Many young people in particular are apparently full of anxiety about the future of the planet.1

People fear climate change because they do not fear the **God of all Creation**

A survey of young adults aged 18 to 23 found that 67 per cent of them suffered adverse mental health issues to one degree or another because of climate change anxiety (reported by the American Psychiatric Association in October 2020).2

This sad prevalence of so much fear in the Western world is of course a result of nations casting off the authority of the Bible, which plainly teaches that fluctuations in the climate are an aspect of the providence of the Creator God. People fear climate change precisely because they do not fear the God of all Creation.

God is in control

Through the prophet Jeremiah the nation of Judah was denounced explicitly for failing to fear the God who ordains all weather conditions, and who blesses them by providing the harvest each year: "They do not

say in their heart, 'Let us now fear the Lord our God, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest" (Jeremiah 5:24).

Scripture is replete with references to the Lord's control over the elements. Paul preached in the city of Lystra: "(God) did not leave himself without witness, in that he did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17).

Existential crisis?

Scientists, politicians and the media are all telling us that the world is facing an existential crisis due to global warming which is especially related, we are informed, to the burning of fossil fuels.

For example, on 10 August the Daily Mail ran an article headlined, 'Code red humanity: World must wake up'. Other newspapers had similar headlines, responding to a recently issued IPCC report linking climate change to heatwaves and droughts, and more especially to flash flooding in Germany and wildfires in Greece.

The report states that the rise in global sea levels is now irreversible and that it will carry on for hundreds of years. The world must act with urgency because every tonne of CO2 prevented from being released into the atmosphere will make a dif-

Solar radiation varies

How discerning Christians need to be over this matter! The



Rev Peter Simpson

fact continually varied throughout history, doing so in situations where there was no corresponding change in man-made CO2 emissions.



Sunspot activity is a major factor in determining the global temperature of our planet

In fact, a major factor in determining global temperatures is our sun. The amount of solar radiation which the earth experiences constantly varies in God's providence because of "sunspots and faculae that change with time on the sun's surface".3

We have a wonderful promise in God's Word about the constancy of the earth's climate within seasonal variation

Every 11 years the number of sunspots increases and later declines.⁴ Thus sunspot activity explains, for example, the advent of the medieval warm period, which lasted from about 900 AD to 1300 AD. During these centuries the Vikings were farming in Greenland⁵ and good grapes were being harvested in southern England.

Seedtime and harvest

In our evangelism we must tell the unbelieving world, including many young people, that they must stop fearing climate change and start fearing the God who continually sustains his Creation. The Bible tells us that Christ is "upholding all things by the word of his power" (Hebrews 1:3).

Climate change anxiety indicates men's failure to believe in the God who constantly sustains his Creation

We must challenge the modern paganism which teaches that 'Mother Nature' functions independently of any divine control. We need to remind the fearful around us of the power of our Lord, of whom the disciples said, "Who can this be, that

even the wind and the sea obey him!" (Mark 4:41).

Indeed, we have a wonderful promise in God's Word about the general constancy of the earth's climate within the framework of seasonal variation: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

So God's Word specifically tells us that coldness and winters will be with us as long as the world lasts. The earth, therefore, will not succumb to a continual pattern of ever-rising temperatures. This assurance, however, does not preclude the advent on many different occasions of adverse weather conditions, which are a continual aspect of God's providential control of his Creation.



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The Gospel is the answer

The whole phenomenon of climate change anxiety is ultimately indicative of men's failure to believe in the trinitarian God, who sustains all that he has created.

As Christians we desire to help those overwhelmed by fear. The Gospel is the only answer.

We must point men to the crucified Saviour through whom they can receive mercy and salvation, and we must further tell them that the same Saviour is also the eternal Creator God, who continually upholds the natural world around them. As they turn to him, their disproportionate fears of climate change (and of viruses) will then be removed.

Rev Peter Simpson is pastor of Penn Free Methodist Church. In his recent book, 'When a Nation Prays' (advertised in this paper), Pastor Simpson highlights the remarkable hand of the Lord in controlling the weather at the time of the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940. Reference is also made to the providential break in stormy weather conditions enabling the D-Day landings to proceed in 1944, and the Lord's aid in ensuring that the nation remained fed during the war years. The harvest in 1942, for example, was one of the most abundant on record.

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(paperback, 160 pages) by Pastor Peter Simpson of Penn Free Methodist Church, featuring the 12 national days of prayer held during World War Two, and focusing on the outworking of God's providence throughout the war years. To order a copy online, please go to https:// pennfree.square.site Alternatively, send cheque to Mrs. J. Langston, 19 St. John's Road, Tylers Green, Bucks, HP10 8HW. Please make out cheques to P. Simpson. £5.25 -£2.00 p&p = £7.25; 3 copies = £19.75 (inc. p&p). jacqui.langston@btinternet.com

AFRICA APPEALS TO BILL GATES: STOP FUNDING THE "FAILED" GREEN REVOLUTION

Billions of dollars in aid and subsidies for industrial agriculture in Africa are harming food security in one of the world's hungriest regions, according to 200 African organisations.

Led by the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa, they have asked the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the US Agency for International Development and other donors to stop financing the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

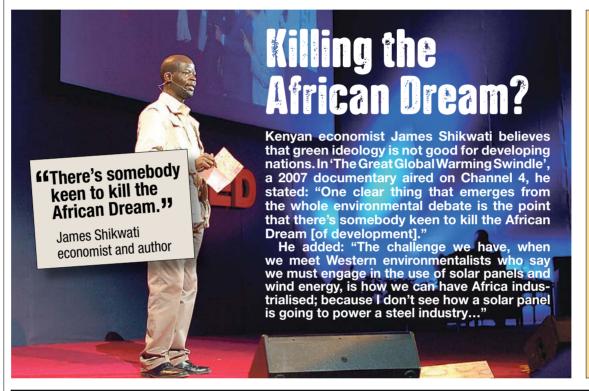
The billion-dollar effort has "unequivocally failed in its mission" and "harmed broader efforts to support African farmers," the groups said. Donors are asked to switch their funding to African-led

efforts and agroecology.

Hunger has worsened considerably since the Gates and Rockefeller foundations led a high-profile effort to bring the "green revolution" to Africa in 2006. AGRA's main focus is transitioning farmers away from traditional seeds and crops to commercial seeds, synthetic fertilizer and other inputs

to grow commodity crops for the global market.

African faith groups also appealed to the Gates Foundation in June, with a letter signed by 500 faith leaders asking it to stop funding industrial monoculture farming. That model, they said, is "deepening the humanitarian crisis in Africa." (Source: The Defender)



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www.seekingtruth.co.uk/ extreme-weather/ Majors on a biblical view, both past and future www.factsaboutisrael.uk/viewson-climate-change/ More scientific, contrasting IPCC view and solar irradiance view

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FALSE CLAIMS LEADING TO GLOBAL GOVERNMENT?



"Despite the claims of the IPCC, average earth temperatures have actually cooled by 0.7 degrees Celsius since 2016", writes Tony Pearce in his latest prophetic update, 'Light for the Last Days' (October 2021).

"This kind of information generally does not feature in what people are told by the government, at school, university or on the BBC or other forms of mainstream media. They send out a consistent message that humanity is threatened by 'catastrophic global warming' and therefore we need to change the way we live by cutting down (or cutting out) the use of fossil fuels (coal.

oil and gas) to create electricity and transport systems. The way to do this is through some kind of global government overruling national governments."

The World Economic Forum's chief, Klaus Schwab, is leading the way with his 'Great Reset', which Pearce calls "an updated blueprint for the New World Order and world government".

Schwab has said that the Covid crisis and the 'Green New Deal' are "much closer and more intertwined than we think." Pearce comments: "Both issues make people afraid of something that is going to destroy their lives unless 'global governance' steps

in and saves us."

Whereas Schwab promises "a new social contract that honours the dignity of every human being", Pearce maintains that 'global governance' would "result in a reduced population, which submits to the control of a powerful and very wealthy group of people who dictate a New World Order.

"Free speech, democracy and human rights will disappear in a tyrannical system which is a revamped version of communism, backed by an all-seeing technology taking control of our homes, our money, our thoughts and our social lives."

He quotes from globalist thinkers, going back to a 1993 Club of Rome report, which determined that an environmental crisis would be useful to unite mankind. Also Ottmar Edenhoffer, Co-Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) from 2008 to 2015 said: "We redistribute de facto the world's wealth by climate policy... Basically it's a big mistake to discuss climate

policy separately from the major themes of globalisation... One has to free one-self from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy. This has almost nothing to do with environmental policy any more."

'Light for the Last Days' is available from 54, Bridge Lane, London, NW11 0EH. Email: lld3722@gmail.com www.lightforthelastdays. co.uk



Tony Pearce warns of global governance

III-treated Christians vindicated

In some good news for Christian freedoms, a street preacher and a charity boss have both won their cases.

Hazel Lewis was arrested while speaking near Finsbury Park underground station last year for alleged homophobic and racist statements. At Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court on 28 July, Lewis revealed audio evidence which proved the allegations were lies and she had committed no crime.

Also in July, former Robertson Trust CEO Kenneth Ferguson won his case against the Trust. The Employment Tribunal found Ferguson was a victim of religious discrimination and unfair dismissal by Scotland's biggest grant-making trust and its Chair, Shonaig Macpherson. He had been fired in March 2020 after Macpherson objected to the church where Ferguson is an elder renting Trust premises – because the church opposed same-sex marriage.





Street preacher Hazel Lewis and former charity CEO Kenneth Ferguson both suffered prejudice against their beliefs

Online Safety Bill still unsafe

The draft Online Safety Bill would damage free speech and give social media companies even more powers of censorship, according to critics.

The bill is currently being scrutinised by Parliament and submissions were closed on 16 September.

A campaign called 'Legal to Say. Legal to Type' is opposing the bill. Tory MP David Davis has called it "catastrophic" for free speech.

While the bill aims to force online platforms to remove racist, child sexual abuse and terrorist material, it could also censor legal online posts from ordinary people, ban websites and turn Ofcom into a free speech 'super regulator'.

Mr Davis described the bill as a "censor's charter", adding: "Lobby groups will be able to push social networks to take down content they view as not politically correct, even though the content is legal."

Taking power over content that is not even illegal will, say opponents, lead to a chilling of free speech as bad as Chinese censorship. According to leading internet lawyer Graham Smith: "If the road to hell is paved with good intentions, this [bill] is a motorway."

In a legal assessment available online, barrister Francis Hoar called the bill "an extremely disturbing escalation of the power of state." He writes: "Disturbingly, the Online Safety Bill imposes upon websites a duty to remove content that could 'harm' not just children but adults: harm caused by words and (quite possibly) ideas."



Welsh gay blessings put pressure on C of E

The Bishop of Liverpool says the Church of England should bless same-sex marriages after the decision by the Church in Wales to bless gay couples in church.

Responding to the Welsh Church's vote, the Rt Rev Paul Bayes told Premier News: "I trust that my own Church will follow this creative and Gospelinspired lead, and I hope that this will happen soon." Bishop Bayes, who is set to retire in February 2022, had previously called for a "gender-neutral marriage canon".

