



VISION FOR 21ST CENTURY CHURCH



“The time of the Church, as you know it, is over!”

By Paul Taylor

After the unprecedented restrictions of 2020, a radical new vision for the 21st century Church is emerging

Even in our democracies, churches have been closed by state edict, numbers attending services limited and protests made illegal. Across Britain, house groups composed of more than two households, the mainstay of church life, cannot currently legally meet.

Now that Christians in the West have seen how quickly things can change, many of us believe that the Church will

never be the same again. We have realised that the events of 2020 have been a wake-up call to the Church.

Indeed, for the past few years Christians have been writing about the rebirth of the ‘ekklesia’, a gathering of ‘called out’ ones. Our blueprint is now the Book of Acts, because we can no longer rely on the security of a regular programme in a church building.

We are seeing the “beginning of sorrows” referred to by Jesus in Matthew 24. The continuing government crackdowns are a pre-cursor, the beginning of another era of the same kind that will bring with it restriction, conditioning and control.

Recently I have been impacted again with a Word from the Lord concerning the Church: “The time of the Church as you know it, is over!”

This is an invitation to be reformed, in our relationship with the Lord, to one another, as well as how we reach people with the good news of Jesus.

If we let God reform us, there will be quite a transformation in church life in the next two to three years. In 2018 I believe God showed me new regional centres, gathering points across the nation, where servant-hearted leaders supported the Church in love and unity.

Organisations, church denominations and streams gave way to these new centres.

This would be the last great move of God coming into the UK and Europe.

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When the first lockdown was introduced last March, I began to pray over the virus and the pandemic. That was when the word “pre-cursor” came into my mind.

It's not a word I'd use, so I looked it up. It's a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind, a forerunner. It also can be a cell or cellular component, from which another is formed.

I believe this is an accurate message from God; it is affecting the whole world and fits with the biblical description of the “beginning of sorrows” in Matthew 24.

If we continue to lead and run church as we know it, we will find ourselves running things on our own

More recently, the other message, “The time of the Church, as you know it, is over!” was accompanied by a very strong sense that if we continue to lead and run church as we know it, we will find ourselves running things on our own, because the Lord has removed his blessing.

I am convinced that this is a message that needs to be heeded.

Therefore it's vital that leaders stop and re-evaluate what in on God's heart now. God's passion for his Church is very strong and I am convinced he is calling us back to himself in this season.

I am not the only Christian who has been prompted to re-think how the Church operates in recent years, leading to discussions of a return to the ‘ekklesia’.

Back in July 2018, I felt the Holy Spirit was urging me to write down what he had been putting in my heart concerning

his ekklesia – his gathered people – a Church that is truly his.

I now realise how timely this was. Like others, I believe God has used this time of closures to challenge our thinking.

I was led to write a short, biblical overview of what God's ekklesia is: the corporate body and bride of Christ. It also explains God's purpose for us and how we as his body should function. It's a man-sized read: you can read it in an evening!

We have a window of time to work in

Much of the current Church needs a reformation in its structure and function. We are still restricted in an “old wine-skin” (Mark 2:21-22) and seem to be satisfied, perhaps not realising how far away we as his ekklesia have drifted from God's Word and blueprint.

When Jesus said, “I will build my ekklesia and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it”, he was using a word that had no connection to religion. It was used by both the Greek and Roman empires, and in the time of Jesus it referred to a secular institution which had a governing role.

What a great description of Jesus' Church and her purpose! It is through his Church that his Kingdom comes into people's lives.

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God wants to revive households and homes. In particular, he wants to restore open gatherings where everyone comes together and brings a song, a teaching, a tongue, a revelation or an interpretation. This is body ministry, where everyone contributes to the building up of others.

It's the type of meeting that the early Church had more than anything else. These gatherings were often part of a meal, usually in homes with the breaking of bread and celebrating Jesus' victory over sin and death.

We majored on this type of meeting in the first church I led; although we met in a public hall on Sundays, the church's fundamental strength was in the relationships forged in weekly house groups, where we had strong prayer and worship and members were friends outside the groups. Although I brought teaching in our main

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Paul Taylor was called to Cornwall

meetings, we included “open” times, when members were encouraged to contribute.

We must never forget Jesus' last command before he went up to heaven: to GO into all the world and proclaim the good news and make disciples in his name.

The ekklesia that Jesus is building is to be in the marketplace. We are to govern, especially in the place of prayer; then we can go out into our communities and workplaces with the spiritual authority that brings people to Christ, heals the sick, casts out demons and sets people free.

To do this, we need a fresh encounter with Jesus; we must seek him wholeheartedly and let the Holy Spirit speak to us and change us from within.

If we do this now, then when persecution comes, we will be reformed

Things in our world are changing fast; we have a window of time to work in, because persecution of the Church is coming.

But if we do this now, then when persecution comes, we will be reformed and ready to function in the way the New Testament has taught us all along.



Paul Taylor is married to Claire; they have four children and eight grandchildren.

With others, Paul pioneered a house church in West Sussex in the 1980s, which grew over the next 14 years. In 1995, he handed it over to other leaders and joined Kingdom Faith Church in Horsham, Sussex, serving as a pastor for 21 years, including working with others to pioneer a church in Crawley.

But having received a clear instruction from God to “Stop, lay everything down and to seek the Lord”, it became clear that the Holy Spirit wanted to reform Paul and his ministry.

In 2017 Paul and Claire were led to Bude, Cornwall and have become part of the local Christian community.

Paul says: “I have been going out, sharing the good news of Jesus with others, knowing there is a ‘harvest’ of people waiting.”

Paul has started a charity, ‘GO2ALL’, to support mission within Cornwall and other parts of the UK and Europe. He is developing relationships with

other leaders and ministries across Cornwall and Devon to help train and equip church members to be effective witnesses wherever they go, leading people to Christ and making them true disciples of Jesus. He currently uses his business as an electrical contractor to support the ministry.

From the end of February, Paul plans to have content relevant to believers and non-Christians at www.go2all.org.uk

Paul can be contacted at hello@go2all.org.uk

The booklet, ‘21st century church reformation’, by Paul Taylor, can be ordered from the HEART office. £3 per copy inc p&p or five copies for £10. Bulk orders are available for a further discount.

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HEALED FROM DISABLING DISEASE

Readers may recall the sudden healing of actress Marianne Gaston.

Now Marianne has made a short film relating how she was miraculously healed from undiagnosed Lyme Disease after ten years of illness

On 25 August 2007 Marianne Gaston suddenly found herself unable to get out of bed.

Finally she managed to struggle to the sofa, which became her home for the next eight years.

Her husband, Leslie, gave up his job as an aircraft engineer to become her full-time carer. "Friends stopped calling due to my sheer exhaustion



Devoted husband Leslie and Smudge the cat were Marianne's mainstays for ten years

after talking for just ten minutes," she remembers. "Next to Leslie, my constant companion was our lovely cat, Smudge, who would sit on the arm of the settee all day next to me."

The correct diagnosis came years later; at first doctors thought Marianne was suffering from ME.

Unable to eat properly, she existed on health drinks, her weight slowly dropping to just six stone. The illness also caused her hair to fall out. Her only outings were to hospital – in a wheelchair – and she even missed her own mother's funeral.



Marianne's theatrical scrapbook of her various roles before illness struck

Overwhelmed by guilt over "failing" to meet normal obligations, she cried out to God, whose response, it seemed, was for her to become a "prayer warrior". Although she couldn't attend services at their local church, Tewkesbury Abbey in Gloucestershire, she was encouraged to know that fellow Christians were faithfully praying for her. "Communion was brought to me occasionally, so I never felt God had forsaken me."

Her weight dropped to six stone and her hair fell out

Now she began praying for others and the nation and even received a vision one night of her own guardian angel.

Marianne's miracle came after a visiting Pakistani bishop prayed for her. "After Bishop Yousaf left, I felt full of the joy of the Lord and couldn't stop laughing. Ten years after my illness began, I was instantly healed!"

Marianne's miracle featured in the April/May 2020 issue of HEART and is now in a 12 minute video called 'By his Stripes', available on youtube or at www.sosfilmphotographyysound.com




Actress Marianne Gaston filming the story of her miraculous healing



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NATIONAL NEWS by Andrew Halloway



The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust centre in London

After the High Court decided that children under 16 can't consent to puberty blockers, the full impact of transgender treatments has been revealed.

On 1 December the High Court ruled against the Tavistock Centre, the NHS gender clinic, after transitioner Keira Bell, who now regrets her treatment, said she was harmed by puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones prescribed as a teenager.

"We are using life-altering medication for adolescents and children based upon a belief"

Now a national newspaper has published the "shocking

physicians' testimony" about transgender medicine that led to the High Court ban.

The Mail on Sunday reported in January that Swedish psychiatrist Christopher Gillberg believes the Tavistock treatment is basically "a live experiment" on vulnerable children: "We have left established evidence-based clinical practice and are using powerful life-altering medication for a vulnerable group of adolescents and children based upon a belief."

Gillberg and other experts said that puberty blockers can damage brain and bone development and cause infertility.

The medics also criticised the transgender movement for encouraging transition in vulnerable children, including those with autism who sim-

ply have "identity issues". A "disproportionate number" of children who identify as transgender are in care, adopted, autistic, anorexic or have psychiatric or mental illnesses.

"Critical and cautious voices are shouted down as transphobic"

The court case heard evidence from dozens of women who said their lives had been ruined by their sex change.

American gender expert Professor Stephen Levine testified that "critical and cautious voices are shouted down as transphobic... It is left to those of us at the end of our careers, who

have nothing to lose, to voice our concerns."

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Baroness Nicholson, a former director of Save The Children, told the Mail on Sunday: "The NHS should never have allowed such unresearched use of public money on irremediable surgery on healthy bodies."

The clinic, which was rated "inadequate" by the Care Quality Commission's inspection in January, is appealing the High Court ruling.

Whistleblowing chaplain fights court battle



Pastor Song, whose ministry faced heavy restrictions after a Muslim imam took over as senior chaplain

A prison chaplain banned for ten years was denied a judicial review by the High Court but can take his case to a County Court.

Volunteer chaplain Pastor Paul Song's problems began after exposing Islamic extremism in HMP Brixton.

A High Court judge decided in January that Song can continue his legal fight, one day after the Ministry of Justice published evidence on extremism in Brixton prison that vindicates Song.

The Christian Legal Centre is supporting Song in the hope that the pastor can return to his ministry.

Song says that "tolerance for any religious view other than Islam is precluded" in HMP Brixton.

He has served prisoners in Brixton for 20 years, yet in recent times has felt threatened and has been assaulted and abused by Muslim prisoners. Some of them took over the prison's Christian chapel and celebrated the terrorist murder of Lee Rigby, yet Song is the one punished.

