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MISSING MILLIONS

Why we need to say **'SORRY'** for nearly **10 MILLION** missing Britons

by Lynda Rose

In the last 50 years, almost ten million unborn babies in England and Wales have been aborted without cause.

This sombre anniversary will get little or no publicity and certainly not a grand service with royalty in attendance.

One in four conceptions now ends in abortion. Globally, the leading cause of death in 2019 was abortion.

Britain alone is 'terminating' 4,000 pregnancies per week.

So we have to ask: is this one of the reasons Covid and the draconian measures implemented by governments worldwide have been hurting millions across the earth? Is the blood of the innocent crying out from the ground to God?

The lost unborn

As we prepare to remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord, Voice for Justice UK (VfJUK) has issued a call to the Church to repent.

Followers of the Way, the online service started by VfJUK, is to hold a memorial service for the lost unborn – a service that they hope, over the next year, will be taken up by churches of all denominations across the land.

This act of repentance will, at the same time, demonstrate God's love, forgiveness, and healing for those who now bitterly regret their decision.

Where we are now

Technically, under English law, abortion still remains

illegal-permitted up to 23 weeks and six days only where two medical practitioners agree that having the baby would pose a greater risk to the physical or mental health of the woman than a termination.

After that date, abortion is allowed only

- if the woman's life is in danger
- there is a 'severe' foetal abnormality
- the woman is at risk of grave physical and mental injury

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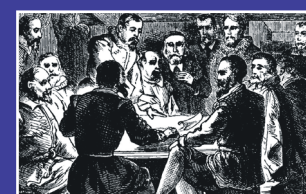
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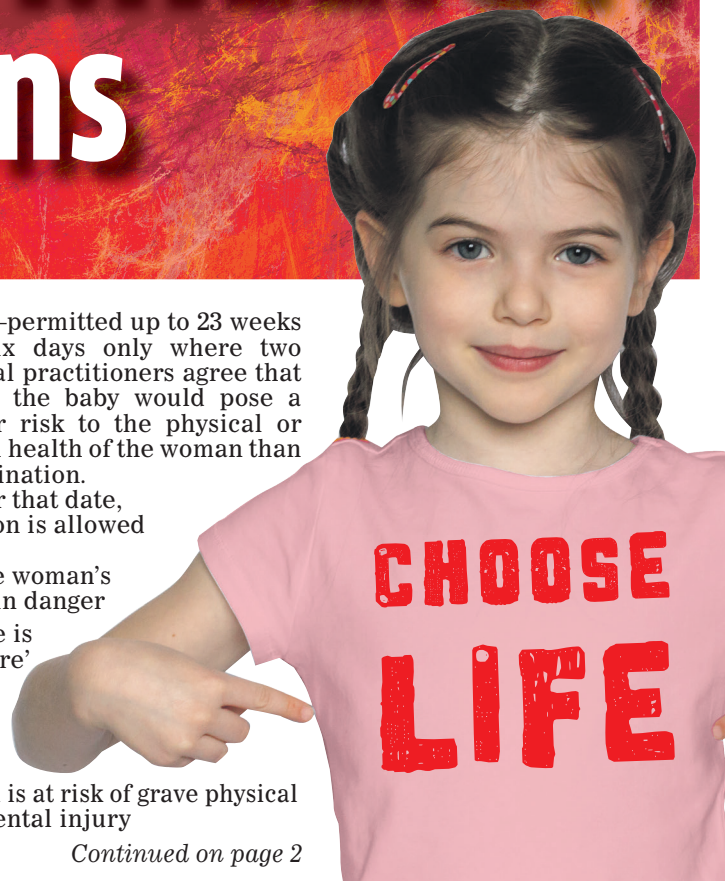


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In practice, this means that in the UK we have virtual abortion on demand, yet for abortion campaigners this still isn't enough, and the push now is for abortion on request and up to term, without having to provide a reason.

It is part of a wider move to decriminalise abortion entirely, already seen in the push during lockdown to allow so-called DIY abortion, where, following a phone conversation with a medical practitioner at the abortion clinic, women could be sent the pills by post.

12,000 women – one in 17 using pills-by-post – have required hospital treatment for complications

Although the measure was said at the time to be temporary, activists hailed this as a significant advance and began immediately pushing to have the measure made permanent, pointing out the benefits of being able to take the pills in a home environment, apparently safe from in-



Campaigner Heidi Crowter (her married name is Carter) has not given up the fight to prevent disabled or Down's Syndrome babies being aborted, despite the High Court failing to back her case

fection and without stress.

The truth is rather different. Since telemedicine was approved in England and Wales in 2020, a massive 12,000 women – one in 17 using pills-by-post – have required hospital treatment for complications.

<https://percuity.blog/2021/10/28/medical-abortion-fails-1-in-17-women/>

Unwanted for 'social reasons'

While most babies that suffer

termination are aborted for 'social reasons', simply meaning they are unwanted, disabled babies face an even greater threat. All fetuses known to be suffering from disability – even cleft palate – are at risk.

Down's Syndrome campaigner Heidi Crowter has challenged this discriminatory and offensive policy that judges "less than perfect" life not worth living, but has so far made little headway, with the High Court rejecting her case in October.

<https://www.christian.org.uk/news/lets-do-this-heidi-crowter-resolute-in-campaign-to-change-downs-discrimination-law/?e121121>

Killing off the human race

To put this in some kind of perspective, in the UK alone, over the last half century we have legally killed around 14% of the population; equivalent to killing the entire population of Austria.

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We call this a human right, but the truth is that abortion harms not just the unborn baby, but also the mother, and society as a whole. In our recent book, 'Missing Millions – how abortion is harming us all', VfJUK examined not just recent medical advances resulting in babies surviving from 21 weeks' gestation – well below the current time limit of 24 weeks – but also the theological position, society's approach to the disabled, and, perhaps most important of all, the wider effects on all of society.

The unpalatable truth is that one in four pregnancies now ends in abortion, with the result that many countries are failing to achieve even minimum replacement levels for their pop-

This is designed to be the first of such services to be rolled out across the Church for general use next year, supported by service sheet and prayer suggestions.

We hope that other groups and churches across Britain will also see the need to hold Missing Millions Memorial Services.

ulation. We are literally killing off the human race.

Withdrawal of God's protection

Covid, climate change, the financial collapse of world markets, increasing inter-state aggressions ... all are signs of the withdrawal of God's protection and should send us to our knees in remorse.

Without repentance, there is far worse to come. If we are to have any chance of averting the disaster that lies ahead – infinitely more terrible than anything we have seen before – we need urgently to repent and amend our ways.

Rev Lynda Rose is editor of 'Missing Millions – how abortion is harming us all', an in-depth examination of abortion in the UK today. Contributors include Professor John Wyatt, Emeritus Professor of Neonatal Paediatrics, and previously Professor of Ethics & Perinatology, at University College London; Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, formerly Bishop of Rochester and now President of the Oxford Centre for Training, Research, Advocacy and Dialogue (OXTRAD); Robert S Harris, Strategy Director for VfJUK; and Lynda Rose, priest and former barrister, now CEO of VfJUK. It is available from the VfJUK website, price £7.99 plus postage.

<https://vfjuk.org.uk/missingmillions/>

Join us in our call to the nation to repent

Invitation

Missing Millions memorial service



Rev Lynda Rose, CEO of Voice for Justice UK

On the first Sunday in Advent, 28 November, as we prepare to welcome the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Followers of the Way will hold a memorial service for the Missing Millions of unborn, denied the chance of life through abortion.

We shall pay tribute to the millions of lost unborn – whose contributions to society have been lost forever – crying out in repentance to God, and proclaiming his forgiveness, release, and love to those bearing the pain of loss and remorse.

Join our online service of 'remembrance, repentance, reconciliation, and healing'

Sunday, 28 November at 10.30am

Followers of the Way is an online community meeting held by VfJUK. To register and be sent the link to join, please email: fotw@vfjuk.org

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 at our hearts.

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.

“ 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. ”



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**“I want to thank the lady
who saved my life”**

When she turned ten, Ruby Thomas asked to meet the woman who had stood outside a clinic and shyly handed a little card to Ruby's pregnant mother

Long-time readers may recall the inspiring report of the unexpected birth of little Ruby Thomas back in 2011.

It was unexpected because Ruby could have been one of the 200,000 unwanted babies aborted that year.

Her parents were a typical young couple whose relationship was around a month old. Tara, her mother, didn't feel ready to have a baby. Her boyfriend Richard, whose mother Joanna Thomas is a strong Christian, was reluctant, but accompanied his pretty blonde girlfriend to the Brighton abortion clinic.

Outside the clinic, a woman stepped forward nervously and gave them a little card. This was a pro-life Christian, Judy Law, who was part of a local group praying for babies' lives to be saved.

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Newborn Ruby Thomas with delighted dad Richard

In contrast to the accusations of intimidation levelled at pro-life activists, Judy was trembling as she shyly handed Richard and Tara a small card showing an aborted foetus.

Once inside, Tara had to change into a hospital gown, ready to be

operated on. While awaiting her turn, though, she couldn't get the photo of the aborted foetus's eyes out of her mind:

"It wasn't a blob of cells as we'd been told; the picture showed our eight-week-old baby had a heart-beat and tiny hands and feet."

She told Richard, "I can't go



Pro-life activist Judy Law celebrating with parents to be Tara and Richard

through with this."

Richard's response was immediate: "Get dressed and let's go." Outside the clinic they

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met Judy again and told her of their decision. Judy was thrilled; she had been tired that day and unwilling to go out in the cold, but she had made herself go and now a baby had been saved.

As soon as Richard's mother Joanna heard that a stranger had saved her grandchild, she made a point of contacting Judy to thank her, and Judy was able to meet Ruby soon after her birth in January 2011.

Meanwhile Richard and Tara got married, although sadly they are no longer together. Nonetheless, Joanna says Ruby is a very happy little girl, who had been told about Judy's role in her life when her parents felt she was ready.

Soon after her tenth birthday



Ruby Thomas escaped being aborted for 'social reasons'

last January, Ruby told Tara one day: "I want to meet the lady who saved my life. Can you get her on the phone right now? I want to thank her. She saved me from being sucked out of my mummy's tummy."

Ruby's wish was granted; she called Judy and later Ruby met her lifesaver via Zoom.

She will never know exactly why she was saved out of the millions of babies who did not survive, but if she had not had a grandmother who regularly prayed for her handsome son (and hoped to have grandchildren), the ending would probably have been very different.

**“She saved me from being sucked out of
my mummy’s tummy”**



Vigil participants celebrating the clinic's closure



Kym Reeves, Caroline Hubert, Jayne Lynch, Sheridan Lynch, Judy Law outside the closed Brighton abortion clinic in spring 2021

Pro-life campaigner Caroline Hubert

Caroline Hubert, a notable pro-life campaigner and mother of eight, passed away in September 2021.

Married to Jeremy, they were well-known Christians in Brighton with a large, hospitable household. Caroline had been suffering from cancer, but her courage and cheerfulness continued to the end.

She had been a leading light in 40 Days for Life, a peaceful prayer vigil held outside the local abortion clinic, and celebrated the clinic's closure earlier this year, along with Judy Law, the campaigner who saved Ruby Thomas's life, above, and Judy's daughter Kym Reeves.

Caroline did more than pray; she was involved with providing support and accommodation for women who kept their babies. A report from her in 2012 says:

“Today we were very encouraged by a man who stopped with a baby in a pram. He declared his support and appreciation for our stand (although he said his wife did not support us). He told us that he is a nurse and that he has worked in abortion clinics, describing the work as ‘very harrowing indeed’. It is always refreshing to receive such affirmation in the face of a lot of the opposition.”

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MISSING

Two 2021 prophetic messages from respected ministers

The everyday slaughter of the innocents continues, seemingly unabated. But the question remains as to how long God’s tolerance will last. He is speaking to those with ears to hear as in these prophecies below.

“I listen in vain for voices of repentance”

Firstly the prophetic word (slightly abridged) received by David Noakes in January 2021) tells us what we must do:

Beloved, I have spoken before, but how many have listened? Yet now I speak again to those who have ears to hear; who call themselves by my Name. Your nation is in great trouble and your national life is in disorder and ruins. Yet I listen in vain for voices of repentance.

There is anguish over the tens of thousands who have perished in the scourge of sickness which I have allowed to come upon you; yet hardly a thought is given to the millions of my unborn children whom I have created in the

womb but whom you have killed before they have even come to the birth. Your nation is polluted with their innocent blood, yet you continue and even increase this unabated slaughter.

I honour those who strive to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick. I suffer with them in their exhaustion and despair; I weep with those who endure bereavement and separation and loneliness. I long to bring relief in the midst of this suffering.

Where are your national church leaders in this hour of crisis? Where are those who have authority to counsel a call for the nation to turn to me and cry out for salvation in your helplessness? Where are those who style themselves with titles of leadership and wear robes of office, to whom your Queen may look for godly counsel?

Pray that they will have courage to speak my word and call your nation back to righteousness. For if there is no repentance and turning to me, increasing disaster will come upon the nation. Sickness will continue and increase, natural disasters will multiply, your economy will collapse beyond recovery, and your enemies will rub their hands and take advantage of your utter helplessness.

My heart is in anguish for you, for I have loved your nation and I desire to show mercy and to bless you once again. I desire to restore my hand of protection to you, but not unless you will turn back to honouring me and repent of your sin of blood-guiltiness.

Will you not, even at this late hour, turn back to me and be saved, for I long to show you my mercy and I shrink from allowing the terrible judgements which otherwise you will bring upon yourselves, reaping the results of all that you have sown.

“I am mercy, but this slaughter must stop!”

Secondly, as heard by Kathleen Mitchell in October 2021 during a 40-day fast (and abridged here), God wants to defeat the “wicked takeover” of our world, but is waiting to hear our heartfelt prayer over “slaughter of his little ones”:

The hour has come. It has arrived as you have requested.

The war against this wicked takeover of your world has now come to the edge of its fullness.

How long will I delay in striking the definitive blow? You have a role to play in that timing.

Know this: know that LIFE is a key issue at stake in this battle. For too many years, you have ignored the slaughter of my little ones in the womb. You brushed off their suffering, and were content to believe the lies; reporting that these creations were merely collections of human tissue in the womb, and not yet living beings.

LIFE is a key issue at stake in this battle

WRONG! From the moment that two parent cells join, I trigger life to bloom by divine spark...

Your complacency, in regard to these little lives in the womb, has literally fed the beasts, who now seek to control your world and to depopulate it.