The Church in Wales voted with a two-thirds majority to allow gay blessings after a marriage or civil partnership. Not a single bishop opposed the move.

The Church of England has banned the blessing of gay unions and stipulates that gay clergy need to be celibate, but the Church is due to debate sexuality yet again at next year's General Synod.

The vote in Wales has disappointed many evangelical members



Trans activists win on puberty blockers and Scottish schools

A High Court decision that children lacked the capacity to give informed consent to gender transition treatment has been overturned.

2020 In December High Court ruled "highly under-13s were to understand unlikelv" the full implications of the "experimental" nature of puberty blockers treatment and it was "very doubtful" for 14 to 15 year olds. But the Court of Appeal ruled in September that doctors can judge if under-16s can give informed consent.

The case was originally won by Keira Bell, who regrets her decision to transition to male and didn't want other children to suffer in the same way.

The appeal was brought by the Tavistock Trust, which runs the UK's only youth gender transitioning clinic, and the Trust can now issue the drugs again. Bell will seek permission to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, new Scottish government guidance on dealing with transgenderism in schools has been criticised. It backs children as young as four 'changing sex' in school – without parents being informed. The Christian Institute commented: "For the Scottish government to come down so firmly on the side of trans activists is bad for schools, families and society."



A Sigmund Freud statue stands in front of the Tavistock transgender clinic, perhaps appropriately given his discredited views on sexuality

Doctors end opposition to assisted suicide

The British Medical Association (BMA) has narrowly voted for a 'neutral' stance on assisted suicide by 149 votes to 145 – with eight abstentions.

Palliative care expert Baroness Finlay of Llandaff described 'neutrality' as a "fig leaf" covering an agenda leading to the legalisation of assisted suicide. Medical ethicist Dr Gillian Wright agreed that the motion was tantamount to "approval for euthanasia".

The motion was tantamount to "approval for euthanasia" - Dr Gillian Wright

The change in policy was also questioned because a recent BMA poll showed only 21 per cent of members supported 'neutrality' and only last year a survey of members of the Royal College of General Practitioners led to the College affirming its opposition to assisted suicide.

"THE LIFE OF THE FLESH IS IN THE BLOOD..." (LEVITICUS 17:11)

Graphene oxide found in vaccinated blood - AND in unvaccinated patients

With clear evidence of vaccine 'shedding' in a previously fit 59-year-old man, one doctor has found medicines that cleaned up the graphene from the patient's damaged blood

Last issue we printed photos of strange structures found in the blood of patients who had received the Covid injections.

The doctor who found them, who has a UK private Harley Street practice, told HEART that no medical institute had challenged his findings and he was invited to join several consultants' groups.

A week after he had shared the images, a Spanish professor announced that, thanks to powerful electron microscopy and other advanced technologies, he had analysed the contents of the Covid

It is evident from what Professor Dr Campra published that he found nearly identical tubular structures, as well as light-reflecting white dots, which do not routinely occur in blood profiles.

The highly qualified UK doctor, who has a special interest in haematology,

said:"They were like peas in a pod. The same structures I'd seen in my patients' blood were in the vaccine itself.

These structures and the many black dots seen in patients' blood, have now

been named as reduced graphene oxide.

The discovery of the reduced graphene oxide presence and metal components was made by Professor Campra at the University of Almeria and also by Dr Robert Young, a US-based health practitioner. Dr Young can be seen discussing his findings on the South African Christian channel, lovinglifetv.com

Now doctors around the world have been sharing their findings. A conference of pathologists and other doctors held in Germany in September was going to be shared with 35 groups of doctors across

Present were two lawyers representing the case being brought for 'crimes against humanity' by Reiner Fuellmich's team.

The expert at the conference does

not say definitively what the white dots are; he surmises they could be the lipid nanoparticles which enclose the spike protein, although Professor Campra and Dr Young believe they are nanoparticles of metals - aluminium, nickel and bismuth (the formula for stainless steel).

Nobody at the conference was in any doubt that the images in the vaccines mirror the structures found in the blood of vaccinated patients by a doctor with an optical microscope.

Graphene oxide grows in blood

New evidence of vaccinated blood taken from patients who were vaccinated earlier this year shows that the tubelike formations not only grow, but have a polarity issue with previously healthy red blood cells and absorb them, while the unabsorbed cells outside the structure are clumping

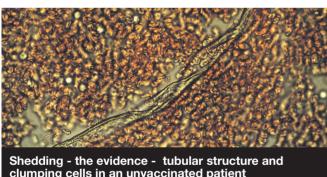
Additionally, black dots seen in the vaccines themselves and in the blood slides show a tendency to join up and become larger, black 'blobs' in the blood.

The ability of both the tubes and the enlarged graphene blobs would be compromised in their ability to pass through the tiny capillaries in blood, leading to clotting.

Another danger is when cells morph from perfectly round, smooth, doughnut shapes into hexagonal shapes like honeycombs. This would inhibit their ability to pass through capillaries freely and patients have presented with symptoms akin to gangrene, because they clog up the blood vessels.

A video has already been released of an Australian man threatened with the amputation of his fingers because of peripheral vascular disease due to his blood not flowing properly.

A testimony of healing from adverse effects and a prayer will be on our



clumping cells in an unvaccinated patient



Before and after blood slides

Day Before 4 Hours After

1st Shot



A long tube and unhealthy red cells in an unvaccinated



This blood from a vaccinated person shows a very long structure which is 'double light shedding', ie non-organic matter. (The white bar on the left is a computer frame)



A moving structure in a Pfizer BioNTech vaccine

Dr Geert vanden Bossche. who worked in the pharmaceutical industry, voiced his concern over the potential of vaccine 'shedding' – when vaccines affect others nearby.

Evidence of this came to light unexpectedly when a clinician found the same graphene structures in the blood of an unvaccinated, previously athletic, 59-year-old man who had complained of feeling ill. There was less debris in the blood than in that of vaccinated patients, but

it had all the signs of Covid, including liver and kidney issues, as well as skin problems. The doctor tried to remove the graphene and also used medication to counter the pathological aggregation (clotting). Among other medication he used growth factors and cytokines, which are not commonly prescribed.

To his amazement, three weeks later the same patient's blood no longer showed the graphene tubes and the white dots, a result which has not been seen in vaccinated patients yet. The patient's blood was not entirely healthy yet, but the potential for clotting had receded. The doctor who made the discovery hopes to share this with other doctors.

Hereditary damage

A condition called chromothripsis has also been warned about in peer-reviewed medical papers. This is damage to cells caused by the gene-editing properties of the mRNA injections which switch off certain steps in our DNA processing.

Chromothripsis has been seen in gene-edited plants which attracted diseases they had never previously suffered. It is hereditary and has been called a "time-bomb" because damage to DNA cannot be undone.

NHS orders £3bn of anti-coagulants

The NHS has put out a tender for £3.185bn of oral anti-coagu-

lants to be supplied from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2024. (The vaccines' experimental periods will have ended by 2024). One doctor called it an "astro-nomical amount" to spend on anti-coagulants and said the NHS is well aware of severe clotting incidents and currently routinely prescribes anti-coagulants to vaccinated patients who present with complications.

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Vaccine passports and government tyranny

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Are citizens' protests protecting us from the segregation happening in other countries?



Concerned parents marched through London to Downing Street on 18 September after the Chief Medical Officer overturned the JCVI's recommendation that the Covid vaccines were not appropriate for children

m I the only one whose head is spinning from trying to keep up with the government's flip-flopping over vaccine passports?

As I write this, the government has given us a reprieve from vaccine passports.

I'm calling it a 'reprieve', because the government's position has changed almost monthly with different ministers giving different decrees.

We know that vaccine passports are still lurking in the wings, because the government stated on 14 September that it had not ruled out vaccine passports (or lockdown, or face

However, its more lenient position sets the UK on a different trajectory to many other countries, where the unvaccinated are being banished from almost every indoor venue, including public transport, medical facilities and yes, churches.

Australia: no jab, no entry to church

Tony Blair's recent proclamation that "vaccinated and non-vaccinated people should have different freedoms" disturbing, but this is precisely how many governments are already treating citizens.

Coercing citizens

An Australian Christian news website, Caldron Pool, reported that "from mid-October, churches [in New South Wales] will be permitted to return to in-person worship on the provision that they only host vaccinated services". This is the same country in which police officers wrestle to the ground citizens for not wearing a face mask outdoors.

In Nigeria, Edo State appeared to panic over four deaths in the 'third wave', so its council gave its residents two weeks to be vaccinated; from 15 September they would need their certificate to enter churches, mosques, banks and government offices.

UK Column reports that unvaccinated Pakistanis are prohibited from using motorways and from mid- October will need to be vaccinated to buy fuel.

Mass protests

Across the previously free world, thousands of protesters have been taking to the streets. Largely unreported by mainstream media, these uprisings are certainly noticed by those in power: such is the scale of revolt in France that many fear a full descent into a second French Revolution

Was it the sight of a million people marching peacefully through London in June, July and August that changed our government's

mind over Covid passes? Or perhaps it was because the government decided to finally follow the real science that shows vaccine passports are pointless from a medical perspective? Evidence gathered from around the world shows that vaccinated people still catch Covid and transmit it to others, so presenting proof of vaccination is irrelevant to public safety. For example, of the 1,798 Covid deaths recorded over the last six months by Public Health England, 70 per cent were vaccinated.

Israel is arguably the most vaccinated nation on earth, with almost two million third doses al-

by James Smith

ready administered, yet at 1,080 it has the highest infection rate per one million of population in the world (the highest ever during the pandemic anywhere). By comparison. America has a vaccination rate of around 50 per cent with 512 cases per million and India a vaccination rate of 13 per cent with only 25 cases per million; rather than mass vaccination, the Indian Health Department introduced widespread prophylactic and therapeutic use of Ivermectin.

Israel's Health Minister. Nitzan Horowitz was recently caught in an embarrassing hot mic moment admitting to another cabinet minister that vaccine passports had been mandated not to limit spread of the virus. but to coerce Israeli citizens into getting vaccinated.

Sacking care workers

The fact that vaccination does not prevent transmission removes all medical justification for sacking staff who refuse it. Six out of 10 UK care homes will be forced to sack unvaccinated care workers (The Telegraph, 23) August), leaving a serious staff shortage during crucial winter months. A New York hospital is suspending baby delivery services due to the number of employees resigning over vaccination mandates for staff (The Guardian, 13 September).

"Vaccinated people carry as much of the virus as the unvaccinated" - William Wragg MP

William Wragg MP stated: "With recent analysis suggesting that vaccinated people carry as much of the virus as the unvaccinated into any setting, the government's decision to go ahead could reasonably lead people to conclude that there is in fact no such basis. If the

real goal is to drive vaccine uptake, then it is a deeply cynical approach that will be counterproductive.

Based on current vaccination uptake, President Biden's plan to mandate it for all companies employing over 100 staff will mean around 40 per cent of medical staff being forced to leave employment and almost 30 per cent of its Armed Forces being sacked. Where will this lunacy end?