It's not his first ban, but on the previous occasion a review concluded that his exclusion was "not reasonable" and he was reinstated.

A chilling message to anyone prepared to expose wrong-doing

Andrea Williams, chief executive of the Christian Legal Centre, said: "The decision to ban Pastor Song from all prisons for ten years has sent a chilling message to anyone prepared to expose wrong-doing and corruption in our public institutions... This is a case that exposes the disturbing rise and influence of Islamic extremism and intimidation of Christians in our prisons."

A petition supporting Pastor Song can be found at: citizengo.org/en-gb

MP calls arrest of old lady 'a disgrace'



A phone video showed police manhandling the old lady

A 72-year-old woman's arrest during a peaceful protest by a handful of people in November aroused the anger of Tory MP Sir Charles Walker.

Walker, the vice-chair of the 1922 Committee of MPs, was videoed berating the police as they lifted the woman by all four limbs and bundled her into a van outside Parliament. He repeatedly challenged the officers, asking, "Don't any of you have mothers?"

Calling the incident "an outrage" and "an absolute disgrace",

he later reported the incident in the Commons, demanding the PM "sort this out".

A police statement said the woman was arrested "for breaching the coronavirus restrictions" on gatherings, yet anti-racism protests involving hundreds of people went unopposed throughout 2020.



Gallant knight: Sir Charles Walker remonstrated with police

Polish patient being starved to death in UK hospital

Citizen Go have organised a petition to save the life of a man having fluids and food withdrawn by a Devon hospital.

The patient, a pro-life Polish Catholic who would have objected to such treatment, is in a coma after suffering a heart attack.

Christian Concern reports that two independent neurologists who have seen videos of the man believe he is recovering, yet the courts have banned future neurological assessments and publication of the videos.

Judges claim legal efforts to save the man are "an assault" on his dignity

Judges claim legal efforts to save the man are "an assault" on his dignity. Christian Concern says: "The real assault on dignity is a judgment legally enforcing a

man's death by withdrawing food and fluids and preventing further assessment or treatment."

Even Poland's government, which wants to fly the man back to Polish care, has been rebuffed. UK judges have banned the Polish Consul General from seeing him and Polish doctors from examining him, causing a diplomatic rift.

An appeal to the European Court of Human Rights failed. The judge used to be a member of a pro-euthanasia society.

As we went to press, the Polish government had issued a diplomatic passport to the patient.



Nutrition and fluids were withdrawn following the refusal of the family's legal appeal, supported by the Christian Legal Centre

NATIONAL NEWS by Andrew Halloway

EQUALITIES MINISTER WILL PUT EVIDENCE FIRST



Liz Truss will put facts before fashion

Women and Equalities minister Liz Truss made a speech in December that was welcomed by Intercessors for Britain (IFB) but labelled 'bonkers' by left wingers.

IFB leader David Borlase commented: "After many years of, in particular, LGBT demands being pandered to, there seems to be something of a shift. While we wouldn't endorse everything in the speech... we felt this was encouraging for our prayers."

Truss promised an equality agenda "led by facts not fashion". She wanted to move the focus from groups to individuals and from "fashionable" issues of identity politics to economic and geographic inequalities.

Political correctness had allowed "appalling grooming of young girls"

The speech was labelled "utterly bonkers" by Liberal Democrat deputy leader Daisy Cooper

and condemned by leftist newspapers.

Truss highlighted her intention to use "data and research" instead of "listening to those with the loudest voices", and attacked political correctness for failing "to defend single-sex spaces, hard fought for by generations of women" and allowing "the appalling grooming of young girls in towns like Rotherham".

She announced a ban on unconscious bias training in the government and civil service because it "does not improve equality" and can reinforce stereotypes.

Truss also condemned the idea that "if you are not from an 'oppressed group' then you are not entitled to an opinion" and announced new appointments to the Equality and Human Rights Commission so that the EHRC will focus on "fair treatment for all, rather than freelance campaigning".

Woman cleared of 'misgendering'

A High Court judgement has upheld the 'right to offend'.

Kate Scottow was arrested at home, in front of her children, after transgender Stephanie Hayden told police she was offended by Scottow referring to her as a man.

Judges originally found the mum guilty and, incredibly, she was ordered to pay £1,000 compensation. However, in December the High Court overturned the ruling. The judges said that "free speech encompasses the right to offend" and criticised the previous decision as criminalising mere name-calling.

The Daily Telegraph welcomed the decision, saying police forces must note that "it is now established that being rude on Twitter is not automatically grounds for investigation".

The "mark of the beast"

One of HEART's partner pastors has given a clear exposition of what the Bible says about this famous "mark". To be sent the MP3 or purchase the CD, email

kingschurcharundel@gmail.com and request the sermon given on 24 January 2021 by Rev Mark Weedon.

VACCINE CONTROVERSY

With uncertainty surrounding the vaccines currently being offered against Covid-19, many Christians have wondered about the ethical aspect of taking a vaccine which is made using foetal cells.

A scientific researcher has told HEART that certain foetal cells are an intrinsic part of generating the Oxford/Astrazeneca vaccine (even although all the cells are removed before the vaccine is finalised). However, they are not an intrinsic part of the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines.

The cell line is called HEK-293 and was derived from the kidney of a baby girl who was legally aborted on medical grounds or was miscarried in the Netherlands in 1972.

Dave Brennan of pro-life group Brephos believes that Christians should avoid any vaccine or medical treatment derived from foetal cells on principle. To find out more, email dave@brephos.org



ONE IN FOUR DON'T GET CALLS TO SEE HOW THEY ARE



Research shows 1 in 4 UK adults can't remember the last time someone outside their family called to ask how they are.

A poll of over 2,000 people, commissioned by Christian Premier Lifeline, has found that 26 per cent don't get such calls, rising to 31 per cent in those aged 35-54.

Premier Lifeline has launched a campaign, Call5, to encourage people to call at least five people they know who might be lonely or neglected.

Premier Lifeline's Jonathan Clark says: "Every one of us could play a role in helping a friend or a neighbour and it's as easy as just picking up the phone."

The pandemic has exacerbated isolation and a friendly call could be vital



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A century after the Balfour Declaration of November 1917 the argument over the land – then known as Palestine – rages on.

Politicians, clerics and school teachers living in the Gaza strip, the West Bank and the Old City of Jerusalem, teach their children, teenagers and young adults that the Balfour Declaration was illegal, and that the whole of the land – now known as Israel – in fact belongs to the Arab people who are today known as the Palestinians. The Palestinian claim goes on to assert that the Jewish people have no historic connection with Jerusalem, that they are in fact trying to Judaize the Holy City and that the Jewish presence there is illegal. Moreover, this claim is now becoming widely accepted among many in the Western world. So what **historic** and **legal** claim do the Palestinian Arabs have over Jerusalem and the Land of Israel?

Do the Jewish people have historic and legal rights? If so, when and where did they originate?

In the two-part documentary ***"Whose Land?"*** Richard Kemp, together with a group of historians and international lawyers, examines the conflicting claims of the Palestinians and the Israelis through the eyes of verifiable history and international law.

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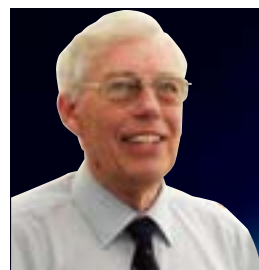
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Prophetic insight into today's world

BORIS HAS NO BIBLE-BASED ADVISERS

There is no one to tell him that it is God who is shaking the nation through the coronavirus which will go on for a long time yet. But that needn't stop the rest of us repenting before God in humility

Most people are thoroughly fed up with the coronavirus and the succession of lockdowns.

Nearly a year ago, when all this started, nobody thought we would still be in the same position today, fighting to control the virus.

But this is no ordinary flu. We were told it's a plague that is quite capable of wiping out large sectors of the population, which is why health experts called for such tight restrictions on social mixing.

Indecision

We all know this, but we don't like any restrictions on our freedom to live our lives according to our own desires, so we look for any way around the rules and if that is not possible then we want to blame someone. The easiest target is the government, whose policies have been flawed by indecision and many last-minute changes in the rules.

The prime minister has borne the brunt of this criticism and there have even been calls for him to step aside because his leadership is deemed inadequate. Clearly, he does not like being the bearer of bad news. He is a natural campaigner and an irrepressible optimist.

It is against all his inclinations to have to impose restrictions upon the population, so he is reluctant to take the advice of his health experts. This reluctance is transmitted to the nation as indecision, which makes people lose confidence in his leadership.

Lack of spiritual guidance

There is no other natural leader in the Tory Party at the moment who could replace Boris, and a change of prime minister at this stage in the pandemic would undoubtedly create enormous instability, which would do great harm both at national

and international levels.

The prime minister's policy is to highlight any items of good news that he can obtain, such as the number of vaccinations being carried out. Their hope is that by the middle of February all the front-line health staff, the over-80s and the most vulnerable will have been vaccinated. But the vaccine will not save the nation.

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The reason for the rapid change of policy in Boris's leadership is because he does not understand what is going on! He has plenty of experts on the scientific facts among his advisers, and there is no shortage of political advisers around him.

But what is lacking is spiritual leadership. For at least the last four prime ministers there has been a 'faith adviser' in Number Ten, and more recently there has been a small group of evangelical intercessors who meet daily for prayer. But the role of the 'faith adviser' is a wide remit covering other faiths as well as Christianity, and the group of intercessors has no direct communication with the PM, other than through the faith adviser.

Absence of strong leadership

There are many individuals in both Houses of Parliament who are strongly committed Christians, but the way the political establishment works means that they have no direct access to the PM. Among church leaders there is no outstanding Bible-believing Christian exercising a notable public ministry in any of the denominations. We have an Archbishop of Canterbury who is 'all things to all men' but exercises only weak leader-

ship, and an Archbishop of York who is notoriously liberal, with a record of antipathy towards Bible-believing evangelicals.

So where does the prime minister receive any biblically-based Christian counsel? The plain answer is that there is no Christian counsel available to him. There is no one to tell him that it is God who is shaking the nation through the coronavirus pandemic which will go on for a long time yet, until God achieves his purpose in sending it, or allowing it to happen, which in biblical terms is one and the same thing.

The God factor

So long as the 'God factor' is left out from this plague we will never learn the lesson it is intended to convey. We should be asking: "What is God looking for?"

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Quite simply: God is looking for repentance for all the wickedness that we have committed, and the ungodly laws that we have passed in our Parliament since the end of the Second World War. We have now reached the tipping point of iniquity, the point where God has said: "Enough is enough", and the point where he must intervene in human history for the ultimate benefit of humanity.