These little collections of human tissue are MY CREATION ... MY little ones! Through abortion, you have given permission for the spirit of death to enter into your societies; so, death is what you have reaped throughout your world.

Are rights and liberties now a concern for you, after so many years of unconcern for the rights and liberties of life for the unborn?

I am love. I am rich in forgiveness. I hate evil. I am mercy, but this slaughter MUST STOP!

Pray for this revelation to be poured out into the hearts and minds of the people. Pray for their eyes to see the horror of the slaughter, and the utter horror of the profiteering from this slaughter.

Who will rend their garments and travail until the revelation is realised?

The clock is ticking, little ones. My mercy has been extended.

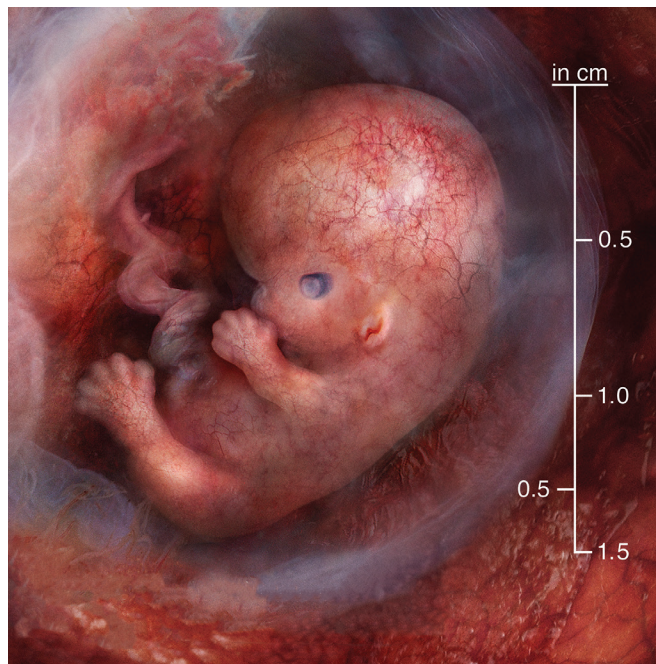
You must be voices for those who do not yet have a voice from within the womb

Speak out the truth and pay the price for it. Do not allow the lying voices of evil to prevail over yours. I will be standing with you ... empowering you and supporting you.

You must be voices for those who do not yet have a voice from within the womb. There is no more delay.

NB We do not usually capitalise words, but here we have followed the layout received as the capitals are intended to convey the vehemence that was impressed upon the hearer

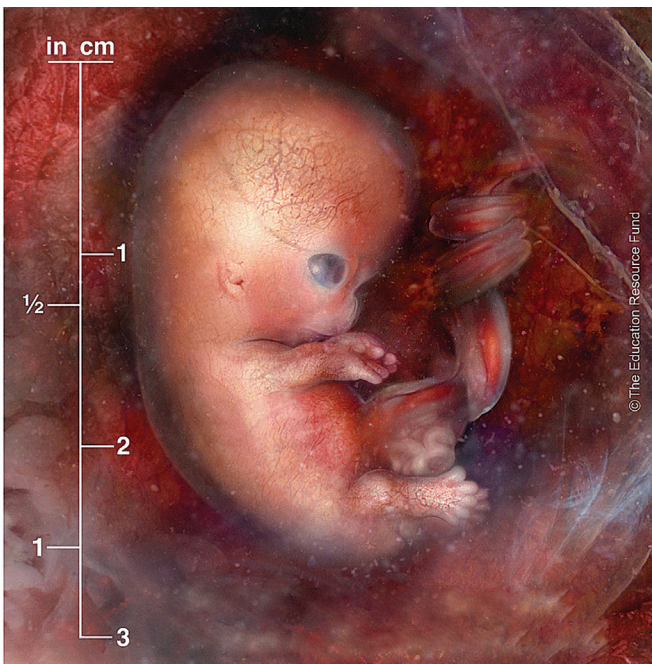
“You formed my inward parts; you covered me in my mother’s womb ... I will praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ... My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret ... Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in your book ... were written the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.” From David’s Psalm 139:13-16



Embryo alive in the uterus six weeks following fertilisation

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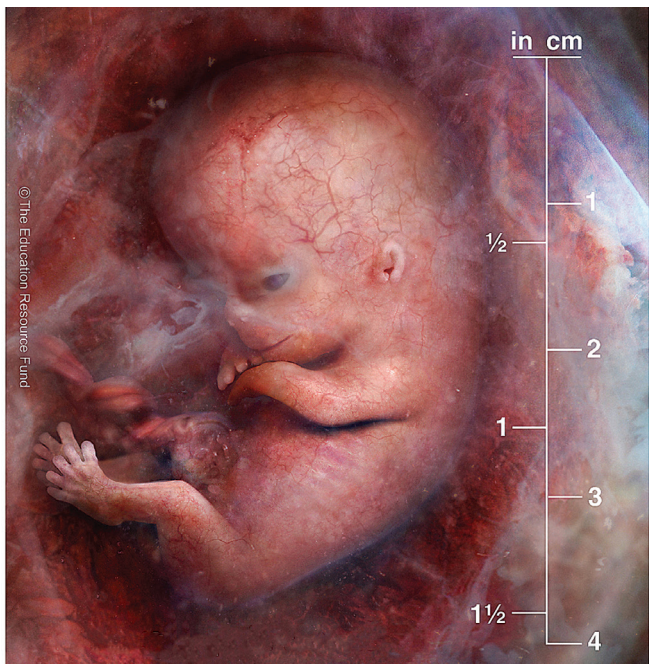
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MILLIONS

give the same warning

The link between Covid and abortion

By Brenda Taylor



Roy and Brenda Taylor lead a Cornwall congregation; Brenda also co-ordinates the Operation Breakthrough prayer team and hosts a weekly Zoom with guest speakers: see www.dovetailshalom.co.uk

One thing, historically, that tips the bowls of judgement, is the shedding of innocent blood, and in particular of babies.

God expresses his heart over this so many times in Scripture; eg Jeremiah 7:30-34. To be righteous, he has no choice but to judge our actions – yet he continues to warn us to allow for repentance.

Currently the UK's death toll of unborn babies is almost ten million! The count for America is 66 million! Israel has had its own holocaust of two million!

Worldwide, the total number of abortions tops ONE BILLION!

No wonder we are experiencing judgement, and the Lord is calling his Church to cry out in repentance. No other generation has had so much blood on its hands.

Covid has been challenging, but as an allowed judgement needs to be treated spiritually.

The links between abortion and Covid are clearly seen in these facts that Jonathan Cahn published in his book 'Harbinger 2' (p219 and 223):

1) In America, abortion was legalised in 1973 (Roe v Wade), though New York led the way three years earlier, on 22 January 1970 (Governor Nelson A Rockefeller signed a bill repealing the state's 1830 law that banned abortion after quickening except to save a woman's life. Similar laws were passed in other states, including Washington).

2) Not content with that, Roe v Wade was exceeded by a bill

to legalise abortion up to birth. When the bill was passed on 22 January 2019, people cheered!

3) Both bills were passed on the same date, 22 January. So maybe it isn't surprising that 'Patient Zero' was identified in Seattle on 22 January 2020, which was the 50th anniversary of legalising abortion, and the first anniversary of allowing abortion up to birth. This law blurred abortion and infanticide.

No wonder we are experiencing judgement

Thus we see the virus officially arrive on the jubilee of legalised abortion. We cannot remain quiet. The Lord promises his healing where there is repentance (2 Chronicles 7:13-14), so let's be his voice in this season, as well as for the missing millions. *The latest 'abortion up to birth' law is being challenged on 1 December by Mississippi's Attorney General at the Supreme Court. On 2 September the Supreme Court refused to ban the Texas law on banning abortions after the heartbeat can be detected.*

The real crisis we are in

By Dave Brennan

There is a desperate need for true repentance to be poured out on the UK Church by the Spirit of God with regard to abortion.

This needs to happen at two levels.

Firstly, those who have had, encouraged, or facilitated abortions need to confess their sins of commission and receive forgiveness.

Secondly, those who have turned a blind eye and failed to be a voice for the voiceless – tolerating mass child sacrifice, the shedding of innocent blood on our watch and in our land – need to confess their sins of omission and receive forgiveness.

The idea that the vaccine is a gift or our 'way out' of this crisis is deeply mistaken: for one

thing, the real crisis we are in is that we're under judgement, and one of the things we are being judged for is child sacrifice. How could the vaccine, which itself is produced with the fruit of child sacrifice (foetal cell lines), be God's way out of judgement for child sacrifice?"

The promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14 is conditional. For too long we have refused to turn from our wicked ways. Why then should we expect God to do his part and heal our land?



Dave Brennan of pro-life group Brephos

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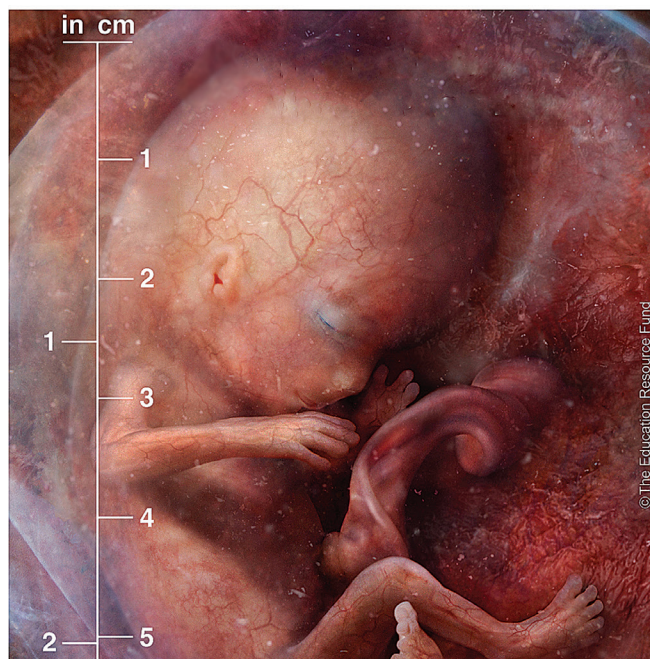
It has been said that if Jesus had been conceived in our day, he might not have made it to birth as the circumstances were so scandalous. It took a supernatural dream to persuade Joseph to take Mary as his wife. Only God knows all the missing people who will never have lived, loved and perhaps have invented cures for mankind's ills



Foetus alive in the uterus nine weeks following fertilisation

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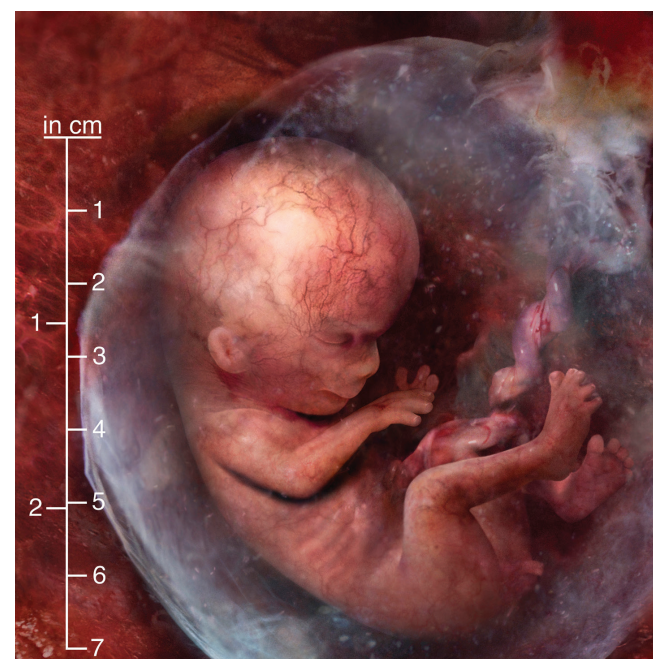
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Foetus alive in the uterus eleven weeks after fertilisation

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Now children's blood shows damage from jabbed parents

The doctor whose discoveries of unusual formations in the blood of recipients of the Covid injections has now released more slides showing damage to recipients of the second dose and – alarmingly – to unvaccinated children.

He had not set out to be a trailblazer, but his blood slides shared in July 2021 from patients at his private practice opened up discussion by doctors worldwide over the effects of the experimental vaccines.

Now he has two more alarming reports: firstly that after the second jab, the effects on the blood are “way more serious” than after the first dose and secondly that unvaccinated children appear to be get-

ting ill as a result of inhaling droplets from their vaccinated parents. Their blood contains similar evidence of graphene oxide and cell damage seen in vaccinated patients.

Here are the doctor's own words from part of a three-hour interview with a South African Christian station on 20 November 2021:

We're seeing progressively worse images four to five months after the first vaccination. We're also seeing a worsening of cognitive function, mainly in our geriatric patients. After the second cycle of vaccines, the results have been horrific.

These people were old but lucid – they were medical professionals – but in a couple of days after this vaccine, they'd lost spatial awareness and didn't

know if they were Martha or Arthur.

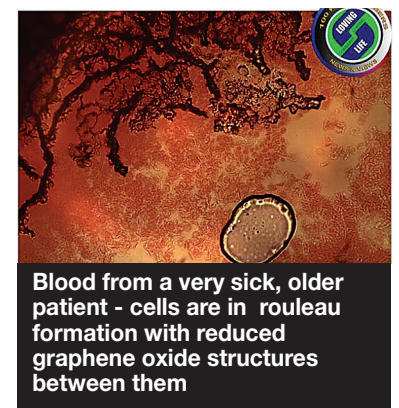
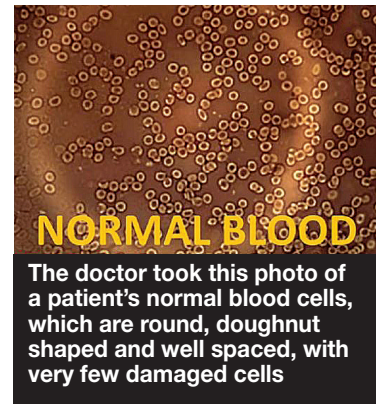
But what we're seeing now is the effects of shedding which is far more sinister. We've had a flood of children coming through, who presented with one-sided paralysis, parasthesia (tingling in fingertips) frontal lobe blinding headaches, concentration issues – they couldn't perform at school any more.

We now see children who just cry and cry and are despondent. Previously they were bouncy kids with good social skills who did well at school and sports.

In fact the parents asked if we could check the children's blood. When children flip-flopped between divorced parents, there was a good chance they'd picked it up from the vaccinated spouse. We don't know why the paralysis is always on one side.