Anathema to the Gospel

Perhaps church leaders declaring they would not allow proof of vaccination to be a condition of church admission also gave the government pause for thought? Rev Dr William Philip (a medical doctor before ordination) is one of over 1,800 UK church leaders to sign an open letter to the Prime Minister opposing vaccine passports.

"A Christian would never argue that physical health is the ultimate thing"

He articulated the feeling of many Christians when he said: "It is impossible theologically for the Christian Church to close its doors to those who have been branded by society as socially undesirable. It is absolutely anathema to the Christian Gospel. It would be like the Lord Jesus Christ standing up and saying, 'Well, come to me all

Outlaw discrimination against those who do not get a Covid-19 vaccination One of two petitions appealing the introduction of 'no jab, no job' rules gained 347,000 signatures, earning it a parliamentary 347,514 signati 20 September, and all spoke in favour of the government's

debate. However, just six MPs turned up for the debate on vaccine rollout

you who labour and are heavy laden, except those of you who are sick, blind, tax collectors and sinners - you've got to produce vour passport'.

"A Christian would never argue that physical health and protection is the ultimate thing. A Christian must say that eternal health is infinitely more important...To deny people entry to hear this life-giving message and to receive this life-giving ministry would be a fundamental betraval of Christ and the Gospel.

Vacillating over vaccine passports

February 2021

Former vaccines minister Nadhim Zahawi promises that the UK government has no plans to introduce vaccine passports. while signing off multiple contracts for their implementation.

July 2021

The government announces vaccine passports for entry into nightclubs and "other crowded venues", contradicting not only previous promises, but also a June 2021 Commons Select Committee report concluding that there is no scientific justification for them, they are discriminatory, pose serious problems to data protection and no cost/benefit analvsis had been done.

July 2021

Advocacy group Christian Concern immediately seeks and receives government assurance that churches would be exempt from "other crowded venues".

10 September 2021

Former Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden announces vaccine passports would be expanded "according to the public health

12 September 2021

Health Secretary Sajid Javid reveals vaccine passports will be scrapped, together with parts of the Covid Act that conferred power to close businesses restrict events and gatherings, disrupt education and detain infectious people. This is irrelevant, though, because the government previously enforced these measures under the 1984 Public Health Act, not the Covid Act.





deaths that already grossly ex-

ceed the numbers that prompted

withdrawal of previous vaccines.

For example, in 1976 the swine flu

vaccine was withdrawn in Amer-

ica after only 25 deaths in 45 mil-

lion vaccinated, whereas the CDC

(Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention) has so far recorded

13,000 Covid vaccine deaths; a

number exceeding all other vac-

cine deaths combined for the last

30 years. Bearing in mind that it's

estimated only one per cent of ad-

verse reactions are reported, the

Replace the word "anti-vaxxers" with "Jews" and you are back

in 1930s Germany. Replace it with "coloureds" and you are back in

the American South during the

1950s. For example, unvaccinat-

ed French citizens are not just

being refused entry to cafés and

public transport; they risk arrest

ernment's sudden U-turn on vac-

Whatever caused the UK gov-

figure is far higher.

Unfortunately, there are churches already enforcing either "no jab, no entry" or segregation between vaccinated and unvaccinated congregants in a way that could be described as vaccine apartheid.

Sinister rhetoric

They are emboldened by cabinet ministers and the press branding those cautious about the vaccine as selfish, dangerous and irresponsible "anti-vaxxers".

The CDC has recorded 13.000 Covid vaccine deaths

This sinister rhetoric inflames hostility towards those who simply question an experimental gene therapy approved under emergency authorisation, for which there is no long term safety data – but for which there is already substantial evidence of serious adverse reactions, and

cine passports, it has certainly granted this country a (probably temporary) reprieve from an evil currently running rampant in other parts of the world. For that mercy we should give God the glory and pray and express support for those living under this kind of **Evil precedent: Police directive** for the restriction of Jewish people in France in 1942 Left and below: **Medical freedom** demonstrators 60% of 'Covid' DEATHS in London on 18 September. are JABBED people! Marches also If JABS worked it would be ZERO% took place in JABS triple Illness/Death RISK* other cities. Over a million were expected TOP THE #CLOTSHOT to demonstrate e're Being Lied to! Save Our Children! in London on 25 September



Although over 1,800 pastors signed a letter condemning the introduction of vaccine passports to public places, some churches are going ahead of the government and requiring proof of vaccination or a recent test. Denied entry to church, those who don't comply feel like...

THE NEW LEPERS.

It is not just denominational

o doubt some church leaders feel that they are protecting their congregations by imposing restrictions, but others would argue that there is no hard and fast evidence that the new injections prevent transmission.

The subject is sensitive because it involves a personal, medical decision over taking experimental medication still in its trial period.

Covid-19

New Protocols: Begining Sunday AUGUST 29

1. You must be fully vaccinated in order to attend worship in-house

2. You must bring your vaccination card as proof When you arrive next week, your temperature we

3. For those who aren't able to get the vaccine for medical reasons, as well as our children 11 or under we are asking you to enjoy our online worship

No hugging, Remain in your seat, Practice caution

For many the decision to

refuse or delay the jab has been a

painful one, as they have resisted

not only pressure from the media

and NHS, but from family and

friends, who are also influenced

by the media to think that the vac-

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churches that have taken this step. HEART has heard that apparently evangelical or charismatic fellowships have restricted entry to the jabbed. One woman was told that,

One woman was told that, due to her decision not to take the Covid injection, she would not be able to join a reputedly Bible-believing fellowship in the north of England. An elder told her apologetically: "I nev-

er thought I'd have to say

In Cornwall, a couple have been unable to attend their Anglican church because the vicar has restricted entry to trafficking, abortion, euthanasia and strongly supportive of traditional marriage."

As the vaccine rollout began, word came from individuals at the church: "I've had my first jab ... I'm going for my second..." This was accompanied by joyful emojis.

Joanna believes that God showed her that Covid had become an idol.

She had been researching the medical background to the crisis and challenged the elders on their statement, but they struggled to find a common understanding.

"Perhaps [my family was] too radical, but if anyone was ill in New Testament times, Jesus

SHE HEARD GOD SAY: "I CAN'T VISIT THERE EITHER BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HAD THE JAB OR BEEN TESTED!"

the vaccinated.

Another woman, Joanna (not her real name), told HEART that she was numb when her fellowship, after a long period of closure, decided to make one jab or a test that morning the condition of entry until further government restrictions had been eased.

She described her West Midlands fellowship as having been "radical, pro-Israel, very vocal on big issues such as human

would have touched them and they'd have been healed."

The family left the fellowship on good terms, but Joanna felt devastated. As a single mum, her Christian support network was very important. On a walk, she poured out her heart to God, telling him: "I'm feeling very isolated and alone."

Then, amazingly, she believes she heard God say: "I can't visit there either because I haven't had the jab or been tested!"

"We can't enter our own premises in November"

ulian and Jane Sykes-Brown have happily owned a care home in Somerset for nearly 20 years and regularly pray for their residents and staff.

But now they are taking early retirement, because from 11 November they will not officially be allowed to set foot over the threshold of their own premises. Their decision has been taken reluctantly, but they cannot bring themselves to risk their own health by taking the experimental Covid 'yaccino'

tal Covid 'vaccine'.

Jane explains, "We fully understand that some have faith in the vaccine, but we believe it does not necessarily protect people and they are still open to getting this virus and any other viruses. The answer is in the immune system. As you get older the immune system weakens, but there are ways to help elderly people boost their ageing immune systems; vitamin D is one of them. We lost no more of our residents than any normal winter."

Meanwhile their staff have been "coerced" by the CQC's requirement for care home staff to be jabbed, according to the Sykes-Browns. And while eight staff

Brave faces: Julian and Jane Sykes-Brown are barred from their own property after 11 November

members were reluctant to take the vaccine, all but three have now had their first dose.

"What a way to treat these people who are generally underpaid and undervalued and do the most amazing job", says Jane. "They have been faithfully serving elderly people, some with severe dementia, throughout the lockdown. It means a lot for an elderly person who is often living away from their family and friends, and was then prevented from having visitors during lockdown, to

hold their hands and give them a hug, most likely frowned upon by many.

"We strongly believe that people should have freedom of choice to take a new medical intervention without threat of losing one's job."

Meanwhile, they have consulted Paul Diamond, the UK's leading barrister on religious and human rights. It is possible that situations like theirs could be seen as a case of a citizen being free to run a business.

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GARDNER'S WORLD

THE ROOTS OF SUCCESS

The vital need for staying connected to our Jewish heritage

by Charles Gardner

Reflecting back on hazy days in July, I remember gazing with delight at the stunning clematis climbing up against a partly-shaded corner wall of our little back garden. Its mauve blooms were proudly flourishing despite the sizzling hot weather.

hot weather.

My wife Linda explained that it was unaffected by the dazzling sunshine because it had forged deep roots and soaked up plentiful water while rocks had been carefully placed around its base to keep the plant extra cool.

In these days of increasing pressure on believers, we

In these days of increasing pressure on believers, we need to dig deep and put down strong roots if we are to ensure a fruitful Christian life. Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes (or cleans) so that it will be even more fruitful." (John 15:1f)

If you want fruit in your life, you need to have a root.

If you want fruit in your life, you need to have a root. There has been an explosion of interest in ancestry of late, and I have a great interest in my own – my Jewish ancestors survived the Spanish Inquisition and my gentile forbears were blessed by the Jews, essentially through the (Jewish) Gospel.

Jesus is Jewish. Christianity is Jewish

Roots are in fact vital in communicating the Gospel. For both Matthew and Luke use genealogies to prove the Messiahship of Jesus. Sixties pop star Helen Shapiro was amazed when she discovered how the New Testament began in this very Jewish way.

For Jesus is Jewish. Christianity is Jewish. All but one of the Bible's 40 authors were Jewish. But because of tensions within a mixed Jewish/gentile congregation in Rome, the Apostle Paul had to correct the notion that the Jewish people were no longer on God's agenda, explaining that their overall blindness in rejecting their Messiah was actually for the benefit of gentiles.



Flowering jacaranda in Jerusalem's Old City copes well with the heat because of its roots – especially appropriate here in the courtyard of Christ Church,

headquarters of the Church's Ministry among Jewish people (CMJ), dedicated for more than 200 years to re-connecting with Christianity's Jewish roots

He further explained that we gentiles have been grafted in to the olive tree that represents



represents Israel

Christian faith. It is essentially Hebraic; we owe it all to our Judaic ancestry.

It was God's will for the

Israel and "now share in the

nourishing sap from the olive root" (Romans 11:17). And he

added: "You do not support the

root, but the root supports you"

This is absolutely crucial to our understanding of the

(Romans 11:18).

It was God's will for the Messiah to be crucified

Tragically, the root of anti-Semitism lies with the early Church Fathers who progressively cut the Church off from her Hebraic roots which effectively meant that the nourishing sap of the olive root was no longer coursing through its branches. Not surprisingly, therefore, much of what passed for Christianity subsequently withered and died on the vine, though thankfully for us,

God has always kept a remnant

Many retreated to anti-Semitic dogma that branded Jews as 'Christ-killers' which denies the fundamental Gospel principle that it was God's will for the Messiah to be crucified (Isaiah 53:10, Daniel 9:26); without it, we would still be in our sins. Failure to bless the Jews (Genesis 12:3) and remain connected to our roots has been key to the decline of Methodism.