We can learn a lot from the history of Israel recorded in the Bible where God has intervened in the past. In the sixth century BC he sent the Babylonians to destroy Jerusalem and the whole land of Judah. This is reported in the historical book of 2 Kings, where it says: "Surely at the commandment of the

LORD this came upon Judah, to remove them from his sight because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, and also because of the innocent blood that he had shed; for he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, which the LORD would not pardon." (2 Kings 24:3-4).

In Britain, we pollute the land with the blood of the innocent by the vast number of babies we burn in the incinerators outside our hospitals and clinics every working day.

To date we have killed nine million babies. But there are many other ways in which we all, as individuals, cause offence to God – by our ungodly ways, greed, corruption, injustice, and utter disregard for the Word of God.

It is surely time for examining our ways and coming before God in humility. Repentance has to start somewhere. Like judgement, it should start in the household of God – that means it should start with Bible-believing Christians!

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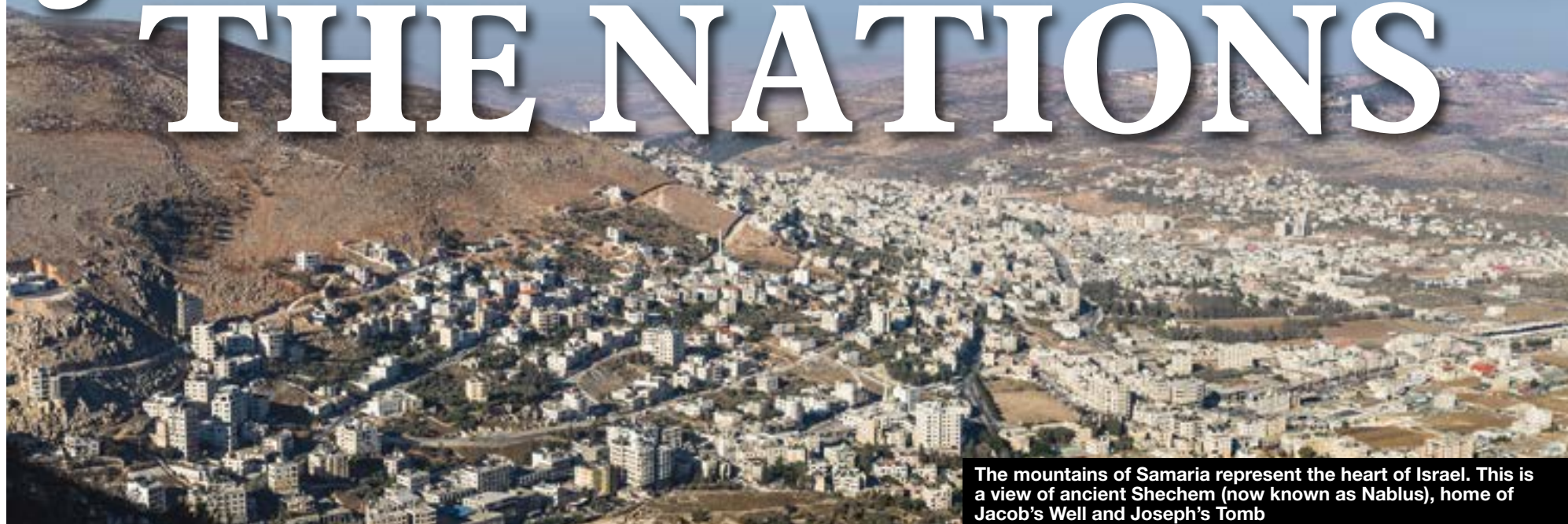
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JUDGEMENT ON THE NATIONS



The mountains of Samaria represent the heart of Israel. This is a view of ancient Shechem (now known as Nablus), home of Jacob's Well and Joseph's Tomb

Is God's warning: "I will put them on trial for what they did to my people", relevant to current politics?

BY CHARLES GARDNER

There has been much comment on the unprecedented divisions in our society we have witnessed of late. Particularly in America over the recent elections and in Britain over Brexit and Covid.

What's behind all this? Well, the Bible holds the answer, spelled out by the prophet Joel in the verses immediately following the well-known passage on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (Joel 2:28-32)

These passages were initially fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost, but I believe they also apply to the troubled last days in which we are living.

Joel then writes: "In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel, because they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land." (Joel 3:1-2)

This means, in effect, that the nations responsible for promot-

ing the so-called "two-state solution" to the Middle East conflict are on a collision course with God, who has clearly, and repeatedly, stated that the land of Israel is his, and he has given it to the Jews because they are his special inheritance.

Questions about who owns this much-coveted territory are thus a litmus test for whether nations are for or against God and his purposes. There are other factors causing divisions, of course, but this one is crucial.

President Trump, for all his flaws, has dramatically turned things around in Israel's favour

After years of stalemate on this issue, the outgoing President Trump, for all his flaws, has dramatically turned things around in Israel's favour, generally backing the biblical position against a turbulent anti-Semitic tide while still leaving the "two-state solution" theoretically on the table.

But his action has been met with a gigantic backlash as the

hordes of hell have risen up in fury against God's plans, effectively aligning themselves with those who would dispossess Israel of their rightful land. It is this, I believe, along with the issue of abortion laws which Mr Trump had pledged to reverse, that has exposed the deep divisions in American society, with many shaking their fists at the God of heaven who is in ultimate control.

What about Britain? Ever since the pundits were struck dumb by the surprise result of the 2016 referendum, Britain has been dangerously divided by Brexit, with sections of the media and even former Prime Ministers defying democracy by suggesting it was all a terrible mistake.

Even a thumping majority for Boris Johnson failed to calm the storm

Even a thumping majority for Boris Johnson failed to calm the storm and now, amid a potential financial collapse due to Covid, unseemly squabbles have

broken out among Number Ten staff.

As far as Israel is concerned, Britain was given the inestimable privilege of paving the way for Jewish restoration to their ancient homeland. After promising to do all in our power to achieve this, we were handed the international mandate to carry it out following the signing of the San Remo Treaty in 1920.

Britain prevented Jews fleeing the Nazi Holocaust from entering Israel

But we subsequently betrayed the Jewish people by favouring Arab aspirations instead and prevented Jews fleeing the Nazi Holocaust from entering the land long promised by God.

We have tragically pursued an anti-Semitic policy centred on dividing the land ever since. For the "two-state solution" involves handing what Jews regard as the heartland of Israel – the mountainous country of Judea and Samaria – to the Palestinians, which was never part of San Remo or any of the international

agreements made at the time.

More to the point, it amounts to dividing the land. But then Ezekiel prophesied this would happen. Israel's enemies would say, "Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession." (Ezekiel 36:2) But it wouldn't stop Jews coming back to their "own land" (Ezekiel 36:24) and rebuilding the ancient ruins.

Even now, the UK continues to vote in favour of anti-Israel resolutions at the United Nations, including one that referred to the Temple Mount by its Muslim name (as reported by Christians United for Israel on 6 November).

It is surely time the British government changed tack on Israel and made a formal apology for its ongoing betrayal of the sacred trust it was granted to be a blessing to the seed of Abraham. (Genesis 12:3)



Joseph's tomb



Arabs seek to join Israeli army!



Israeli soldiers on exercise

Around 700 would-be volunteers from neighbouring Arab countries – some still classed as enemies of the Jewish state – have applied to join the Israeli Defence Force.

They obviously had to be turned down, but 1,000 members of Israel's Arab population have enlisted for the IDF in the last year. A spokesman suggested it could be part of the movement toward peace in the region where Sudan and Morocco have now joined a growing list of Arab nations normalising

diplomatic ties with Israel.

This has already prompted thousands of Israelis to visit the United Arab Emirates. But the breaking up of an Iranian terror squad by UAE intelligence in the capital of Abu Dhabi and its most populous city, Dubai, underscores the danger they face from Iran – the common enemy of Israel and the Sunni Muslim states.

Meanwhile, author Joel Rosenberg reports from Bahrain that the big story there, getting little attention from the international media, is the dramatic succession of peace deals being forged in the Middle East and North Africa.

PEACE EXPLOSION



Tzipi Hotovely has just been appointed as the new Israeli ambassador to the UK

Jared Kushner, former President Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, said the new Middle East peace agreements represent a very different kind of result of what the experts thought might happen following America's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

"Jerusalem is not the cause of the problem," he said. "It is the core of the solution."

Meanwhile, Israel's new ambassador to the UK, Tzipi Hotovely, has called on the British government to move its embassy to Jerusalem, criticised the Foreign Office for wrongly describing settlements as 'illegal' and said Brexit will help create more opportunities for mutual co-operation.

WIKIPEDIA BIAS

A study has found that anti-Israel bias is systematically infecting the popular online Wikipedia facility, with fake and misleading information finding its way into the education system.

FORCED TO REFUND JEWISH STUDENT'S FEES

London University has been forced to refund a Jewish student's tuition fees because of its "toxic anti-Semitic environment".

The sum of £15,000 was agreed in a settlement between the university's School of Oriental and African Studies and Noah Lewis, a Canadian who attended the school for the academic year of 2018/19.

"The anti-Semitic climate that has taken hold on UK campuses like SOAS cannot be allowed to persist and I strongly urge fellow students who have suffered similar experiences to speak out," Lewis, a grandson of Holocaust survivors, said in a statement from UK Lawyers for Israel. The university said it was "extremely concerned" about any allegations of anti-Semitism at the school.

BIDEN'S SECURITY CHOICE



Incoming US President Joe Biden has appointed Anne Neuberger, an Orthodox Jewish woman, to serve in a newly-created cybersecurity position on the US National Security Agency.

No shot in the arm for the Palestinians?



The Telegraph has commented on the speed and efficiency of Israel's world-leading vaccination drive.

But The Guardian and The Observer are among media outlets accusing Israel of leaving the Palestinians without protection. The fact is that Israel has no jurisdiction or responsibility for the Palestinian health sector, who at the time of writing, had not asked Israel for help in this regard.

Israeli is 'world's most beautiful woman'



Model Yael Shelbia is still only 19

Israeli model Yael Shelbia Cohen has been named the most beautiful woman in the world.

Still only 19, Yael already ranked 14th in 2017 and climbed to second place in 2019 on the list compiled by a group called The Independent Critics. Israel's best known film star, Gal Gadot, who plays 'Wonderwoman', was placed 22nd.

Tel Aviv-based Yael, who

started modelling when she was 14, is the first Israeli to appear on the cover of a magazine published in the United Arab Emirates, thanks to President Trump's Middle East peace efforts.

"As a Jewish religious, IDF soldier and a model, I'm so very honoured to be the first one to participate in such a historical cover," Yael told The Algemeiner.

Educational ethnic cleansing

"The goal is achieved! No more Jews at German universities," the leading Nazi student newspaper, 'Die Bewegung', triumphantly proclaimed in 1938.