The full interview can be seen at lovinglifetv.com, along with the doctor's protocols for treating Covid. We hope to put up a longer version of this article and more slides at www.heartpublications.co.uk, where there is still a testimony of healing from vaccine adverse effects and a prayer of repentance.

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Who were the Magi – and how great was their influence?

Forget three kings on camels – we've been misled for years by our twee traditions, says Mark Weeden, who also shows a surprising link to sorcery in high places



Virtually every detail of this delightful painting is wrong: there were probably 70 Magi on horseback, along with a small army for protection

The “wise men,” or Magi, are an indispensable part of every Christmas nativity play. Who hasn't sung, “We three kings of Orient are...”, or received cards showing three men on camels, following the star until it stood over the house where the baby Jesus lay?

The traditional story, however, may not be entirely accurate. They certainly brought three different gifts, but the Bible does not actually specify the number of men (Matthew 2:1).

Also, it is not appropriate to translate the word “Magi” (or Magus in the singular) as “wise men,” since it is a proper name. The late Roger Price, who led the Chichester Christian Fellowship, did some wonderful research into these mysterious figures. The Magi appeared frequently in ancient literature, and were well known to the middle-eastern nations of Jesus' day.

The Magi were a priestly caste for centuries before the incarnation, originating from Media. This became part of the Medo-Persian empire that ruled the known world from the sixth century BC.

He and the people feared first-century regime change

Although originally astronomers, the Magis' knowledge merged in the course of time with astrology and so they came to be prognosticators of the future, or soothsayers. As such they were among the top nobles and officials throughout the royal courts of the ancient near east, and were thus mentioned in the Bible as well, for example in the books of Daniel and Esther. Their influence was so great, that they became king-makers.

Then we come to the biblical nativity account, where not just Herod, but “all Jerusalem with him” were troubled at their

arrival (Matthew 2:3). Why would the whole city be troubled by three harmless men gently arriving on camels, according to our twee tradition? Because that wasn't the way it happened.

Price's research showed that around 70 Magi would arrive in some splendour. They rode horses (luxuries of privilege and power) accompanied by a small army of about 1,000 cavalry! They were king-makers, after all.

They were not charlatans with no power to influence, but a line of soothsayers whose power and influence held sway over kings and emperors

No wonder Herod and all Jerusalem were troubled! There was already political instability in Judea at the time, with military weakness too, and Herod had declining health. He and the people feared first-century regime change.

However, something interesting had happened with some of the Magi centuries before. They existed in King Nebuchadnezzar's day, but were unable to interpret the dream he had forgotten. As a consequence of the king's unreasonable anger, they faced certain death.

Daniel's intervention and God's revelation and interpretation of the dream saw their lives spared. As a consequence Daniel was made chief of all the Magi and other courtiers. (Daniel 2:48 and 5:11)

Of course, Daniel did not follow the astrological ways of the others, but would have taught them the ways of the God of Israel. And he prophesied of the Messiah, which they would have recorded in writing, and we have the book of Daniel passed down to us in our Bibles.

Later there was a split among the Magi, with many following Zoroaster, a Persian ‘prophet’ and founder of the re-

ligion that bears his name. (Daniel had been taken from Babylon to Susa, the Persian capital – see Daniel 8:2).

However, a small number held to Daniel's teachings and it was these who came into Jerusalem, not to remove Herod and install another king, but to see the fulfilment of what Daniel had prophesied – the birth of the Messiah!

In the time of the New Testament, the other type of Magi were still around, setting up their stalls, displaying astonishing powers and telling fortunes for money. We read of Simon Magus, as previous generations used to refer to him (Acts 8:9, 11).

Now here it gets really interesting: Simon Magus practised magic. The Magi were magicians! It's where our word “magic” comes from. (Not the sleight of hand that some entertainers do, but those with spiritual, or occultic power).

Likewise Bar-Jesus, the false prophet who was opposing the Apostle Paul's ministry, was called Elymas “the magician” (Acts 13:6, 8). In each case these are called Magi in the Greek texts, and we see them mentioned in the book of Esther as well as Daniel. They were not charlatans with no power to influence, but a line of soothsayers whose power and influence held sway over kings and emperors.

They were wielding influence in the courts of kings, while gaining power, prestige and wealth

Notice that Elymas was alongside Sergius Paulus, the proconsul (the governor of a province) to try to influence him, as were those throughout the centuries before, wielding influence in the courts of kings, while gaining power, prestige and wealth.

And so we come to modern rulers and see that there is still a strong temptation



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to engage with supernatural power that has an occultic source.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Christians who have left a homosexual lifestyle

Ex-LGBT activists: "Please respond to 'conversion therapy' consultation"

Campaigners who have left a homosexual lifestyle are urging Christians to respond to the government's consultation on a 'conversion therapy' ban before it closes on 10 December.

Under the government's current proposals, conversations about changing sexual orientation or gender will be an offence unless formal consent is given. It will also be illegal to challenge a child's transgender identity.

Thus parents and pastors could be penalised for teaching biblical doctrine.

Matthew Grech, who came out of a homosexual lifestyle in 2009, said: "We're urging people to reply to the government's consultation, otherwise the door will be closed to people like me legally getting spiritual or secular support for an unwanted way of life."

There are misconceptions as to what 'conversion practices' entail, according to the Core Issues Trust, a Christian campaigning group and support



Ex-gay David Gertner on his wedding day



Former lesbian Erica Brucato married a man



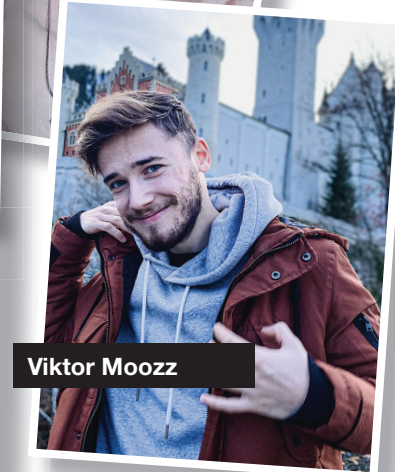
Attiya Arshad



Libby Littlewood



When Matthew Grech auditioned for the Maltese 'X factor', his revelation that he used to be gay and was now a Christian brought a torrent of unfavourable publicity



Viktor Moozz

service provider led by CEO Mike Davidson, whose name hit the headlines last year when Barclays and Paypal closed the accounts of Core Issues.

It will be illegal to challenge a child's transgender identity

Grech said: "People associate conversion therapy with repellent aversion techniques which have been abandoned for several decades."

A meeting was held between officials from the Equalities Office in June 2021 and a number of ex-LGBT individuals from the UK, where participants shared how much they benefitted from leaving LGBT living.

Nevertheless, the campaigners felt that the

government favoured LGBT groups, including Stonewall. Grech said: "The implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy in the UK has created a de facto ban on professional help for those with unwanted homosexual desires or gender confusion."

"Very few churches publicly offer prayer for unwanted same-sex attraction out of fear of negative publicity"

"There are instances of individuals being denied the freedom to develop their heterosexual potential, and of being coerced into embracing homosexuality. This can never be appropriate for those who have mixed attractions, and is clearly discriminatory. There is a false notion that sexuality is fixed

and that gender is fluid."

Matthew Grech says he can name 44 ex-LGBT men and women who have encountered the love of God through Jesus Christ, and defied the idea that change is impossible. Matthew is among those who have contributed to a new book called 'X-Out Loud: Emerging Ex-LGBT Voices'.

The book features the stories of men and women who have left a homosexual or transgender identity or lifestyle. Several of them "typically walked a lonely road, sometimes abandoned by both church and state...their lives have been messy and chaotic. They are unanimous in turning from identities and practices that the Christian witness within them rejects. The countries they have grown up in are generally affirming of LGBT identities. They reject the claim that they exhibit 'internalised homophobia' that

the sceptics who resist their new direction of travel, may impose on them."

Mike Davidson, who is now happily married to a woman, says: "Very few churches actually publicly offer prayer for unwanted same-sex attraction out of fear of negative publicity or out of fear of accusations of 'praying away the gay'."

"Why is it that individuals can reject and renounce any former identity, sect, belief system or self-description, except that of LGBT?"

The book's contributors ask that government ministers and peers in Westminster as well as politicians in the devolved governments across the UK consider carefully the damage that will be caused by banning the right and freedom to leave unwanted sexual practices or feelings.

The consultation is at equality-hub.citizenspace.com. For guidance on responding, see christian-concern.com under the 'Recent' tab



Mike Davidson is the director of the Core Issues Trust

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It is well documented that Abraham Lincoln's wife, Mary, held séances in the "Red Room" of the White House. The President was influenced by his wife's activities, calling on spirits to guide him in political matters, as witnessed by the reporter Prior Melton and then published in the Boston Gazette.

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In similar vein another First Lady, Ronald Regan's wife, Nancy, was heavily involved in

astrology during her husband's presidency. She regularly consulted famed astrologer Joan Quigley on matters relating to the president's schedule, diplomacy and even Cold War politics.

Over here in Britain, Cherie Blair was well known for consulting her alleged "style" but actually New Age guru, Carol Caplin, who had an extraordinary influence over the Prime Minister's wife. It was also widely reported that the Prime Minister and Cherie were involved in an occult activity in Mexico during their time at Number Ten.

There are individuals at the centre of American politics today who are practising witches (and high level ones at that.) The more things change, the more they stay the same! Or, as Solomon put it, "There is nothing new under the

sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

Some Christians may react in horror and disbelief at such a statement, but if that's you, I encourage you to do some more research into your most holy faith and the battle which surrounds and opposes it.

Jesus Christ was born to be the light of the world, and to be our Saviour for any who would trust him

It's been said, "It takes one to know one." Thus it is notably ex-witches who have boldly exposed such truths after becoming born-again Christians.

The Apostle Paul said we were to expose the unfruitful deeds of

darkness (Ephesians 5:11). As the "Magicians" were the powers behind the throne, and Elymas sought to influence the governor, so today there are still unwholesome influences in the shadows.

The Bible simply says: "The whole world lies in the power [but not authority] of the evil one" (1 John 5:19). Soberingly, the street layout of America's capital, Washington DC, contains several occultic symbols, which can be seen clearly from an aerial view.

Jesus Christ was born to be the light of the world, and to be our Saviour for any who would trust him, by taking our sin on the cross, delivering us from the kingdom of darkness (or, Satan) to his kingdom of righteousness.

That unnumbered group of Magi, influenced by and holding

to Daniel's prophecy of the birth of the Messiah, travelled a great distance to seek and worship him. Wise men and women still do!

Rev Mark Weeden is pastor of King's Church, Arundel (see partner churches on the back page) and leads Living Word Ministries, which trains Third World pastors and supports orphans.

To hear this message (first preached 19 September 2021) or any others, email kingschurcharundel@gmail.com

Roger French's teaching, 'Who were the wise men?', can be obtained from CCF Tapes, a HEART Partner Ministry - see back page

NATIONAL NEWS by Andrew Halloway

DOCTORS WANT TO KILL CONSCIOUS COVID VICTIM



Addenbrooke's hospital

CitizenGO has organised a petition to save a grandma in her 50s who is on life support in Addenbrooke's hospital.

The woman was paralysed by Covid-19 but can communicate and shows clear signs of enjoying TV, yet the Cambridge hospital wants to switch off her life support – against her previously expressed wishes.

In contrast, a Covid victim of 54 who happens to be married to a celebrity came near to death but was saved by doctors. Derek Draper, husband of TV's Kate Garraway, requires round the

clock care after multiple organ failures. He struggles to communicate and sleeps 20 hours a day, yet no doctors are suggesting euthanasia.

CitizenGO's Caroline Farrow writes: "The right to life should never be dependent on celebrity status."

She adds that the NHS is spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on lawyers for the right to kill this woman, yet the family trying to save her receives no legal aid.

The petition is available to sign at: citizengo.org/en-gb

STONEWALL DICTATES GOVERNMENT POLICY

After BBC journalists revealed how LGBT lobby group Stonewall has controlled the policies of the Welsh and Scottish governments, the civil service and public bodies like the BBC, some organisations are reconsidering their support for the charity.

Stephen Nolan and David Thompson conducted an 18-month investigation into how Stonewall has given misleading advice to many institutions, which has been followed without question. Nolan observed: "Government is essentially paying Stonewall to lobby it."

In addition, there has been widespread concern that Stonewall's Diversity Champions scheme breeds a workplace culture where staff who do not support transgender ideology fear being sidelined or even fired. The BBC and the Equality and Human Rights Commission have opted out of the scheme and the government's departments of health, education, work and pensions and the Treasury are also reviewing their links.



Foreign Secretary Liz Truss – one of few leading politicians to challenge the ideological dominance of Stonewall

The Foreign Office is still paying thousands of pounds to Stonewall after senior officials renewed the contract without approval

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said that departments should leave the scheme, yet the Foreign Office itself is still paying thousands of pounds to Stonewall after senior officials renewed the contract without the approval of her predecessor,

Dominic Raab. The Ministry of Defence, meanwhile, is complying with Stonewall's insistence on the use of transgender pronouns, and the Home Office – still signed up to Stonewall – has ordered staff to celebrate 'Transgender Day' and 'Asexual Day'.

Christian Institute's Ciarán Kelly said: "Stonewall's capture of public institutions should concern us all. Here is an unaccountable lobby group pushing a radical gender ideology that is dictating government policy."

CAMPUS FREE SPEECH BILL IS TOO WEAK



Professor Kathleen Stock in an interview on BBC Newsnight

The government's proposal to defend free speech in British universities doesn't go far enough, according to Buckingham University's vice-chancellor.

Prof James Tooley says that the current bill would not protect academics from the "concerted campaign" of intimidation that Prof Kathleen Stock suffered.

Stock, a philosophy don who calls herself a feminist and lesbian, resigned from Sussex University after students and colleagues campaigned to have her sacked for alleged "transphobia"; she told Radio 4's 'Woman's Hour' that the final straw was seeing death threat graffiti about her in the university toilets.

At Oxford University, a pro-life organisation has been the victim of "horrible" online abuse by abortion activists. Oxford Students for Life, a secular group, also had its stall trashed at the

Freshers' Fair. The group's president, Anna Fleischer, told the Christian Institute that "if the Student Union wasn't forced by the University to give us a platform, they would not. They would try to do everything in their power to get rid of us."

Meanwhile, Nottingham University has accepted a pro-life Catholic priest as chaplain after initially banning him. Father David Palmer was due to take up the role until the university found that he had tweeted that abortion is the "slaughter of unborn children" and assisted suicide is "killing the vulnerable".