One day, as a nation, Jesus' brothers in the flesh will recognise him as Messiah

But if our roots are in Christ, the Jewish Messiah, we are thus totally connected with Israel, who gave us the patriarchs, the prophets, the law, the Bible and our Saviour.

And one day, as a nation, Jesus' brothers in the flesh

will recognise him as Messiah (Romans 11:26, Zechariah 12:10, Revelation 1:7 "... every eye will see him, even they who pierced him").

If you love Jesus, you will love the Jews

Until then, we must ensure that our roots are regularly watered by the word of God so that we too can flourish and be fruitful – even in the heat of the day in a world that has forsaken God and is rising up against his ancient people.

If you love Jesus, you will love the Jews. We are rooted to them and their destiny should also be our concern. The Gospel too is for them – "to the Jew first, and also to the gentile" (Romans 1:16). We are a wild olive shoot grafted in to the natural olive tree, sharing its nourishing sap, without which we will wither and die.

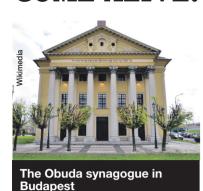
So let's become fruit-bearing soul-winners, prioritising the Jews while also reaching the nations for Jesus!



Jesus is coming again

For Jesus, the King of the Jews, is coming again – and soon! Every knee will bow before him. Attested as King of the Jews by the Magi (wise men from the East) at his birth, and by the Romans from the West at his death, he is both the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29) and the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5).

DRY BONES COME ALIVE!



Dozens of Hungarians who lost touch with their Jewish roots due to the Holocaust and communism are returning to their faith as the community is being rebuilt. Having not functioned for many decades, Budapest's historic Obuda has now synagogue been restored and used for its original purpose. Quoting from the prophet Ezekiel, their rabbi explains that they are taking the dry bones – whether of buildings or people who lost their affiliation to Judaism and bringing them back to life!

IRANIAN AIRMAN PRAISES JEWS

A former Iranian air force pilot has praised the spirit of the

people for rebuild-Jewish ing their lives in their ancient homeland following the devastation of the Nazi genocide. Khosrow Beitollahi, an ac-

tivist against Iran's current regime, was speaking after a visit to Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. He is one of hundreds of non-Jewish Iranian activists in the US — a number that is growing — who are openly supporting Israel because of their desire to help rebuild Iran's neglected and devastated landscape under the current Islamic regime.

"This criminal regime has created a failed state because it cannot provide basic water, electricity and food resources for the country's population of 80 million," said 70-year-old Beitollahi, who lives in Los Angeles. "This regime will soon collapse and we, the patriots of Iran, have a responsibility to reach out to Israel, our only true friend in the region, for their help to avoid a major humanitarian catastrophe for the people of Iran.



WHATSAPP **SHOCK OVER**

Members of an Israel-based WhatsApp group were recently shocked to read: "Dear neighbours, on the front lawn is an object that seems to be a part of a Syrian missile!'

It turned out that debris from a Syrian anti-aircraft missile were found scattered in Tel Aviv, with an IDF source confirming: "A surface-to-air missile was launched overnight from Syria and exploded above the sea, but residents of central Israel located a number of the missile's fragments scattered on the

Dishonest media report on anti-Semitism

The Honest Reporting campaign has uncovered a shocking example of media bias which omits reference to anti-Semitism in an article on hate crime by American media giant CNN.

In a 1,000-word analysis of the FBI's 2020 Hate Crime Statistics Report, CNN acknowledged that over 10,000 people reported being victims of a hate crime because of their race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, religion or disability – the highest

Other articles

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level in a dozen years without even a passing reference to American Jews. The oversight is glaring when considering they comprise a mere two percent of the US population, yet were last year targets of nearly 60 per cent of all religiously motivated offences.

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"I REALISED I HAD KEPT TWO THINGS — MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND MY LIFE"

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By Lisa Meister

Lisa Meister is a survivor who grew up in an ostensibly 'good', churchgoing family which had the darkest of secrets. But as a little girl she found God – and it was this that brought her through deep places of healing to being a happy grandmother today

'What have you lost?"

The question seared into my brain as my mind wandered down different paths at the same time.

After years of abuse at the hands of my father and others, this one question opened up more questions than I could ever hope to answer. Can you lose something if you never had it? What didn't I lose? My mind screamed, "Everything! I lost everything!"

I pondered these questions many times over the next four years, never coming to a satisfactory conclusion. I looked back over the archives of my life, looking for answers. I tried to picture how my life could have been different, if only the abuse had not happened. Not only had I lost things in the past, but I also felt a sense of loss for the present.

It was 1999; I had found a godly man and we had been married for seven years with three adorable children. Everything in the present was fine, although for years I'd suffered emotional disturbances which made no sense. I would find myself crying for no reason; I had also suffered from depression, suicidal thoughts, emotional tics and extreme, startled responses to normal stimuli.

Now the past was bursting into my present through graphic flashbacks.

At first the flashbacks covered sexual abuse at the hands of my father. After nine months, the flashbacks turned sinister.

There were people dancing around in grim reaper-like robes, chanting; I saw candles, bonfires, pentagrams, and goats heads. There was blood, drugging, sexual abuse, orgies, torture and the killing of animals and babies.

I was very confused both by these flashbacks and the extreme pain that coursed through my body with them; this pain would last for days and then a flashback would come with the



torture that would fit the pain.

The flashbacks showed that they happened from when I was tiny and continued into my teenage years

But the flashbacks provided information that explained why I always had the feeling that something was horrifically wrong with me. I wasn't broken. I was a survivor of Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA).

The flashbacks showed that

the abuse happened from when I was tiny and continued into my teenage years. I realised that I must have been drugged as a child so I would not remember it next day - but it was coming back years later.

Still, the ritual scenes were so bizarre that I decided to look for evidence. With my husband, I returned to the town where I grew up.

I felt God leading me to talk with pastors, family friends and townspeople I hadn't seen in years. While they didn't know about the SRA, they did know that my parents had been part of

an occultic group in town.

My husband and I even talked with the family members of the known witch from that group. I filed a police report, and a detective was assigned to my case. He interviewed other SRA survivors who came forward with stories very similar to mine. I had to face the fact that I was, indeed, an SRA survivor. Now it was time to heal.

This was in 1999 when not much was known about SRA. I had to go to God to know what to do and how to do it. From the age of seven, I had known God - because I had actually gone to church when growing up.

Even though it seems counter-intuitive because my family was worshipping Satan himself in the rituals, they found the church a great place to hide. Who would ever think a "good churchgoing family" was involved in torturing their daughter in rituals worshipping Satan?

Compared with the evil of the rituals, God was all love and healing and peace

But I found the church a great place to find out about the goodness of God. Compared with the evil of the rituals, God was all love and healing and peace. I asked Jesus to save me at the age of seven in vacation Bible school and never looked back.

I haven't been able to put the Bible down

I found out that the Bible was what God wanted me to know about him, and I haven't been able to put the book down since. Now that I needed to heal, this was really valuable. I had a relationship with God and knew his voice – and I was going to need it to move forward.

God led me in what to do. I found a team of pastors, counsellors, doctors and friends who supported me as I healed through the years. I went through deliverance, EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing, a counselling procedure), counselling and prayer and I also connected with other survivors.

As I watched my own children grow, I looked for things in their lives that I had missed as a child. I heard them complimented on good efforts. I saw them surrounded by love. I realised that there was power in their ability to say no, because it was

They enjoyed life and their



Lisa and her husband Patrick

home was a cocoon that protected them from the harsh world. I listened to their hearts as they shared their dreams and hurts.

One day, as I sat thinking through the question of loss again, that still, small voice asked: "What did you keep?"

Those words stopped me in my tracks, as a refreshing new way of thinking entered my mind. Here was a question that would require some thought, but it would have a satisfying answer. I went through the archives of my memories again.

I can reach the potential God put into me when I was born

As I thought and sorted out my memories, I still experienced sadness as I realised what I didn't have, but a new feeling of release arose from the loss. A cleansing was beginning.

After much thought, I realised I had kept two things: my relationship with God and my life. Then the epiphany happened – I knew that with those two things, I had everything I needed.

I told myself: "God can take me from ground level and grow me into the person he wants me to be. He can grow me into the wife and mother he wants me to be. I can reach the potential God put into me when I was born."

Jesus came to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). That certainly included me. He saved me, and I am his.

But he is also saving all that goes with me. I haven't lost my childhood – I've found a platform to develop a way for God to use me.

I haven't lost parental love – I have the love of the most loving Father. Not only that, but the love I receive every day from my husband and children is all the sweeter.

the fragility of life and the preciousness of each moment.

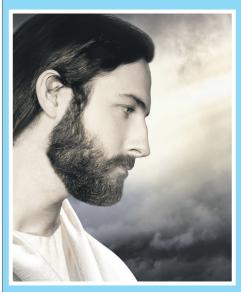
I haven't lost who I am. I have found my core – the strength God placed in me. I do not have personality based on the superfluity of life, but one based on the reality of the Word of God.

As I look back at my past now, I do not see a little girl alone with her abusers. I see a little girl and her caring, heavenly Father looking over the whole scene. I see him suffering and crying with me. I see him making provisions to set me free from a situation where the

Lisa exposes Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA) through her podcast of survivor stories

Lisa lives in the United States with her family and attends a local church. She is working on exposing SRA through a podcast of survivor stories ('Only God Rescued Me: My Journey From Satanic Ritual Abuse'); has a memoir with the same name as her podcast and has a Facebook group for survivors called 'Christian Women SRA Survivor Support Group', and gives her testimony in churches. Her vision is to expose SRA one story at a time and to bring understanding of SRA to the Church so that survivors can find compassion and deliverance

Lisa's message to other survivors



Many women in the world today (one in three, according to recent statistics) have survived abuse. It may be you.

If you have survived, or are in the midst of abuse, please remember to turn to Jesus, the One who has suffered just like us. He wants us to remember to be grateful for what we still have.

Even if we feel no strength, we need to remember God has given it to us – it is how we have the ability to survive the abuse. It's how we've made it this far without giving up.

I haven't lost parental love — I have the love of the most loving Father

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 discusses the good things God desires for his people. I read this passage over and over to remember God didn't put me on this earth to merely survive pain and sadness. God desires good things for my life. He wanted good things for me then, just as he wants good things for me now.

For many years, I did not see goodness in my life, but God has used circumstances in my past as a springboard to bring goodness to me now.

All I missed in my home growing up is now firmly in place in the home where I will spend the rest of my life. I haven't lost my ability to enjoy life; I have gained an understanding about

enemy thought he had free reign. The enemy had my body, but he did not have my relationship with Jesus, nor did he have my life. Now he has nothing of mine.

I am not a product of my past sufferings; I am a vessel made all the more beautiful because the past shaped me to be real, to have a relationship with God based on day-to-day need.