Former British army commander Col Richard Kemp has written an article on recent research by David Collier that shows some UK universities are now virtually 'Judenfrei' – free of Jews.

David Collier has written: "Jewish people today on campus can be tolerated, protected or abused. At no point are they treated as equals. The best they can hope for is protection and tolerance in a hostile environment. On the campus the prevailing wisdom is that their beliefs in Jewish identity are fundamentally wrong."

Collier's research shows that: "If they [Jewish students] are abused, it is far less serious than an offence against someone from

the Muslim, BAME or LGBTQ communities. If an academic is responsible for the abuse (see Bristol, Leeds, Warwick), it is the academic who will be protected and the complaining Jewish student who will be victimised – even if the student can prove abuse."

Col Kemp comments: "This Jew-hate is cloaked in anti-Zionism, a doctrine that claims the Jewish state, alone among the nations, has no right to exist. It seeks to whip up anti-Israel hatred by focusing on three core lies: accusations of apartheid, ethnic cleansing and settler-colonialism."

Only when speaking at the invitation of Jewish or pro-Israel groups at universities in the UK, US, South Africa and Australia, has Col Kemp experienced "some form of physical protest and social media abuse."

'Quake to strike soon!

A devastating 6.5 magnitude earthquake is likely to strike Israel in the near future, according to a ground-breaking study which analysed data gathered by drilling hundreds of metres into the bottom of the Dead Sea.

"I do not want to cause alarm, but we are living in a tectonically active period," said Tel Aviv University's Prof Shmuel Marco. "The geological record does not lie, and a major earthquake in Israel will come."

Other articles

Other recent articles by Charles Gardner, which can be found at www.heartpublications.co.uk, cover topical issues, including Brexit, the Holocaust, the 'mark of the beast' and the biblical command to rest.

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



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ARE WE BEING LULLED INTO ACCEPTING A 'ONE WORLD RELIGION?'

Governments around the world have been deploying invasive surveillance technologies to contain the Covid-19 outbreak and enforce our compliance, while some world leaders are encouraging us to accept doctrines that deny the Gospel

by Richard Prendergast

Christianity and the Bible are under attack more than ever.

Last year brought more spiritual decline, though many who watched live-streamed services may have quietly turned to the Lord.

Is the stage being set for the 'Great Tribulation'? Was the coronavirus epidemic deliberately planned to collapse the world economies, reset them and make us all obedient slaves to some atheistic pseudo-Marxist world government?

The conspiracy theorists think so and refer to the sudden arrival of Covid-19 and the remarkably rapid development of vaccines to "save the human race" from it. Whether they are right or not, it does seem that anyone refusing to take the vaccine will be unable in the future to work, travel, or attend a public gathering.

Governments around the world have been deploying invasive surveillance technologies to contain the Covid-19 outbreak and enforce our compliance.

I expect all of us have considered:

1. Is Covid-19 an entirely natural event?
2. Was it the result of a human error in a Wuhan laboratory?

3. Or is it a deliberate attack on the human race inspired by the devil? If so, is it a warning from God?

There is an old adage that when God wants to do some farming, he gets the devil to pull the plough! Does God's warning to the Israelites when he had rescued them from Egypt also apply to us?

Time is running out to reach our unsaved family, friends and whoever God leads us to, with the love of Jesus and the hope of rebirth and eternal life

"If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear (revere) this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, then the Lord will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues - great and prolonged plagues - and serious and prolonged sicknesses." (Deuteronomy 28:58-59)

While Christians are not under the law, the world, in its legalised depravity - like the Israelites - has not obeyed the

voice of the Lord. God does not change. (Malachi 3:6)

Whatever the origin of Covid-19, we should remember that we are in a spiritual battle. But God is sovereign and promises us that, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him." (Isaiah 59:19)

Was 2020 a final warning to put away sin? It does seem that God is using the lockdown to remove what distracts us from seeking him.

Time is running out to reach our unsaved family, friends and whoever God leads us to, with the love of Jesus and the hope of rebirth and eternal life.

Yet in apparent ignorance of history and the blood shed for the Gospel, a weak Church has allowed God's Word to be compromised by not standing against secular government and education.

Christianity should not be taken for granted; it prevailed as Europe's religion against Muslim invaders, but now, centuries later, we are entering another Dark Age.

Through ignorance, control and repression by the Church, the biblical doctrine of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ was withheld from the world for a thousand years. For much of this time, Christianity in Europe was

also under attack from Islam, firstly by the Arab Saracens and later the Ottoman Turks.

Some religious leaders have even gone so far as to try to merge Islamic and Christian practices

So it defies reason that liberals in some churches are embracing Islam, saying that they worship the same God. Some religious leaders have even gone so far as to try to merge Islamic and Christian practices, and the term 'Chrislam' has been coined to describe this 'ecumenical' movement.

Islam believes that Jesus will return as Mohammed's deputy and denies the cross, yet the Qu'ran, a book that denies the resurrection and the Lordship of Christ, has been read in church services, while Pope Francis has authorised Islamic prayers and readings from the Qu'ran at the Vatican.

Indeed, speaking in St Patrick's Cathedral in New York, Pope Francis appeared to lay a foundation for a one world religion when he implied that Christians and Muslims worship the same God.

Presidents Barack Obama and George W Bush were both reported as saying that Christians and Muslims worship the same god, a statement that hints at 'Universalism' - a doctrine which advocates that everyone will be saved.

Is Universalism a politically inspired doctrinal trap to persuade the world to adopt the harlot one world church of Revelation 17?

It concerns me that some Christians seem ready to overlook the fact that Jesus shed his

blood on the cross to atone for our sins once and for all time.

Hence Jesus warned against deception: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For false christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." (Matthew 24:4 and 24)

What should we do about the delusion that is upon us? Paul said: "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason, God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12) We are warned!

We are experiencing the fascism of a new dictatorship

We can be thankful that God used the Roman Church to protect his Word during the Dark Age. If Christian armies had not stopped Islamic invasions, Christianity could have been destroyed.

But Islam is only part of the problem and its influence may be decreasing.

We are now experiencing the fascism of a new dictatorship. There is no doubt secular governments are under Satan's control and have been indoctrinating and conditioning us for years in preparation for a New World Order and economic 'reset'.

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Richard Prendergast speaking at a church



Is Pope Francis laying the foundation for a one world religion?

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'The Great Reset' has been written and talked about by World Economic Forum founder Klaus Schwab and is endorsed by Prince Charles for its climate aims. Its slogan, "Build back better", was adopted by Joe Biden for his presidential campaign in 2020. It links to the UN's Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, but critics see it as a means for the "elite" to seize more power and individual rights.

Are the Covid-19 lockdowns trial runs for what is to come?

And is taking the knee to Black Lives Matter another symptom of our being indoctrinated into subservience? People who do so, however well-meaning, are unwittingly giving credence to the Marxist ideology behind it.

From the lessons of Nazi Germany we see how fascism is not much being imposed by fascists, who may be few in number, but by a population that has willingly surrendered its freedom to their lies for the so-called 'greater good'. We know that one day every knee will bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10-11)

In the Great Tribulation to come, Babylon is portrayed in Revelation 17 in a number of ways: it is the New World Order system combining world government with a universal church, the Antichrist's confederated empire, and a combination of apostate Christianity and other religions.

The Apostle John heard a voice from heaven proclaim: "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues." (Revelation 18:4)

We are not yet in the Great Tribulation, because that is the time of God's wrath on the world and the true Church will not be part of it. But we have always experienced tribulation from Satan. Jesus said: "In the world, you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

We are indoctrinated by political correctness not to cause offence. For this reason, many churches elevate a social gospel over the Gospel of salvation. We see this particularly on the BBC's Sunday morning services. God's Word upsets many and is a major cause of Christian persecution.

God desires that no-one should perish, but Scripture does not give us the Universalist option that all are eventually saved. Paul made it clear that being

and doing good works does not save us. (Ephesians 2:8-10) Isaiah said all our righteous deeds are as filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6)

At the great white throne of judgement that will take place at the end of the Messianic Kingdom age, the unbelieving dead will be judged for what they have done so that they may receive punishment commensurate to their lives, but no matter how good a life they may have led they are not saved and are cast into the lake of fire Revelation 20:11-15. What the lake of fire is and what happens in it we are not told. (See also Daniel 12:2). It is certainly eternal separation from God.

Jesus spoke more about hell than heaven. He used three symbols: that of everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46); that of destruction (Matthew 10:28); and thirdly that of exclusion or banishment into darkness, outside of heaven. (Matthew 25:1-30)

Here is a quotation from CS Lewis' book, 'The Problem of Pain':

"In the long run the answer to all those who object to the doctrine of Hell (and thereby presumably adhere to a doctrine of Universalism) is itself a question: "What are you asking God to do?" To wipe out past sins and, at all costs to give every unbeliever a fresh start, smoothing every difficulty and offering every miraculous help and forgive them? But Jesus has done so, on Calvary. They will not be forgiven. Should He leave them alone? Alas, I am afraid that is what he does."

We must do God's work while we can and show the world that we are not in fear of Covid-19

None of us can pretend to understand all of God's ways, they are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8) but it is our job to accept the Gospel's hard teachings by faith and communicate them as they are written.

So, whether 2021 will be increasingly difficult – even catastrophic – or, as many of my neighbours believe, will be a



Critics see "The Great Reset" as a means for the "elite" to seize more power



Are we becoming unquestioningly subservient to the agenda and goals of Black Lives Matter?

return to normality, we will have to see. It may well be a return to some sort of acceptable normality for those who believe the lie and have put their trust in science as their saviour through the Covid-19 vaccine, and are prepared to submit to all the increasingly intrusive measures of the New World Order for the greater good, having been frightened into conformity.

But Christians should know the world is being deluded and that night is coming when the true Gospel can no longer be

preached. We must do God's work while we can and show the world that we are not in fear of Covid-19, and tell whom we can the truth that "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1 John 5:11-12)

Thank God we can go on trusting him and his Word in 2021!

Adapted from a sermon given at King's Church, Arundel, in January 2021



Richard Prendergast

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He has written a booklet of anecdotes and memories of his missionary work; please email subscribercommunity@heartpublications.co.uk if you would like to receive a free copy by email.



I killed myself, was pronounced dead – then God brought me back to life!

After a life of drug dealing and prison, Richard Stuart thought he was the last person God would bother with

At the age of 24, I was at the end. The pain in my heart and mental problems made my life unbearable.

When the agony gets too bad, you can see only one way out. Ketamine and alcohol could no longer deaden the pain from a bad relationship and my own unstable emotions.

I parked my car in a remote place and started a petrol generator on the

back seat. The carbon monoxide fumes, I knew, would soon kill me. That is the last I remember.