After intervention by the Diocese of Nottingham and the Christian legal advocacy organisation ADF UK, the university said the priest could serve Catholic students "with immediate effect".

University offers prostitution advice

In a move which implies acceptance of prostitution, Durham University is offering students online lessons on how to stay safe while working in the sex industry.

The university has denied encouraging prostitution, but wants to "provide support" to students who face a "social stigma" in engaging in prostitution to support themselves. According to GB News, there is a rise in Durham students taking up sex work after graduation too.

Christians take government to court over porn

A Christian father and student have won permission from the High Court for a judicial review of the government's failure to impose age verification on porn websites.

Ioannis Dekas and Ava Vakili joined forces to challenge the government's decision to drop age verification despite passing a law to do so.

The 2017 Digital Economy Act expects porn sites to have "robust age verification controls" to prevent use by children, but this has not been enforced. In 2019 it was announced that the requirement would be included in the government's Online Harms Bill instead, but this bill has still not been made law.

Couple challenge trans propaganda in schools



Nigel and Sally Rowe

Christian parents Nigel and Sally Rowe have launched legal action against the government over the transgender guidelines used in their sons' primary school and nationally.

Supported by the Christian Legal Centre, the Rowes are pursuing a judicial review over the Department for Education's unquestioning acceptance of transgender ideology and the 'politically partisan' Cornwall Schools Transgender Guidelines.

The Church of England school their sons attended gave the Isle of Wight couple the choice of either accepting transgenderism

or being labelled 'transphobic.' As a result, the Rowes have been home schooling both their children since 2017.

In the last ten years, the UK has seen a 3,000 per cent rise in children being referred to gender identity clinics, despite the fact that experts say 88 per cent of children who experience gender dysphoria grow out of it.

Andrea Williams of the Christian Legal Centre says: "Nigel and Sally Rowe exposed the confusion and untruths being embedded in primary schools which have since developed into a public health crisis."

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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.



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God is still in the business of healing

A challenge from Pastor Les Potter, one of HEART's Partner Pastors

Who hath believed our report?

This is the question the prophet Isaiah asked of God's people in around 690BC.

We could certainly ask the Church that same question today! Judging by the huge number of callers to United Christian Broadcasters' telephone prayer line asking for prayer for physical healing, it is evident that many do not believe God's report in Isaiah 53:1-5.

Why don't they believe God's Word? Mainly because of ignorance as they have not been taught about God's will on the subject of healing, faith and deliverance.

As a very new convert, I had an experience that settled my view on healing once and for all. Jesus had 'saved' me – I had given my life to him and accepted his free offer of forgiveness of sins, salvation and eternal life. I had also been baptised in the Holy Spirit, as we read in the book of Acts.

As far as I could see the only two conditions were that I should believe, and that I should lay my hands on the sick person

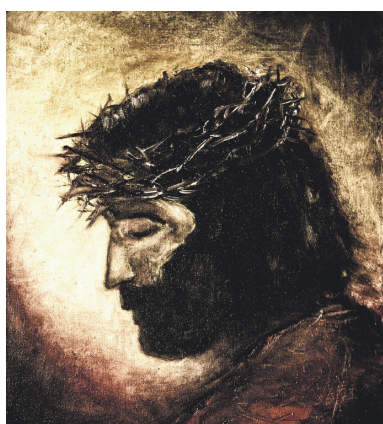
Then I read Mark's gospel, chapter 16:17-18: "These signs shall follow them that believe, and they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

As far as I could see the only two conditions were that I should believe, and that I should lay my hands on the sick person.

Not long afterwards, my wife suffered an attack from a physical problem which had afflicted her during our 19 years of married life. Remembering what I had read in the Bible I did as instructed, and guess what? She was healed! Praise the Lord.

Furthermore, she never had another attack. I was so excited that when we arrived at church on Sunday morning I just had to tell somebody. So when the vicar, the curate and the Church Army captain met us at the door, I immediately told them what had happened.

I thought they would be pleased for us, but no, the vicar laid his hand on my shoulder and said: "Now Les, don't get excited



Who hath believed our report?

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:1,4-5)

because all healings and miracles stopped when the disciples died."

Now I did not know much about the Bible at that time, but I knew that Mark 16 was true because my wife was healed. I decided that what they told me was not true, so I made a decision to always believe what the Bible said and do what it says to do.

I knew that Mark 16 was true because my wife was healed

Since that time I have learned that my experience was not uncommon, so I decided to believe God's report which says: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

Here are two of the main reasons why so many of God's people are sick:

1) Because they have never been taught the truth about divine healing, they do not know what God's will is for them. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be

in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2).

2) Others reject God's will by saying: "Well, that was just the apostle John's greeting to Gaius." No! That is God's will for all of his people, but for many years God's will has met with resistance to the miraculous from the 'Church'.

Now hear what the great healing evangelist F F Bosworth had to say: "The majority of ministers and church members of today, through their ignorance of and their traditions on the subject of the ministry of healing are opposed to it as it was taught and preached and practised in the early Church. Today, a large part of the members of the Church, through ignorance, are opposing that for which the early Church prevailed in prayer. They have not accepted our Lord's attitude towards sickness, and have not met the conditions for the healing of the sick which God desires and it is these very hinderers who are pointing out the failures for which they themselves are large-

ly responsible." (From 'Christ the Healer' by F F Bosworth)

God warned of this backsliding through the prophet Jeremiah when he said: "From the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:13-14,16).

Fear seeks to control us

God wants his people whole, but we have to face up to the truth and take responsibility for our sins, which is the cause of so much sickness and disease in the body of Christ. Jesus said to

the crippled man at the pool of Bethesda, who had been there 38 years: "Wilt thou be made whole?" First there has to be a desire to be made whole regardless of the cost. He had to face the wrath of the religious for taking up his bed on the Sabbath day, but when he obeyed Jesus' command he was made whole. Jesus then issued a warning to him saying, "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:3-15).

The sin that affects the Church today is unbelief, which gives entrance to fear, and fear seeks to control us. We have seen the result of fear in the Church today as they obey all these Covid regulations, observing social distancing, wearing of face masks and meeting online, and no singing in church, when God commands us in Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

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Pastor Les Potter says he hasn't been to a doctor or dentist for 40 years.

According to Pastor Les, he simply decided to believe the Bible's promises about healing and the miracles that Jesus and others did.

He and his wife Joan had already been married for 19 years before they became Christians. "I was on the verge of suicide," he recalls. "I just called out to God – and he rescued me. My wife got saved a few days later."

Soon Les was given a New Testament and read in Mark 16 that believers should lay hands on the sick. As Joan suffered from painful sinusitis, he simply laid his hands on her head – and within an hour the pain had gone.

With the evidence of a healed wife before him, Les decided he'd believe the Bible. A key book was 'Christ the Healer' by F F Bosworth. Les has written several booklets on healing himself, including 'Chemotherapy: the truth behind it'.

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GARDNER'S WORLD

THE KING IS COMING!

by Charles Gardner

The untimely death of an Israel-supporting MP in a Methodist church coincides with a worldwide spike in anti-Semitism, along with ominous moves among key nations apparently preparing for an end-time joint attack on Israel

The King is coming: "A voice of one calling: In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3). A tranquil scene in Israel's Negev desert

The shocking murder of an MP faithfully carrying out his duties in an English church is surely a wake-up call for us all.

It is also a reminder of a wider conflict that has implications for the entire world.

Sir David Amess was meeting his constituents during his regular 'surgery' at Leigh-on-Sea in Essex when he was brutally stabbed to death; Islamic terror was seen as the likely motive.

The long-serving Parliamentarian was not only a devout Christian, but also a dedicated supporter of Israel and the Jewish people. His untimely death in a Methodist church coincides with a worldwide spike in anti-Semitism, along with ominous moves among key nations apparently preparing for an end-time joint attack on Israel, as foretold in the Scriptures.

We need to ensure that we are ready for the calamities coming upon the world through having our sinful hearts washed clean by the blood of Jesus

This could mean we are very close to the return of Christ, which we know will be preceded by a great shaking among the nations marked by fearful events including plagues and earthquakes. We need to ensure that we are ready for the calamities coming upon the world through having our sinful hearts washed clean by the blood of Jesus, who is shortly to set up his millennial kingdom in Jerusalem.

Turkey, Iran and Russia have been forming an ever-closer alliance that could well lead to the fulfilment of Ezekiel's Gog and Magog war (as outlined in chapters 38 and 39 of his book). The outcome for the aggressors, the prophet assures us, is not a happy one, for they will be destroyed on the plains of Megiddo in northern Israel.

Similarly another enemy of the Jews, Haman (in the book of Esther), made a rope for himself as he sought to exterminate the Jews of ancient Persia in 400 BC – and was hanged on the gallows he had erected for a Jewish man.

Some 250 years later, the vicious Syrian-Greek dictator Antiochus Epiphanes was also rebuffed by a brave band of God's people – a victory that continues to be marked by the festival of Hanukkah, celebrating the re-dedication of the Temple following its desecration by the aforementioned emperor. It's a feast that Jesus himself attended amidst much controversy over his claims for being the Son of God (see John 10:22-39).

Now Israel's enemies are lining up again

And according to Jesus, such a desecration (or 'abomination') would be repeated in the last days (Matthew 24:15), signalling a period of great tribulation before his return in judgement and peace – judgement for the unfaithful and peace for believers.

Now Israel's enemies are lining up again. With this in mind,



The late Sir David Amess, seen here with loyal constituents, was a dedicated supporter of Israel and the Jewish people
Photo: Tweeted at www.davidamess.co.uk

the Israeli Defence Force has begun training for a possible strike on Iran's nuclear facility in a bid to prevent the rogue regime from carrying out its oft-repeated threat to wipe the Jewish state off the map.

Naturally, such a strike could

spark a war along the lines that the prophet has painted. Israel commentator Tony Pearce, in November's Prophetic Witness magazine, writes: "A first strike attack by Israel against Iran's

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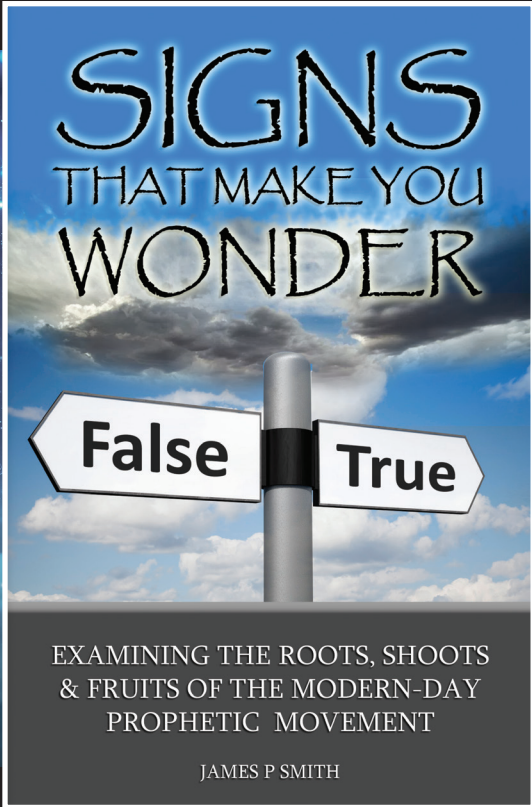
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GARDNER'S WORLD

THE KING IS COMING!

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Golden future: The walls of Jerusalem, including the Golden Gate (currently bricked up as seen here), through which the returning Jesus will enter the city

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"A first strike attack by Israel against Iran's nuclear programme would certainly lead to a military response by Iran. Such an attack would provide Russia, Turkey and others the excuse they need to launch an invasion of Israel"

— Tony Pearce

This apocalyptic scenario is also expected (in biblical terms) to spark off national repentance in Israel as they recognise Jesus – "the one they have pierced" – as their Messiah, mourning over their past rejection of him (Zechariah 12:9f). It will be the wondrous day when "all Israel shall be saved" (Romans 11:26).

But we mustn't just wait until then to share the good news of Jesus with them. It is our duty and privilege to share the Gospel with Jewish people now, to return the blessing we first received from them.

Next month's international Holocaust Memorial Day is a golden opportunity to stand with the Jews by showing our love and concern for their welfare amidst ever-increasing anti-Semitism. This is the very least we can do.

Better still to demonstrate, like St Paul, that we are not ashamed of the Gospel "because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile" (Romans 1:16).

The Jewish people should be our Gospel priority, for it is their only hope – theirs and ours. My new book, 'To the Jew First', (Christian Publications International) explains this more fully.

Be ready. For the Messiah-King is coming!



Ambassador Tzipi Hotovely had to be protected from pro-Palestinian rioters at the London School of Economics on 9 November



Tzipi Hotovely said she was not intimidated after having to be bundled into a car by security to escape the angry mob. Shamefully, this took place on the anniversary of Kristallnacht when Jews and their properties were attacked by the Nazis on the night of 9-10 November 1938

THE REAL APARTHEID STATE

The Israeli ambassador to the UK, Tzipi Hotovely, was subjected to violent threats by pro-Palestinian protestors at an event at LSE on 7 November and had to be evacuated after the event under heavy security.

The usual slur is that of an 'apartheid' state, but a new series of four articles in Prophecy Today (starting 12 November 2021) gives facts about the behaviour of Israel's neighbours towards their Jewish populations. Iraq, for instance, enacted a series of anti-Jewish laws in 1948 which mirrored the Nazis' laws a decade earlier, denying Jews employment and confiscating their assets.

ISRAEL PREPARES TO STRIKE IRAN

As talks aimed at returning Iran to the 2015 nuclear agreement remain stalled and Tehran continues its unprecedented uranium enrichment, the Israeli Air Force has reportedly embarked on a highly specialised training programme in preparation for a strike on the Islamic Republic.

An unsourced Channel 12 report said IDF Chief of Staff Lt-Gen Aviv Kohavi ordered that funds for exercises simulating strikes on Iranian facilities be set aside, and directed the air force to train 'intensely'.

Meanwhile an Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman told Israel's Maariv newspaper: "The war with Israel has already started." Addressing the World Peace Forum in Normandy, Saeed Khatibzadeh said: "Israel has carried out attacks that were intended to destroy our nuclear program for peaceful purposes. It murdered nuclear scientists and harmed the Iranian people. Iran is accused of terrorism, but...the whole crisis in the region is Israel's fault."

