



Dare we believe a New Year's Eve prophecy that promises Britain



A LEADER WHO CANNOT BE BOUGHT?

A dramatic prophecy received on New Year's Eve 2021 declares that God will bring Britain "a leader who cannot be bought."

Furthermore, it is a leader "whose heart is truly for the nation and whose character will not be corrupted under pressure". This comes as the British government, among others, has been charged with crimes against humanity over the Covid pandemic.

The extraordinary case has been launched against the UK government, the World Economic Forum and the pharmaceutical giants behind the Covid-19 'vaccines' at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Flying in the face of the repeated assurances that the Covid 'vaccines' are safe and effective, it alleges high level corruption in the suppression of cheaper, effective drugs that would have

saved lives in order to profit from expensive 'vaccines' whose multiple adverse effects are being ignored.

New evidence even shows that some batches used in the US

are particularly toxic, causing deaths and disability. Discovered by a British university researcher, this evidence has been called "intentional, premeditated, mass murder" by the lawyer behind the ICC case, Reiner Fuellmich.

Dr Fuellmich, the lawyer who defeated Deutsche Bank on behalf of small businesses, as well as helping expose the Volkswagen emissions scandal, has interviewed over 150 senior scientists and doctors for his 'Corona committee' since 2020.

While Dr Fuellmich maintains there is no doubt that money and population reduction lie behind the pandemic measures, a Christian lawyer has told HEART that the ICC tends to accept, then

quietly do nothing about certain cases. Also its current prosecutor, Karim Khan, is a UK national.

Nonetheless, taking this historic case to The Hague could help publicise the evidence it brings; since December, when it was lodged, the mainstream media has started to report mistakes in the calculation of Covid deaths and the damage done to young people by the government's heavy-handed fear campaign.

The national press has also begun to speculate on the potential harm to patients if an estimated 100,000 NHS staff are sacked in April for refusing to be vaccinated.

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NATIONAL NEWS by Andrew Halloway

VICTORY FOR CROSS-WEARING NURSE

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Mary Onuoha suffered two years of hostility from NHS bosses

A Catholic nurse who was forced out of her job for wearing a small cross has won her discrimination case against the NHS.

Operating theatre nurse Mary Onuoha was harassed by bosses who claimed she violated the dress code. In a landmark ruling, an employment tribunal declared in January that Onuoha's demotion to a clerical role constituted victimisation and harassment.

She had been told to hide the necklace despite other staff wearing hijabs, turbans and Hindu bracelets. Mrs Onuoha was supported by the Christian Legal Centre.

The Croydon Health Services NHS Trust has apologised and altered its dress code "to ensure it is inclusive and sensitive to all".

The Christian Legal Centre's CEO Andrea Williams said: "It was astonishing that an experienced nurse, during a pandemic, was forced to choose between her faith and the profession she loves."

"I hope Sajid Javid pays attention. It would be easy to amend the guidance to clarify that the wearing of crosses by medical staff must be permitted."

CONVERSION THERAPY BAN PROPOSAL ENDANGERS SCHOOL PUPILS

CHILDREN will be 'dangerously unsupported' if government plans for a conversion therapy ban go ahead, according to the Association of Christian Teachers (ACT).

ACT has sent a letter to Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi expressing alarm that teachers and school counsellors could face criminal prosecution for discussing gender/sexuality with pupils.

The letter warns this could lead to teachers not discussing identity issues with confused youngsters, for fear of a legal backlash. The broad definitions of 'counsellors' and 'conversations' in the plans could particularly affect Christian teachers.

The letter says: "Allegations leading to criminal convictions and a bar from working with children, could result for any adult who does not affirm a child into a trajectory towards changing sex/gender. This would inevitably

mean that children will remain dangerously unsupported due to teachers/professionals being wary of criminal prosecution."

Children with autism or special educational needs and disabilities are more prone to gender dysphoria, according to ACT, because of differing neurological traits. This could result in these children undergoing 'radical medical or surgical procedures' when they most need 'measured and complex support'.

Christian schools and pupils asking for prayer could also be undermined by the plans, the letter added.

ACT has asked the government to ensure it will not be a criminal offence for those in the teaching profession to express the view "that God made humans male and female, in his image, and has reserved sex for the marriage of one man and one woman".

The consultation is continuing.

EUROPEAN VICTORY FOR CHRISTIAN BAKERS



Colin and Karen McArthur – the couple at the centre of the landmark free speech ruling

The 'gay cake' case, which ran for years and was finally settled at the UK Supreme Court, was ratified at the European Court of Human Rights on 6 January.

The Court rejected an appeal by gay campaigners against the decision by the UK court that Ashers Baking Co had the right to refuse to bake a cake carrying a pro-gay marriage message.

"This was about freedom of conscience, speech and belief"

The Christian Institute, whose lawyers have supported Northern Irish Christian bakers Colin and Karen McArthur since the dispute began

in 2014, welcomed the ruling.

Spokesman Simon Calvert said: "The UK Supreme Court upheld the McArthurs' rights to freedom of expression and religion. It was disappointing to see another attempt to undermine those rights, so it is a relief that the attempt has failed. I'm surprised anyone would want to overturn a ruling that protects gay business owners from being forced to promote views they don't share, just as much as it protects Christian business owners."

The Evangelical Alliance also welcomed the decision. UK director Peter Lynas commented: "This case was about freedom of conscience, speech and belief, and whether someone could be forced to create a message they profoundly disagreed with. Today's ruling protects everyone from compelled speech."

FRANKLIN GRAHAM TO VISIT MAJOR CITIES



Franklin Graham

US evangelist Franklin Graham's rescheduled UK tour will visit Liverpool (14 May), South Wales (21 May), Sheffield (25 May) and London (16 July) this year.

The preacher's 2020 tour had to be postponed due to the pandemic and the cancellation of bookings by some venues after gay activists complained. Graham's organisation, the BGEA, claimed religious discrimination and won compensation.

Currently there are no bookings for Scotland or Northern Ireland.

Entry to the events is free of charge and churches have been offered evangelism training. For more information, visit GodLovesYouTour.org.uk

GIRLS' SCHOOLS BAN TRANS PUPILS

The Christian Institute reports that a group of 25 independent girls' schools has agreed that boys who identify as female are not admitted.

The Girls' Day School Trust (GDST) is committed to single-sex education for girls on the basis of biological sex only.

Chief Executive Cheryl Giovannoni explained: "Under current laws and guidance, the GDST believes that an admissions policy based on gender identity rather than the legal sex recorded on a student's birth certificate could jeopardise the status of GDST schools as single-sex schools."

Transgender campaigner Debbie Hayton hailed the Trust's stand as a sign that "common sense might be returning".

FACEBOOK BLOCKS CAMPAIGN TO HELP ABUSED WOMEN

An ad campaign by Catholic charity Aid to a Church in Need was taken down by Facebook in November.

The campaign, Hear Her Cries, highlighted the sexual violence against religious minority women and girls by militants and religious extremists in Africa and Asia.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

MARGARET, 89, WAS ON END OF LIFE CARE, BUT IS NOW OUT DANCING!

Reader Viv McDermott shares the story of her mother-in-law's miracle healing

As a regular reader and Hampshire distributor of the HEART newspaper, I wanted to share a wonderful miracle which prevented a potentially tragic outcome for my mother-in-law, Margaret McDermott.

Margaret will be 90 in February 2022 and has been blessed with amazing health and fitness all her life. Apart from the smallpox vaccine, which she says she was bullied into receiving, she has never received any vaccines or hospital treatment and gave birth to two children at home.

My husband moved in to nurse his mother, who appeared to be dying

In early October she went to one of many dances she regularly attends, but with the windows and doors open and air conditioning on, she subsequently developed



Raising a glass of something healthy, Margaret McDermott celebrates her survival

a sore throat and produced a positive PCR test.

Within days Margaret was bedridden with pneumonia and prescribed anticipated "end of life" treatment, with a syringe driver administering Midazolam and Morphine. My husband moved in to nurse his mother, who appeared to be dying.

During this time, after praying with a lovely Christian friend who has a tremendous gift of spiritual discernment, Margaret recommitted her life to Jesus Christ. There followed a complete turnaround in her condition, much to the medical team's surprise!

The "end of life" treatment was stopped

immediately as clearly Margaret's time to be with her heavenly Father had been postponed. Her doctor said stopping end of life treatment was almost unheard of!

After a month's convalescence, Margaret is no longer reliant on any medical care.

Not only is she living independently again, but is back dancing with her boyfriend!

We marvel at how gracious and patient our God is; age and time don't stand in his way and this healing (among others) proves he has conquered all dimensions, even those that scientists believe to be unattainable.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE HOMELESS

With their family living abroad, Bill and Marian Waterer decided to spend Christmas helping at the Worthing Soup Kitchen in Sussex.

Christmas Day lunch – huge quantities of turkeys, vegetables and 'trimmings' – was provided by local supermarkets, including 2,400 mince pies from Iceland.

The council-owned Denton Lounge on the seafront was made available for the day, although sadly the local landmark is currently closed after going broke.

Guests were invited by the town crier, a sponsor of the Soup Kitchen, who patrolled the seafront, ringing his bell and calling, "O ye, O ye" to all those in need of a meal. "He was wonderful," said Marian, who accompanied him

On leaving, everyone was given a bag of food.

The Worthing Soup Kitchen was founded by Khristina McCormack, who started by feeding the homeless from the back of a van.

"Khristina worked tirelessly with others to provide a wonderful Christmas dinner to all in need," said Marian. "It was, amazingly, a joyous occasion and we can only thank God for his goodness and for all the volunteers. We were so blessed!"

Khristina McCormack, founder of Worthing Soup Kitchen, ready to serve Christmas lunch



Tables set for Christmas lunch in a warm restaurant with sea views

with her husband, Bill and two others.

Marian admits she found some of the guests' stories harrowing, particularly as some were ex-military: "One young man came in soaking wet and after his meal would be going back on the streets. Khristina was trying to find him a sleeping bag."



Volunteer Marian Waterer with the town crier, who invited guests to a free meal



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by Lynda Rose

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"I want to thank the lady who saved my life"

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"She saved me from being sucked out of my mummy's tummy"

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'Missing millions' – the tragic anniversary of nearly ten million missing British subjects – featured in HEART's Dec/Jan 2021-22 paper. To order copies, please see www.heartpublications.co.uk/ordering papers or call the office

HEART's last issue (Dec/Jan 2021-22) showed the urgent need for the Church to repent over the grim milestone of ten million abortions. Since then, leading pro-life minister and author Rev Lynda Rose, along with other pro-life leaders including Brenda Taylor, Andrea Williams and Dave Brennan are hosting a National Day of Repentance for the Unborn on 26 March in London (see full page advert). Speakers should include David Noakes, Brenda Taylor and Andrea Williams

and there will be opportunities for prayer ministry. Lynda Rose says: "Where there is repentance, the Lord reaches out in love to forgive and heal. For those carrying deep scars and the pain of guilt, support and prayer will be available." It is hoped that churches will livestream this or hold their own 'Missing Millions' services to welcome anyone who regrets abortion, whether personally or on behalf of others.

A WARNING TO THE UK CHURCH

God is not indifferent to our indifference. He takes it personally, says pro-life campaigner Dave Brennan

God's current message to us is, I believe, a stern warning combined with a merciful call to repentance.

The fact that the majority of the Church has not been repenting is spiritually very dangerous. We are provoking the wrath of God and testing his patience.

Consider these points:

1. Life begins at conception; made in the image of God, the unborn are equal in value to the rest of us.
2. Abortion, the intentional killing of an innocent human being, is:
 - a) a violation of the Sixth Commandment
 - b) child abuse (a serious safeguarding concern)
 - c) child sacrifice (an idolatrous, blood-shedding outrage against the living God)
 - d) a genocide (a national crime against humanity)
3. Abortion is taking place in the UK Church.