I can honestly say that God has been good to me in this life he has blessed me with. I am now 52 years old and have been married for 30 years. I have four children, two married, one engaged and have three adorable grandchildren. With God, all things are possible!



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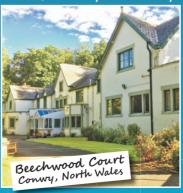
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HALLOWEEN WARNING

Come October, shops fill up with ghoulish masks and costumes that present Halloween as harmless fun. But children's parties mask a darker reality, because Halloween is the most visible part of the occultic year and a highlight for the type of abuse that brave survivor Lisa Meister experienced as a child and teenager.

She is certainly not alone; there are other survivors whose stories have featured in this paper and are online. Ex-Scotland Yard detective Jon Wedger has interviewed victims and is on Youtube.

Campaigners who have heard these people's stories are prepared to go to extreme lengths to protect children. As we go to press, prominent campaigner Wilfred Wong is in jail with four others awaiting sentencing for an alleged plot to kidnap a child before he could be returned to his alleged satanist father.

Further reading: Doreen Irvine's 1986 book, 'From Witchcraft to Christ'.



PERSECUTION WATCH

THE PLIGHT OF AFGHAN CHRISTIANS

The Taliban's takeover means death for Christians left behind in Afghanistan

Christians left in Afghanistan are, as feared, already being martyred.

The Taliban have killed Christians

who have been discovered to have Bibles on their phones, according to ASSIST News. Media ministry SAT-7 reported that Taliban militants have pulled Christians off public transport and killed them on the spot.

Leaders of the underground Church in Afghanistan released an official statement that said: "The Taliban has a hit list of known Christians they are targeting to pursue and kill... They are going door-to-door taking women and children... If they find a young girl and the house was not marked [by the family as having a girl] they will execute the entire family.

The Taliban had already been knocking on doors in Kabul to order people to attend mosques and identifying those who refused.

Dr Mike Evans of Jerusalem Prayer Team is in contact with an organisation building "pathways to safety" for Christians. He says: "The Taliban has targeted more than 400 villages where underground churches and believers are active... these people are truly facing a life-or-death crisis.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey has criticised the government for leaving Christians to suffer at the hands of the Taliban.

Lord Carey, a patron of Barnabas Fund, explained why Christians are in such danger: "The Hanafi school of Sharia [law] which predominates in Afghanistan specifies death for male apostates and imprisonment for female apostates. The Taliban have a record of ultra-strict interpretation of Sharia.'

Around 5,100 Afghan Christians escaped in an airlift before the Taliban stopped further planes from leaving. Glenn Beck of the Nazarene Fund, which financed the rescue, said, "The [US] State Department blocked us every step of the way." Gatestone Institute reported that "US officials... prevented the escape of a group of 500 Christians, mostly women and children, who were ordered outside of Kabul airport's protected area.



Afghan refugee Nafisa Alwozai grew up under Taliban rule in the 1990s and now lives in Turkey with her family. She does not believe the new regime will be more moderate

Beck added: "I have pictures of them... pleading to get back through the gate. I have pictures of blood and body parts and nothing but death in that same area [of the airport]... I don't know how many survived.

By contrast, The New American reports that "at least 100" Afghan refugees being flown out of Kabul are on terror watch lists, with one man allegedly working for Isis.

Lord Carey also recalled Britain's poor track record on helping Christian victims of Islamic fundamentalism: "The much-trumpeted relocation scheme from Syria almost completely ignored the needs of Christians, who had experienced the most persecution.

At the time of writing, no specific help for Christians left behind in Afghanistan had been put forward by the government, while countries including Australia, Brazil, Canada, the Czech Republic and Poland had prioritised Christians fleeing from persecution.

Despite ranking second only to North Korea as the country where Christians are most persecuted, many believe that Afghanistan also is home to "the second-fastest growing Church in the world, next to Iran," according to Mark Ellis of God Reports. Joel Richardson of Global Catalytic Ministries has received reports of Afghan Christians risking their lives by choosing to stay and share the Gospel - in one case even studying the Bible with the Taliban.

OBITUARIES

Colin Urguhart, apostolic leader with a healing ministry

OLIN URQUHART, who passed away on 13 September aged 81, impacted a generation of Christians, introducing them to a bold, charismatic faith and the pursuit of an intimate, obedient relationship with Jesus.

His first book, 'When the Spirit Comes', written in 1974, describes how God transformed his Anglican church, St Hugh's in Luton.

Times of genuine revival followed when he left a secure parish to start a travelling ministry with a small team of supporters.

Colin describes the movement's beginnings in 'Faith for the Future' (1982). Over the course of several evenings, "it seems that Jesus walks into the room. Immediately, people start falling on their knees. Next they are lying prostrate ... one person after another is crying out to the Lord for His mercy ... in those brief hours the Lord had shown more to us about our hearts than all our weeks of searching had revealed".

Colin and his wife Caroline also modelled community living in households; a large ministry base in Sussex, The Hyde, was shared by



Colin Urquhart was still preaching at 80; his legacy lives on in his many books (Colin Urquhart, 1940-2021)

several families.
A permanent base, Roffey Place in Horsham, was paid for miraculously and became a Bible college, although the emphasis was as much on the practical

aspect of serving as spiritual study and experience. I had the privilege of spending two terms there in 1991-2. While there, I wrote a commissioned book, 'The Coming Revival', which portrayed life at the college interwoven with Colin's teaching. I was also there for the 1992 birth of Kingdom Faith Church, which was launched with three weeks of nightly meetings.

Colin, who said his testimony was 'God continually asking me to do things I couldn't possibly do" also began Faith Camp, an annual tent meeting in Peterborough, which gathered around 5,000 Christians to powerful worship and teaching.

Colin passed the leadership of the church to his son, Clive, when he officially retired from full-time ministry, but continued to preach, teach the college students and mentor other leaders.

Melanie Symonds

David Yonggi Cho, pastor of the world's largest church

THE FOUNDER of the world's largest megachurch, David Yonggi Cho, died on 14 September aged 85. Known affectionately as "God's general," Yonggi Cho converted from Buddhism as a young man to become a Pentecostal who saw miracles, including the raising from the dead of his own son.

Yonggi Cho started Yoido Full Gospel Church, affiliated with Assemblies of God in Seoul in 1958 with just five worshippers. By the 1990s, it had over 800,000 members. It still has around 480,000 members, with 400 pastors and evangelists in South Korea and 500 missionaries abroad.

Many churches across the world adopted his 'cell groups' model for discipling believers.

Retiring in 2008, Yonggi Cho's last years were blighted by a tax scandal connected to his wayward elder son, but he said his conscience was clear before God

Cho attributed the success of his ministry to the power of prayer and would discipline himself to pray for three to five hours per day.

Andrew Halloway



"All I did was offer my life just like the boy who gave the five loaves and two fish. I simply held on to the dreams that the Lord gave me" (David Yonggi Cho,

Greg Haslam, pastor of Westminster Chapel

astor and author Greg Haslam died on 20 August at the age of 68.

He served as senior minister of Westminster Chapel from 2002 to 2016, succeeding RT Kendall. Prior to this, he led a church in Winchester for 21 years. A popular speaker at national Christian conferences, Haslam became a Christian aged 14 after hearing Billy Graham preach.

He retired from ministry after being diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's five years ago, and his wife became his full-time carer.

Their son Andrew paid tribute to his father's "rare combination of careful and logical preaching, enlivened by a living reliance on the Holy Spirit".

Andrew Halloway





by Andrew Halloway



he clearly genocidal nature of the North Korean government's campaign against Christians has been documented in a report by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF).

The country's communist dictatorship seeks to "exterminate all Christian adherents and institutions" through imprisonment, torture, executions and the denial of religious freedom.

The USCIRF report, 'Organised Persecution Documenting Religious Freedom Violations in North Korea', says the regime's policies are "designed to remove all traces of Christianity'

The two statues of Kim Jong Un's predecessors, the 'Dear Leaders', in Pyongyang

The state-sponsored persecution is "brutally effective" and includes a network of informants that extends into China and "no-exit' political prison camps", plus anti-Christian propaganda in education and the media.

Open Doors USA comments: "Being discovered as a Christian is a death sentence in North Korea.

Under the current leader Kim Jong Un, the number of prison camps has expanded and now holds around 50,000-70,000 Christians.

Nigeria

12 CHILDREN **KILLED IN LATEST NIGERIA ATROCITIES**



A funeral on 28 August held by the Anglican Diocese of Jos for 17 of the 33 Christians killed on 25 August in Yelwa Zangam, Plateau State

mong 40 Christians killed in and near Jos in Nigeria this August were 12 children.

Morning Star News report that the children died in attacks by Fulani herdsmen on 15 and 25 August that killed 33 Christians. In addition, seven Christians were murdered by suspected local Muslims in the same area.

The herdsmen killed 16 Christians with machetes and guns



The Rev Jacob Kwashi at a funeral for Christians killed in Zangon Kataf County, Nigeria

China

CHINA OFFERS



n increasing number of Chinese city, district and county governments are offering cash to anyone who informs the authorities of 'illegal religious activities"

Citizens can be rewarded with between 500 yuan (£56) and 1,000 yuan (£112) for reporting on Christian home groups, unregistered preachers and preaching, support from foreign missions, literature distribution or showing Christian films outside of official churches.

The policy is part of the ongoing campaign against Christians by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Uganda

MUSLIM RELATIVES SUFFOCATE CONVERT former Islamic teacher

in Uganda was murdered when relatives hired a mob to kill him.

Saban Sajabi taught Islam in mosques and schools in eastern Uganda until an uncle led him to Christ in 2015. He fled Jinja that year after receiving death threats, but he received further threats from his family after marrying a Christian.

In July, a relative phoned to say that the uncle who led him to Christ was seriously ill, so Sajabi and his wife rushed to visit him. But it was a trap. On arriving at the town where his uncle lived, six men attacked Sajabi.

Sajabi's wife told Morning Star News: "They started beating my husband and then dragged him to



Kaluba, Uganda

a nearby anthill, dug into it and pushed his head inside, and he breathed his last."

She was told she would be killed if she tried to escape to get help. One of the attackers told her that Sajabi was killed because he had not returned to Islam.

It is also alleged that the police have not investigated the murder.

India

Teenage Indian pastor in acid attack hen a 16-year-old Indian Christian community in the repastor refused to stop dai-

pastor refused to stop daily prayer meetings in his house, despite death threats, he was severely burned with acid.

According to the Christian Post he was selling vegetables in his village when anti-Christian activists threw acid over him, burning 85 per cent of his body. He had become a pastor at such a young age because there are so few Christian

Premier News reported that the teenager is called Nitish Kumar and the attack "terrified the

Christians is becoming "more brutal"

Persecution is increasingly common in parts of India. Christian Post reporter Michael Brown says: "During one meeting with a few hundred Christian leaders, I asked them, 'How many of you have been physically attacked for preaching the Gospel, not just verbally attacked, but physically attacked?' About three-quarters of them raised their hands.'

and 17 died when their homes were set on fire. An auditorium of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) in Jos also was set ablaze by local Muslims.