I found out later that I was in the car for 14 hours before I was found by the emergency services (ambulance and police) and pronounced dead.

Amazingly, though, I didn't die, but awoke, confused and utterly disorientated in a hospital bed. After a couple of days my brain function returned.

A wonderful sense of peace, purity and glory enveloped me

But something had happened while I was "dead" that changed my view of the world. I remember a light beaming down on me, while a wonderful sense of peace, purity and glory enveloped me. This was my first encounter with God.

Later I discovered that a Christian friend had been "told" by God to pray for me. I'd known him for ten years – he used to tell me about Jesus and I thought he was insane. My friend told me he'd had a real sense of danger – he knew something was wrong.

How could someone like me, with my criminal past, have been allowed to cheat death?

Drug dealing had been my way of life from 14 when I started selling cannabis. I was pretty naive and certainly learned my 'trade' the hard way.

At 15 I was sent to juvenile prison for the attempted robbery of a post office

At 15 I was sent to juvenile prison for the attempted robbery of a post office and over the next five years I was in and out of prison like a yo-yo. In fact, juvenile prison was worse than the adult prisons I was in later – there was much more bullying.

From the age of 20 to 24 I had what I thought was the party life, until my insecurities wrecked my relationship with a lovely girl. Suddenly my party life was powerless to stop the mental torment, which was what drove me to that remote place with a petrol generator.

Yet it seemed God hadn't allowed me to die! Unbelievably, while I knew that something spiritual had happened, I was

too hard-hearted to believe in him and continued to try to run my own life.

The next seven years saw my descent into heroin addiction. I no longer cared if I was caught and sent to prison; I had a lot of enemies in my home town and felt safer in prison. It provided a stable life and my laundry got done!

My frequent visits to prison were strange, though. I kept being put in cells with Christians!

My frequent visits to prison were strange, though. I kept being put in cells with Christians! They all told me about Jesus, and my previous experience of God's light and glory occupied my mind – it wouldn't leave me alone. I slowly came to realise that God's hand was on my life.

Finally, at the age of 32, I cried out to God, "If you're there, help me – I can't take any more."

I suddenly had the thought, "Recovery House Rehab". It was a Christian rehab that I'd heard about two years earlier in prison.

I told my grandparents and they contacted the rehab, who accepted me straight from prison with no interview. A miracle!

At this stage, from years of drug addiction, I was barely human. I could only scream aggression at people. I slowly became aware of all the terrible things that I had done in my life. As soon as someone explained the death of Jesus – how he died so that I could be cleansed of sin and also healed, I couldn't say "Yes" to him quickly enough!

From that time God really was at work in my life. I was free from drug addiction, God found me somewhere to live and sent kind-hearted Christians to show me love.

I was increasingly aware that other people were free and I needed that freedom

Then I was told about a Bible college and felt strongly I was to go. I gave up my flat and slept in my car while I waited for accommodation to become available at the college. Once there, enjoying the worship times, I was increasingly aware that other people were free and I needed that freedom.

God didn't let me down; as my emotional and mental freedom grew, renewing me from the inside, it was wonderful. All this from just sitting at Jesus' feet and waiting on God. In many ways, Covid has been a blessing because it enables me to do just that.

My desire is to shout from the mountain top: "God loves you and can change your life beyond recognition"

When I look back at my pitiful state in that prison cell just four years ago, I am so grateful to Jesus for rescuing me and giving me a new life. I would love to see others receiving Jesus the way I have. My desire is to shout from the mountain top: "God loves you and can change your life beyond recognition."

The way we can receive new life as we die in Jesus, and then are reborn in him, is, in my life, a fact that cannot be denied. 'Happy clappy' is the usual derogatory term for people like me. That's fine – I've got a lot to be happy about!

God reached out to me even when I was killing myself. I am utterly convinced that he loves you, too – with the same intensity!



Timeless truths in the Bible have brought Richard his freedom

THE UPPER ROOM

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

FAITH FOR HEALING

– and a free booklet

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.

Sadly the local vicar didn't

believe Les and Joan: "All that finished with the apostles," he told Les. 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 and Les has written several booklets on healing himself, including 'Chemotherapy: the truth behind it'.

Les would like to offer this latest booklet, 'How to renew your youth and live in health' free to readers: "I believe that many Christians would find it of great benefit in their lives, especially at this time."

To order the booklet, send sae to Pastor Les Potter, 82 Mill Lane, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR31 8HR



Les and Joan Potter lead the Upper Room Christian Fellowship

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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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MIRACULOUS HEALINGS IN INDIA

Healings from demon possession, cancer and other illnesses are happening in a persecution hotspot in India

by Chris Eyte

Pastor Arvind David and his church members regularly fast and pray for the sick, despite living in a Hindu stronghold in central India where Christians are persecuted.

They have been rewarded by seeing many supernatural healings, as well as conversions to Christ.

The healings came to light after Pastor Arvind sent a recent ministry report to Michael Bushby, a regional director for Christian Vision for Men, with whom he prays online every fortnight.

Michael, whose own testimony of healing from cancer featured in a previous edition of HEART, says: "Arvind is doing a great work in India and I am delighted to stand with him in prayer. He is a man of great faith who believes in a God of the impossible, and who prays for signs, wonders and miracles."

Be encouraged by Pastor Arvind's reports of four people whose lives have been supernaturally transformed:

HEALED FROM CANCER



Manika Raut from Nakadongri village belonged to the Buddhist religion. She had never known about Jesus, but gave her heart to the Lord through our ministry.

She is a poor widow and had chemotherapy for breast cancer, which she couldn't afford. It caused her to lose weight and lose her hair – and she survived a heart attack. The suffering was too much and Manika stopped the chemo, but her condition worsened and she neared death. Herbal treatments failed.

Feeling very burdened, we started praying, with broken hearts and fasting. Our God had mercy upon her and touched her, so for the last seven years she has been very much alive, without chemo or any other treatment. Now she testifies to God's power and tells people about the loving, living Lord.

SET FREE FROM WITCHCRAFT



Varsha Lanje, from Nakadongri village, used to worship Hindu gods. She suffered demon possession and would suddenly throw herself to the ground and roll around. She was also the victim of witchcraft.

Varsha's health got worse, rendering her senseless. Her family became dejected as the evil spirits attacked her.

We shared the good news about Jesus Christ with the family and both fasted and prayed over Varsha. We prayed over her with God's anointing and our mighty God delivered her completely. Seeing this miracle, her entire household accepted Christ and got baptised.

HEALED FROM A WASTING DISEASE



Purushottam Kewat, from Ashti Village, is a former Hindu. He was once bedridden and did not eat for three months; he looked like a skeleton, with no hope of survival.

Doctors could not treat him and the diagnosis was unclear. His family took him to the Hindu temple but nothing helped. Evil powers and darkness surrounded his life.

Our team found the family weeping when we visited their house to share the Gospel. With desperation, they responded to the call of Jesus Christ and we prayed earnestly for healing.

God had mercy on him, touching him miraculously. Purushottam moved and sat up in bed. It was awesome to witness this.

From that moment on, he started eating. Gradually he could stand up and started to walk. He is still alive today. Seeing this great miracle, his entire household accepted Christ and got baptised and became Christians.

Today this brother tells people about Jesus, testifying to this great miracle. All the glory goes to God.

BLIND EYES OPENED



Khanjira Goupale, from Ashti village, belonged to the Hindu religion. She was a totally blind widow living in poverty. Her family tried different treatments but nothing worked – and the local doctor could not diagnose the cause of her blindness.

Hindu priests and Pandas [learned men] tried to heal her, worshipping idols and following rituals, which did not help. Then my co-workers and I reached the village, visited the family and shared the amazing news about Jesus Christ with them.

They had never heard of Jesus, but God touched their lives and they responded to the Gospel, believing in him. Then we fervently prayed for Khanjira, sensing God's anointing.

Our Lord touched her eyes, just as we read in Luke 18:42-43. Her blindness went! She was very happy to accept Christ and is going to be baptised soon. All glory to Jesus!

CREATION CORNER

by Geoff Chapman

EVOLUTION ISN'T HAPPENING!

Many people misunderstand evolution, and this is partly due to the way that evolutionists tell their story.

It goes something like this: "Evolution is change; therefore, change is evolution."

This is very misleading. Evolution is supposed to explain how all life — pelicans, palm trees and people — evolved from a single-celled ancestor which lived around 3.5 billion years ago.

For one kind of creature to evolve into something quite different would have involved a massive amount of change, but the examples we are given are simply small, limited variations known as natural selection. No new genetic information has been added and in some instances it has actually been lost.

In 2008 The New York Times reported "one of the biggest evolutionary shifts ever documented in a living population of wild animals."

What was this amazing evidence? In 20 years "the outer tail feathers of barn swallows had lengthened by almost half an inch (11.4 mm), an increase of 10 per cent."

This change is said to make the males more attractive to the females, but they are still swallows — and always will be! Their tails

The real reasons elephants are being born without tusks and swallows are growing longer tails



Tall tails: swallows' outer feathers had grown by almost half an inch

won't keep growing indefinitely, or natural selection would eliminate them since it would hinder their flight.

They are still swallows — and always will be

Did you know that some elephants are losing their tusks? One African national park estimated 38% of elephants are born without tusks.

This is thought to be partly due to poaching. Elephants with small tusks, or no tusks at all, are less likely to be killed for their ivory, so human actions are helping natural selection, and tusklessness is being passed on. Well-known evolutionist Richard Dawkins claimed this is "rapid evolution taking place before our very eyes."

Human actions are helping natural selection

But this is not true. Firstly, they are still elephants, and secondly, they have actually lost some genetic information.

Australian skinks are losing their legs. They have gone from having five-fingered claws to tiny, stubby legs — or no legs at all.

This is advantageous, since they spend a lot of time either swimming or wriggling through sand. This



African elephants are being born with small or non-existent tusks

has been described as "evidence of rapid evolution", but this is not the kind of change evolutionists need.

When visiting the Galapagos Islands off South America, Charles Darwin noticed that there were several species of mockingbirds on the islands, and that they were similar to mockingbirds on the South American mainland. He concluded that they all had a common ancestor.

This was logical, but he was wrong to suggest that this meant that all life on earth had evolved from some common ancestor. This was natural selection, not evolution.

If the best evidence that evolution is happening now is swallows growing longer tails, elephants losing tusks, and skinks losing legs, there is really no evidence at all.

The Bible records that God created things "according to their kinds." (Genesis 1)

There was scope for wide variation within each kind, but one kind could not change into another. Both the fossil record and the living world support this; natural selection, yes — evolution no!