4. UK Church leaders have been clearly presented with the reality of abortion, but are still largely doing nothing about it. Doing nothing about a known sin is a sin itself; there are numerous commands in Scripture to take action against such evils.

5. Most Christians in the UK still believe that abortion is sometimes morally justifiable.
6. The UK Church has been called to repent over this in word and deed, but in general is not repenting.

**For a substantiation of these points go to brephos.org/blog*

What next? In line with Revelation 2-3, the Lord Jesus would say to us with regard to the above: "I have this against you".

God is not indifferent to our indifference. He takes it personally. The Lord has a controversy with us over this.

Judgement

Biblically, judgement is characterised by plague, famine and enemy attack. There are also natural disasters, economic downturn, a 'famine' of the Word

of God (including fearless preaching), a “handing over” of sinners to insanity and deception, to moral (particularly sexual) depravity, and to a culture of selfishness and violence.

Our nation is under judgement for turning away from God and his Word, for worshipping created things, and specifically for the legalised mass killing of human babies (eg Isaiah 10:1-4).

But judgement begins with the household of God (1 Peter 4:17).

Possibly for those who have been encouraging the Church in the above sins, the opportunity for repentance has already elapsed (“I have given her [Jezebel] time to repent...but she is unwilling”, Revelation 2:20-22).

There may yet be time for those who have followed them in these sins to repent and avoid harsh judgement (Revelation 2:22). But we should not think we can get a “forever” extension (Amos 7:8).

Unanswered prayers

This is what can be expected to happen – and is already happening – because of our refusal to humble ourselves and change our ways:

Our prayers, corporate and in-

dividual, are falling on deaf ears because of our resistance to God's Word and in particular his call to justice and mercy:

"If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered" (Proverbs 21:13).

“If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable” (Proverbs 28:9).

“When you offer your gifts – the sacrifice of your sons in the fire – you continue to defile yourselves with all your idols to this day. Am I to let you enquire of me, O house of Israel? As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I will not let you enquire of me” (Ezekiel 20:31).

“When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood...” (Isaiah 1:15).

Why would God listen to us if we won't listen to him?

Notwithstanding the fact of Jesus's finished work on the Cross and our access to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16), even genuine believers' prayers can be hindered by their behaviour (1 Peter 3:7).

Worthless ceremonies

Are not our services, conferences, ceremonies and songs worthless when we ignore God's call to justice and mercy? Perhaps we should ask if God had tired of them when he allowed them to be shut down for a period in 2020:

“Is this not the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice...?” (Isaiah 58:6).

"I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies... Away with the noise of your songs!... But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:22-24).

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!... you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy, and faithfulness” (Matthew 23:23).

No revival

It is unreasonable to expect revival to begin with us who are apathetic to God's Word and far from his heart of holiness and justice.

Biblically and historically, it would be much more realistic to expect God's judgement. We are already experiencing something

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of this, and there is probably more to come.

Revival has always followed earnest, humble, contrite God-honouring repentance and prayer, and reverence for his Word.

By refusing to fulfil our part of the 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 'deal', we are telling God not to hear our prayers, not to forgive our sin, and not to heal our land.

"...If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place" (2 Chronicles 7:14-15)

Unfruitful lives

If professing Christians are not moved by child sacrifice, they should examine themselves as to whether they are fully born again. Real, saving faith in Jesus Christ would produce good 'fruit':

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evil-doers!'" (Matthew 7:21-23).

"...faith without deeds is dead" (James 2:26).

Expose dark deeds

The Church is to be a "pillar of truth" (1 Timothy 3:15) and has a mandate to expose the "deeds of darkness" (Ephesians 5:11) and protect the fatherless (James 1:27). When we fail to issue the warning and play our part, blood is on our heads. God will hold us accountable (Ezekiel 3:16-27).

We can no longer say, "But we knew nothing about this," (Proverbs 24:12); we have crossed the line from ignorant culpability (eg Leviticus 4-5) – to knowing, conscious culpability. The consequences for this are much more serious:

"If you say, 'But we knew nothing about this,' does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?" (Proverbs 24:12).

"That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows" (Luke 12:47-48).

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To make our position on abortion clear and public, a doctrinal statement can help. A group of UK-based people have produced a brand new one called the Life Affirmation. Individuals, churches, and organisations can use this on websites and in services.

For more information (including a consideration of the "hard cases"), and to sign the Life Affirmation, visit lifeaffirmation.org

CHRISTIAN GROUP TAKES UK GOVERNMENT TO COURT OVER DIY ABORTIONS

by Andrew Hallaway

Mothers have died after taking the pills

Christian Concern is taking legal action at the European Court of Human Rights against the British government's provision of 'DIY' home abortions.

Four women had distressing abortions at over 24 weeks – 14 weeks past the legal limit for the pills

The group's legal arm, the Christian Legal Centre, argues that the decision made during the pandemic has 'violated' Articles 2 and 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights because it is both unsafe and illegal. It was illegal because there was no parliamentary scrutiny, exceeding government powers, and it contradicted the



Health Secretary Sajid Javid – presiding over a disastrous abortion policy

intentions of the 1967 Abortion Act.

An investigation of the 'pills

by post' service found that abortion providers supplied pills without safety checks to women who were over the legal limit of ten weeks' pregnant. Care Quality Commission (CQC) evidence shows that four women had distressing abortions at over 24 weeks – 14 weeks past the legal limit for the pills. It has also been revealed that some women have died after taking the pills, many have had to call the ambulance service due to post-abortion complications, and over 10,000 have had to be treated for 'retained products of conception' between April 2020 and September 2021.

Right To Life UK is encouraging people to ask their MP to demand that Health Secretary Sajid Javid ends what was billed as a temporary abortion scheme, yet is still in place.

VICTORY AND FAILURES IN ABORTION BATTLE

by Andrew Hallaway

“An awful message about the value of an unborn disabled child”



Last year, abortion campaigners introduced an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill that would have allowed abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion).

This amendment, NC 50, would have been the biggest change to abortion since its legalisation, leaving England and Wales with some of the world's most liberal regulations.

However, the amendment did not go to a vote when it was considered in November. Ross Hendry, CEO of CARE, said: "In an amazing answer to prayer... NC 50 failed to pass... CARE briefed MPs on the dangers of the amendment... today's outcome is a powerful reminder of the power of prayer and action!"

Three pro-life amendments also failed, but Hendry was upbeat: "There

were some excellent speeches in support of the amendments and there will be fresh opportunities to raise these matters in the months ahead."

Meanwhile, in Northern Ireland, politicians voted against abortion protections for disabled babies in December. The Severe Foetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill sought to remove a clause which allows unborn children with conditions such as Down's syndrome, cleft palate and club foot to be aborted after the 24-week limit.

Wrecking amendments were tabled at Consideration Stage, and MLAs voted by 45 votes to 42 against the change.

DUP MLA Christopher Stalford said the decision "sends an awful message about the value the Northern Ireland Assembly places on the life of an unborn disabled child."

UK NATIONAL REVIVAL IN OUR UK CHURCHES AND OUR LAND?

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BOOKREVIEW

By Charles Gardner

Burnout and breakdown force pastor to find sabbath rest



Take the Day Off

By Robert Morris

FaithWords

The issue of the Sabbath is being re-visited by an increasing number of writers and authors, which I find most encouraging.

And Robert Morris does a splendid job with 'Take the Day Off', a seemingly bland title for so great and important a subject.

I first picked up the book during a much-needed break in beautiful Northumberland, my wife Linda having packed it for her holiday read!

Pastor of a large church in Texas, Morris was forced by his own experience of burnout and breakdown to face the fact that rest and recuperation is a vital necessity for our lives.

The sabbath is of course one of the Ten Commandments (the fourth, in fact), and the author rightly asks why we gentiles ever thought it was the one commandment we could dispense with, especially as it was actually designed for our benefit – to keep us healthy, alert, wise, clear-thinking and relaxed, so we can better serve our Lord and our neighbours.

Designed to keep us healthy, alert, wise, clear-thinking and relaxed

And it's not just about us, for

if we have not properly rested from our labours, we will be tired, weary and grumpy, and in no fit state to be the shining light that draws others to Jesus.

The Hebrew word 'shabbat' actually means to cease, or stop. After six days, the Creator ceased from his works, and God is asking us to do the same, because it's the best way to live. It's how he designed us.

Morris suggests in no uncertain terms that a sabbath rest (not necessarily on any particular day) is foundational to discipleship.

This is an outstanding book, challenging the status quo in Christian circles which discards the sabbath as being legalistic, and he underpins his message with a very clear exposition of the essential place of rest in our lives.

He had skipped a day of rest for an entire year

The idea of working 24/7 suggests that it all depends on us, whereas taking a day off to honour God is a step of faith, and demonstrates our trust in the supernatural provision promised to those who walk in obedience to him.

The book was published just before the pandemic in October 2019, which would have made it even more appropriate with many forced to take a rest from work. It is littered with perfect illustrations to back up his point,

starting with his own experience.

Forced to take a sabbatical following his breakdown, he discovered that he was not fully recovered after six weeks, so took extra time as part of his annual leave. It worked out to a total of 52 days and, on looking back, he realised to his astonishment that he had skipped a day of rest for an entire year – and thus effectively owed himself 52 Sabbaths!

I also loved his illustration of the entrepreneur who helped to finally defeat Germany in World War II by building hundreds of boats (with which to cross the Rhine with troops and armaments) in a matter of weeks while still insisting his factory close as usual for each Sabbath.

Other manufacturers also contracted by the US government to meet the need failed to deliver anything like as much despite working seven days a week. The God-fearing boat company in fact delivered ahead of schedule.

Taking a rest is comparable to salvation itself, the author poses, because it is about trusting in something only God can do, which is to find rest for your souls. That is why the Hebrew believers were urged not to make the same mistake as their forefathers by failing, through unbelief, to enter the sabbath rest of the Promised Land. It's not law, but life.

So take some time off, and learn how to take a real God-given rest!

Drunkenness, arrogance, blasphemy, corruption, squeezing out the poor. Standards in public life haven't changed in 2,700 years

In 722 BC, God ran out of patience with his beloved people, Israel.

Painfully, he removed his protective hedge around his beloved 'vineyard' (one of his terms for Israel), because it yielded only bad grapes of unrighteousness, injustice and bloodshed (Isaiah 5:1-7).

He had already sent prophets to warn them about flouting his standards of behaviour and following other gods. Now he had to carry out his threat of giving over the ten northern tribes of Israel to the vicious Assyrian hordes.

They would lose their homes and their freedom for a generation. A century later, he would have to do the same to Judah and Jerusalem.

Sadly Israel and Judah's standards in public life sound all too familiar.

The prophet Isaiah listed their sins in seven 'woes' – prophecies of judgement (Isaiah 5:8-23). The first was to greedy property owners and land developers.

Land possession was very important in ancient Israel, but wealthy landowners created exclusive neighbourhoods by joining house to house to squeeze out the poor. They also prevented the poor from gleaning the crops. This right was enshrined in God's law and we read in the story of Ruth how she, a poor widow, kept herself and her mother-in-law alive by gleaning.

Drunkenness was a symbol of decadence, the misuse of public funds and the disregard of human rights

Even a king was not above a land grab. Israel's King Ahab acquired a subject's vineyard by extortion (1 Kings 21). When the vineyard's owner, Naboth, refused to sell it, Ahab's notorious wife, Jezebel, told him to have Naboth falsely accused of blasphemy and cursing the king, sentencing him to be stoned to death. God's punishment for those practising land extortion is that they won't prosper from their ill-gotten gains.



Prince Andrew has been tried in the court of public opinion



Protesters wearing floppy blond wigs and Boris Johnson masks and suits gathered outside Downing Street drinking beer and wine while dancing to techno music and chanting: "This is a work event!" This was after it was revealed that the Prime Minister had allowed drinks parties at No 10 Downing Street on various occasions during the COVID lockdown

Isaiah's second woe was against those with drunken, self-gratifying lifestyles. Drunkenness came to be associated with the affluent rich. It was a symbol of decadence, the misuse of public funds and the disregard of human rights.