Pope backs Palestinian cause

The Pope has reiterated his support for the Palestinian cause following a private meeting with PA (Palestinian Authority) president Mahmoud Abbas, and the Vatican subsequently called for renewed peace talks towards a two-state solution. A statement said Jerusalem must "preserve its identity and universal value as a Holy City for all three Abrahamic religions".

Meanwhile PA rule is responsible for a Christian exodus from the Holy Land, with Palestinian Christians suffering repeated harassment and discrimination. For example, the Christian population of Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus, has shrunk from being a majority in 1994 to representing less than 20 per cent of the city.

Archbishop apologises for Nazi gaffe

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has apologised for suggesting that the impact of climate change would be worse than the Nazi genocide of six million Jews.

The worldwide leader of the Anglican communion was commenting in an interview with the BBC at the COP26 climate change summit in Glasgow.

He said that politicians who fail to tackle environmental issues would be spoken of by future generations "in far stronger terms than we speak today of the politicians of the 30s who ignored what was happening in Nazi Germany".

Biden's consulate plan opposed

Two hundred Republican lawmakers have expressed strong opposition to President Joe Biden's plan to reopen a special US consulate for Palestinians in Jerusalem. And former Israeli Ambassador to the US Michael Oren said the move reverses President Trump's recognition of the city as Israel's capital, saying: "It effectively makes American policy similar to that of Russia, which recognises the western part of the city as our capital, but not all of it."

Queue for peace lengthens

The Muslim-majority island state of Comoros appears ready to join a growing list of Arab nations in signing the Abraham Accords normalising diplomatic relations with Israel. The peace deals are seen partly as a response to the increasing threat of Iran, a Shi'ite Muslim nation at loggerheads with the Sunni version of the Islamic faith practised by countries to the south of Israel, but could well also be a part-fulfilment of Isaiah 19:23-25 prophesying a highway of peace from Egypt to ancient Assyria via Israel.

GIANT FIREBALL DESTROYED SODOM AND GOMORRAH

New research has revealed that it was a meteor 'cloudburst' – a space rock that exploded 3,650 years ago in a giant fireball – that destroyed the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Genesis account tells of God's anger over the sin of its inhabitants, noting that he "rained brimstone and fire" on them (Genesis 19:24).

"We saw evidence for temperatures greater than 2,000 degrees Celsius," a University of California professor recorded in the Nature Scientific Reports journal. "All the observations stated in Genesis are consistent with a cosmic airburst," said James P Kennett, adding: "An international team also found building materials and pottery shards melted into glass... There was no man-made technology at the time that could have produced such astonishing damage."

It was further claimed that the settlements of Sodom and Gomorrah at that time were respectively ten and five times larger than Jerusalem and Jericho.

BBC ACCUSED OF BIAS

The BBC has been accused of shameful anti-Israel bias in its coverage of the Tokyo Paralympics by refusing to acknowledge an Israeli-Arab as the first Arab to win a gold medal at the games.

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Iyad Shalabi, 34, won the S1 division's 100m backstroke, but the BBC's Arabic service refused to acknowledge the Israeli as an Arab, simply because of his nationality.

Labour motion condemns Israel

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer was reported to have distanced himself from a party conference resolution labelling Israel an 'apartheid state' and condemning "the ongoing Nakba in Palestine" – Nakba being a Palestinian term of abuse for Israel's rebirth in 1948.

SILENT PRAYER 'IS WAR'

Terror group Hamas reacted with fury to an Israeli court ruling permitting silent Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount, calling the decision a "declaration of war". The court subsequently backed down, and the ruling was overturned.

Communists back Israel

The Communist Party of Austria has placed on record its opposition to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign to isolate Israel, declaring that the movement has Nazi overtones.

Other recent articles

Other recent articles by Charles Gardner, which can be found at www.heartpublications.co.uk, include:

- 'Mayflower reminder'
- 'Terror in an English church'
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- "Religion is dead" – vicar
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Charles is also editor-in-chief of Prophecy Today at www.prophecytoday.uk as well as a regular contributor to Israel Today at www.israeltoday.co.il

His latest book, 'To the Jew First', is available from Christian Publications International. He is also author of 'King of the Jews', 'A Nation Reborn' (both CPI), 'Israel the Chosen' (Amazon) and 'Peace in Jerusalem' (olivepresspublisher.com & Eden) – all available from Amazon.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS by Andrew Halloway

Dorset vicar restores church in Israel

A derelict Anglican church in Israel is being restored by Bournemouth vicar Rev Kevin Cable.

St Peter's Anglican Church in Jaffa was abandoned in 1948 during the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Rev Cable, a Messianic Jew, felt called to move to Jaffa earlier this year to begin work on the church, and to serve in nearby Ashdod with the Mission to Seafarers.

He told Premier News that there is "horrendous damage" to the building, but "there are about 2,000 Christians in Jaffa with a strong Christian presence in the vicinity of the church".

Rev Cable's work is being supported by the Church Mission Society, and he hopes St Peter's will re-open late next year.



Restoration in Israel:
Rev Kevin Cable

Texas pro-life law hangs in the balance



Wikimedia

Abortion battleground: The US Supreme Court judges will consider legal challenges over the new Texas abortion limits

As we go to press, the US Supreme Court is considering legal challenges to a recent Texas law that severely restricts abortion in the state.

Both the government of President Biden and abortion providers are attempting to overturn the Texas legislation, which is the nation's toughest on abortion, effectively banning it after six weeks of pregnancy – with exceptions for medical emergencies but not incest or rape.

After initially declining to halt the Texas law in a 5-4 decision in September, the Supreme Court justices are reconsidering it. Reuters reported in November that some of the justices are leaning towards allowing the challenge by abortion providers, but are less inclined towards the Biden administration's case. The federal government did win

a temporary injunction halting the Texas law from a lower court in October, but it only lasted two days.

The Court's decision is likely to be made before 1 December, when it is due to consider the legality of a Mississippi measure prohibiting abortion after 15 weeks' pregnancy, which has been banned by lower courts.

The British media have largely portrayed the Texas law as imposed on the state by Republican politicians, but a recent survey shows that most Texans support it. An October poll by the University of Houston/Texas Southern University found that 55 per cent of Texas residents approve of the life-saving legislation – despite near-universal condemnation by news organisations, misinformation on social media and international criticism.

Franklin Graham's Sheffield event

back on

Franklin Graham wins right to preach in Sheffield Arena

US evangelist Franklin Graham's UK tour was cancelled last year due to the protests of gay campaigners, but at least one event has been restored after a legal victory.

Graham, the son of Billy Graham, will be coming to Sheffield Arena on 25 May after the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA)'s legal action overturned a ban on the preacher.

Accused of promoting hom-

ophobic views because of his biblical beliefs on gay marriage, the 2020 event was cancelled by the city council, which was worried there would be protests. But the BGEA filed a legal claim for breach of contract and Sheffield City Council announced in November that "the dispute has been resolved and... BGEA are entitled to hold their event in the Sheffield Arena".

A statement on the BGEA's

website criticised the original ban: "This disregard for principles of good faith and fair dealing, based on the mere suggestion that a person's sincerely held religious views or statements are 'hateful' or would result in public disorder, should be very alarming to anyone who is genuinely concerned about diversity, inclusion and tolerance, let alone free speech and the free exercise of religious beliefs."

COP 26 'FAILURE' PROMPTS PLEA FOR PRAYER

The Christian environmental charity, A Rocha UK, is urging prayer after scientists estimate that the COP 26 commitments will not prevent a global climate disaster.

Andy Lester, head of conservation at A Rocha UK, called on Christians to "get on their knees and pray". Even if all promises made at the COP 26 climate conference in November are kept, they will not prevent the global temperature rising by 2.1°C. Scientists say that keeping the rise down to 1.5°C is necessary to avoid the worst devastation.

Lester told Premier: "At 2 degrees or more we will have over a billion people potentially displaced, and over a million species of wildlife extinct... we need the people on the ground praying hard that countries listen to scientists, indigenous communities and make the changes that are needed now."



A Rocha UK

"Please pray" urges Andy Lester of A Rocha

Research shows conversion therapy works

As governments around the world, including the UK, move to ban conversion therapy because they have been told by gay activists that it is harmful, new medical research shows the opposite.

The therapy, designed to change an unwanted same sex attraction, can actually be "beneficial", according to a paper in the Journal of Human Sexuality (Vol 12, 2021).

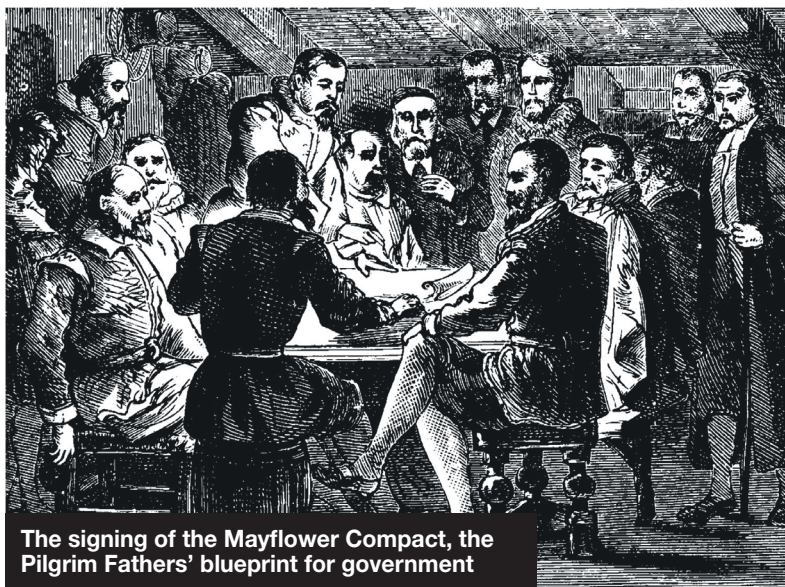
Authors Carolyn Pela and Philip Sutton's report, 'Sexual Attraction Fluidity and Well-being in Men: A Therapeutic Outcome Study', concludes that therapy can result in "a clinically and statistically significant improvement in well-being". Pela and Sutton state that "exploring sexual attraction fluidity in therapy can be effective, beneficial, and not harmful".

The study specifically tested Reintegrative Therapy™, described as "a specific combination of evidence-based, mainstream treatment interventions for trauma and addiction".

PERSECUTION WATCH

What we can learn from the persecuted Pilgrim Fathers

Surveillance, fines, imprisonment, being deprived of livelihoods – no, not a future lockdown, but the factors that drove the Pilgrim Fathers to set sail in the Mayflower. Historian Philip Quenby says it provides important lessons for what is unfolding around us



The signing of the Mayflower Compact, the Pilgrim Fathers' blueprint for government



Samuel de Champlain's 1605 map of Plymouth Harbour

Climate change, rapid technological innovation, religious persecution. No, not 2020 but 1620. Researching my book 'One Small Candle: Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers', I was struck time and again by the similarities between their world and ours.

This isn't distant history. It's a bang-up-to-the-minute glimpse into what we're facing, and why. And it provides important lessons for how we need to respond to what's unfolding around us.

Climate change? A massive reduction in sunspot activity in the 17th century cut the amount of solar energy reaching earth, causing falling temperatures, crop failure, famine and war.

Technological innovation? Just like the internet, movable type printing exponentially increased the rate at which ideas could spread, while a host of new inventions (refracting telescopes, for example) enabled new discov-

eries and sparked new ways of thinking about the world.

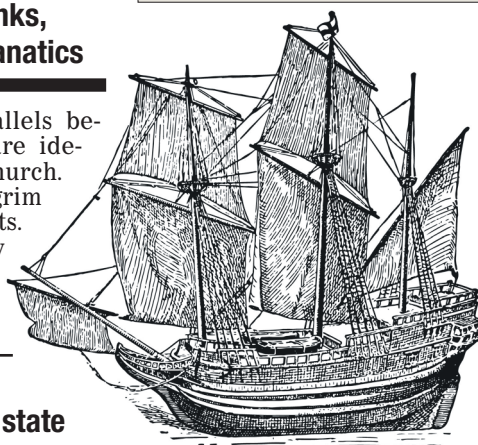
Separatists were widely regarded as cranks, troublemakers or fanatics

But the biggest parallels between then and now are ideological. Take the Church. The people we call Pilgrim Fathers were Separatists. Unlike Puritans, they weren't interested in reformation of the Church as it then was.

The relationship of the individual to the state was one that left no room for freedom of conscience

Instead, they looked for restoration of the Church as it had been in its earliest days. With today's denominational churches seemingly moving further and further from the biblical pattern and orthodox teaching, that's something to ponder.

Or consider their position in society. Separatists were a minority within a minority, widely regarded as cranks, troublemakers or fanatics; even Shakespeare had a dig at them in his play 'Twelfth Night'. Separatists



The Mayflower

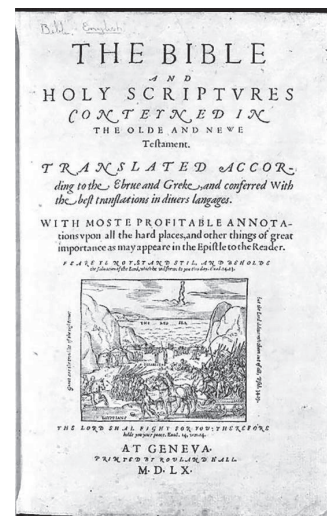
had to stand firm for their beliefs in the face of widespread mockery and condemnation from the world around.

They also faced persecution by the government of James Stuart: surveillance, fines, imprisonment, being deprived of homes, possessions and livelihoods. Eventually, they were driven into exile.

King James' political philosophy was the 'divine right of kings' – the idea that kings were chosen by God and answerable to him alone. According to this way of looking at the world, the king's

word was law and he had to be obeyed, come what may.

The relationship of the individual to the state was one that left no room for freedom of conscience. For Bible-believing Christians then, as now, this threw up difficult issues concerning the balance between proper submission to the governing authorities (Romans 13:1) and the need to obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29).



Geneva Bible

Algeria



ALGERIAN RADIO PRESENTER SACKED FOR PLAYING CHRISTIAN SONG



Fairouz, the Lebanese Christian singer whose song was played on Algerian radio

After two of their major churches were shut down in 2020, Algerian believers have issued a call for prayer



by
Rami Dabbas

glorifying the Christian religion before being dismissed from his job, which caused a social media uproar.

Historically, since the beginning of the 1960s, with the escalation of restrictions on Christians, the proportion of Christians in Algeria has declined from 12%, to only 1% of the population.

According to a report by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, Christians in Algeria were subjected to state repression, which resulted in the closure of more than a dozen churches in 2019, and the closure

continued the following year. To date, the churches have not been opened again, and the commission has recommended that Algeria be placed on the State Department's special watch list.