In separate attacks in August, Fulani herdsmen killed 36 Christians in Kaduna State and over 50 people in the town of Miango near Jos in Plateau State. According to Release International, many of the injured in the Miango massacre had to treat themselves because they could not afford to go to hospital. About 300 homes, two churches and an orphanage were also destroyed in the attack, and more than 20,000 residents were displaced.

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We paid for this young Christian man's operations after he was badly beaten up just before he was due to testify in the case of the rape of a 6 year old Christian girl. Extremists also threatened the girl's family and actually kidnapped the little children of someone helping them after he wasn't cowed by their death threats. We funded the relocation of both families. Also, we've paid for all sorts of medical and other emergency costs, helped feed many starving debt-slave families in brick kilns, but our local pastor contact advises there are many more families in his area alone who also need help.





'Nathanael Lewis has been a faithful attender of and occasional speaker at Beit Yeshua Messianic congregation for many years. We have been blessed by his deep knowledge as a theologian and his exquisitely beautiful piano playing.' Laurence Levine, Leader, Beit Yeshua, Gateshead.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS by Andrew Halloway



The US State of Texas has passed the strongest pro-life legislation in a generation.

Despite media uproar, the Supreme Court refused to block the legislation in a close 5-4 vote

However, President Biden's pro-abortion administration is challenging the Texas law, and the Department of Justice obtained a temporary halt to it on 14 September.

Texas voted to ban abortions after a foetal heartbeat can be detected – usually at about the sixth week of pregnancy. The law was signed by Governor Greg Abbott in May. Twelve other states have previously passed foetal heartbeat laws and all have been struck down by the courts, so the battle is far from over.

Satanists "should be allowed" to buy abortion pills in Texas for use in their Temple's 'abortion rituals'

Meanwhile, left-wing pro-abortionists are looking to Satanists as the potential saviours of abortion in Texas. The Satanic Temple has written to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) arguing Satanists should be allowed to buy abortion pills in Texas under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), for use in the Temple's 'abortion rituals'. Fortune magazine ran an article titled: "Why Satanists may be the last hope to take down Texas's abortion bill."

POPE: "ABORTION **IS MURDER"** ope Francis stood firm on abortion under questioning by journalists on a papal flight to Rome from Slovakia in September. In tackling the debate over whether the Roman Catholic Church should offer communion to politicians who support abortion, the pontiff said: "Abortion is more than an issue. Abortion is murder. Scientifically it's a human life. The textbooks teach us that. But is it right to take it out to solve a problem? And this is why the Church is so strict on this issue because (it is kind of like) accepting this is accepting daily murder." "Scientifically it's a human life" But he emphasised that bishops and priests should

Pope Francis made his stance

on abortion clear during an

in-flight press conference

act as pastors, not politicians:

"Be a shepherd, do not go

around condemning.

NETFLIX SHOW IS "CHILD PORN"



Controversial Netflix series 'Big Mouth' includes sexually explicit scenes

Netflix cartoon aired in both the US and UK has been accused of child pornography by a parents' group.

The American organisation Parents Television and Media Council says the animated series 'Big Mouth' depicts minors in sexually explicit scenes. Faithwire reports that on several occasions the 12 to 13-year-old characters have performed sexual acts, discussed mastur-

US FUNDED COVID EXPERIMENTS AT WUHAN LAB

he USA's chief medical advisor, Dr Anthony Fauci, has been accused of hiding government-funded Covid research at the Chinese laboratory where the Covid-19 outbreak may have begun.

According to the Christian Post, a media watchdog says that news agencies have been silent on 900 pages of official US documents showing the US funded 'gain-of-function' research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Dr Fauci, the pandemic advisor to both Presidents Trump and Biden, has repeatedly denied that the government has supported such research.

The experiments alter naturally occurring animal viruses to infect humans

Fauci is accused by the Media Research Centre of being fully aware of the funding and the experiments that alter naturally occurring animal viruses to infect humans.

The Centre's report, titled 'Nets censor evidence Fauci



Dr Anthony Fauci: alleged to have covered up the research that led to the Covid-19 pandemic

lied about funding Wuhan Covid experiments', says the three major news networks, ABC, CBS and NBC, completely ignored the release of the documents in September, which were obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Christian wins Aussie talent show



member of the international church network Hillsong has won the Australian edition of the talent show The Voice.

show The Voice.

Bella Taylor Smith and her coach are both Christians and in a TV interview, Smith said she is "shocked and thrilled". The

music teacher's winning performance was of classical singer Andrea Bocelli's song, 'The Prayer' – a duet with her coach.

The night before the final, Smith acknowledged the support of her friends, family and church and in a social media post gave her thanks "most honestly and most importantly to Jesus for giving me hope and a beautiful life to live".

Smith helps lead worship at the Hillsong Sydney church. The singer added that she had no plans to give up her job as a music teacher despite the fame, prize money and recording career that beckons. Her first single will be called, appropriately, 'Higher'.

bation and been shown naked.

The parents' report says: "Depicting the full-frontal nudity of little boys — some with erections, no less — can only be intended to shock, titillate and pander to the viewer. Such material falls squarely within most definitions of pornography... we believe this qualifies as child pornography."

It is the second time in a year that Netflix has faced criticism for the sexual portrayal of children. Previously the streaming platform ran the film 'Cuties' – a French movie featuring scantily clad under-age girls performing sexualised dance routines.

French Protestant Church blesses same-sex pastors' union

he Protestant Church of France has made history by 'blessing' the nuptials of two lesbian pastors.

two lesbian pastors.

A Facebook post on 28 July titled "Good news" celebrated the fact that Agnes Kauffmann and Emeline Daude, two lesbian pastors, had just tied the knot – with the Church's blessing.

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Back to basics

I agree with Keith and Candace Malcolmson that we may soon witness a decreased emphasis on church buildings ('Time to prepare for persecution', June/ July issue).

The modern Church has less time for the Kingdom of God because it is too focussed on maintenance, choosing songs and balancing the books. The New Testament churches not only gathered for corporate worship, but also spent time building up the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12).

Perhaps God wants the church buildings to be gone and everyone to meet in homes again, where the focus is on prayer and the Word of God.

Richard Smart

St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex

Is Britain Tarshish?

Derek Walker believes that Tarshish refers to Great Britain (Aug/Sept book reviews).

That's an attractive theory, but not supported by 2 Chronicles 20:35-36: "After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who acted very wickedly. And he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion Geber

Anyone building ships to trade with Britain would build them on the Mediterranean coast, for example in Jaffa, Tyre or Sidon - because that would be the most direct and familiar route. No-one would build ships bound for Britain at Ezion Geber on the Red Sea, in the area of modern Eilat, because they'd need to sail 10,000 unnecessary miles around Africa!

Tarshish probably doesn't refer to one specific country, but to any distant 'paradise land' which was a source of mineral or other wealth. This view is also compatible with Jonah fleeing to Tarshish from Jaffa. Peter Jones

Melrose, Scotland

"All Israel will be saved"

I am not sure what Eldo Barkhuizen was trying to prove when he quoted several Scriptures relating to the Jews (Letters, Aug/ Sept). Was he trying to discredit the Jews as God's chosen peo-

The rite of circumcision was God's covenant sign to mark the Jews out as his chosen people. However, it was never a sign of salvation. In this sense, it is only those Jews who have truly believed in Yeshua who are 'true' Jews, otherwise called the "remnant" (see 1 Kings 19:18).

On the other hand, in Romans 11, Paul addresses the subject of those remaining Jews who have not believed, and clearly predicts future their salvation. Paul presents a three-stage process in verses 25-26:

- 1. Israel has experienced a temporary hardening "in part"
- This period will last until the Gentiles have been saved.
- 3. At that time, "all Israel will be saved.'

He concludes: "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (verse 29). God is bound by covenant love to bring Israel to salvation.

The Jews have now been restored to the land of Israel physically, and soon God will breathe his life (the Holy Spirit) into his people and they will truly live (Ezekiel 37). This follows the pattern of Adam, whose body God breathed into before he became a living soul.

Have no fear, God is watching over his Word to perform it. For Israel, the best is yet to be.

Rev Mervyn Tilley Romford, Essex

Patriotism: the new taboo

The Archbishop of York has criticised the London "metropolitan elite" for looking down on people who are proud to be English (Daily Telegraph, 6 August).

He questioned why being patriotic has become taboo and said patriots should not be treated as "backwardly xenophobic' He added that English sports teams should sing a national anthem of their own, as the Scottish and Welsh teams already do. Perhaps they could sing 'There'll always be an England', 'Rose of England' or Blake's 'Jerusalem'. Ann Wills

Ruislip, Middlesex

Darkness and deception

Thank you for having the courage to speak the truth which so few, especially most churches, are willing to do!

We are both shocked and amazed at what is taking place. Sadly, it seems the father of lies has deceived the world. However, it is refreshing to see God's people carrying out his will and seeing miracles in such dark times

Ben and Amber McDermott Havant, Hants



As an elderly, retired Church of England vicar without access to the internet and failing evesight and hearing, I am utterly dismayed by the BBC and the state of things in this country including the established Church of this nation, which is compromising the Word of God, yet I am delighted with the contents and the truth being reported in this newspaper.

I have dedicated my life to preaching the uncompromising Word of God in the Church of England and long for the people in this nation to hear the truth and turn back from their rebellious ways.

People seem to think that if there is a God, then their life (as it is) is good enough for God (no questions asked!). What a deception! Why do they think a complete lifetime without God gives them a ticket to heaven? No way! At death their destination is hell.

Perhaps they think the words in the Church of England funeral service make them eligible for heaven: "In sure and certain hope of the resurrection from the dead". Picture a funeral; the body is in the ground, but there comes a cry from the coffin: "I have no hope of heaven. I can smell the flames. Let my family be warned not to come into this place of hell" (Luke 16:19-31).

The 'important things' when this world gets back to normal (if ever) will be football, drink, night clubs, sex with anyone outside of marriage etc - the very things that can cause grief and misery and will keep you out of heaven. But the only alternative

The very things that can cause grief and misery and will keep you out of heaven

In 1 Corinthians 6:9 we read: "Fornicators, adulterers, homosexuals, idolaters, sodomists, blasphemers, drunkards, thieves, extortionists will not inherit the Kingdom of God" and therefore NEVER see heaven unless they make a drastic change.

And Jesus said about teachers who can't keep wandering hands off children: "If anyone offends ANY of these little ones of mine, he should have millstone hung around his neck and thrown into the deep sea" (Mark 9:42, Matthew 18:6).

Before Jesus came, no-one could be sure of going to heaven. But Jesus died on the Cross and brought forgiveness to all who would receive it.

Jesus says: "He who follows me NOW will be sure of heaven".

So please - start to pray - invite Jesus into your life - from the moment you do that, you will be changed and ready for heaven

Then read or sing 'There is a green hill far away' - (Hymns Ancient & Modern No 214) and let the truth start to change you. Rev Leslie Wilson Ketton. Rutland.