In misusing the fruit of the land – the grape – and oppressing the poor, they were insulting their Creator. Hence they were evicted by a foreign army, resulting in starvation and death. Today our food supply chains are creaking.

Isaiah directed further woes and judgments at those who doubt God's Word, tempting providence, such as those Christians who somehow still believe that the Church is capable of handing back a righteous world to the Lord Jesus at his second coming.

Isaiah also warned against deception in public life: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil... Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes..." (Isaiah 5:20, 21)

A national day of prayer was not supported by our government, just as the biblical King Asa failed to seek God when he had diseased feet. Relying solely on his physicians did not bring healing (2 Chronicles 16:12-13).

Isaiah also decrees punishment to courts that take bribes or are swayed by public opinion. History's prime example is Jesus's conviction after a mob stirred up by Pharisees and others demanded his blood.

Money, politics and self-interest are the driving forces

Today we still have trial by public opinion, with social media, sensationalist TV and newspapers all preoccupied with cancel culture and political correctness.

Was Ghislaine Maxwell guilty? The jury said so, but only God really knows. If Maxwell had been an impoverished unknown, would there have even been a trial at all? Were her accusers entirely

innocent themselves? Probably not.

Likewise, Prince Andrew and Boris Johnson have also been tried by public opinion. Money, politics and self-interest are the driving forces.

When leaving office in January 2021, former US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, a Christian, tweeted: "Censorship, wokeness, political correctness, it all points in one direction – authoritarianism, cloaked as moral righteousness."

Prince Andrew and Boris Johnson have been tried by public opinion



"Censorship, wokeness, political correctness, it all points in one direction – authoritarianism, cloaked as moral righteousness" - Mike Pompeo, January 2021

When a new generation of Judeans who had grown up in Babylon finally returned from exile, they found Jerusalem in ruins and the countryside desolate.

As they were not up to the task of rebuilding and had no strong political leaders to rally them, anarchy, lies, deceit, and violence reigned. Social disorder

and chaos happen when nations separate from God.

Seventy years in exile had taught the Jews to examine their own conduct and understand why God had turned away from them. They eventually stopped blaming God and began to confess their own sinfulness. Will we as a nation do the same?

Human nature is unchanging. Perhaps the main difference between the Jews then and us today is that they believed in God but also worshipped idols, wrongly believing God had turned his back on them. Today we have mostly done the reverse and turned our backs on him, worshipping different sorts of idols.

Many people, wise in their own eyes, put all their trust in factual science, consigning faith in God to mythology. Richard Dawkins is quoted as saying that faith is one of the world's great evils comparable to a virus, but harder to eradicate, and that faith not based on evidence is the principal vice of any religion.

When a nation shuts God out from its life, deceit and injustice take his place. Parliament enacts laws to legislate for particular situations, but it seems no matter how good a law is, clever overpaid lawyers will find loopholes to circumvent its purpose to get the verdict they want.

The righteous man becomes a prey and is victimised. Life isn't fair.

As Isaiah wrote, the Lord was appalled that there was no one to intervene on the people's behalf (Isaiah 59:16). Human leadership had failed.

There was no leader of the stature of Moses or Joshua. Nor is there today.

Only the Lord can bring salvation. He saw that there was no justice so he took matters into his own hands, not because the people deserved it.

Israel and Judah drove God out of their lives and rejected his covenants. Abandoning the godly values enshrined in the law of Moses, they swapped spirituality for sensuality, holiness for profanity and righteousness for self-interest.

We have likewise driven God from public life. Injustice is everywhere, truth is chased out of court and honesty is pushed aside (Isaiah 59:14-15). God's beloved vineyard turned away from him so he removed their hedge of protection.

Can we expect anything less? Or has he already removed ours?



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A leader who cannot be bought, whose heart is truly for the nation, and whose character will not be corrupted under pressure

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But for the past two years, the mainstream media's parroting of the government's 'narrative' has done much harm, according to Cornwall-based prayer leader and teacher Brenda Taylor, who received the prophecy during a prayer meeting on New Year's Eve.

Brenda Taylor, told HEART: "We have been incessantly brainwashed in recent days by the media's narrative, which, at the same time has denied a voice to any other viewpoint. Yet increasingly, this narrative has cut across the Word of God, and our Creator has been sidelined. Often those who seek to bring what they believe God is speaking are ridiculed, silenced and persecuted. This has resulted in widespread fear and confusion, and deep anxiety across society.

"If the Lord himself was to be given a platform to speak, what a different narrative would emerge!"

Brenda Taylor points out how God's views on issues like abortion, sexual behaviour and occult involvement are very clear from the Bible, along with "the need every human being has to know him and his love."

She continues: "These are eternal truths, and don't change, even in a changing world. Obedience can be a matter of life and death."

Repent of all fear and mistrust, and listening to the wrong narrative

With other prophetic ministers, she is aware that there is a shaking taking place of everything that used to seem securely immovable. Clifford Hill, who contributed to this paper for several years, spoke frequently of this from the prophet Haggai.

In a time where people feel their very foundations are shifting, she and others met on New Year's Eve to pray about 2022

and find out if there was "any direction and guidance to steer the Church amidst the shaking".

During that time, she was given the following prophecy, which encouraged the group, but has offered it for 'testing':

You are about to experience a fresh birth pang, and this is written in the Word, so you will not abandon hope, and will not abandon faith. The Lord reigns, and it will be his purposes that stand.

Evil people plot in their corridors of power, and thinking themselves to be wise, have become fools. They think it is in secret that they hatch their plans, but the Lord hears, and they do not realise, as they make their covenants together, that they are sealing more than a pact: they are sealing their own doom.

Yes, there will be persecution, but the Lord has heard the cries of the righteous remnant [Church], and this is what shapes the destiny of nations. In response, there will rise a leader who cannot be bought, whose heart is truly for the nation, and whose character will not be corrupted under pressure.

Don't imagine that even a single prayer goes unheard... The reproach over the remnant [Church] will be removed, as a divine authority will be released to preach the truth, to pray for the sick, to be light in the gathering darkness, and bring in the waiting harvest.

Judgment and shaking will be all around, but a stream of blessing will flow alongside for those who are thirsty, and will seek their refuge in the Lord.

Brenda concludes: "Basically God's narrative has not changed. Human help will fail, but we are not to fear. We are to seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and he will take care of those things he knows we need. He wants us to repent of all fear and mistrust, and listening to the wrong narrative.



Brenda Taylor with husband Roy

New Year rules...

Poet Juliet Dawn was inspired to write a poem on New Year's Day which she showed to her mother, Brenda Taylor. Both realised that it affirmed the prophecy Brenda had received the night before; it speaks of lies in the media and the world's 'narrative' ("A masterclass in brainwash and a daily dose of fear"), that there will be no returning to life as we knew it, and that there will be trouble – affirming the 'birth pang' part of Brenda's prophecy. The full poem will be on our website:



And trouble sure comes beating, at your door and at your heart, But you must choose to turn away and not to be a part, For everything that now will come from those elite that rule, Will not be born from any good and will take you as a fool.

It's not about a virus, and never has it been! It's all-out smoke and mirrors, an agenda gone unseen! Upset the world, control the mass and press the re-set switch.... But they have not accounted for the waking, warrior glitch.

New rules are very simple, we must follow Christ the Lord, In spite of all the turmoil and whatever is endured, We must trust in his outworkings and a plan to end man's crime, A sovereignty unwavering: the redemption of all of time.

"WARNING, CONSOLATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE UK CHURCH"

The Church is going to be rebirthed in a glorious way, but first comes the pain of rotting institutions collapsing. Then there will be a new government which 'resets' to God's agenda

Chris Wickland is the senior pastor, with his wife Tracey, of the Living Word Church Network, based in Fareham, Hampshire, one of HEART's Partner Churches. Chris is also author of 'The Importance of Biblical Israel and All that Goes With It' and the 'Blessings of Abraham', published in 2018.

He released this prophecy on 8 December 2021 and this is a paraphrased summary of a Youtube 17 minute recording, along with the transcript.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lxSeNmueTk



Pastor Chris Wickland with his wife Tracey

Firstly, the Lord wishes to console his Church, because the days ahead will not be easy and life will never return to normal: "The world that you see around you is shaking, the topography is changing, laws of the land [are] being eroded.

"I am the rock, immovable and unchanging. Yet my people have embraced the worldly spirit of the age." He warns that his Church is being rotted from within: "The rot is so deep that it will cause buildings to collapse and institutions, great and small, to just fall apart.

"You must understand that I am not abandoning my Church, but letting the rot reach its fullness. The gates of hell cannot prevail against my Church, but this year and onwards you [will] see institutions and churches close, some for the last time. "Just as my Son died a gruesome

death and was put in a tomb, so my Church sometimes has to suffer and die to be resurrected. Count it pure joy when you undergo testing, because it will refine you and make you as pure gold."

"We are not at the end of days yet, but very close"

Out of adversity, "a great and glorious revival" will be born. "My Church must be like a seed that falls to the ground and dies. Then slowly, from underground, she grows into a mighty oak that spreads across this nation once again."

"We are not at the end of days just yet, but we are very close. It is a season before the very end, which will be short-lived."

"The government of this land has been found wanting"

"This season of revival will be known as the golden age of the Church; all previous revivals such as Azusa Street will pale in comparison, but it will take place through great difficulties and many may become discouraged as they see churches disappear and church leaders who choose to cease to be."

Warning about the nation

"This nation is coming into dark days. The government has allowed terrible laws to be passed that are stealing the innocent minds of children, opening the sluice gates of Sa-

tan himself to infill the minds and infiltrate this whole country through the media.

"My people are believing lies; be aware that most of the things that you think are real are fake and are not true."

"You're going to see people's liberties and civil freedoms being taken away in ways that you've never thought possible"

"The government of this land has been found wanting and I will bring it to a close, but with that will come great consternation and distress. Parliament will implode on itself because the current government is going to pass legislation which will cause this house of cards to finally come down. "You're going to see people's liberties and civil freedoms being taken away in ways that you've never thought possible, but stand firm, Church, as it will only be for a short time."

"I have spared this country for a season"

"From the collapse of that government will come a new government. It will not be a Christian government but it will go back to older laws; they will reset to my agenda, not the global agenda. You see, I have spared this country for a season when equity, peace and justice will rule again."

"But the world will look on Britain with envious eyes and plot against her. However, after the collapse of the [current] government, the land will remain free."

"At the collapse of that [good] government, there will be a time of unrest where things will be very difficult. But in that seemingly darkest hour, wonderful things will happen. The prayers that have been prayed for hundreds of years will come to pass; you'll see churches rising up that bear the traditions of Christianity in this country from ancient times as well as flowing in the things of the Spirit."

"Indeed, there are some already out there that are a prophetic echo of that deep, rich and powerful thing which is to come, where my Spirit and the Word blend in wonderful ways."

Geopolitical danger

"I've given you this word because things are now about to take a very dangerous turn. The geopolitical situation is going to become more untenable, especially between Britain and Europe. Brexit was my will but with that will come difficulties. Europe will look with envious eyes upon this country and they will claim it again for themselves one day."

"So prepare yourself while it is still barely daylight. Get on your knees and pray that you may be worthy to go through this time. Shake off worldliness, shake off contrarianism, shake off the lies of the world."

"You need to pray at this hour because a time of sifting is coming to

my Church, but do not be discouraged, because it is necessary for my beautiful, revived Church to come and revival will be imminent."

An eastern approach!



Rania Sayegh started a prophetic prayer ministry in Nazareth in 2004. The vision is to train and mobilise prayer 'warriors' across Israel to pray for the fulfilment of God's biblical promises for the land and her people

During a time of prayer and worship on 13 September 2021, I was praying for Israel and asking God to forgive sins and transgressions, something I had been doing daily throughout the ten Days of Awe which lead up to the Day of Atonement.