One lady told me: "I have struggled a lot as a Christian here. To be Christian in Algeria is different from one state to another; I was threatened in one of the states by people who wanted me to convert to Islam to ensure my safety."

The persecution of Christians, a marginalised majority, remains a painful fact in Algeria, while the international community is silent.

The Bible tells us a ruler's authority is under judgement and his power is limited

The more I looked at it, the more I saw how the society the pilgrims built in America grew out of the biblical ideas of covenant and consent and the more I became convinced we can't have genuine freedom, democracy and rule of law without the Bible. It's the Bible that sets a moral framework for just laws and tells us leaders are subject to the same law as everyone else, so a ruler's authority is under judgment and his power is limited.

We've allowed the Enlightenment to lay claim to this heritage. It's time to reclaim it, and to learn from the wisdom of our forefathers in their fight for freedom, justice and the right to worship God as they chose.

'One Small Candle: Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers' by Philip Quenby is available in print and e-book formats direct from Onwards and Upwards Publishers and on Amazon. See: <https://www.onwardsandupwards.org/product/one-small-candle>



PERSECUTION WATCH

by Andrew Halloway

Nigeria



PROTESTERS CALL FOR NIGERIA TO END SCHOOL ABDUCTIONS

110 Chibok schoolgirls still missing



One of 32 Bethel Baptist High School students released in August after nearly two months in captivity

A protest for the children kidnapped from schools in Nigeria was held outside the Nigerian High Commission in London at the end of October.

The event was organised by Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) as part of its Sing For Freedom campaign. Joining the campaigners was Lord David Alton of Liverpool and CSW's founder and president, Mervyn Thomas.

Thomas said: "We particularly remember, as we have done so many times on this spot, Leah Sharibu. She is 18 years old now, but she was 14 years old when she was taken by Boko Haram, and she's now been held for nearly four years for one reason. The one reason is she has refused to renounce her faith in Jesus, and so she's still being held captive."

"And of course we remember the Chibok girls as part of this



Protesters outside the Nigerian High Commission in London

campaign... 270 girls who were kidnapped in 2014, and there are still 110 of them missing today. We're here today to stand in solidarity with them."

Speaking at the protest, Lord Alton of Liverpool said the recent surge in mass abductions "means the lives of Nigerian students generally are being commoditised by armed non-state actors of Fulani ethnicity. Since December 2020, the country has witnessed 14 such attacks on ed-

ucational establishments... in the northwest and centre, with over 1,100 students abducted for ransom, and at least ten of them have died."

Pastor Fred Williams said: "These attacks are deliberate. They are soft targets. They are intentionally showing their strength. It's not just kidnappings, it's not just killings, it's also a show of power. It's political... Kaduna state right now is like the eye of the storm in Nigeria, especially southern Kaduna." He added "the silence is deafening" in regard to the Nigerian government's continued failure to address the ongoing crisis in the country.

Meanwhile, the murder of Christians by jihadists continues in Nigeria. Morning Star News reports that in Kaduna state alone, eight Christians were killed in several incidents in October, including an attack on a church in which dozens of worshippers were also abducted.



Lord Alton joined the protest over abducted schoolchildren

Ethiopia



CHRISTIAN PRIESTS KILLED IN TIGRAY

Release International, a charity supporting religious freedom, believes that Christian priests are still being murdered by Eritrean forces in the Ethiopian region of Tigray.

As civil war continues in Tigray, with Eritrea sending troops into the conflict, Eritrean soldiers have been targeting Christians.

In November 2020, at least 78 priests and 750 civilians in Ethiopia's sacred city of Aksum were slaughtered, and Ethiopian Orthodox Church sources believe an Eritrean army was responsible.

But according to former prisoner of faith Helen Berhane, even today, "Eritrean troops are killing a lot of priests and raping their wives..."

"Some of the priests stand holding their crosses, so they cut their hands. And when the soldiers ask the priests to remove their hats, when they say no, they shoot them. Hundreds of priests are dying in this conflict at the hands of Eritrean soldiers."

In 2002, Eritrea closed most churches and imprisoned many Christians. Some, like Berhane, were tortured.



An Ethiopian Orthodox priest in Tigray

Release International called for British churches to pray for Eritrea during the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on 7 November.

Burkina Faso



JIHADIST INVASION CLOSES SCHOOLS IN BURKINA FASO

All schools in the Tapoa province of Burkina Faso have been closed by Islamic extremists, according to International Christian Concern.

A spokesperson for a local youth movement, Marcel Ouoba, reported that the schools were shut in October. Ouoba said: "The terrorists have taken over and control all the entrance and exit points" and the whole province

"has fallen into evil hands – the state no longer controls anything".

Burkina Faso was a haven of religious tolerance until Islamic fundamentalism spread to the country and all the Sahel region of Africa in 2015. The takeover of Tapoa means that Christians in the region will face forced conversions and violence.

Algeria



Amnesty condemns Algerian persecution

Human rights charity Amnesty International has come to the defence of a Christian convert in Algeria.

Foudhil Bahloul has been imprisoned for collecting offerings, called "illegal donations", and distributing Bibles. In July, Bahloul was given a six-month sentence and fined 100,000 Algerian dinars after being accused of spreading "poisonous ideas" and undermining faith

in Islam by giving away Christian books.

Amnesty criticised the decline in religious freedom in Algeria and the law on non-Muslim worship. Amnesty representative Amna Guellali said: "This discriminatory law is being used as a weapon to repress those who do not follow Islam in an assault against their fundamental freedoms."

"Instead of targeting non-Islamic believers, Algeria's authorities must work on protecting the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief – which includes the freedom to manifest that belief."

In Algeria, Muslims can change their faith but attempting to convert someone is illegal. Last November, voters approved a new constitution which reduced religious freedoms.

International Day of Prayer held online

This year the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church was held online, on Sunday 7 November.

The event was organised by the Evangelical Alliance (EA) in partnership with Open Doors UK, Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) and Release International.

The EA's CEO Gavin Calver said: "More than 340 million

Christians worldwide suffer because they simply put their faith in Christ Jesus... it's vital that we always keep them in our prayers."

But he added: "It's crucial we do not lose sight of the wonderful work God is doing where his people face persecution: faithful and resilient disciples are being formed, and the Church is growing."



Victory for rights of parents over children's jabs

Lawyer Paul Diamond and his wife Alice are among those who have succeeded in protecting their children from being 'innoculated' at school without their consent

Paul Diamond has specialised in employment law and free speech

A Covid vaccination team for schools has backed down after a strong letter sent by the wife of a Christian barrister, bringing hope to parents who felt steamrollered into letting their children receive the experimental Covid 'vaccine'.

After Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty's announcement that pupils aged 12-15 would be given the Covid vaccine with or without parental consent, human rights barrister Paul Diamond and other groups such as Lawyers for Liberty wrote letters to schools and NHS authorities. Sir Chris Whitty had already overridden advice from the JCVI (Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation) against giving the jabs to children.

Now Paul Diamond and his wife have been assured by their local NHS vaccinating authority that their sons will not be injected at school without their consent. Significantly, this also includes the children of parents who have failed to respond to the NHS's letter, a letter which has been criticised for calling the Pfizer vaccine "established, safe and effective", despite the unreported death and injury toll since the vaccine programme was rolled out (see yellowcard@ukcolumn.org for the MHRA's own adverse effects statistics presented in a clear format). Children are also not considered to be at any significant risk from the disease.

Parents must expressly consent to their child receiving the Pfizer vaccine

Sir Chris Whitty had decreed that children could be vaccinated without their parents' consent under the 'Gillick competence' rule, but the Diamonds' letter successfully challenged that use of the law.

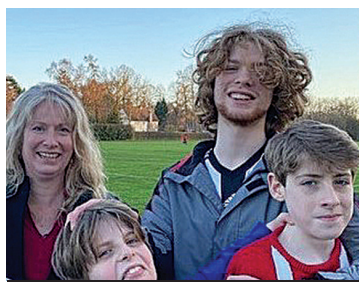
Paul Diamond's wife, Alice, told HEART: "Hertfordshire's NHS vaccination body SAIS (School Age Immunisation Service) has expressly assured

parents that no pupil without expressed parental consent (including those parents who fail to respond) will be given the Sars 2 Covid vaccination. In other words, parents must expressly consent to their child receiving the Pfizer vaccine."

The school nurse's email reply stated that their team had taken the decision not to accept Gillick competence as consent to the Covid vaccines. Only those pupils whose parents had completed a consent on an online portal at midday the day before would be invited to the vaccination session.

"There are so many parents who feel intimidated and alone in this"

Other local health authorities and schools have also respected parents' rights after being presented with legal let-



Healthy and happy: Alice Diamond with three of their four sons

ters, according to UK Column, and HEART has learned that Sussex NHS trust has backed down after a parent, also a pastor, filled out the form refusing consent. The pastor was told that around half the pupils at his children's high school had not had the controversial 'vaccinations'.

The Hertfordshire climb-down came as a reply to a strong letter with legal undertones written by Paul Diamond. His wife, Alice, told HEART: "The NHS distributing body seems to be scared – they must be feeling the government is letting them pick up the pieces [over children's vaccinations] and is backing down."

The Diamonds received a reply to their letter the next day, 30 September 2021, but Mrs Diamond, who is in touch with

local freedom campaigners such as Stand in the Park, told HEART that other parents elsewhere in Britain and even in their own county did not get similar replies to their letters.

She told HEART: "Whether pro-Covid vax or having reservations, no child should be made responsible for a medical decision of this magnitude. The vaccinations are at the very least still in the try-out phase. Moreover children should ultimately not be used as a shield to protect adults."

"Some very dedicated parents have approached schools with liability letters based on Common Law, but did not get much response from the schools and certainly not a backing down letter from the SAIS. But they were greatly relieved and elated when I showed them the response we got."

"At our local secondary school I know of only a few parents who dared to ask any questions. There are so many parents who feel intimidated and alone in this. People need to hear it and be encouraged."

The letter sent by the Diamonds will be available from the HEART office if it is not on our website: please email subscribercommunity@heartpublications.co.uk for a copy



Paul Diamond has specialised in employment law and free speech. He is currently preparing a vaccine refuser's case and is offering an initial free consultation. www.pauldiamond.com

Rather than focus on the controversies surrounding the Pfizer 'vaccines' (the ones selected by the government despite an earlier statement from Pfizer that it was not suitable for under 16s), or the high Covid survival rate among children, Paul Diamond's letter focussed on the so-called 'Gillick competence' aspect of the law.

He told HEART: "There have been a number of legal challenges to the lockdown, child vaccinations and, I understand, care workers. All have been unsuccessful, because of the principle that it is not for the Court to determine governmental policy. The power of the courts is limited to a review of rationality (which, is self evidently, very limited)."

Any medical intervention without permission could be an assault

"In writing to the school I purposely sought to avoid this direct confrontation (which I did not feel would be successful), but focused on well established legal principles (which could not be disputed). This was the legal test of Gillick competence. I suspect individuals did not want to risk their career, so we received the positive response we needed."

How can a temporary school nurse know whether a child suffers from an allergy without the medical records?

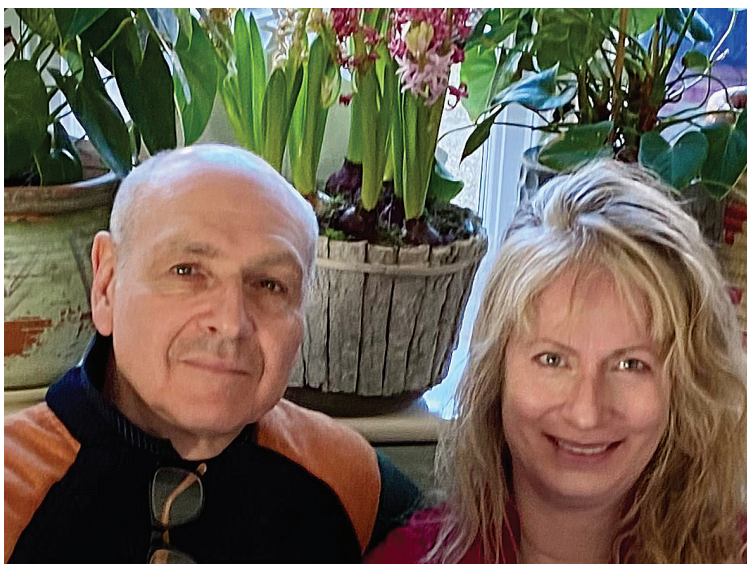
These were the points Mr Diamond highlighted: this is not legal advice.

1. Under the Common Law any medical intervention without permission can be an assault. There are specific provisions for children (Gillick competence), young persons (16-18) and adults.

2. Gillick competence was established by the House of Lords from 1985. It has certain requirements such as your GP should consult with you, should have access to medical records, and the treatment (in Gillick) was not controversial medically.

3. His letter did not challenge the 'vax' per se, but focused on how the authority proposed to comply with this proposition of law. How can a temporary school nurse (answerable to a remote doctor) satisfy this test in order to comply with their professional obligations? For example, how would they know whether a child suffered from an allergy without the medical records?

4. A breach thereof would be a breach of the professional code of the GMC (General Medical Council) and RCN (Royal College of Nursing), as well as a possible criminal assault.



Paul and Alice Diamond have won reassurance that their sons will not be vaccinated without their consent

An excellent pastoral letter about children receiving the Covid injections by Rev William Philip, a vicar who is a former cardiologist, can be downloaded at: <https://tron.church/update-letter>

"MY MISSION IS TO LEAVE A WINDOW OF FREEDOM OPEN"



Paul Diamond is probably best known for his case over the right of a British Airways employee to wear a discreet cross at work. Known as the "BA cross case", it ran from 2006-13 and he represented Nurse Chaplin before the European Court.

He says: "It is bizarre that 13 British judges said the cross was not a protected Christian symbol! So we went to the ECHR (European Court of Human Rights), where a judge from a former Communist country said yes, it's a Christian symbol!"

He also successfully represented trainee social worker Felix Ngole against the University of Sheffield after it threw him off his degree course for voicing a biblical view of marriage. Mr Diamond fought this and other notable cases as former counsel for Christian Concern. He believes that defending individuals over their opinions against their professional bodies will be a "very big" area legally as this procedure could be used as a means to limit the freedoms of Christian professionals.