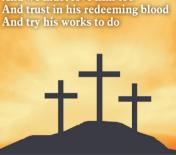
There is a green hill far away Without a city wall Where the dear Lord was crucified Who died to save us all

We may not know, we cannot tell What pains He had to bear But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven He died to make us good That we might go at last to heaven Saved by his precious blood

There was no other good enough To pay the price of sin He ONLY could unlock the gate Of heaven and let us in

O dearly, dearly has He loved And we must love him too And try his works to do



Don't guilt-trip us for the "greater good"

In spite of it being known that vaccination does not prevent someone from either catching Covid or transmitting it to others, those making the personal choice to decline it are being branded as "selfish" and being "guilt-tripped" into taking it, if not for themselves, then for the "greater good". How many times have we heard cabinet ministers use that term?

Not only is vaccination being associated with being a "good citizen", but also a "good Christian". For example, someone recently wrote in a letter in HEART: "There is no clearer demonstration of Christian care than getting vaccinated". Really? Based on what science or theology?

The collectivist doctrine of the "greater good" has no place in a free and democratic society, let alone Christianity. The fact that the "greater good" is always defined as whatever is good for those in power is demonstrated by considering those regimes that have been most successful in imposing it on society.

For example, collectivism is foundational to communism,



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fascism, socialism and Nazism. Adolf Hitler declared: "The common good before the individual good". So integral was this dogma to Hitler's tyrannical rule that it was inscribed on the edge of every Reichsmark coin.

Perhaps we will soon find this inscribed on every bottle of Covid vaccine?

Whether one believes the vaccine is the saviour of the world in a syringe or the most dangerously toxic substance man has ever tried to inject man with, the decision whether or not to take it has nothing to do with being a good citizen and even less with being a good Christian. It is a matter of personal conscience, not government mandate.

Your decision should be based on informed consent, not being "guilt-tripped" by unscientific and fear-driven bigotry.

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The rapture resolved? Repentance for historic

Why I believe a post-tribulation rapture is likely

The snatching up of Christians to meet Jesus in the clouds is called the 'rapture' – an event tied to the 'great tribulation'. But does the rapture occur before, in the middle or after the

Many believe that the tribulation, a



future time of turmoil, lasts seven years. But the Bible says it spans just three and a half years.1 Soon the Third Temple will rise in Jerusalem, and three and a half years after the sacrifices and offerings begin there, the Antichrist will end them and sit in

that Temple pretending to be God.² This is the start of the great tribulation.3

The Church will be raptured when Jesus returns,⁴ a coming that will be "with power and great glory" on the clouds of heaven, and "every eye will see Him".5 A trumpet will blast and God's holy children will be gathered from the "four winds" to meet Jesus in the air.

The Bible says Jesus will come back just once, after the great tribulation

JN Darby, a 19th century leader of the Plymouth Brethren, taught that before the tribulation Christ will come secretly for his saints, who will go with him to heaven and escape the seven-year tribulation. Then, after the seven years, the saints will return publicly with him to earth. However, the Bible says Jesus will come back just once, after the great trib-

Many often quote Paul's words: "God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation" to claim the Church will be raptured before the tribulation, the time of God's "wrath". But the "wrath" named here is God's eternal wrath.7 When God in his wrath struck the Egyptians, his people were still in Egypt, inside their blood-splashed homes.8

If Christians are raptured before the tribulation, then how can the Antichrist "make war with the saints" and "over-



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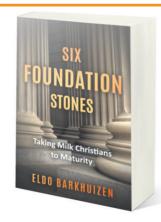
come them"?9 Also, there will be "a great multitude which no one could number' standing before the heavenly throne, and these "come out of the great tribulation".10 And during the tribulation there will be Christians who refuse to worship the Antichrist or receive his mark, who will have their heads cut off.11

My own understanding is that the Church is raptured at Jesus' second coming.12 Since the second coming occurs after the tribulation, 13 the rapture must also occur after the tribulation.

Eldo Barkhuizen Conwy, Wales

Eldo is an author, researcher and copy editor of theological books. For further reading, see chapter 9 of his book, 'Six Foundation Stones'

- 1. Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Revelation 11:2-3; 12:6, 14;13:5
- 2. Daniel 9:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:4
- 3. Matthew 24:15-21
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- Romans 5:9
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wrongs smacks of wokery

Charles Gardener was wrong to state that Protestants in Northern Ireland need to repent of the 1912 Ulster Covenant ('Îrish troubles', Prophecy Today section of HEART, Aug/Sept).

He claims that the covenant was "a man-made rebellion against authority set up by God, and has driven much sectarian violence ever since". However, this presents a distorted view of Ulster Protestantism.

Today, there are no living signatories to that covenant. The idea of repenting of something you weren't personally involved with smacks of today's wokery, which requires us all to repent of slavery and other historical wrongs.

Many identified themselves as Protestants politically, but did not have a saving knowledge of the Lord **Jesus Christ**

Before the partition of Ireland, the violence between the two communities was extremely unpleasant. Then, as now, there were many who identified themselves as Protestants politically, but who did not have a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

However, there was justifiable concern among true Protestant believers that "home rule" meant "Rome rule". In "home rule" meant "Rome rule". In December 1912, Father Gerald O'Nolan told Catholic students at Queen's University Belfast: "We shall have a free hand in the future... Let us use it well. This is a Catholic country, and if we do not govern it on Catholic lines, according to Catholic ideals and to safeguard to Catholic ideals and to safeguard Catholic interests, it will be all the worse for the country and all the worse for us."

The Ulster Covenant, which saw

thousands of Ulstermen sign a document opposing self-government for Ireland, must be seen in the context of the persecution of evangelical minorities in majority Catholic countries. In Spain under General Franco, Catholicism was

the only religion to have legal status; other worship services could not be advertised, and no other religion could own property or publish books. In 1961, when Spanish priest Francisco Lacueva embraced evangelical truth and resigned the priesthood, he had to flee the country.

The Reformation was one of the mightiest moves of the Holy Spirit which Western Europe has ever seen

In contrast, Northern Ireland's Protestant majority were very happy with the status quo as part of the UK - in particular, freedom of worship. The Ulster Covenant was intended to express their sense of betrayal by the government in London.

Mr Gardner also speaks critically of the Reformation, accusing it of a 'spirit of sectarianism". It is true that several different churches emerged post-Reformation – including Lutheran, Reformed and Anglican. Sadly, it is also true that these denominations have not always seen eye to eye.

Yet the Reformation itself was one of the mightiest moves of the Holy Spirit which Western Europe has ever seen. Countless numbers were saved, and it even touched members of the English and French royal families.

While everyone must welcome the relative peace which Northern Ireland has known since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, the fact remains that Roman Catholicism, for all the windowdressing of Vatican II, is a false religion, deficient in many essential doctrines of Christianity including justification by faith alone.

Although there are true believers within the Catholic Church, they are saved in spite of, not because of, its doctrines. Catholics who have found true faith in Christ should be encouraged to join a faithful evangelical church, of which Northern Ireland still has many.

John Petley Heathfield, East Sussex

Was lockdown God's response to Sunday trading?

"God has everything under control" – I have believed that for decades.

So when Covid-19 struck, my question was, what is God saying and doing?

My attention was drawn not only to our nation's shedding of innocent blood (one in four UK pregnan-

cies ends in abortion), but also our failure to observe the Sabbath.

I was not too bothered about the Sunday Trading Act when it passed in 1994, but I now realise that far from being a 'progressive' move, it was a nasty development. It is only the poor who work on Sundays sweating and labouring, while the rest of us put our feet up.

The Old Testament Babylonian empire lasted 70 years: one year for each week of the 490 years in which the people had trashed Continued on page 22



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CREATION CORNER



by Geoff Chapman

co-operative relationship between two living organisms is known as 'symbiosis'.

It's rather like the relationship between a computer and its software — each is dependent on the other, and useless alone, so both had to be designed with the other in

Evolutionists claim that symbiosis in the living world is the result of 'co-evolution'. But could two organisms which are designed to live together and depend upon each other for survival really have evolved gradually?



Yucca plants and their special moths

out of cocoons

Yucca plants grow wild in Central America, and can

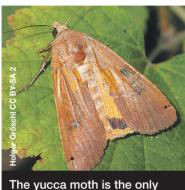
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time the yucca moths break

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Some species have special arrangements which enable each to survive



species that can pollinate the

only be naturally pollinated by one kind of moth — the Pronuba moth. In turn this moth also depends upon the yucca plant for its own survival.

The yucca flowers once a year, and at exactly the same time the moths break out of cocoons and crawl out of the ground. The females gather pollen from a yucca plant, then fly to another plant, where they deposit the pollen and lay their eggs.

The caterpillars hatch, and eat the seeds — but not all of them, otherwise there would be plants begin to flower, otherwise they would have no food and the plants would have no seeds.

Fig trees and their special wasps

Fig trees rely on one particular wasp for pollination, and fig wasps rely on fig trees to complete their life cycle. A fig is really an inside-out flower, and pollinating wasps enter through a narrow passage.

Somehow, the moths know exactly when the plants begin to flower, otherwise they would have no food and the plants would have no seeds

There are two types of fig: edible, and inedible 'caprifigs'. Female wasps enter caprifigs, where they find flower parts specially shaped to hold their eggs.

The wasps die, but the eggs

no yucca plants! Somehow, the wasps, which mate. The wingless moths know exactly when the males dig tunnels to allow the females to escape, taking pollen with them. Then the males die, while the females fly away to pollinate figs on another tree.

Evolutionists were shocked to discover the fossil of a fig wasp in "115-million-year-old" rocks, because, according to their dating, this was 65 million years before fig trees appeared! According to Science Daily (5 December 2013) this presents "a baffling puzzle to researchers." There is clearly something wrong with the evolutionists' dating methods, as well as their 'co-evolution' theory.

Goby fish and their shortsighted shrimp roommates

Goby fish and snapping shrimps need each other to survive. Shrimps have poor eyesight, so they make a burrow and share it with a goby, which acts as its "eyes."

When alarmed, the goby flicks the shrimp with its tail, and they both head for safety in their burrow. This special relationship benefits both: the shrimp gets a warning of aphatch into male and female proaching danger, and the goby



Fig trees rely on one particular wasp for pollination

gets a safe place to lay its eggs. Neither can survive without the other, but for this relationship to work, the reproductive systems of both goby and shrimp are synchronised so that shrimp and goby are born at the same time, ready to pair up.

These, and many similar examples, point to purposeful design, not an evolutionary process. We believe the Creator God of the Bible is their designer.



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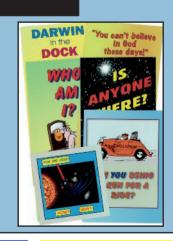
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the Sabbath. In the same way, I wondered whether our present exile from normal life might last one seventh of the time since we passed the Sunday Trading Act, ie three and a half years. That would be from March 2020 until November 2023.

Providentially, I then made contact with Chris Bright, a Prophecy Today reader. He sensed that he should consider Daniel 12:12: "Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the 1,335 He discovered that exactly 1,335 weekends - ie 1,335 Sundays had elapsed between the passing of the Sunday Trading Act and Boris Johnson's lockdown announcement (Friday 26 August 1994 to Monday 23 March 2020).