All of a sudden I was taken to the UK in a vision. I saw big, ancient doors in the eastern region of England, while a huge, majestic 'Lion of the tribe of

Judah' – our Lord Jesus – stood in the middle of the land.

As a ticking clock on the ancient gates struck the 11th hour and 11th minute, the Lion roared towards the gates, which were flung open. Behind the ancient doors, I saw a huge number of people cheering and crying out from the cloud of witnesses, cheering the saints and crying out for breakthrough.

I also heard a voice saying, "The time has come for the ancient scrolls of destiny to open up and for my bride to step into all that I have called her to be – the royal priesthood, a glorious, victorious bride."

The Lord is telling England's believers to rise up from slumber and stand as a great army with banners of victory.

I believe the Lord is saying: "I have given the UK the keys of David, take the keys of authority and open wide the gates of destiny for my glory to shine greater in such a time as this! I saw that huge keys had been given to the UK, and these doors also are going to release a 'dunamis' (powerful) glory over Europe and Northern America. The Lord your God is moving in the land and his eyes are upon you; the time of mercy and favour for your land has come!"

(Psalm 24:7-10, Isaiah 22:22, John 11:11)

Outside the Bible, all 'prophecies' are to be 'tested' carefully. These have a similar message and are offered for readers' discernment, encouragement and warning.

Help feed Pakistani Christians

The Rt Rev Bishop Dr Yousaf Nadeem Bhinder, who featured in the June/July 2021 HEART's report of Marianne Gaston's healing from Lyme's Disease, had to flee Pakistan when persecution against Christians intensified to the point that his family was unsafe.

Bishop Nadeem is also a distributor of HEART newspapers in Cheshire, but his time and thoughts are constantly with his Christian brothers and sisters back in Pakistan, where he was a prolific church planter.

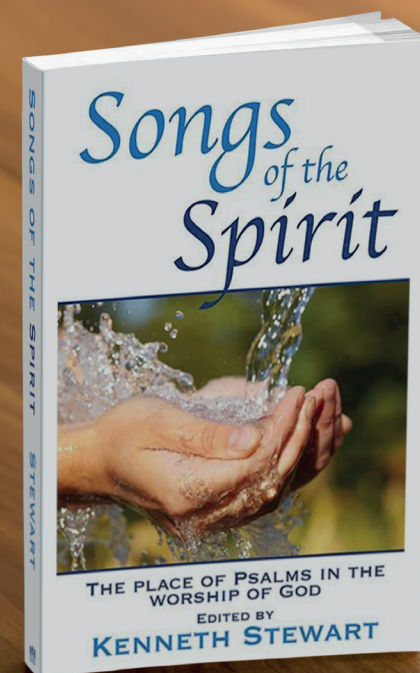
He tries to feed his flock from afar, and began 'His Grace Manna Food Project', rejoicing when he was able to provide 15kg wheat flour bags, 10kg rice bags and Christmas gifts and free prepared meals among 100 families.

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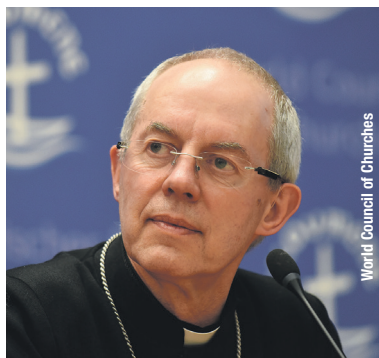
Preachers of the unchanging Gospel truth are sadly peddling lies about those through whom their Saviour came.

It is surely one of Satan's best tactics in attempting to forestall the return of Jesus, who will not come back before his own people recognise him as Messiah (Matthew 23:39).

But much of what comes from church leadership only confirms most Jews' understandable impression that anti-Semitism stems from Jesus's followers.

In the run-up to Christmas, church leaders in Jerusalem put out a statement pointedly accusing Israelis of not doing enough to prevent the desecration of churches by "radical groups" and suggesting that this was the cause of the mass exodus of Christians from the Holy Land.

Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in a Sunday Times article¹ jointly authored with Palestinian Anglican bishop Hosam Naoum, seemed to back up this assertion – the implication being that Israelis are driving the Christians out.



Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, apparently failed to see the real cause of the exodus of Palestinian Christians

But global Christian charity Open Doors has laid the blame for the steep decline of Christians squarely on "Islamic extremist militants" in the Palestinian Authority-administered West Bank. Thanks to them, Christians live in fear of violent attacks.²

Unfortunately, precious little of this is reported in the mainstream media, presumably because it is not connected to Israel – the woke world's perennial whipping boy.

In Cape Town, South Africa, meanwhile, a raging fire swept through its beautiful parliament buildings – just a stone's throw from where the nation had just been mourning the passing of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of its greatest sons.

Now, I have no hesitation in acknowledging his immense

PREACHERS PEDDLING LIES

It's time to recognise the satanic conspiracy behind anti-Semitism



Photo: Charles Gardner

An awesome view of the Judean wilderness, where Jesus was tempted by the devil's lies. We mustn't fall for them either

contribution to the downfall of apartheid, and to the reconciliation that followed, enabling a new South Africa to emerge without the anticipated bloodshed.

But he also touched the "apple of God's eye" (Zechariah 2:8) by preaching against the Jewish state. As fellow South African Stan Goodenough put it, he "wholly embraced the false Palestinian narrative while rejecting the biblical, historical and legal Jewish narrative that gives the lie to his protestations".³

And by the way, he was also an ardent champion of gay rights, and has been quoted as saying: "If God, as they say, is homo-

phobic, I wouldn't worship that God."⁴

Which surely begs the question of which god he did worship? I am reminded of the raging fire that swept through York Minster in 1984 (caused by a lightning strike) following the consecration of a bishop who did not believe in the resurrection.

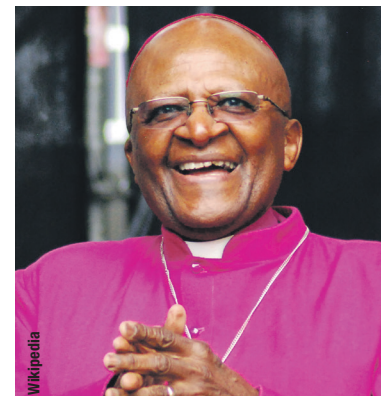
It really does matter whom you worship. Those who touch (as in 'poke their finger' and injure) the most sensitive part of God's affections (ie the Jewish people) will be severely dealt with, either in this life or the next. (Genesis 12:3, Joel 3:2)

It's time we started blessing

God's chosen people, and the best way of doing so is by sharing the Gospel with them (see Romans 1:16).

But we need to practise what we preach. For as 19th century Old Testament scholar Franz Delitzsch put it: "The Church still owes the Jews the actual proof of Christianity's truth. Is it surprising that the Jewish people are such an insensitive and barren field for the Gospel? The Church itself has drenched it in blood and then heaped stones on it."⁵

Meanwhile, the outrageous 'blood libel' accusing Jews of sacrificing Christian children for



Which god did the late Desmond Tutu worship?

their feasts – shamefully birthed in twelfth century England – still persists throughout the Muslim world, and is responsible for much of the current anti-Semitism.

In England, fortunately, a revival of biblical truth led to the rediscovery of God's eternal plan for his ancient people. Thus when the so-called Damascus Affair came to light in 1840, British evangelicals weighed in to rescue those imprisoned for the alleged sacrifice of a Christian monk and his Muslim servant who had mysteriously disappeared.

The only evidence for their involvement came through 'confessions' extracted by torture.⁶ But the damage was done, and the cancer of anti-Semitism has since mutated into many forms, such as accusing Israel of stealing Arab land and of practising apartheid.

But why, I was asked the other day, has anti-Semitism become so prevalent among the Labour left when this form of racism was previously associated with the right? At the end of the day, it's an anti-God thing.

The British Labour Party was founded on Judeo-Christian principles, but now embraces militant atheism among its ranks where virulent anti-Israel sentiments are regularly displayed.

Socialism without God is disastrous – just think of Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mao. And the God of Israel becomes the enemy. Whose side are we on?

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Where are we in terms of God's timetable for the End Times in accordance with Bible prophecies?

"What does the Bible say is going to happen in the world as the time of the end approaches?"

"Will we be facing even tougher times in the coming days?"

Most people can see that the world is worsening in nearly every aspect. Because many people don't know their Bible they are not aware of the events that Bible prophecies tell us are coming, maybe very soon.

The answers to many of these questions can be found in the following Basic Bible Studies by Roger Price.

BBS 43: The Tower of Babel.

It was from the Tower of Babel that the rebellion against God gained momentum and God's response left the earth's population divided.

BBS 45: Does Israel Have a Future?

Nations may come and nations may go, but the Lord God of Israel lives for ever. A study of God's limitless promises to His people provides an emphatic answer to this question.

BBS 48: Will the Church Go Through The Tribulation?

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GARDNER'S WORLD ... CONTINUED

RABBI RESIGNS FROM BBC

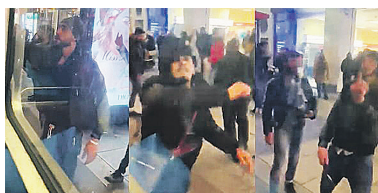


Rabbi YY Rubinstein often contributed to BBC radio programmes

After 30 years of contributing to BBC programming, Rabbi YY Rubinstein has resigned over what he called "inexcusable" anti-Semitism.

The BBC is only just behind Hamas and Iran on a global 'list of shame'

In a letter addressed to a BBC staffer, the rabbi wrote: "The current crisis over anti-Semitism at the Corporation and its attempts to turn the victims of the recent anti-Semitic attack



Hate crime: The incident where the BBC fabricated justification for an attack on frightened Jewish children

on Jewish children in London [into] the perpetrators, was and is inexcusable. The obfuscation and denial that followed was and is utterly damning."

This comes in the wake of news that the BBC is only just behind Hamas and Iran on a global Jewish group's 'list of shame'. Rabbi Marvin Hier, head of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, explained that it was because the BBC was "guilty of several incidences of anti-Semitism during the past year," adding that "when a globally recognised organisation allows anti-Semitism to creep into its reporting, it makes it all the more insidious and dangerous."

Meanwhile the Community Security Trust, which monitors anti-Jewish incidents in the UK, anticipates that 2021 will turn out to be the worst year of anti-Semitism on record.

THE REAL CULPRITS

Further to my main feature calling out church leaders blaming Jews for the exodus of Christians from the Holy Land, it has been pointed out that the 2016 killing of a gorilla in Cincinnati received six times more media coverage than the beheading by Isis of 21 Coptic Egyptian Christians who refused to recant their faith.

Muslim persecution of Christians conforms to sharia-approved patterns

This is just one example of the woeful paucity of reporting on rampant Muslim persecution of Christians around the world.

In Nigeria, for example, 32,000 Christians were butchered to death by the country's main jihadists over the course of the decade just ended. Raymond Ibrahim, author of a Gatestone Institute series entitled Muslim Persecution of Christians, says: "The phenomenon of Muslim persecution of Christians is real: it's unwavering, constant and systemic, and it conforms to sharia-approved patterns — meaning its root source is Islam."



Aramean soldiers of the IDF

CHRISTIAN SOLDIER MARCHES WITH "JEWISH BROTHERS"

The Israeli army's most senior Aramean Christian officer has spoken of his pride in serving his country alongside Jewish soldiers.

Lt Col Ihab Shlayan said he began encouraging greater integration of the Christian community with Israeli society a decade ago, adding: "As a minority of Christians in Israel in general and those serving in the IDF (Israel Defence Force) in particular, we see ourselves as leading the way in the defence of the Holy Land together with our Jewish brothers. For us, too, we have no other country."

LAPID'S JESUS CONNECTION

Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid has caused a sensation with a claim to have come from the family line of Jesus, among other great Jews of history.

Of course, Jesus was Jewish, but for an Israeli Jew in such a prominent role to make the connection is unheard of. He also recently appointed his Messianic Jewish sister-in-law Ilil Keren to a top post, from which she subsequently resigned amidst a storm of protest. But clearly something remarkable is happening — a cage of unbelief is being rattled!