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PERSECUTION WATCH

by Andrew Halloway

Nigeria



2,200 NIGERIAN CHRISTIANS MARTYRED IN 2020



A video showing the execution of believers in Nigeria was released as "a warning to all Christians"

WESTERN MEDIA STILL "FALLING FOR THE PROPAGANDA"

Islamist murders of Christians in Nigeria totalled 2,200 last year, and 34,400 since 2009, according to a civil liberties organisation.

Nigeria's International Society for Civil Liberties and the Rule of Law also reports that the Nigerian government massages the figures by listing many of the deaths as due to banditry or tribal clashes, rather than Islamic fundamentalism.

The Society's leader and founder, Emeka Umeagbalasi, told The Christian Post that Nigeria's government tells foreign media that herdsmen from the Fulani tribe are moving south because of desertification and as a result clash with local farmers. The truth is that the Fulanis are radical Islamists looking for Christians to kill, but Western media fall for the government's propaganda because they prefer to avoid Islamic violence narratives.

Umeagbalasi claims that the Nigerian government in fact supports radical Islamists, and this explains why the Nigerian military has failed to defeat the terrorists, and in some cases is complicit in the attacks.

He added that last year five of Nigeria's major Islamic groups made an alliance to attack

Christians, in a concerted strategy to impose Islam on Nigeria.

Seven Christians were killed near Chibok on Christmas Eve, reportedly by Islamist terror group Boko Haram, and the massacre of 100 villagers just after Christmas in neighbouring Niger was reported by the BBC.

Last year five of Nigeria's major Islamic groups made an alliance to attack Christians

Also in December, a video released by Islamic State showed the execution of five Christians in northeast Nigeria, which took place after the kidnapping of 11 Christians on Christmas Day. The video states that the killings are "a warning to Christians in all parts of the world".

Release International's Nigerian partner Hassan John says: "The government, by design or omission, is turning a blind eye to the carnage."

On 10 December the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, called for an investigation into crimes against humanity in Nigeria.

SCHOOLBOYS STILL NEED SAVING



One of the few stories about Islamist attacks in Nigeria to reach international news headlines last year was the kidnapping of hundreds of boys from a secondary school in Kankara.

It made TV news bulletins again when security forces rescued 344 of the students from terrorist group Boko Haram on 18 December. However, it is estimated that around 500 boys were

taken captive, and government forces made the rescue without fighting the jihadist group, raising suspicions that some captives were not released.

A persecution watchdog has urged President Muhammadu Buhari to rescue the remaining boys.

Dede Laugesen, executive director of Save the Persecuted Christians, told The Christian

India



Pastor killed after baptising new believers

Three men shot a pastor in the Indian state of Jharkhand as he was returning home with his wife after a baptismal service.

Pastor Salim Stephen Surin, a part-time evangelist, was killed on 8 December, according to International Christian Concern.

Local churches told ICC that Christians had been threatened several times. Despite the threats, Pastor Surin continued his ministry in the area.

Christians in Jharkhand have seen an increase in attacks in recent months, after a rise in radical Hindu groups.

Meanwhile, the first arrests under a new 'anti-conversion' law have taken place in Uttar Pradesh.

On 19 December, South Korean Christian Mi Kyung Lee and three others were accused of attempting to convert people while distributing aid to the poor. The organiser of the distribution, Raj Kumar Masih, says: "We have... names and phone numbers of our beneficiaries, who can testify that we have not asked any of them to change their faith or religion."

Hong Kong



Wikimedia

Christian democracy campaigner Joshua Wong has been charged with another offence while in prison, where he is already serving a 13-month sentence.

The re-arrest of the leading democracy activist in Hong Kong took place on 7 January – the day after 53 other activists and Democrat Party members were arrested for arranging an unofficial election.

Wong, 24, jailed in December for organising and participating in an unauthorised protest in 2019, now faces a new charge of breaking the National Security Law which China forced on Hong Kong last June.

The introduction of the controversial law triggered months of protests last year. It carries a maximum punishment of life imprisonment.

UK foreign secretary Dominic Raab said: "These arrests demonstrate that the Hong Kong and Chinese authorities deliberately misled the world about the true purpose of the National Security Law, which is being used to crush dissent and opposing political views."

Pakistan



Komal with her family, after the abduction

DEAF-MUTE GIRL GANG-RAPED

A deaf-mute Christian teenager was raped and tortured for two months by five men, after she was forced into a sham Islamic marriage in Pakistan last year.

The parents of 17-year-old Komal accuse the police of negligence in the investigation and the local Muslim community of acceptance of the crime.

The British Asian Christian Association (BACA) report that an uncle of the abductor informed police that the teenager was legally married and produced a sham marriage certificate, a certificate of conversion to Islam and a forged birth certificate that stated she was 18 years old.

As a result the police denied permission for Komal's parent to take her home, despite the fact she had told her parents through sign language that she had been abducted and repeatedly raped by five Muslims.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVIST ARRESTED AGAIN

INTERNATIONAL NEWS by Andrew Halloway

POLITICIANS CONDEMN 'BIG TECH' TRUMP BAN



Big Tech power: if a US President can be deplatformed, anyone can

BIG TECH IS "ONE OF THE THREATS" TO DEMOCRACY

Leaders from around the globe condemned Twitter and Facebook for censoring President Trump after the Capitol building riot in January.

Even those who denounce Trump see the 'Big Tech' move as an attack on democracy.

German chancellor Angela Merkel called Twitter's permanent ban on Trump a breach of the "fundamental right to free speech". She believes governments should follow Germany's lead in devising laws against online incitement, rather than leaving social media platforms to take power into their own hands.

Faithwire reports that French Junior Minister Clement Beaune was "shocked" by the censorship. He argued: "This should be decided by citizens, not by a CEO. There needs to be public regulation of big, online platforms."

French finance minister Bruno Le Maire said the state should regulate the internet, not "the digital oligarchy", and that Big Tech is "one of the threats" to democracy.

Mexican President Andrés Obrador – no friend of Trump – mocked Twitter and Facebook

as "the judge of the Holy Inquisition" and asked: "Where is the regulation? ... This is an issue of government. This is not an issue for private companies."

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny called the ban "an unacceptable act of censorship... Don't tell me he was banned for violating Twitter rules. I get death threats here every day for many years, and Twitter doesn't ban anyone."

"Why don't Twitter's community standards apply to the Ayatollah?"

Meanwhile, a right-wing alternative to Twitter called Parler has been suspended from Amazon's hosting service and by Apple and Google, allegedly for allowing users to incite violence. Parler describes itself as a free speech platform promoting equality and religious freedom. Parler CEO John Matze said: "This was a coordinated attack by the tech giants to kill competition in the market place."

Conservatives point out that

CALIFORNIA CHURCHES TURN 'STRIP CLUBS' TO STAY OPEN



The bare essential: Pastor Rob McCoy removed his tie for his church to qualify as a strip club

Various US states have imposed bans on churches meeting physically for worship during the pandemic, but Californian churches have taken defiance of the measures to a new level.

The Christian Post reports that two California megachurch pastors have temporarily registered their churches as strip clubs. The state has closed places of worship under Covid-19 regulations, while allowing strip clubs to stay open, so the pastors

of Godspoke Calvary Chapel and Awaken Church removed their ties during their services in order to qualify.

Godspoke Calvary Chapel Pastor Rob McCoy said: "It's ridiculous to say that people are safer in a strip club than they are at church."

Many US churches have been fined thousands of dollars and taken to court for defying bans, while secular institutions have been allowed to remain open.

EU DEAL "SPITS IN THE FACE OF HUMAN RIGHTS"

An EU investment deal with China has been denounced by former Hong Kong governor Chris Patten.

International human rights think tank the Gatestone Institute claims that "European leaders have sacrificed their professed concern for human rights on the altar of financial gain."

Soeren Kern of the Institute says: "Precisely one week after the deal was signed, China launched a massive crackdown on democracy activists in Hong Kong."

The Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI), agreed on 30 December, was negotiated by an EU elite of Angela Merkel, Emmanuel Macron, Ursula von der Leyen and Charles Michel of the European Council. Other EU countries were not involved.

Former Hong Kong Governor Lord Patten said: "It spits in the face of human rights and shows a delusional view of the Chinese Communist Party's trustworthiness on the international stage."

leftist organisations and extremist regimes have posted threats of violence on Twitter, yet Twitter took no action. Writing in Christianity magazine, David Robertson said: "The tech companies state Trump and Parler were both banned because they do not meet 'community standards'. And yet Ayatollah Khamenei is still allowed to tweet 'Israel is a malignant cancerous tumour in the West Asia region that has to be removed and eradicated... it will happen.' Why don't these 'community standards' apply to him?"



Ursula von der Leyen, who has presided over a deal with China described by Lord Patten as a "massive strategic blunder"

HUNGARY DEFINES MARRIAGE AS HETEROSEXUAL

The Hungarian Parliament has changed the country's constitution to maintain marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

It is now expected that gay couples will not be allowed to adopt children, according to The Christian Post.

The amendment, passed by a majority of 134-45, reads: "Hungary protects the institution of marriage as the association between a man and a woman and the family as the basis for the survival of a nation."

The Parliament also defined gender as "biological sex based on primary sex characteristics and chromosomes".

Amnesty Hungary condemned the new laws as homophobic and transphobic.

Norway bans transgender 'hate speech' – even in your home

In a worryingly authoritarian move, Norway has expanded its law against criticism of transgenderism to private comments at home.

Reuters reports that Norwegians saying anything in private that is deemed to be hate speech against transgender people are liable for a fine or a year in jail. Public comments can be penalised with a three year sentence.

Since 2016, Norwegians can legally change their gender without a medical diagnosis.

NEWS NETWORK SMEARS CHRISTIAN CHARITY

NBC, the oldest major radio and TV broadcaster in the US, has labelled a Christian pro-life charity a 'hate group', while defending a website which has carried child porn.

LifeSiteNews reports that NBC included the Ruth Institute among "anti-gay hate groups" in two reports in December. The Institute's President, Dr Jennifer Morse, said: "NBC's hypocrisy is sickening. While it smears the Institute and other pro-family organisations as 'hate groups', it defends Pornhub, a major distributor of paedophilia videos."

Spain legalises euthanasia

Spain's parliament voted in December in favour of a bill allowing assisted suicide and euthanasia.

The law applies to those suffering from incurable diseases or unbearable permanent illnesses.

Neighbouring Portugal approved similar legislation in February 2020, and assisted dying is also legal in Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Luxembourg, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

Spanish law does not currently force health workers to participate if they conscientiously object.

IRISH TV SKETCH 'DEEPLY OFFENSIVE'

A comedy sketch has outraged Ireland's most senior Catholic priest.

Archbishop Eamon Martin said the mock news report on New Year's Eve was "insulting to all Catholics and Christians".