"Genocide was being committed against Syrian Christians"

Currently, as well as wanting to help care workers and others threatened by "no jab, no job" regulations, he wants to draw attention to the plight of Afghan Christian refugees. In 2014 he got involved with Syrian Christians: "Genocide was being committed against them; it was said in Parliament that parents watched their children 'put through a dough kneader and burnt in an oven'."

Their plight was highlighted at the time by the late Lord Weidenfeld, who came to Britain on the Kindertransport; this was the escape route for ten thousand Jewish children from Nazi Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland in which civil servant Sir Nicholas Winton played a leading role. Most of the children never saw their parents again because Jewish adults were deported and perished in the concentration camps.

Some of those children who survived voiced their gratitude to Sir Nicholas in a moving TV programme several years ago. Lord Weidenfeld was raised by a Christian family and felt he owed Christians a debt of gratitude, so was appalled by the plight of the Syrian Christians.

Paul Diamond and others were work-

ing behind the scenes to help the Syrian Christians but now feels that they failed: "Of the 4,850 Syrian refugees accepted by Britain, some 98.7 per cent were not Christians or Yazidis, but Muslims – the majority religion and therefore safest. Since then there are still just 119 Christians who have been allowed into Britain, which I think is now 126 thanks to our campaigning."

He believes the British government's measures for Afghan refugees will be similarly biased; it has offered to take in 5,000 people a year for four years, but unlike the Muslim population, which has regional 'protectors' (the Shias have Iran and the Sunnis look to other Sunni nations such as Saudi Arabia) the Afghan Christians are uniquely vulnerable. It is also not widely known that the 20-year presence of US and British troops led to a growth in the Christian population. Now those Western 'protectors' have abruptly left and the betrayal was increased by the US inexplicably leaving behind details of many who converted.

The plight of refugees is particularly close to Mr Diamond's heart because his mother, like Lord Weidenfeld himself, came to Britain on the Kindertransport and was assisted by Sir Nicholas. His desire to help the underdog has led him to work out a strategy to help care workers who have lost their jobs since 11 November if they declined the Covid jab.

Paul and Alice Diamond believe that Christians must take a stand now to protect our national freedom. Mr Diamond told a meeting in September: "We must fight the Covid passport and similar restrictions by bringing targeted legal challenges. My mission is to leave a window of freedom open." He would like to work with a junior lawyer and a "run-around" and says a legal executive could be trained.

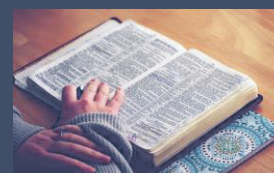
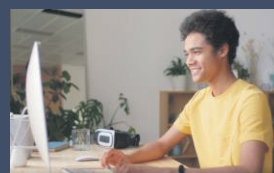
This is a fight that can be won

Although his Dutch-born wife, who also has a human rights background, is keen to link up those nationwide who are ready to support one another in various ways, Paul Diamond believes that the fight to retain civil freedoms can be won. The alternative is unthinkable for a man who admits he can barely operate a coffee machine: "I'd last two minutes picking berries."

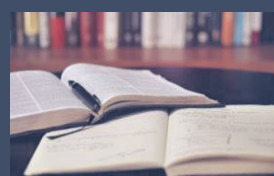
Perhaps those refuseniks who don't fancy baking bread over a brick stove can breathe easy for a while.

Melanie Symonds

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Too much gloom and doom

I was rather disappointed with your October-November front page. There is enough doom and gloom in the secular media, so why did you have to add to this with dire warnings about lights going out, more lockdowns and food and fuel shortages?

In these troubled times, we should be emphasising a message of Christian hope, not adding to the despair so many feel. It's true that without God, there is no hope, but the Gospel is good news, and many of us are praying and believing for revival.

Therefore I have to strongly disagree with the view of Dr

Clifford Hill in his new book (Reviews, Oct-Nov 2021) that "It's too late to pray for the welfare of the nation" because I don't believe it is right to take verses from Ezekiel – which were aimed at the nation of Israel – and apply them to our nation today.

I will continue to do what the apostle suggested: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowl-

edge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

Finally, please can you tone down your anti-vax rhetoric, which I believe is unnecessary and unhelpful. Many of us have been pleased to take the anti-Covid vaccine, which I am told has saved thousands of lives.

Geoff Chapman
Creation Resources Trust
Yeovil, Somerset

Pre-tribulation rapture

Eldo Barkhuizen defends a post-tribulation rapture (Oct/Nov, In my own Words), but takes no account of Israel's place in the Lord's great plan.

The years determined for the great tribulation are referred to in Jeremiah 30:7 as a time of Jacob's trouble; the Church was not present then and accordingly does not figure in this scenario.

I can find no scriptural evidence to support the claim that Yeshua (Jesus) will return just once – that is, after the great tribulation. But we are told in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 that he comes in the air to meet up with his saints. There is an equally clear reference to his return to earth, with his saints, to his people Israel in Matthew 24:30-31.

The end-time rapture will be instantaneous and covert "like a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Conversely, the vivid earthly return of the Lord will be like "the lightning [that] comes from the east and flashes

to the west" (Matthew 24:27).

Regarding God's wrath, its unique severity – "such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be" is surely confirmed in Matthew 24:21. And the saints referred to in Revelation 13:7 are revealed as the great tribulation martyrs from Revelation 7:13.

Finally, if all the living saints are consigned to the great tribulation, to suffer death upon remaining faithful, then wouldn't they require resurrection rather than a rapture?

John Stone
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex

Having spent 80 years studying the Holy Scriptures almost daily, nothing I have read invalidates the apostle Paul's teaching of the imminent pre-tribulation rapture of born again believers.

However, I do think that those described in the Laodicean Church (Revelation 3:14-19) may pass through the great tribulation. Time will tell.

That J N Darby taught a new doctrine has always been fake news. He merely revived Paul's rapture teaching.

Bertram Lewis
Worthing, West Sussex

Calling the Queen

Many have complained that the Queen hasn't been called upon to proclaim days of national prayer as her late father did during WW2.

In fact, I have called her to prayer for the nation; I wrote to her on 17 August 2020 and she replied to me graciously within three days from Balmoral.

The Scriptures I sent were: Psalm 11:3: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (KJV)

2 Timothy 1:7: "God did not give us a spirit of fear, but love, power and a sound mind."

2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I forgive their sin and will heal their land."

I also wrote to her: "Therefore, your Majesty, I am asking you to follow the example of your beloved father, King George VI, who called the nation to prayer with repentance, as the Germans were well ahead with their invasion plans. Unlike Sir Winston Churchill, our current prime minister is an unbeliever; therefore he cannot call the nation to prayer, but he most certainly will agree that it is your duty to do so."

Pearl A Coleman
Woking, Surrey

Leaving the building

I agree with Clifford Hill (Reviews, Oct-Nov 2021) that in the last days the Church will leave the ecclesia.

Many of us have already done so!

Rosalind Markby
London



In my own words

Readers' longer letters

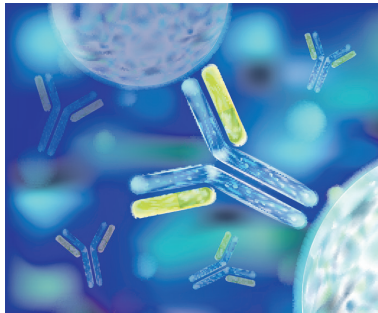
DISCERNMENT IS OUR IMMUNE SYSTEM

Some 3,300 years ago, those who thought they had discernment pronounced of their brethren from other tribes: "They have clearly disobeyed God's command. This is not some little thing, subject to interpretation. They have built an unauthorised altar away from the tabernacle. Their faithlessness will destroy us. We must destroy them!"

I am concerned that some 'discernment' is really spiritual auto-immune disease

So 10 and a half tribes gathered for battle, to wipe out the rest of God's people (Joshua 22). But they did a wise thing, and sent some men out to enquire before acting precipitously. Would that some Christians today would do the same before pointing the finger and deciding to leave a church or cancel their subscription to a paper like this without further investigation!

Discernment is a necessary



Antibodies are proteins used by the immune system to discern and eliminate hostile infections to the body

thing. If the Church is Jesus' body, then discernment is the immune system, or part of it.

However, some of the most damaging diseases are auto-immune conditions where the immune system is twisted to attack good, healthy cells, not alien intruders.

I am concerned that some 'discernment' is really spiritual auto-immune disease.

A man I knew used to put on some great conferences on the

Jewish roots of the faith; he also reckoned he had the gift of discernment. On the day I visited his church, a young man next to the pastor at the front was dancing vigorously. Apparently this was the pastor's friend from another church, but my host stated that the guest had an 'attention-seeking spirit'.

Sadly, within a few years my host was publicly teaching heresy on his website, saying that any gentile Christian who did not obey all the Jewish law (except, conveniently, circumcision!) would be damned on judgement day for not obeying Christ's commands. With his little circle of 'discerning friends' providing confirmation, he refused to listen to true godly counsel.

If you believe a lie is the truth, then you will automatically react to truths as if they were lies.

So, before you go into heresy hunter mode, all guns blazing, check yourselves, and ask, "Am I destroying the unity of Christ's body in the name of a lie or something minor?"

Nathanael Lewis
Prudhoe, Northumberland

BRING BACK THE BRIDE

The Oct/Nov issue seems to have been taken over by the prophets of doom with satanic victories and inevitable judgement.

Your paper is a vital hope for Christians who have been let down by churches run by pastors who preach salvation through human love and therapy, whereas only a new life dependent on Jesus offers hope to a dying world.

All the Bible's prophecies concerning the end of the gentiles' era have been fulfilled except for Ezekiel 38-39. After this the whole world admits the God of Israel is the true God. There is a time of false security (2 Thessalonians 5:3) as in the times of Noah and Lot (Matthew 24:38) during which the Gospel is preached throughout the world (Matthew 24:12-14: grace before judgement). Are believers preparing for this or will

they let their friends down (Matthew 25:8-10)?

If Christians and the HEART paper were all about Jesus and his imminent return, they would shine like a light instead of producing smoke and gloom. The Bride of Christ should be busy getting ready to leave, joyfully sending splendid invitations to all those friends who know of the Lord but do not know him personally (Matthew 25:12). Of these, only half will wake up in time and join her before the door to heaven closes. Those looking to experience Satan's reign (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12) will not be ready in time (Matthew 24:44-51).

With all this in mind I have just finished a book, 'Beauty for Ashes', that I pray will help refocus believers on God's words (Ezra 8, John 15). Only then will the riches of the glory of the gentle Bride of Christ be revealed by his one true Spirit in his one true Church on earth (Ephesians 4:48, Colossians 1:27).

Are you prepared to be bold and proclaim this truth at such a time as this (Esther 4:14)?

Peter Franklin
Bognor Regis, West Sussex

CLIMATE OF UNCERTAINTY



In my own words

Readers' longer letters

CLIMATE: ALL IS WELL, ALL WILL BE WELL

Carbon dioxide is miraculous; it works with the sun's energy to make it possible for us to live.

It is a vital part of photosynthesis, without which there would be no life on earth.

Photosynthesis is a beautiful chemical process in which plants, including trees, use their leaves to trap the sun's energy in the form of sugar. Six molecules of water from roots combine with six molecules of carbon dioxide from the air, creating one molecule of organic sugar, which is stored as glucose for both immediate and later growth.

Without CO2 and other greenhouse gases, earth would be a snowball

Of equal importance is that photosynthesis produces oxygen.

Moreover it is CO2, with other greenhouse gases, that ensures the earth maintains a temperature warm enough for humans to survive.

Most of the sun's heat goes back to space via radiation from the atmosphere and by evaporation and convection. But 17% is radiated back from the earth's surface – 12% goes to space but 5% is absorbed by these gases of which water vapour forms 95%.

However, CO2 is able to radiate 23% of absorbed heat and is thus vitally important. Without this and other greenhouse gases, the earth's temperature would be 30°C lower – earth would be a snowball.

But the greatest miracle is that the laws of physics ensure that there is no runaway warming. For when CO2 density exceeds 290 parts per million (ppm), it can no longer absorb radiation. It is "saturated". Present density is 417 ppm.

There is no verifiable evidence, including satellite observations, to sustain the theory of global warming caused by human fossil fuel combustion

Currently CO2 levels are lower than the last 500m years (according to those who are not Creationists).

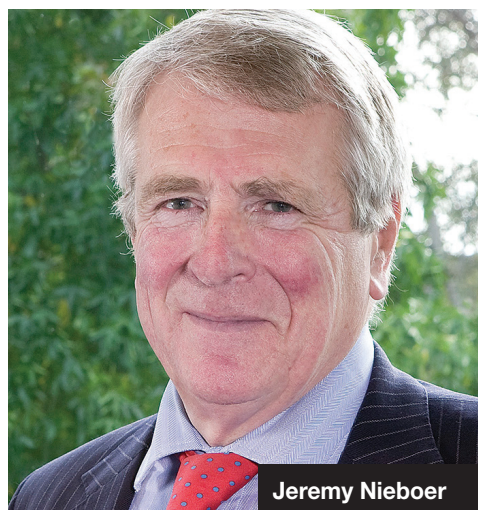
Doubling CO2 will have no adverse climate consequences. That is why there has never been runaway global warming even when, for millennia, CO2 was eight times today's level. So a balance of the sun's energy is ensured, which the arrogance and folly of man cannot disturb by further emissions of CO2.

It is said that more CO2 in the atmosphere will mean dangerous global warming. That has never been true. There is no verifiable evidence, including satellite observations, to sustain the theory of global warming caused by human fossil fuel combustion.

No distinguished professor of physics at a leading university would now stake his or her reputation on a claim that all the evidence shows that dangerous global warming will result if we do not reduce concentrations in the atmosphere.

My new book, 'Climate: All is well, all will be well' (published by the Bruges Group) demonstrates this and more.

Jeremy Nieboer
Mappowder, Dorset



Jeremy Nieboer

MAN'S ARROGANT ATTEMPT AT CLIMATE CONTROL WILL FAIL

God gave man the creative ability to improve his lifestyle, such as in better housing, better water supplies and better transport.

But this has led to industrialisation, pollution, and a rise in CO2. Assuming global warming is largely CO2, induced (many scientists debate this), the UN's IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) claims that it is still within man's capability to counter the worst effects of global warming.

Hence the drive towards clean, renewable energy and the move away from fossil fuels. All this seems very reasonable.

But the Bible claims it is really God's world, not man's, and that God controls the weather (there are good Old Testament examples of this). According to the law of non-contradiction, man and God cannot both have the final say about the weather. It's either man, or God.