Meanwhile Lapid has signed an historic agreement with his UK counterpart Liz Truss, pledging closer co-operation on a number of fronts including tireless efforts to stop Iran's nuclear weapon programme.

The Israeli minister has also said that one of his country's biggest challenges in 2022 will be in defending charges of being an 'apartheid' state. "There will be debate that is unprecedented in its venom and in its radioactivity around [this theme]," he told reporters.



Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and UK counterpart Liz Truss will co-operate more closely, particularly over the danger posed by Iran's nuclear ambitions

PROBE INTO PLO'S ROME 'DEAL'

The Italian government is investigating newly-published documents which seem to indicate they cut a deal with the PLO not to interfere with terror attacks against Jewish targets. The documents, exposed by an Italian newspaper, relate to a 1982 attack on the Great Synagogue of Rome when three Palestinian terrorists opened fire and threw grenades at Jewish parents picking up their children.



ARABS PREFER ISRAELI RULE

A staggering 93% of Arab residents in Jerusalem would prefer to remain under Israeli rather than Palestinian rule, a new poll has found. None of those polled are Israeli citizens, but they can request such, and do carry an ID card allowing freedom of movement within Israel proper.



TRUMP TOLD OFF

A leading Messianic Jew has warned Donald Trump that he would not win the next US presidential election if he put evangelicals in the position of having to choose between him and the Bible land. Mike Evans was responding to comments made by the former president which appeared to blame Israel, and not the Palestinians, for failure to make peace.

MOROCCO AND LIBYA WARMING UP TOWARDS ISRAEL

Following Israeli moves towards closer co-operation with Morocco, a Libyan warlord is reported to have offered to normalise

relations with the Jewish state in exchange for diplomatic and military support.

WILL CHILE TURN COLD?

The election of Gabriel Boric, a far-left politician hostile to Israel, as Chile's new president could spark debate about the future of the Jewish community there.

FACEBOOK PULLS HISTORICAL FILM

Facebook has removed a video posted by the Im Tirtzu Zionist movement that traces the history of Jerusalem and the Holy Land from biblical times to the present, noting that the concept of a Palestinian nation only came about in recent years.

The two-minute film is currently available only in Hebrew. "It is sad that simple historical truths are being labelled as 'hate speech' by Facebook," a spokesman for Im Tirtzu said.

Books and articles by Charles Gardner

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

- 'Hatred – and hope'
- 'Hypocrisy over racism'
- 'Olympic trauma'
- 'Shabbat shalom!'
- 'Sabbath revisited Part II'

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

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

THE RESHAPING OF THE FUTURE

Driven primarily by fear, the measures introduced in the pandemic have been catastrophic for many people. With populations weakened mentally and financially, our debt-based money system is now being replaced by a new regime.

Financial adviser Graham Bridger explains the anticipated dramatic change in people's lives after the 'new normal' was introduced by the World Economic Forum

Fear has driven global populations into accepting draconian measures by governments that threaten democracy itself.

Millions of small-to-medium-sized businesses have closed, which has been devastating to economies.

The new emergency laws – enforcing lockdowns, social distancing and mask wearing – had involved minimal, if any, democratic process.

People are confused. Why would governments introduce policies that are wrecking economies? Why do this for the sake of a so-called pandemic flu-like virus that hundreds, if not thousands of doctors and scientists of international repute, say has a recovery rate of more than 99.7 per cent?

It is now dawning on many people that there is more than meets the eye to this onslaught of governments in unison across the world.

The 2008 global debt crisis, was, I believe, the first major sign that revealed our world monetary debt-

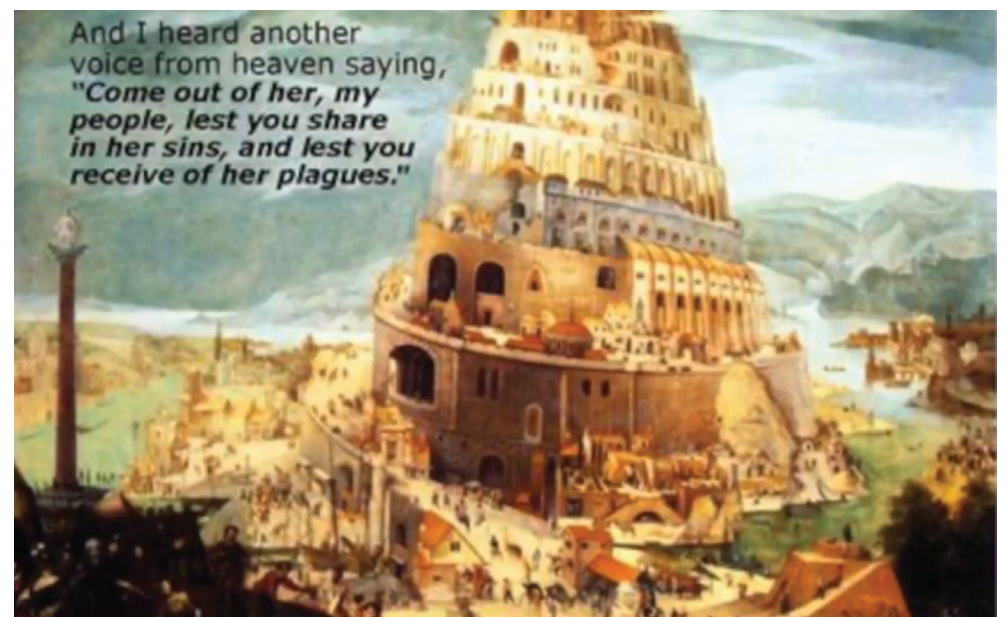
based system (sustained only by massive amounts of money printing over many years) had suffered the equivalent of a near fatal heart attack. The system could be likened to a drug addict being kept alive by more and more of the same drugs.

But the patient (world economy) was near to death and the withdrawal of a drug – money printing – that was keeping the addict alive, needed to be withdrawn.

We are now in the process of this debt-based money system being replaced by a new system. But what is this new system to be?

Coming into view is the introduction of what central bankers are calling CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency). The current world money system that requires ever increasing amounts of unrepayable debt, now in the multi-trillions, is ending.

I believe that everything we thought we knew about how life works is about to change.



Many well-known world leaders, including former US Presidents Bush and Obama, and ex-UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown, have, over many decades, referred to the dawning of a 'New World Order'. But none of us should be surprised by this because it is crystal clear in the prophetic Scriptures that a time such as this would come.

Who would have thought that we would be the ones alive at this moment in time?

See <https://www.bitchute.com/video/JU9a9INaHd46/>

The big picture is gradually coming into view. More and more people are beginning to realise that a pathway is emerging.

It is drawing the world closer and closer towards outcomes that will eventually prevent people from having the ability to buy and sell. There will be no freedom without accepting the digitalised systems that will be able to identify anyone on earth, as outlined in the book of Revelation in the Bible.

Because world trade is the lifeblood that enables people to buy and sell, and it cannot function without money, the first 'system' has to be the introduction of a replacement for the now failed debt-based monetary system. That is why central banks are at the point of launching Central Bank Digital Currencies.

This will enable central authorities to control the flow of money (as they can now) through mass manipulation. But this new system will also enable them to utilise mass identification surveillance techniques.

The clearest example of how this is working in a large population can be

seen in China's Social Credit System, which uses advanced AI (Artificial Intelligence) computer systems to track everything citizens do.

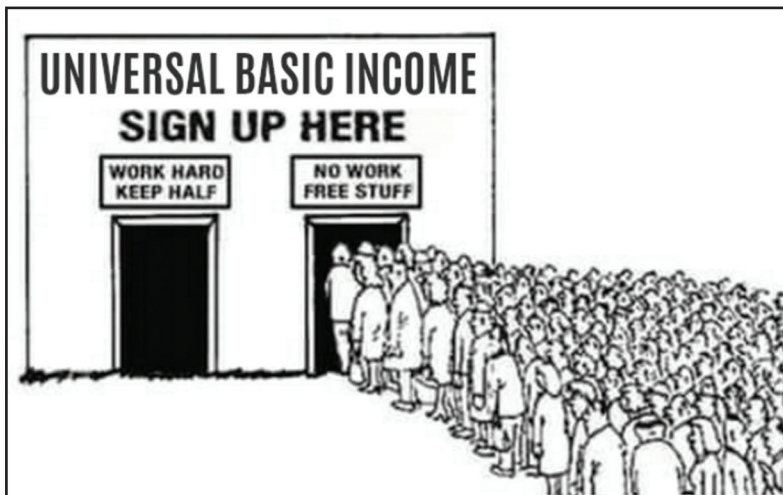
It is not even possible to use the train or buy an unsuitable book unless your digital ID shows that you are a 'good citizen', in which case you will have a 'green' on your digital passport that means you are complying with government dictates.



This is not new – history is full of tyrannical leaders who persuaded people of the need to be kept safe. Of course, all the references by world elites to the New World Order are for the 'common good'.

The need to accept rules and regulations, which include having to use currency that has been digitalised and issued by the central banking system, is the ultimate control. The clear intention is to replace cash, that





enables people to transact anonymously, with a method of control that prevents any transaction from being made if it doesn't comply.

And so, who are these elites making decisions for our apparent good?

Helpful clues to the people hidden in the background came from Simon Johnson, former chief economist of the International Monetary Fund, and Gillian Tett, a British author and journalist at the Financial Times, where she is chair of the editorial board and editor-at-large, US.

They appeared in the award-winning film, 'Four Horsemen', by Mark Braund and directed by Ross Ashcroft, which was considered one of the top documentaries when released in 2012.

'Four Horsemen' lifted the lid on how the world really works, describing an "elite class, which rules with unparalleled power and unchecked corruption, while the general population sits narcotised by a widespread sense of apathy".

The introduction to the video is described by the makers, Renegade Inc, as "a time when we will never return to business as usual. Twenty-three international thinkers, government advisors and Wall Street money men break the silence and explain how to establish a more moral and just society.

"'Four Horsemen' is free from mainstream media propaganda – the film doesn't bash bankers, criticise politicians or get involved in conspiracy theories. It ignites the debate about how to usher a new economic paradigm into the world which would dramatically improve the quality of life for billions".

You can still see the film on You Tube at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fbvquHSPJU>

The illusion of growth and so-called wealth is about to end. All the paper assets that are currently held and counted as wealth are likely to literally dissolve because they represent only debt.

The introduction of a new, digital, centralised money system controlled by central banks can then emerge and replace the old debt-based system, which has run its course.

Watch these videos online for further evidence:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yZ5mjbB1lI>

<https://odysee.com/@Illusion2Reality:b/Bank-of-International-Settlements-CNDC-Complete-Control-copy:d>

Agustin Carstens, General Manager of the Bank of International Settlements, is recorded as saying: (see video link): "We intend to introduce CBDC (Chinese Social Credit System) as cash, but there is a huge difference here. For example, with cash, we don't

know who is using a \$100 bill today and we don't know who is using a 1000 peso note today.

"A key difference with the CBDC is that the central bank will have absolute control over all the regulations that determine the use of that central bank activity and also, we will have the technology to enforce that. Those two issues are extremely important and that makes a huge difference as to what cash is."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXyzpMDtpSE>

The implementation of AI technology and robotics will eventually replace human labour. A Universal Basic Income would sustain all

those who no longer have jobs, although in order to qualify, people will soon learn they will have to abide by strict rules and regulations. This will be just like the Chinese Social Credit System, which totally controls the lives and movements of millions of people who know nothing different.

Further information can be seen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXyzpMDtpSE>

No doubt, readers will want to know what they can do to protect their assets in the light of these utopian and authoritarian regulations to come. This is, of course, a very complicated subject, but

in simple terms, everybody needs to consider ensuring that a large majority of any cash or savings is actually invested into tangibles, which would include land, property and other assets, and that can actually be held without any liability against them through any third party source.