The satirical sketch depicted God being arrested for raping a "young middle-eastern migrant" and "impregnating her against her will".

The Archbishop condemned national broadcaster RTE for broadcasting something so "deeply offensive and blasphemous". RTE later apologised.

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THE GREAT RESET

THEIR VISION FOR YOUR FUTURE

The globalists are keen to “seize the Covid moment” to bring in a new monetary system they prepared earlier

BY GRAHAM BRIDGER

Prince Charles has been involved with environmental affairs for decades and I believe his intentions concerning the environment are very sincere.



Roped in: Prince Charles endorses the globalist vision

But the fact he is now endorsing the World Economic Forum's (WEF) 'Great Reset' initiative, working with Klaus Schwab, the founder, brings him into another league. Does the heir to the throne have any real idea about what he is involved with?



Kristalina Georgieva, MD of the IMF, sees the opportunity for a new monetary system



Klaus Schwab presides over the World Economic Forum

Does Prince Charles have any idea what he is really involved with?

In his speech to an online WEF meeting on 5 June 2020, Prince Charles seems to be reading from a script as he exhorts us to understand that “the pandemic has given us a chance to think big and act now”. He says: “We only have a narrow window of opportunity.” A narrow window of opportunity for what?

It is far more than noble measures to tackle climate change. I have been studying this for years and believe that the Great Reset involves nothing less than the complete reorganisation of the whole world's monetary system. In fact, this was confirmed by the managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Kristalina Georgieva, who said this is a “new Bretton Woods moment”.

She is referring to a meeting of world leaders in July 1944 in a hotel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, who prepared to implement

a new world monetary policy after World War 2 with the US dollar as the world's reserve currency.

With the impending failure of our current monetary system, now drowning in debt that can never be repaid, a new system is once again being prepared. But this time it is in line with the move towards a fully digital, Utopian world envisaged by Central Banks, the United Nations and the WEF.

The WEF, more widely known simply after its Swiss host town, Davos, has been meeting for over

50 years and is now attended by around 3000 participants from over 100 countries. This includes over 50 heads of state, major world leaders, the World Bank, the IMF, United Nations and the World Health Organisation. It also includes about 800 of the world's richest corporations, with Bill Gates from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation and CEOs from Amazon, Microsoft and other major high-tech players.

Have you heard the slogan, “Build back better” recently? Joe Biden adopted it as his



The slogan 'Build Back Better' is currently everywhere

campaign slogan and it has been repeated by world leaders including our own Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. This mantra is in line with the Utopian vision of the United Nations 2030 agenda, ‘Building a more sustainable future’, supported by the Pope.

It appears that the Covid-19 crisis has been very useful as far as the WEF is concerned. Indeed, Klaus Schwab has published a book this year called ‘Covid-19: The Great Reset’. For some of us, it's quite a scary read.

Schwab asserts that the world will “never” return to normal, despite also admitting that coronavirus “doesn't pose a new existential threat.”

The world will “never” return to normal

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In his book ‘Converging Signs and Rejection of Truth – are we ready for the Return of Jesus Christ?’ Graham Bridger explains how his background in banking, fund management and financial strategic planning led him to begin researching the root causes of the 2008 global financial debt crisis. He considers how current world events are in line with Bible prophecy and the need to prepare for the return of Jesus Christ.


Useful links:

Prince Charles says: “The pandemic is a chance to think big and act now”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BucTwPegW5k>

WEF website: The Fourth Industrial Revolution – what it means and how to respond
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REVIEWS

by Gordon Pettie

STANDING FOR THE MIRACULOUS IN A CLIMATE OF DEFEATISM

After 70 years of miracles, David Hathaway is still “standing” on the Bible

‘Power through fire’

By David Hathaway

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Evangelist, speaker, and author David Hathaway has had many opportunities to trust God and he describes a few of them in his latest book, based on a series of messages he recorded during lockdown, specifically for the British Church.

He describes an occasion when he was invited to speak to Russian Holocaust survivors in Israel. They put a condition on him coming: “We will listen to you, if this Jesus will heal our sickness today”. And by miracles, he did.

This has been a hallmark of his 70 years ministering around the world.

And as a man of faith, Rev Hathaway is horrified at the way he sees the British Church acquiescing to defeatism. At the beginning of the book he challenges the Christians of Britain with the statement: “Never before in Britain have... people been ordered to spy and report their neighbours for breaches of the law! Never for more than 1000 years, even during two world wars, has there been an order from the government to close the churches. Incredibly, this order did not just come from the government, it also came from Church authorities.”

David Hathaway is now 88 and still preaching. His aim is to remind Christians that the apostle Paul wrote: “For the

kingdom of God is not in word but in power.” (1 Corinthians 4:20)

There was the time when he was diagnosed with throat cancer. The surgeon told him one Friday he would have to operate on his throat the following Monday.

The cancer had disappeared

When he went to the hospital on the Monday, and they did their final checks, the cancer had disappeared. The surgeon said to David he could see knife marks and wanted to know who cut the cancer out! David’s answer was: “His name is Jesus”.

David describes standing on God’s Word when he was smuggling Bibles into Communist countries, when he was arrested and put in prison, when an assassination attempt was made on his life. Each time he saw God’s power at work.

Any moans about the book? Only about the presentation



Full of fire: preacher David Hathaway, 88

of the material. People tend to buy books on impulse. This book has shiny paper, small print and a type face that a certain age group (mine) finds hard to read without squinting!

That does not distract from the importance of the material in the book, about how each of us need to demonstrate the power of Christ in our lives.

The first 20 new subscribers to HEART this February will receive a free copy of David Hathaway’s new book, ‘Power through fire’. Please see subscription form on page 27.

A BOOK ON HEALING THAT’S A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES

Practical, deep teaching from a career bringing hope to the hopeless

‘Healing through creativity’

By Fiona Horrobin

Sovereign World Publications
(Tel: 01524 753805)

Need a ‘classy’ book for a coffee table? This would be ideal.

The author, Fiona Horrobin, is a leader of the Christian healing organisation, Ellel Ministries.

The book’s quality, layout and photos are amazing. Other people’s comments about the book include: “It’s so beautiful!

A work of art in itself! Love the layout, incredible photos, so much colour!”

Her vicar urged the team to try to help her

The comments are all true. It really is the kind of book you pick up and say, “Wow!”

Happily this book is as ‘classy’ on the inside as it is on the outside. Ellel Ministries began in the 1980s in Lancashire, founded by Fiona and her husband, Peter.

From the very beginning, its purpose has been “to bring healing to those in need, and teaching others how to do the same”.



Healing ministry: Fiona Horrobin has devoted her life to others

hopeless, and healing to the broken. The book contains deep teaching, and wonderful truths. What is so encouraging is that each truth is illustrated with stories from the lives of those who have applied the truth to their own lives and have received their healing.

One such person is Sarah, who came to the centre in desperate need of help. She was on the highest dosage of psychiatric drugs and came direct from the psychiatric hospital.

Because of things in her younger life, she had no desire to live. Her vicar urged the Ellel team to try to help her. Fiona shares in the book the principles the team adopted in helping her, based on the prophetic words of Isaiah 61, telling of the healing that Jesus Christ would bring into our broken world.

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor,

He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom to the captives and release for the prisoners.”

This book describes Sarah’s journey and that of many others, through chapters which talk about fear and anxiety, the breakdown of family life, what happens in the womb, how to receive your healing, and practical prayers to pray.



Gordon Pettie and his wife Lorna

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


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The lockdown is God's rest

God is enforcing a Sabbath rest on the UK. The important thing about the Sabbath is that we each should have a regular day of rest every seven days, which should be included in shift patterns for essential and emergency workers who may have to be on duty at weekends.

However since the relaxation of Sunday trading rules on Friday 26th August 1994 and the start of major Covid restrictions on Monday 23rd March 2020, there have been 1335 Sundays (and 1335 Saturdays).

In 2 Chronicles 36:21, the Sabbaths denied set the duration of the punishment of Israel, 70 years, but not its nature. I believe a similar principle is applying at present. God is teaching us many things during this lockdown, which is an enforced Sabbath. I believe the duration of the discipline (but not necessarily its nature) has been set by the

1335 Sabbaths denied since the relaxation of Sunday trading law. Note also this verse: "Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days". (Daniel 12:12, NIV) **Chris Bright**
Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

A One World Order is coming

The 'Strange times' article resonated with me. (Dec/Jan)

It seems that the same government restrictions are being used all over the English speaking world. It is all about bringing in a One World Order, which is described in the Bible. I have been researching this all summer, and have just published a book about it.

We all need to keep looking up to the Lord at this time, not at the things going on around us. The Lord is coming sooner than we think, so be ready for lift-off.

John Harrold
Newport, Wales

Jesus wasn't illegitimate

I've read your 'Christmas will never be cancelled' and am left a bit puzzled by your statement that Jesus was illegitimate:

"Jesus knew what it was not to be accepted - he grew up with the stigma of being thought to be illegitimate, because his mother had him before she was married. There is nobody on whom he doesn't have compassion."

This suggests that Jesus 'who knew no sin' was actually 'born in sin', outside the law. I have a problem with that.

The Pharisees' statement in John 8:41, "We are not illegitimate children", was not made as an accusation but a statement of their natural heritage. That was under question by Jesus. If they knew that Jesus was illegitimate, if they knew that far back, then they would surely have also known that he was born in Bethlehem, but they didn't.

You're trying to make a sentimental statement based

on questionable deduction; like the days when Jesus was likened to a 'freedom fighter'.

Neil Porter
New Ash Green, Kent

Lonely hearts

Some people only work among those of their own gender and might never meet potential marriage partners, or they might attend a tiny church where there's no likely spouse.

So a Christian introduction agency such as Sue Saxon's New Day Introductions could be effective, where proper screening is done.

Mrs Saxon says that they've had 750 successful matches, including a couple who married and opened a church in the Canary Islands.

People who marry via a Christian agency might have children who also become Christian believers.

Ann Wills
Ruislip, Middlesex



In my own words
Readers' longer letters

An Anglican and a Methodist speak out

The Methodist Church is no longer following the Wesleys

A preacher on upcoming changes to her church's doctrine on marriage

I foresee 2021 as a turning point for the Methodist Church in the UK.

Even before the coronavirus took hold, membership was in decline.

In 2019 a task group, appointed by the Methodist Conference, published a report entitled 'God in love unites us', containing recommendations to the Conference to change the definition of marriage, sanction cohabitation of couples, and encourage same-sex marriage services to be held in our places of worship.

Many passages in the Bible will have to be reinterpreted to accommodate these changes, which will require

the doctrines of the Methodist Church to be rewritten.