The problem is that the nations have rejected the God of the Bible (the God of Israel) and his laws for living (Psalm 2:2-3): "The earth suffers for the sins of its people, for they have twisted God's instructions, violated his laws" (Isaiah 24:5).

Even Jesus hinted at violent end-time storms

Sadly, according to Isaiah 24, it seems that man's arrogant attempt at climate control will fail. Even Jesus hinted at violent end-time storms (Luke 21:25).

Paradoxically, it seems man can solve the climate change problem – but only by letting God do it! Only by turning to God in repentance!

Dr Graham Wade
Yealmpton, Devon



The 'Gaia' exhibition hosted by St Peter's Mancroft, Norwich

THE 'GAIA' EXHIBITION

I've never met a Christian who objects to the idea that we should look after the earth God created.

But much of the spirit and messaging of the 'climate emergency' narrative that we are now hearing is very different from this biblical idea of stewardship.

In the case of the 'Gaia' exhibition currently touring UK churches, it is nothing short of pagan earth worship.

Deliberately named after the Greek mother-of-all goddess of the earth, who is being referenced uncritically by host churches, it features a large globe.

The exhibition portrays our "planet home" as "fragile" and alone, "hanging in a void", and insists that it is up to us to secure its destiny. *Continued on page 22*

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CREATION CORNER



by Geoff Chapman

The origin of flight should be a good 'test case' for evolution.

Evolutionists believe that flying animals have been adapted from non-flying ancestors by gradual chance processes over millions of years, and that true flight evolved four times — in insects, reptiles, bats and birds.

However, in each case we find clear evidence of special design, not gradual evolution. Insects are said to have been the first creatures to take to the air some '300 million years ago'. Yet Wikipedia admits that "The origin of insect flight remains obscure, since the earliest winged insects currently known appear to have been capable fliers."

There are no fossils of insects with partly-evolved wings

Dragonflies are very efficient fliers, besides having beautiful wings. The oldest fossils show they have never been any different, except that some were much larger, with wing spans of up to 30cm (2 ½ feet)! There are no fossils of insects with partly-evolved wings.

The extinct flying reptiles (pterosaurs) were perfectly designed for flight. One specimen — Quetzalcoatlus — had a

FLYING IN THE FACE OF THE EVIDENCE

Did flight really evolve four times in the animal kingdom?



A reconstruction of Quetzalcoatlus, the largest-known flying reptile

wing span of 15 metres (48 feet)! Their wing bones were hollow, and criss-crossed with tiny braces, just like the structure of a modern jumbo jet: lightness and strength combined! All the fossils of pterosaurs show fully developed wing bones. There is no evidence that their wings developed from the forelegs of ground-dwelling reptiles.

In 1986, scientists at the US Smithsonian Institution designed a half-size working model

of a giant pterodactyl, which crashed on its first flight. Later flights were successful, but only after engineers and technicians used their skill and intelligence.

If extinct reptiles had taken to the skies, they couldn't have afforded to crash even once, so gradual evolution wouldn't work. And the scientists' model is much less complex than a real, living pterodactyl would have been.

Bats are the only mammals with true flight. Their wings are

a strong membrane stretched over elongated digits. The oldest fossil bat is 100% bat, with no evidence of gradual evolution from some shrew-like ancestor. A halfway stage would never have survived anyway.

Finally, we consider the birds, believed by evolutionists to have evolved from reptiles, although there is no convincing fossil evidence for this. The famous Archaeopteryx fossil, discovered in 1861, once touted as a 'missing link', is now gen-



A fossil of Archaeopteryx found in the Jurassic Solnhofen Limestone of southern Germany

erally recognised as being a true bird. The whole anatomy of birds is designed for flight, with hollow bones and a unique "one-way" respiratory system. It is difficult to see how a transitional stage would be fit enough to survive.

The evidence suggests that all flying creatures, living and extinct, were created for flight, and are powerful evidence for special creation. To believe they evolved requires a lot of faith.

"God created ... every winged bird [literally 'winged creature'] according to its kind. And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:21). Flying creatures have been flying since they were created by God in the beginning!

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There is no evidence that bats evolved from non-flying ancestors

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This is unbiblical:

- Far from being alone in a void, "the earth is the Lord's" (Psalm 24:1) and he sustains it "by his powerful word" (Hebrews 1:3). How we steward the earth is important, but its destiny is not in our hands.
- We know that earth will be destroyed when God decides (2 Peter 3:10), so the idea of making its indefinite survival at all costs a top priority for the Church is misguided.
- While our "planet home" has its importance, there is nothing here about the eternal home

(John 14:3) that Jesus has gone ahead to prepare for those who put their trust in him, nor about the "everlasting punishment" (Matthew 25:46) that awaits those who reject Christ.

- Gaia offers no biblical interpretation of why "the whole creation has been groaning... right up to the present time" (Romans 8:22). Biblically, it is clear that it is because human beings have sinned against God, worshipping created things.
- Consequently, there is no call for biblical repentance "from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thessalonians 1:9).

Ironically, in attempting to address one of the symptoms (earth pains) in isolation, Gaia actually aggravates the root cause (self-reliance and God-forsaking idol-worship), and this may well result in even worse symptoms!

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BOOKREVIEWS

By Gordon Pettie

The Englishwoman bringing the Gospel back to the Scythians

'Miracles in the Midst of War'

By Paula O'Keefe

Sovereign World

In Paula O'Keefe's late teens, God spoke clearly to her: "I want you to lay down three things for me."

"What is that Lord? You know I love you and want to be obedient ..."

"Being a doctor, getting married and watching TV."

Hampshire-born Paula's dream was to be a doctor and she was also desperate to be married and have a family. And how could she survive without TV?

But Paula was obedient and still is. Out of the obedience has come the blessing and a growing community of believing Christians thousands of miles away from the comfortable home counties.

By 1998, when still in her 20s, Paula had lived for a year and a half in Chechnya and was co-pastoring a fledgling church. Paula describes the small republic of Chechnya as a beautiful country in the south-west of Russia close to the Caspian Sea.

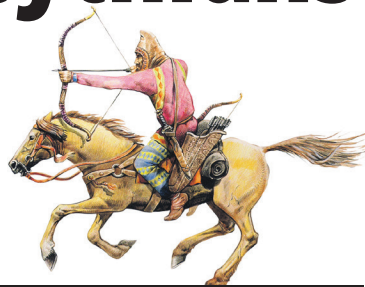
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She tells us that in biblical times the people were called Scythians and the apostle Paul refers to them in Colossians 3.11 when he wrote:

"Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."

But the people Paula met had never heard the Gospel. Until the early 1990's Chechnya was totally unreached with the good news of Christ but the people were eager to hear.

She had arrived as Chechnya as a 21-month war was coming to an end in



Famed throughout antiquity, Scythian archers were skilled warriors

which 100,000 people were killed and thousands made homeless. With the war ending, neighbours were still slaughtering one another in the name of ethnic cleansing.

With her English mannerisms, Paula must have seemed a fish out of water as she counselled desperate women and children who had nothing and searched for food and clothing for them. She could at least speak Russian, though, because she had just happened to study Russian as part of her degree at the University of Staffordshire.

Based on Mark 16:20, Paula firmly believed that when you share the good news of Christ, the Lord will confirm his Word and signs will follow.

I like the book because it is an honest account of Paula's struggles of remaining in a place of faith through some of the darkest and most challenging of times. Obedience is never easy and the author shares with honesty something of the cost of obedience.

Imagine you are in the basement of a building leading worship with about 80 people and seeking to lead the people into the presence of God? Suddenly the door is pushed open and six burly Islamic fundamentalists burst into the room.

They are shouting in their native tongue: "Stop playing that guitar. Stop playing right now!" It happened to the author at a camp she had organised in Chechnya.

"How dare they forbid me to worship my Jesus!"

Silence descended on the room. Thoughts of what could happen flashed through her mind. Then another thought came: "How dare they forbid me to worship my Jesus!"

With a passion she struck her guitar strings. The people followed. They sang at the top of their voices. The Islamists muttered an apology, turned on their heels, and left.

As you look around the war-torn world and wonder where God is, I recommend you read 'Miracles in the Midst of War'.



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GLORY AND MARTYRDOM – EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE VICAR OF BAGHDAD'S CHURCH



Canon Andrew White, otherwise known as the Vicar of Baghdad, standing close to a shell impact

'Glory Zone in the War Zone'

By Andrew White

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The Bible has a great deal to say about 'words of knowledge', prophecy, tongues, healings, the raising of the dead, and even the sprinkling of gold dust. Even so, my initial choice of books would not be one about those things.

Canon Andrew White's book 'Glory Zone in the War Zone' has all of those things in it ... and more. So why am I jumping up and down and saying it is a book you should be reading?

The answer is that when the author writes about those things, he writes from the experience of Christians who love in the Lord and know the reality of that love in a war-weary country, where they experience persecution for their faith, even in many instances, martyrdom.

This book describes his experiences in Baghdad, in Bethlehem and in other war situations. Initially I could not understand

the title, 'Glory Zone in the war Zone', but as I read the book, it gradually made sense to me.

Andrew White trained in medicine and then entered the priesthood. Throughout the time of the Iraqi war, he served as rector of St George's, the only Anglican Church in Baghdad and earned the soubriquet, 'The vicar of Baghdad'.

After many attacks, the church was forced to go into exile in Jordan in 2014.

Ten of those people were notorious terrorists

Andrew describes seeing 58 Muslims renounce their association with Islam and put their faith in Jesus. Ten of those people were notorious terrorists. He describes how first he had tried to reason with them about faith, and made no progress. The Lord told him to stop talking and simply show Christ's love to people of other faiths.

He shares the journey of seeing a church that had 50 members when he arrived, grow to some 3,000 people. As the growth and conversions took place, so did the persecution and bloodshed – torture, terrorism, extreme hatred, poverty, Bibles burned,

children beheaded. Andrew says he stopped counting the number of dead church members when the total passed 1,000!

It is in the context of such devastation that Andrew describes the miracles, blessing, healing, deliverance – even the gold dust – that members of his congregation experienced. Undoubtedly it was a time of supernatural favour of the Lord.

Andrew describes the worship times in his services as pure focus on Jesus, of angels appearing as they worshipped, of his congregation having dramatic dreams and visions of the 'man in white' – Jesus himself.

"I have not yet met one child who has said they cannot forgive"

One interesting facet of the book is the real faith shown by the Iraqi children. Andrew suggests it is because their hearts were more tender than adults: "I have not yet met one child who has said they cannot forgive."

There are so many miracles recorded. Here is one.

While visiting Jerusalem, Andrew was approached by a gentleman from Northern Ireland.

"Tell me Andrew, how are you doing for Bibles?"

"I informed him that my people's Bibles had been stolen and destroyed by terrorists," he writes. "It was hard to

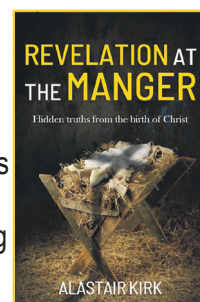
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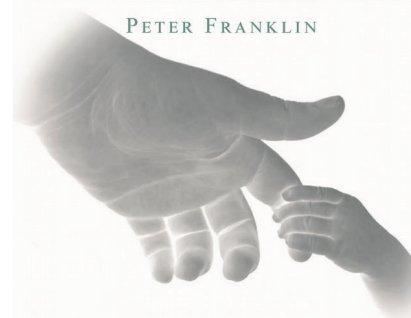
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WHY YOU SHOULD INFORM YOURSELF ABOUT FACEBOOK



Truthful and not ugly: authors Cecilia Kang and Sheera Frenkel

'An Ugly Truth'

By Sheera Frenkel and Cecilia Kang

The Bridge Street Press

This is not a 'Christian' book but is a book Christians should read. Both of the authors are journalists working for The New York Times, specialising in cybersecurity, technology and business.

They don't have much sympathy for Facebook. They write to expose what they perceive as the corrupt growth and practices of Facebook, and of Whatsapp and Instagram, which Facebook own.

Their findings are frightening. Christ's command to his disciples was to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. After over 2,000 years, Christians are still struggling to fulfil that command, whereas Facebook only started 17 years ago and is

used DAILY by 2.3 billion people across the globe.

Many of those who use it daily would consider themselves Christians. They use it for keeping in touch with friends and family, and gleaning news and videos for passing on. Social media is the phenomenal growth story of the 21st Century.

How did it create revenue of \$22 billion dollars in the final quarter of 2020?

I wonder if you have ever considered how Facebook works? It charges no fees to its customers. So how does it make its money? How did it create revenue of \$22 billion dollars in the final quarter of 2020? That money comes from advertisers. Facebook works by encouraging the people who use it to spend more and more time on Facebook. Then their advertisers pay them more money.

How do they persuade people to spend more time on Facebook? They have identified that the more outrageous the stories on Facebook, the longer people stay reading and following them up. Those outrageous stories include hate speech, anti-Semitic comments, Holocaust deniers, and deliberate misinformation and conspiracy theories.

Page 85 tells us: "Facebook employees who have surveyed the global rise in hate speech ... found the name of their company surfacing repeatedly as a source of conspiracies, false news accounts and organised campaigns against minorities."

Not long ago, Britain held its Brexit vote. Do you remember the news talking about a firm called Cambridge Analytica? On page 154, the authors show how Cambridge Analytica obtained all the information that Facebook held on individuals in the UK. They sold that information to those who wanted to target people in the UK with adverts for or against Brexit. If you use Facebook then that included you!

On 9 December 2020, the USA Federal Trade Commission, and nearly every state in the US, jointly commenced proceedings against Facebook. They accused its founder, Mark Zuckerberg, of being "a rule breaker" who "spied on competitors" and accused him of having "achieved success through bullying and deception... If you stepped into Facebook's turf, Zuckerberg would go into destroy mode."

We need to open our eyes to see what is happening in our world. This book will certainly do that!

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'Revelation at the Manger: Hidden Truths from the Birth of Christ'

By Alastair Kirk

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Christmas is almost here. We all know the true meaning of Christmas.

But do we? Alastair Kirk, development manager at Christians United for Israel UK, has written a new book about Christmas.

He writes: "The birth of Christ

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The author looks afresh at the Scriptures and shares new insights. For 'Good tidings of great joy', he develops the theme of joy. Another example is, "Do not be afraid, Mary", and "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife".

He shows how every time God says, "Do not be afraid" in the Bible, he always provides a

sound reason why he has said it.

Other verses he looks at include "There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour..."; "This will be the sign to you, you will find a babe ..."; "They saw the young child with Mary his mother and fell down and worshipped him ..."; "Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father ...".

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