There is no doubt that the reshaping of the future is coming about, but this is in line with what the Bible says would happen in all the prophetic Scriptures. However, the God of the Bible who made the whole universe also plans for the reshaping of the future when Jesus returns.

8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.^[a]

9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Revelation 13:8-9

RECOGNISING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Clearly, we cannot know the future, but we are commanded to watch for the signs of the times (just as Jesus told those he spoke to when he first came).

He was astounded that the people knew how to read the weather signs but could not recognise the signs of the times that spoke of his coming to earth.

The challenge for all Bible-believing Christians, born of the Holy Spirit and seeking to hear from the Lord, must surely be to check the signs to see whether they are in line with the prophetic Scriptures that speak about the second coming of Jesus. But are they?

That we are nearing the return of Jesus Christ to reclaim the earth for himself and to rule for 1,000 years is now being proclaimed by many Bible-believing Christians. But we also need to realise that we are nearing the end of the Church age, which will involve the rise of the 'beast system', described in the Bible, together with an overlord (the Antichrist) who will control the entire world.

In the book of Genesis, when sin first entered the world, mankind was set on a self-determining future, wanting to do away with the concept of God.

At the building of the Tower of Babel, Satan used Nimrod to cause the people to come together as one through the use of a common language. This was despite God's command to go and scatter to fill the earth.

The Bible says that Nimrod urged people to want to make a name for themselves and to reach to the heavens – effectively to be as God.

Today we can see that in man's continued striving for independence and to be like God he has finally, through technological expertise, reached the stage where he can believe that he can be eternal.

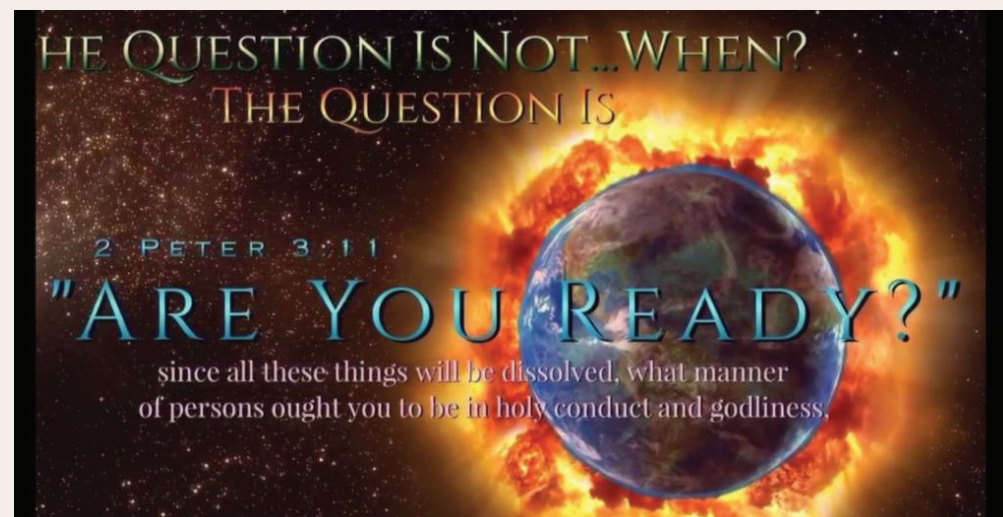
Thus the elites have enabled themselves to literally control the masses

through the processes I have described. They have manipulated the future, which will serve the purposes of the Antichrist.

These powerful elitist individuals have always believed in evolution and the concept of eugenics which they believe will enable them to control the world's population. To them, our sheer numbers could not be sustained with the limited resources available, leading to the destruction of the planet.

see the manipulation and convergence of events that is being used to bring about Satan's greatest ambition, which is to receive the worship of the whole world that belongs only to the Lord God.

This article is based on a talk given by Graham Bridger last December, 2021. It follows on from his session, 'The Death of Dreams' given at the Navigating the Pandemic Fog conference last March,



The elitist individuals involved often come from dark backgrounds and include members of powerful families like the Gates and Rockefellers. With connections that have infiltrated deep into the heart of society at so many levels over many generations, they now wield great power within organisations including the World Health Organisation, the pharmaceutical industry and many of the top trans-global corporations, where major conflicts of interest exist.

The truth is, that for those with eyes to see and ears to hear, it is possible to

2021. The talk can be viewed at <https://odysee.com/@Illusion2Reality:b/1.-The-Reshaping-of-the-Future-Part-One-46mins-44s-3:f>

<https://odysee.com/@Illusion2Reality:b/2.-The-Reshaping-of-the-Future-Part-Two-51mins-11secs:3>

Two articles by Graham Bridger on the Great Reset can be read at www.heartpublications.co.uk

His book, 'Converging Signs and Rejection of Truth' is available from Amazon.

"I MET GOD WHILE MILKING THE COWS"

By Chris Eyte

THE SIGHT of the city of Perth on the pink horizon caught the breath of the teenage boy standing alone on the ship as the waves lashed the bow.

It was Richard Hatt's 16th birthday, but there were no family or friends present to celebrate. Both parents were dead – his father, Cpl James Hatt, blown up in a V1 bomb blast in the Second World War and his mother Ada from cancer.

Richard had travelled across oceans to reach Sydney, Australia from his home town of Maidstone, Kent. It was February 1955 and for Richard, it marked a new chapter in his young life.

Richard recalls: "My father's brother George had been appointed my guardian as I was under age and had some behavioural challenges.

"Having seen an advert placed by the Australian government offering opportunities to young men, with sponsored passage, he believed this was a great opportunity for me."

Richard already had farm experience and soon found a job on a dairy farm near Muswellbrook, NSW.

"Unable to adjust properly I left after nine months and returned to the organisation who offered me a job on a farm 30km from Deniliquin, NSW.

"I enjoyed most of my time there, but lost contact with my family."

Richard missed being part of a family. Born in March 1940, the youngest of three boys, both his parents were Christians who had met at a church youth camp. His dad volunteered for the army when the war began, assigned to a tank squadron and training base at Charing near Maidstone.

"In June 1944 the unit was to be part of the second wave of the invasion force. At 6.30am on 24 June, the day they were to move out, a V1 came down on the camp, killing 44 men including my father.

"After the war my widowed mother went out to work, but in 1949 she had to go into hospital for breast cancer, followed by radiotherapy. This meant she had less time for us.

Life took an unexpected turn when he suddenly discovered the friendship of God

"In May 1953 a recurrence of the cancer took her back into hospital and my brothers and I moved out, never to return. For a while I was moved around until I got a farm job with digs in a nearby village."

He combined school with the farm work until his mother died in January 1954; that March he left school to work full time on the farm.

That is how the teenage boy, still mourning the loss of his

heart for thee', and at once I knew I was not alone.

"God had come into my life."

In late 1959, Richard found his way back to England. Living in Yorkshire, he held down different jobs over the next decade, "never managing to renew family relationships or settling".

After meeting a girl, they married in 1969 and had two daughters, "my pride and joy".

Life seemed good until she met another man. "After much wrangling she left, leaving my daughters with me." Richard had to stop working to look after them, which meant leaving his tied accommodation and moving into a council house.

Richard then met Angela, who also had two children. She moved in with him and he got work as a houseparent at a local special school for boys with behavioural difficulties.

It was a teacher at the school who later helped Richard find a deeper relationship with God. It happened when he helped

teacher also encouraged him to seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

"I accepted Jesus into my life and on returning home I shared this with my partner, who then gave her life to the Lord, too. We were baptised together and duly got married."

God has healed Richard

and his wife Angela of "many hurts", including, after 50 years, reconciling him with his two brothers.

He has also blessed him with "four wonderful grandchildren" and 39 years of marriage, "during which the Holy Spirit has been the third strand holding us together."



Richard Hatt pictured with his wife Angela at the grave of his father in Lenham, Kent, in 2018



Teenage adventure: Richard Hatt, then aged 17, working on a farm near Deniliquin, NSW, Australia

parents, found himself working on an Australian dairy farm, thousands of miles from home. Yet life took an unexpected turn when he suddenly discovered the friendship of God.

"One afternoon while milking the cows I started singing the hymn, 'O come to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my

out during a week's break for the schoolboys in North Wales. During an outbreak of persistent rain, he and the teacher sat in the minibus.

"I shared my background with him and he shared the Christian message with me, pointing out that I needed to let Jesus into my life." The

How do I become a Christian?

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

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

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

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

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

I am willing to turn away from my sin.

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





PERSECUTION WATCH

by Rami Dabbas



Iraq



IRAQ'S CHRISTIANS FACE WORKPLACE BIAS

Firas Younan is considering leaving Iraq in the future. The Christian doctor, who hails from the province of Mosul and lives in Baghdad, has lost hope of being promoted to a higher position at work.

Working for the Iraqi Ministry of Health, Firas avoids discussing workplace discrimination with colleagues, because they see a Christian as an "infidel".

Before Isis entered Mosul, Firas was promoted to department head, but another employee challenged the appointment, asking: "How can you be satisfied with a Christian who will be responsible for you, while you are Muslims?"

As a result, the official promotion letter was not sent, and the other employee remained in post. Firas said: "Even if I complain about him, the matter will not be looked at."

Minorities in Iraq are marginalised and excluded, even in their workplaces, because of



Christians worshipping in Turkey, led by Iraqi Pastor Bassam Haddad

religion, creed, or thought. This is contrary to Iraq's constitution which guarantees religious rights and the international agreements providing for minorities' human rights signed by Iraq.

Discrimination is mainly due to the political imbalance, according to Iraqi pastor Bassam Haddad.

Now a refugee church leader in Turkey, Pastor Bassam says: "Iraqi society is divided between Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds, whose blocs dominate the majority of senior positions in the country."



Pastor Bassam Haddad, originally from Iraq, says workplace discrimination is sectarian and religious

Syria



Religious converts in Syria

Baptisms are being cancelled or done in secret in Damascus, as the Syrian capital's security authorities impose strict restrictions on religious conversion.

Some sects, such as the Greek Orthodox, refrain from baptising Muslims altogether, but other sects, such as the Roman Catholics, carry out baptisms for converts in complete secrecy; indeed, one priest was arrested for performing a baptism.

Before Syria's civil war, the Index of Human Freedom, issued annually by the Cato Institute and the Fraser Institute, had previously put Syria on a par with France and Norway, but its assessment fell sharply after war broke out.

In fact, the Index measures only two issues: the freedom to establish religious institutions, and the independence of religious bodies and institutions and does not cover conversion.

Talal al-Khoury, a Syrian



Talal al-Khoury says the Syrian government forbids conversion to Christianity

Christian now residing in Canada, says: "Syrian law is derived from Islamic Sharia, so while the Syrian government allows conversion to Islam from any other religion, it is forbidden to convert from Islam to another religion such as Christianity."

Do you know what it's like to live under a sheet, in a field, during a snowy winter, with no food, no warmth and no hope?



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PERSECUTION WATCH by Andrew Halloway

India



HINDUS ATTACK CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Hindu nationalists stopped many Christmas services in northern India through violence or intimidation.

Morning Star News report that in one attack on a house church

service in Haryana state on 25 December, extremists beat up a 73-year-old pastor and seriously wounded his son. In Indri, Karnal District, villagers destroyed a church building on Christmas

morning, forcing the congregation to celebrate in the open air. In Ambala Cantonment on Boxing Day, a statue of Christ was smashed to pieces, and in Musimbal village, Yamunanagar, Hindu nationalists disrupted a Christmas celebration, arguing with the pastor and chanting slogans.

In Madhya Pradesh, a Christian-run school was attacked by hundreds of Hindus who smashed glass, broke chairs and damaged vehicles while students were trying to take exams. The mob was incited by false allegations against the school by extremists on social media.

Christian leaders say that in most cases the police did little to stop the attacks or arrest the perpetrators.



Morning Star News

Damage at a Christian-run school in Ganj Basoda, Madhya Pradesh state, India

Kenya



CHRISTIANS TORTURED AND BEHEADED

At least six Christians were brutally killed in Kenya's coastal Lamu region near Somalia in January.