Such changes will inevitably cause division within congregations and their ministers, personal grief, anxiety and ultimately loss of membership. These far-reaching changes have the potential of placing the future of the Church at risk. The government is not forcing the Church to take these steps, so is there a 'hidden agenda'?

Bible-believing Methodists will have to decide whether they believe the Bible is the Word of God or whether it can/should be reinterpreted to accommodate the 'modern' world.

I attended a meeting where we were encouraged to embrace these recommendations. There, I realised the Methodist Church was no longer following the tenets laid down by the Wesley brothers of scriptural holiness, but was embracing what seemed to be more of a social/political gospel.

I do not believe I have the luxury of being able to have my own opinion on these matters

John Wesley wrote these words towards the end of his life: "Here I am; I and my Bible. I will not, I dare not, vary from this book either in great things or small. I have no power to dispense with one jot or tittle of what is contained therein."

Having studied the 'God in love unites us' report carefully, I knew I should write and



publish my own response. As a Bible-believing Christian I do not believe I have the luxury of being able to have my own opinion on these matters.

Ordained ministers who are unable to affirm this new doctrine will likely lose their livelihood, their accommodation and their pensions could be affected, which is not an easy place to find oneself when there is a family to support. Local preachers may have to stand down.

At this distressing time it is good to remind ourselves of

Armored Carlyon has published a response to the Methodists' proposals on marriage

the words of St Paul in Romans 12:2: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Armored Carlyon

A view from the pew - response to the report "God in love unites us" - is available free of charge from Cllr Mrs Armored Carlyon, 3 Strangways Villas, Truro, TR1 2PA or contact armoredtruro@googlemail.com

Lessons for the C of E from Jeremiah

What would Jeremiah say about watering down Scripture?

In mainstream churches, we have seen a strongly fought battle over same-sex relationships and surrender to the sexual revolution.

And just as in Jeremiah's day, the secular and spiritual leadership have been cutting up bits of Scripture (Jeremiah 36).

When the C of E lectionary (the set readings for the church) did Revelation, it left out the sections warning readers as to the dire consequences of subtracting from that book! Who has the authority to leave out bits of God's Word?

So I was very disappointed when the Bishop of Manchester, speaking recently about forgiveness, failed to mention Jesus forgiving people, how he won forgiveness for us and how knowing how much we have been forgiven helps us forgive others, despite these points being in the C of E's set readings for

that week! (Matthew 18:21-35)

We also see persecution of God's true spokesmen (Jeremiah 38:4). Stories are now circulating of clergy who hold orthodox views on sexuality, being told they are unwelcome in certain dioceses or being unfairly removed from positions. Where God's Word is faithfully preached, we very often see life and growth, as various surveys have shown.

Jeremiah called the people to repentance – when do we hear that in public today?

Jeremiah spent time in the counsel of the Lord (Jeremiah 23:18). One of the biggest changes I have seen in the past 40 years is the decline in prayer among

leaders. Is that why there seems to be no Word of the Lord to our nation at present?



Richard Hill cautions against cherry-picking Scripture

Jeremiah warned about judgement, but the religious establishment insisted no judgement would come (Jeremiah 23:16-18).

Back then, they felt secure in their Temple and religious institutions (Jeremiah 7); in our day it is because we have an unbiblical view of God. People say that God would never allow any harm to come to anyone, that he allows

us to live just how we like, even if it may in the long run cause us great harm, and never punishes sin.

If God is a God of love, surely he does have to judge to uphold right, protect the innocent and indeed to vindicate his holiness.

The first thought for Christians down the ages when there was a problem, such as a pandemic, was to seek God as to whether there is any way in which we have offended him or removed the covering of his protection. Jeremiah told the shepherds of his day they are not being blessed because they have not sought the Lord (Jeremiah 10:21).

Are today's mainstream churches making false alliances? We hear episcopal condemnations of Dominic Cummings, Brexit, etc. But do we ever hear anything that the so-called "liberal elite" would disagree with? Is this like the people of Jeremiah's day seeking to ally with other nations? (Jeremiah 2:36)

Jeremiah called the people to repentance (eg Jeremiah 23:22) – when do we hear that spoken in the public arena today?

Jeremiah spoke of a faithful remnant after a time of pruning and chastisement – the C of E is now facing a huge financial crisis.

Yet there remain many faithful bishops and other leaders – let us pray for them and for the turning of the others.

And may "ordinary church members" also not give up, but play our full part in bringing God's word to a nation that is looking for answers and seeking spiritual reality.

Richard Hill

Formerly Rector of Church Stretton (2008-18) and Rural Dean of Condover (2011-18), both in Shropshire

Beware deception in 2021

One of the greatest challenges that we will continue to face in 2021 is knowing the truth

Deception began in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve were deceived by Satan is highlighted throughout the Bible, all the way up to God's triumphant, redemptive finale in the Book of Revelation.

David declares in Psalm 12:2: "Everyone lies to his neighbour; their flattering lips speak with deception." If David was living in 2021, he would say that deception is behind most news headlines and stories. It is not the truth.

God's Word warns us that in the days before Christ's return, even some believers in Christ will end up

from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13).

Why are we being overwhelmed by deception in our world? Since the time of Adam and Eve, Satan's strategy has been to keep people from knowing and believing the truth of what Jesus declares in John 3:18 that "whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

If David was living in 2021, he would say that deception is behind most news headlines

To believe the truth of God's Word also means that our daily focus and the devotion of our time must not be on "the world or anything in the world" (1 John 2:15). Our focus must be on helping to set people free by the truth of God's Word because, as Jesus declares in John 8:31-32, it is only the truth of his Word that can set us free from everything that can hold us captive.

And we must "fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:18)

"Don't be deceived" (James 1:16) is the warning that God gives to us over and over again. We must "not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves" but we must be committed to doing "what it says" (James 1:22).

Rev David Foster

Minister of Manor Park Christian Centre, London



Don't be deceived, warns David Foster

following "deceiving spirits and things taught by demons" (1 Timothy 4:1) and that "evil men and impostors will go

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THE GREAT RESET

THEIR VISION FOR YOUR FUTURE

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The Great Reset involves nothing less than the complete reorganisation of the whole world's monetary system

In one of his other books - 'Shaping the future of the Fourth Industrial Revolution: a guide to building a better world' - Schwab speaks of 'stakeholder capitalism', which encompasses changing all the systems we take for granted today, from the way we produce and transport goods and services, to the way we communicate, the way we collaborate, and how we experience the world around us.

Schwab also hails the arrival of "implanted devices (that) will likely also help to communicate thoughts normally expressed verbally through a 'built-in' smartphone, and potentially unexpressed thoughts or moods by reading brain waves and other signals." Ostensibly useful for apprehending criminals, this has been interpreted as a future where people have their every movement tracked and every thought read by an implantable microchip.

"You'll own nothing and you'll never have been happier"

In other words, it's the management of the masses by a privileged elite, under the guise of knowing what's best for you better than you do. You may also have heard the

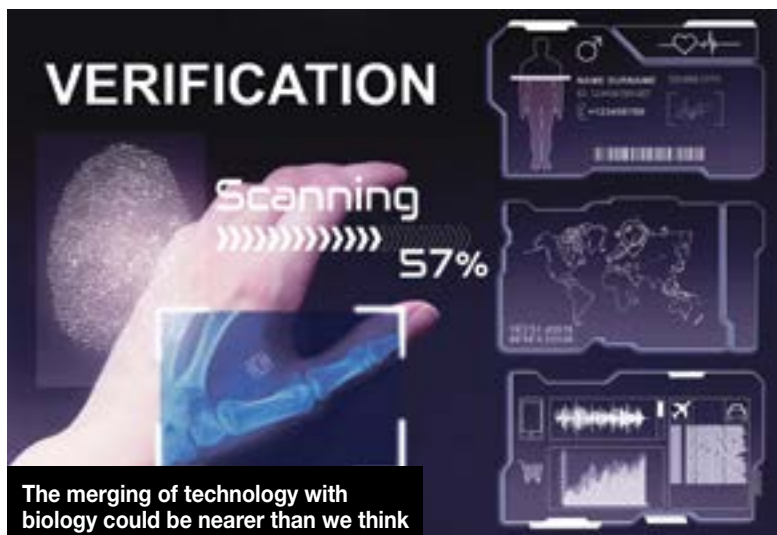
slogan, "You'll own nothing and you'll never have been happier", from an article written by Ida Auken, a young globalist leader and member of the Global Future Council on Cities and Urbanisation of the World Economic Forum. (Forbes magazine, November 2016)

Forbes magazine also reported on 14 January that Bill Gates is now the biggest owner of US farmland; he and other billionaires such as Amazon's Jeff Bezos are buying up huge swathes of farmland while preparing millions to own nothing.

It is clear that the WEF is guiding and leading the world towards a dystopian future and there is a need to seriously study their future plans.

Firstly, the plans of Klaus Schwab and others working with those in the high-tech world like Elon Musk and Ray Kurzweil, the chief engineer at Google, who are intent on fusing the physical, digital and biological world together. Some fear this will lead to transhumanism.

Secondly, Schwab's plans in working alongside the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation where, together, they staged a high-level pandemic tabletop exercise, 'Event 201' (18 October 2019). It was designed to 'play out' how to manage a real worldwide coronavirus epidemic just a few weeks before the real Covid-19 crisis hit the world.



The merging of technology with biology could be nearer than we think

Thirdly, to consider the involvement of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and GAVI, the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation, which Gates founded. He recently stated that the best investments he has ever made have been in the pharmaceutical industry and he is very keen to promote worldwide take-up of vaccines.

Fourthly, to consider the complexity of the WEF website's 'Strategic Intelligence Planner', which could only have been created over years of planning for worldwide influence. I believe it reveals the sinister intentions of those who believe they can reshape the world. Identity, 5G and artificial intelligence feature in the Fourth Industrial Revolution section. The fusion of your personal, financial and health identities are being trumpeted as a benefit, but of course the strings attached will be pulled by faceless high-tech entities.

America is the last bastion of democratic power to be toppled by the globalists

Last but not least, the fact that America is the last bastion of democratic power to be toppled by the globalists. As Joe Biden prepared to become the 46th US president, he issued a series of executive orders to sweep away some of Donald Trump's most controversial policies which had kept the US and her key ally, Israel, safe.

Whatever we might think about Trump, we need to remember that these policies restored Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, were anti-abortion and prevented Iran from being able to threaten Israel with annihilation.

Conclusion

In his books about the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Klaus Schwab explains how all disciplines, economies and industries will be impacted - and it will do so at an unprecedented rate. I seem to recall a well-known leader during the Second World War with similar Utopian intentions who through his fiery speeches stirred a nation into the most sinister outcome imaginable.

Should we be afraid? How should we prepare and pray? I hope to deal with this in a follow-up article.



Graham Bridger

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