I believe we now have an endurance test ahead of us. Whether we are in the throes of the grim threeand-a-half-year period spoken of in Revelation, or whether it is simply a three-and-a-half-year period like Elijah's drought, does not concern me personally. The attitude I need for both is the same.

I must make sure my trust in Jesus is firm whatever happens. God will provide, as he did for Elijah by ravens and a widow, however hairy things become along the way.

I am expecting Christians and

non-Christians alike to end up groaning in our slavery before the end (Exodus 2:23). I am determined not to worry, but to lift my head high as Jesus asked. Ultimately, God has everything under control.

Readers may be interested in the site I created when the pandemic hit: www.turntojesus.co.uk. Note the feedback page. I have also created a Kindle out of the 21 articles that I wrote since March 2020 called 'Earthquake Tremors': what is God saying now? (80p). I can be contacted via https://www.pennantpublishing.co.uk/ 1335days.htm

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A SURVIVOR'S SIMPLE RULES

'The Happiest Man on Earth'

By Eddie Jaku

Macmillan, 2020

hen I picked up a book called 'The Happiest Man on Earth', with with 'The a sub-heading, 'The Beautiful Life of an Auschwitz Survivor', I was amazed. How could you be the happiest man on earth when you have gone through the horrors of Auschwitz, Buchenwald or Hitler's other terrible concentration camps?

It was written in 2020, when Eddie Jaku, who now lives in Australia, was 100 years old.

Eddie Jaku always considered himself a German first, a Jew second. He was proud of his country. But all of that changed in November 1938, when he was

beaten, arrested and taken to a concentration camp.

Over the next seven years. Eddie faced unimaginable horrors every day, first in Buchenwald, then in Auschwitz, then on a Nazi death march. He lost family, friends, his country.

"Meeting evil with kindness; believing happiness is something we can choose"

Before the war he had more than a hundred relatives all over Europe. As the war ended, as far as he knew there was only

him. But he writes:
"Liberation is freedom but freedom for what?

'To be alone?

"To have to say Kaddish (a Jewish prayer) for other people?

That's not life. Many times, I was very sad, I was very lonely. I had to decide what to do, to live or find a tablet and die like my parents. I had made a promise to myself and to God to live the best existence I could, or else my parents' death and all the suffering would be for nothing.

'So. I chose to live.

His principles of living are so simple and basic, but also very profound:

"A vow to smile every day; meeting evil with kindness; believing happiness is something we can choose; having one good friend is enough; affirming life can be beautiful if you make it beautiful. It is up to you.

Wondering how best to describe Eddie Jaku, I was helped by a review in The Times: "Eddie Jaku is Australia's answer to Captain Tom. His memoir is inspirational as he pays tribute to those who were lost by tell-ing his story and sharing his wisdom. As we read of so much evil in our world today and wonder how to survive, this book will so encourage you. Thank you, Eddie Jaku."

Celtic Christian life sounds too good to be true

'Reclaiming Britain's Lost Inheritance: What We Can Learn from the Early Church'

By Mary Kelsey (2019) Available from Amazon



Mary Kelsey reveals Britain's Christian roots



ould you like to see a Church which has vibrancy and evidence of the Holy Spirit guiding believers, that is outward looking with a missionary focus, engaging in spiritual warfare and standing against evils, depending on God to deliver people from the hold of pagan and occult practices
– and where the authority of Scripture is supreme?

Sounds too good to be true? In this packed 140 page book, Mary Kelsey challenges us to look at the evidence of the early Celtic Church in Britain. She believes the Church of today has lost its way and is no longer the Church

Christ left on earth.

Mary Kelsey had a career in teaching biology and environmental sciences before taking to writing about topical subjects from a biblical perspective. She states the book's purpose is: "to bring a better understanding and revelation to Christians concerning the roots of our faith...

Most readers will be familiar with names and terms such as the 'Venerable Bede' (670-735 AD), Celtic Christianity, the Iona community, King Alfred the Great, David, patron saint of Wales (c500-c589 AD), Columba, born in Donegal in 521 AD and Patrick (395-474 AD), patron saint of Ireland. But how many know fact from fiction? I was surprised how little I knew.

A Church depending on God to deliver people from pagan and occult practices

Mary Kelsey believes the first Christians in Britain were probably among the soldiers garrisoned in the country after it was conquered by the Romans in the first century. She writes: "Christianity might have been introduced into Britain as early as AD 38. In the writings of one called Pseudo – Hippolytus, the Aristobulous of Romans 16:10 was ... the bishop of Britain.

The early Church of Britain was very different to today's Church. The author says the Celts 'were relational rather than rational, inspirational rather than institutional." She includes examples of Celtic prayers found carved on stones and painted on manuscripts, which show the intimacy the Celtic Church had with God:

"Christ be with me, Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

The book does not claim to be an academic study, but gives a glimpse of Christian life in Britain in the first seven centuries after Christ. There is a good bibliography of 37 publications recommended for further study.

Inevitably the author has had to be selective, and I would have liked to see arguments developed and discussed in detail. The mix of stories and legends, alongside actual quotes from early writings, can be disconcerting, and cause fact and fiction to become muddled. But they are minor gripes compared with the opportunity of increasing our knowledge of our early Christian heritage.

FAREWELL 'OLD NORMAL'

Why church life for some will never be the same

'The Post-Pandemic **Church: Transfor**mation and Hope for the Future'

By Dr Clifford Hill

Wilberforce Publications, 2021

"Clifford Hill has done it again!"

That is how Michael Fenton-Jones starts his foreword to this book.

And he has! Just a couple of months ago I reviewed his last book, 'Beyond the Pandemic'. Now this prolific writer has produced another gem of a book.

He foresees that Biblebelieving Christians will leave the institutional Church in their droves

Its purpose is summed up when Clifford writes: "We expect the advances of secular humanism to continue, and make the sharing of the Gospel much more difficult, with restrictions placed upon Christian counselling ... [and] Christians sharing their faith in the workplace or any public place.'

Some Christians will find the message of this book difficult to accept. He thinks the institutional Church of the UK is in serious decline and foresees that Bible-believing Christians will leave the institutional Church in their droves. Clifford declares: "God is equipping the post-pandemic Church to preserve the gospel... when some form of underground Church may be required.'

The Church in Britain is in the second stage - when it is too late to pray for the welfare of the nation

Clifford recalls how in March 1988 he was one of the speakers at a large gathering in Westminster Central Hall. As he spoke to the 3,000 plus audience, the Lord told him to remove his clerical collar and the cloth that goes with it (he'd wondered why the Lord had told him to wear an old collar that morning to such an important event!).

Standing on the platform he then ripped the cloth, stating it was a sign that God would tear his Church in Britain apart, unless there was repentance and change

Through scholarly studies of the Old Testament prophets of Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Isaiah. he teaches how God deals with rebellious people. In Jeremiah's day there were two steps of judgement that fell on Jerusalem. In the first stage, Jeremiah was told to stop praying for the welfare of the nation. The second stage came when the Babylonians attacked Jerusalem.

The overcomers, who trust in Jesus, will not be shaken

At that stage it was too late for repentance. Clifford writes that the Church in Britain is in the second stage – when it is too late to pray for the welfare of the nation.

He believes the purpose of the pandemic is that God does not want people to return to the normality where marriage has been overturned, family life destroyed, abortion is rampant, genderism the norm and the voice of the Church silent. He believes that those who trust in traditional institutions will be filled with fear.

But the overcomers, who trust in Jesus, will not be shaken. They will see the "day of the Lord" - the second coming of

Jesus – approaching.

To those church leaders who teach that after the pandemic the country will return to as it was, Clifford quotes Ezekiel: "Disaster! An unheard of disaster is coming. The end has come!" (Ezekiel 7:5).

Later on, Ezekiel declared: "Then the glory of the Lord departed from the threshold of the Temple" (Ezekiel 10:18).

Towards the end of the book Clifford teaches in a practical way what Christians should expect during this time. He reminds them of the words of Isaiah 43:18 - 44:3.

He believes the post-pandemic Church has already been born and church life for some will never be the same as the old normal. In the last chapter Clifford and Monica, his wife, share the steps they have taken during lockdown to prepare for

The challenge of the book to all of us is: Who is going to be a part of the post-pandemic

JEWISH EVANGELIST ON THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

'Israel and the Church'

By Amir Tsarfati

Harvest House Publishers, 2021

fresh take on the hot topic of Israel and the Church is most helpfully provided by a Messianic Jew living helpfully in Israel, Amir Tsarfati.

It is indeed refreshing to have such a sympathetic view of the Church in this context, though I appreciate that much of the criticism levelled at Christians over their stand (or lack of it) for the Jews is justified.

But for Amir, an ex-military man fronting 'Behold Israel', a YouTube ministry giving up-to-the-minute news of the Middle East from a biblical perspective, the Church is as much chosen by God as Israel. It's not an either/or situation – only they come to the fore in different ways and times

I am most grateful for the extra insight into the Scriptures often provided by our **Messianic brethren**

Whereas many authors on this subject, perhaps including me, may appear to give the Church a hard time for their misunderstanding and, indeed, persecution of the Jews. Amir has an obvious love for the Church that has taken the Jewish Gospel to the ends of the earth.

He conveys much help-ful insight with his trademark sense of humour, but I didn't always find him easy to follow. Though well-written, his arguments are at times a tad too complicated. Or is it just that I am intellectually challenged?

That said, there's no mistaking his deep passion for the Gospel of Jesus, and we should all be thrilled that the Jews are beginning to rise up and lead the way in evangelism once more, as they did at the beginning.

Is this what is meant by Jesus' reference to when the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled? (Luke 21:24). Is Amir at the forefront of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists mentioned in Revelation? I, for one, am absolutely delighted and most grateful for the extra insight into the Scriptures often provided by our Messianic brethren.

I particularly enjoyed his studies on the Revelation to the churches. On the Ephesians losing their first love, he comments on how the fiery romance of newlyweds is unsustainable in the long-term, commending a deeper, more mature love "like the orange coals of a barbecue producing intense heat that is more enduring and productive.

And on the lukewarm Laodicean church that makes Jesus sick, he tells us that the city's water came from two places – the hot springs of Hierapolis and an ice-cold mountain run-off via Colossae.

The antidote to such a vomit-inducing mixture will only come, he says, from spending time in the Bible and on our knees in prayer, helping us to "block out the worthless and focus on the priceless"

Amir does make some very bold claims, especially over the pre-tribulation rapture of which he is clearly convinced. One of his key arguments for this view is that there is no mention of the Church from Revelation chapter 4 until near the end of the book's 22 chapters. Yet he then seems to contradict himself by saying that the book is not necessarily chronological.

He may be right, anyway. I am not making an issue of that. I just pray that many will be blessed with a new revelation of God's wonderful plans for both Israel and the Church by reading this excellent book.

Charles Gardner

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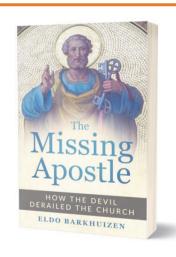
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