Al-Shabaab Muslim militants are suspected to be responsible.

International Christian Concern reports that seven houses were destroyed and four bodies burned beyond recognition inside. Outside, one person was shot dead and another decapitated. Five of the six people had their hands tied together.

Al-Shabaab have previously made attacks on both sides of the Somalia and Kenya border.

Somali Muslims also broke a pastor's leg in a separate attack in north-eastern Kenya on 3 December, beating him for leaving Islam.



Christian Solidarity International

Congo



SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS 6 PEOPLE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

A suicide bomber killed six people, including a small girl, and injured 14 others who were celebrating Christmas at a restaurant in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The Islamist rebel group, Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) is suspected to be responsible for the attack, which happened on Christmas Day in the city of Beni in eastern DRC.

The ADF has attacked Christians before, and is fighting the DRC army in Nord Kivu and Ituri provinces.

Uganda



MUM AND KIDS HANGED FOR FAITH

A Christian mother and her children have been killed in central Uganda, allegedly by her Muslim husband.

Morning Star News reports that the husband, Hamidu Kasimbi, is suspected of hanging his wife and two children because she and the oldest child became Christians after attending a church.

A neighbour found the bodies of Shamira Nakato and her children, aged three and eight, in their house in Bwetyaba village, Kayunga District, on 28 December.

A Muslim neighbour told Kasimbi that his wife was seen entering a church on two occasions over Christmas. The pastor of the church

said that Kasimbi pulled her out of the church and beat his wife.

Later, locals heard screaming from the couple's house. Police are searching for the husband.

In eastern Uganda, Bishop Raymond Malinda Opio was attacked by Muslim extremists on 31 December after preaching in an evangelistic campaign which led four Muslims to Christ, including one who held a decree in sharia (Islamic law). The extremists beat Opio and threatened to kill him, but left the scene when local men heard Opio's cries for help.

In Eastern Uganda in December, new converts were driven from their homes and a Christian farmer's plantation was destroyed.

Finland



BISHOP AND POLITICIAN FACE TRIAL FOR 'HATE SPEECH'



Päivi Räsänen, facing two years in prison for defending her faith

Päivi Räsänen, a member of the Finnish parliament, and an Evangelical Lutheran bishop, Juhana Pohjola, are both being prosecuted after the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland published Räsänen's book, 'Male and Female He Created Them: Homosexual Relationships Challenge the Christian Concept of Humanity.'

Pohjola told Christianity Today that he believes in the "God-given dignity, value and human rights of those who identify themselves as homosexuals" but also believes that the Bible teaches that same-sex acts are sinful.

Räsänen could be jailed for two years. She believes that if she is convicted, it would have dire consequences for evangelical Christians in Finland.

A Christian politician and bishop are standing trial for their biblical view of homosexuality. They are accused of violating the equality and dignity of LGBT people.

Britain



UK HOSTS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SUMMIT

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss has announced that Britain will host a global summit on freedom of religion in London in July.

The conference aims to bring together international governments and faith leaders to promote freedom of religion and belief. Similar events have previously been held in the US and Poland.

The Foreign Secretary said: "I want all people, everywhere, to be free from discrimination and persecution regardless of their opinions and beliefs. We have used our G7 Presidency to defend and advance these fundamental freedoms and will build on that when we host friends and partners from across the world."



Foreign Secretary Liz Truss is backing religious freedom

Haiti



All missionary hostages freed

The gang responsible for kidnapping 17 North American missionaries in Haiti finally released all its remaining hostages in December.

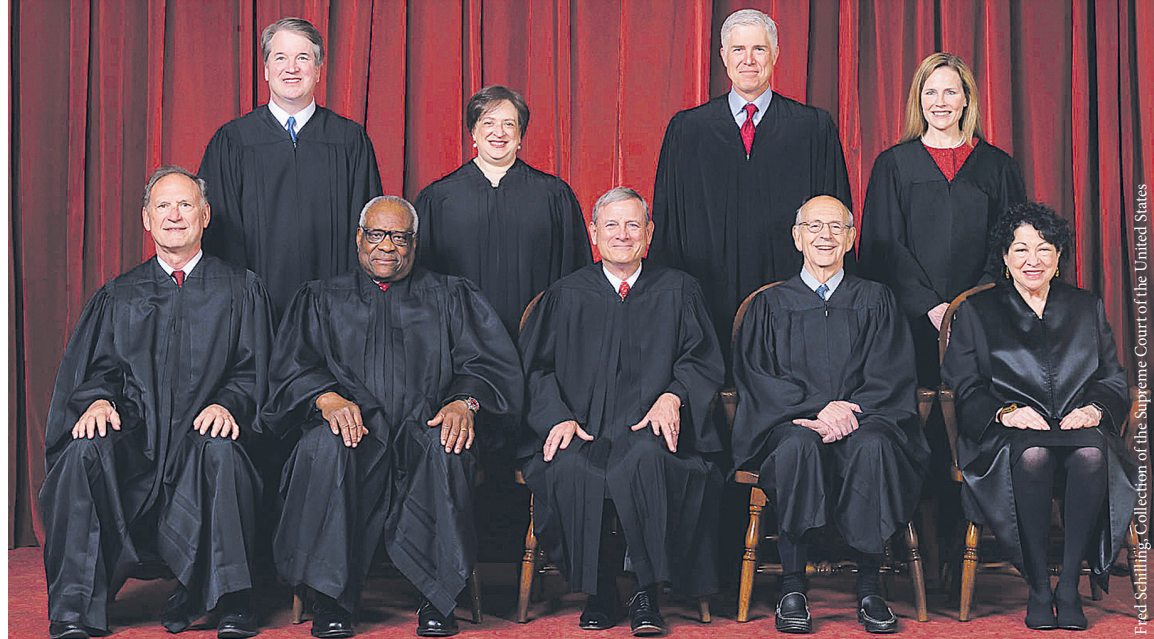
Staff and children of the Ohio-based missionary group Christian Aid Ministries were captured on 16 October. Five were freed in earlier releases and the last 12 in mid-December.

A statement by Christian Aid Ministries said: "We glorify God for answered prayer... Join us in praising God that all 17 of our loved ones are now safe."

CBN News reported that the gang had demanded \$1 million for each person. According to Premier News, a ransom was paid but it was not known how much or by whom.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SUPREME COURT MIGHT OVERTURN US ABORTION LAWS



Pro-life legislation hangs in the balance at the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court justices: Front row, left to right: Samuel A Alito, Jr, Clarence Thomas, John G Roberts, Jr, Stephen G Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor. Back row, left to right: Brett M Kavanaugh, Elena Kagan, Neil M Gorsuch, Amy Coney Barrett

On 1 December, the US Supreme Court agreed to consider a Mississippi law that aims to ban abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

Its final ruling is due in June, but if it supports the law, it would be the biggest change to abortion regulations in a generation.

Currently, abortion rights are based on foetal viability outside the womb, which has been set at 23 or 24 weeks. The Mississippi law hasn't yet been enforced because of a legal challenge by Mississippi's only abortion provider, the Jackson Women's Health Organisation.

Mississippi is asking for the famous Roe v Wade decision, on which US abortion law is based, to be overturned, which would remove the constitutional right to an abortion in the US. Then states would be able to make their own decisions on abortion, and over 20 states may then introduce new restrictions.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court has allowed abortion providers to challenge a Texas abortion law which bans most abortions after about six weeks – the strictest regulation to be passed in America – yet has left the law in place in the meantime.

More die from abortion than Covid

The leading cause of death across the world in 2021 was abortion.

Almost 43 million children were aborted, according to global statistics website Worldometer. In contrast, 3.5 mil-

lion died with coronavirus in 2021, according to the World Health Organisation.

The abortion total easily eclipsed cancer at 8.2 million deaths, smoking at 5 million, road accidents at 1.3 million

and suicide at 1 million. In fact, the abortion statistic is not far behind the total of deaths from all other causes combined, put at 58.7 million. On that calculation, 42 percent of all human deaths in 2021 were abortions.

TWITTER BANS BLOGGER FOR STATING FACTS

Twitter has temporarily suspended a US blogger for saying that men are men.

Daily Wire commentator Matt Walsh was blocked from Twitter in January for stating the biological sex of three male-to-female transgender people who have achieved success over biological women.

In another tweet, he said he would not use transgender pronouns.

After being reinstated on Twitter, Walsh said: "I would like to sincerely apologise for the reckless comments that got me suspended. I now realise that biology doesn't exist, science is a myth, men are women, women

are men... It all makes sense to me now."



Matt Walsh – critic of trans ideology

30,000 CHURCHES USE NEW TECH TO EVANGELISE

Over 30,000 churches are using tech company Gloo to utilise personal data to target individuals who may be open to faith.

For churches whose congregations have dwindled in the last two years, maybe due to the pandemic, Gloo provides data on people's behaviour and interactions that churches can then reach with internet advertising.

Gloo can identify individuals who might have a range of problems, including marriage difficulties, depression, anxiety, or drug use.

Irish medics come out against assisted dying



The Dying with Dignity bill has to be debated in a special Oireachtas committee

Ireland's psychiatrists are opposing the latest attempt to introduce assisted dying and euthanasia in the country.

A new position paper by The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland says the Dying with Dignity bill (2020) would pressurise vulnerable patients into ending their lives.

Euthanasia is not necessary for a dignified death

The College, which represents around 1,000 doctors, supports a dignified death through palliative care rather than assisted suicide.

One of the authors of the paper,

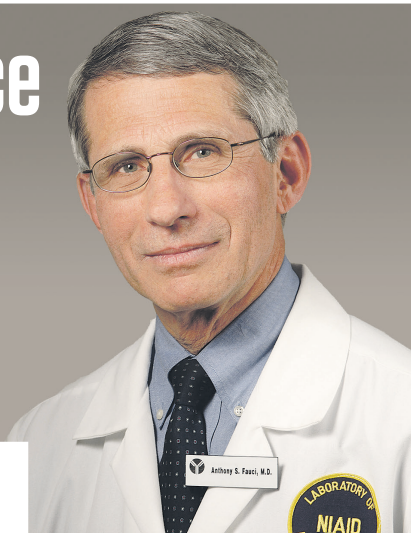
Dr Eric Kelleher, says: "Not only is euthanasia not necessary for a dignified death, but techniques used to bring about death can themselves result in considerable and protracted suffering."

The psychiatrists' paper also says that, "once introduced, assisted dying is likely to be applied more broadly to other groups, such that the numbers undertaking the procedure grow considerably above expectations".

This 'slippery slope' has been experienced in places where assisted dying is legal, including the Netherlands, Belgium, Canada and the US state of Oregon.

The bill, due for more debate early this year, has already passed its first two stages in the Dáil.

New evidence emerges of Covid origin cover-up



Dr Anthony Fauci, Chief Medical Advisor to the President

When journalists began reporting in early 2020 that Covid-19 may have originated at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China, top US health officials moved to quash the rumours.

Details of a secret 1 February 2020 teleconference were previously released but were heavily redacted – until now.

On 11 January, uncensored versions of some of the emails were made public. According to the Epoch Times, these emails strongly suggest that the Chief Medical Advisor to the President, Anthony Fauci, and other scientists began promoting the natural origin theory, despite possessing evidence and expert opinions that gave greater weight to a leak from the Wuhan lab.

At least two top scientists told Fauci during the teleconference

that they were 60 to 80 per cent sure that SARS-Cov2 was devised in a laboratory, and Mike Farzan – an immunologist who discovered the receptor of the original SARS virus – said the new virus was "highly unlikely" to have arisen in nature.

A recent study in the science journal Nature showed that Covid-19 was uniquely adapted to infect humans, which ties in with 'gain of function' experiments alleged to have been conducted in Wuhan. In May 2021, Fauci admitted that he is "not convinced" that Covid-19 originated naturally.

PRAYER TOPICS

COVID SCIENCE IN PRACTICE

An Interdisciplinary Symposium II Sounding the Call

Presented by **DOCTORS FOR COVID ETHICS** . doctors4covidethics.org

Hosted by **UK COLUMN** . ukcolumn.org

If you cannot locate the sources for this information, please email letters@heartpublications.co.uk (mark it 'Not for publication')



A report on this conference by a reader can be read at www.heartpublications.co.uk

PRAY

for our children to be protected from unnecessary medical interventions.

Evidence now shows an increase in deaths among young men since recent vaccinating began. There are also many reports of elite athletes who can no longer compete due to heart problems.

Doctors at the UK-based HART, (Health Advisory and Recovery Team) wrote to the MHRA on 19 January, asking for an urgent response to children's post-vaccine deaths. They say:

"Myocarditis in children and young adults cannot be dismissed as a mild and self-limiting condition".

<https://www.hartgroup.org/open-letter-to-the-mhra-regarding-child-death-data/>



View the MHRA Yellow Card Covid-19 Adverse Reactions Data

Only the UKColumn provides a searchable database for this vital UK Government Vaccine Adverse Reaction Data

Bhakdi/Burkhardt pathology results show 93% of people who died after being vaccinated were killed by the vaccine
The vaccine was implicated in 93% of the deaths in the patients they examined. What's troubling is the coroner didn't implicate the vaccine in any of those deaths.

Steve Kirsch
Dec 28, 2021



PRAY

for truth to come out

Exaggerated death figures

In response to a Freedom of Information request in December 2021, the ONS admitted that only 17,371 people had died whose death certificates showed Covid as the sole cause of death (ie they had no co-morbidities). The government's Covid death figures were 137,133 (within 28 days of a positive test), since the start of the 'pandemic'. When this emerged in January, even the measured Dr John Campbell called this "quite profound data". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UHvwWWcjYw>

Neil Oliver from GB News is one of the few UK media spokesmen recognising the reality of what governments acting in unison to politicise medicine have done over the past two years. On 17 January he retorted, "It's too late" after a Danish tabloid apologised ("We failed") over its reporting of the Covid death figures.

Excess cancer deaths

Dr John Campbell also publicised the 50,000 extra cancer deaths estimated to happen as a result of lockdowns by Prof Karol Sikora, due, among other reasons, to patients being unable to see their GP.

On average, there are twice as many reports of cancer following the COVID shots compared to all other vaccines combined over the last 31 years (article on Dr J Mercola's site).

Robert F Kennedy Jr (childrenshealthdefense.org) has published an article on the media's funding by tech billionaires. This includes the BBC, The Times and Daily Telegraph.

There are multiple sources of 'alternative' medical information, including

www.ukcolumn.org

www.lifesitenews.com

www.childrenshealthdefense.org

A library of videos compiled by a Christian researcher can be seen at
<https://odysee.com/@Illusion2Reality>

PRAY

for healing, physical and emotional, in victims and families.

Never before in history has a 'vaccine' (unauthorised experimental gene therapy drug) had such detrimental effects in such a short period of time with thousands of deaths and millions of adverse effects, many of which are life changing, while thousands of doctors and scientists of high repute around the world were trying to warn the public, but at the same time being held as conspiracy theorists and then shut down by governments, mainstream media and social media platforms under the control of 'Big Tech' in cahoots with governments. This propaganda has turned citizens against each other and caused division in societies never known before. Pray that no 'roots of bitterness' grow in those who have suffered, both from the Covid measures through lockdown and not being able to visit relatives and the adverse effects.

See testimony of Dr Ben Edwards at the US Senate hearing:
<https://odysee.com/@Illusion2Reality:b/Dr-Gives-Senate-Committee-testimony-about-Vaccines-10.05.2021:6>

'Toxic batches' of vials were identified by a Kingston University researcher, indicating that an experiment within an experiment was being conducted.

<https://marktaliano.net/video-reiner-fuellmich-and-50-lawyers-different-batches-and-lethal-doses-the-vaccines-are-designed-to-kill/>

(Also reported on other platforms)

PRAY for justice to be done. As the jabs are officially experimental until at least 2023, medical insurance companies will not cover treatment for adverse effects, as the patient 'willingly' took part in a medical experiment – hence the charges brought to the ICC over breaches of the Nuremberg Code.

Similarly a Swiss life insurance company refused to pay out for the death of a businessman for the same reason (reported by ukcolumn.org).



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MANKIND'S CLIMATIC ARROGANCE



Professor Brian Cox has shown both the universe's awesome wonder through 'telescopes in space' and its continuous, catastrophic chaos.

Our universe is not a safe place and we have no apparent way of escape!

Planet earth is also in a state of absolute chaos with any number of catastrophes just waiting to happen, even without our human help. Unmistakable evidence of tectonic plate activity, devastating historic damage by 'space debris', earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and worldwide glacial activity continue to manure the landscape.

Since time began there have been extreme, extensive and long-lasting droughts, destructive storms and floods, widespread desertification, vast locust swarms, worldwide plagues and the rest, and uncontrollable forest fires.

And the arrogance of 'human-kind' is to believe that we can 'interfere' with these 'natural processes' and make it 'safe' again. Where is the evidence?

It's time we read the official text book of the 'history' of the universe, the potential outcomes, and thus discover the ultimate way of 'escape' - the Holy Bible.

Much of what we have witnessed, and are witnessing now, is all recorded, as are end-time scenarios which many Christians believe are now rapidly approaching.

As a Christian I believe that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of Israel, through

his Son, Jesus Christ, sustains it all, and is in control of it all.

But it is conditional - we are to love him and to obey his 'rules' - and also to love his people Israel whom he chose to be the means of revealing himself to humankind. We are to see him, and him alone, as the source of our salvation from the shambles we are in.

Unfortunately we now seem to have got to the point where we increasingly don't even believe that a 'God' exists, let alone pay attention to any 'rules'.

So, in disregarding the divinely inspired boundaries, God is gradually withdrawing his active support from his creation, and we are now witnessing the devastating consequences of our 'go-it-alone' arrogance which is causing so much distress among all peoples.

Andrew E Bloxham
Emsworth

Wake-up call

Charles Gardner offers us a timely wake-up call ('The King is coming', Gardner's World December/January 2021-22).

He reminds us to be expectant of the Lord's soon return.

However, we need to be clear as to the order of end-time events.

Mr Gardner singles out a particular future war against Israel - that of Gog/Magog, as described in Ezekiel 38-39. This is not to be confused with the Battle of Armageddon, occurring at the end of the Great Tribulation period.

The Gog/Magog forces will be defeated on the mountains of Israel (Ezekiel 39:4), not on the plains of Megiddo.

It is at the Battle of Armageddon that the Jews will recognise "the one they have pierced" as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:9). There is no reference to the name of Yeshua (Jesus) in connection to the Gog/Magog war.

A more likely immediate prospect is the war mentioned in Psalm 83, involving Israel's adjoining Arab neighbours. It is an Israeli victory here which will determine Israel's predominance in the Middle East and fulfil the settled conditions that set the scene for the war of Gog/Magog (Ezekiel 38:10-16).

Whether or not the 'rapture' will have occurred in the meantime is an intriguing question!

John Stone
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex

No second chance

I am grateful to Dr Graham Wade for prompting me to think about the hope that we have in Jesus ('Hope the Church ignores', August/September 2021).

But his promotion of 'rapture theology' is sadly contrary to what the whole of Scripture consistently teaches - that Christ's return at the close of the age will be once only, absolute and final.

Indeed, the examples of readiness named by Jesus in the very passages that Dr Ward cites (Matthew 24:36-44 and Luke 17:26-37) directly contradict any idea that believers will be 'raptured' (taken) out of a continuing world.

It is the heedless imprudent who are 'taken' (swept away by flood and consumed by fire) - and righteous Noah, Lot, and their families, who are saved ('left'). And the disciples' question, "Where?" (in the final verse of the Luke passage) can only relate to the destination of those 'taken' - to which Jesus responds: 'to death and devouring'. It is the disbelieving unready who are 'taken', and the faithful remnant who are left.

Our only hope of salvation is NOW



The rapture: a misunderstanding of Scripture?

'Rapture theology' is built on misunderstanding of a single verse, 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (also cited by Dr Ward), where Paul writes that believers still alive on the earth at the time of our Lord's triumphant return "will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air". His imagery is taken from the common practice of those days for leading citizens to go out from their city to greet their returning lord or visiting VIP as they approach - and specifically in order to escort them back into the city (see Acts 28:15 for an example of this).

Paul's point is that the redeemed will be united together in joyful celebration of the King's return to reclaim his kingdom (note that his particular focus in this passage is NOT so much on the 'still alive' of verse 17 as on the hope we can have for those already 'asleep in death' - the context of verses 13-16 and 18).

Scripture, including these, is 100% consistent in heralding the return of our Lord as the day of FINAL judgement, separation, and restoration. There is no continuing 'old world'. There is no 'second chance'.

Our only hope of salvation is NOW. "Be ready", Jesus says.

Keith Jowett
Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Watch out

Jesus said: "Watch, therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming" (Matthew 24:42).

The Advent season we've just celebrated should remind us not just of our Lord's first coming, but warn us of his second coming.

Yet the church's denominations still seem to live only for the next government decree, when what is most urgently needed is a call to repentance across the nation. Then our Lord would hear and heal our land, for Covid is not beyond his power.

As well as the sins that have become legalised, we see the sin of unbelief, which has allowed fear to take control, leading to people only meeting online and wearing face masks when they venture out.

So when the Lord returns - will he find faith on the earth?

Ashley Dickenson
Carshalton, Surrey

Offensive Christmas cards

I and many of my friends found some of this year's Christmas cards deeply offensive.

The Card Factory, for one, had cards showing Jesus holding a glass of beer. Another said on the front, "Jesus loves you" and on the inside it said, "Because you're a (derogatory word)", and another had pictures of mini cheese packets referring to 'Cheesus'.

I have written to the Card Factory and pointed out that if they showed the same disrespect to other religions, there would be riots.

Mrs A I Chamberlain
Kislingbury, Northants



The Queen addresses the nation as a widow

The Queen's Christmas message 2021

The most watched programme on TV this Christmas was the Queen's Christmas message. Every year, the Queen shows her ability to capture the mood of the nation as she shares from her heart. The message maybe scripted, read from an autocue, and recorded days earlier, but it comes across as fresh and real.

Every year she likes to remind us she is a practising Christian who prays and reads her Bible every day.

This year she spoke from her heart about missing her beloved husband of 73 years, Prince Philip, but still spoke of the joy of Christmas, even without her husband's "mischievous twinkle". She told us she loves singing Christmas carols, "as long as the tune is well-known". She shared how she enjoys watching films "even where we already know the ending". Her family clearly means so much to her.

So too does her faith. Every year she likes to remind us she is a practising Christian who prays and reads her Bible every day.

The TV series 'The Crown' has an episode featuring an occasion when the Queen invited the evangelist Dr Billy Graham to preach at St George's Chapel, Windsor. At lunch afterwards, Dr Graham told her: "I almost based the day's message on Christ's healing of the crippled man - 'Arise take up your bed and walk'."

It is said that the Queen's eyes sparkled and she replied: "I wish you had - that's my favourite (Bible) story!"

Truly the United Kingdom is blessed to have a monarch who seeks to practise her faith, and is not afraid to say so.

Gordon Pettie (Revelation TV)
Surbiton, Surrey



In my own words

Readers' longer letters

Fresh thoughts on a newsworthy or devotional topic will be considered for this feature. Email 350-400 words with your name, town, county and photo by 4 March 2022.

LIGHT IN OUR DARKNESS!



In remembrance: Arthur Labinjo-Hughes was commemorated with a minute's applause during the West Ham vs Chelsea football match at the London stadium on 4 December 2021

The tragic murder of six-year-old Arthur Labinjo-Hughes – beaten, starved and tortured by his stepmother Emma Tustin and father Arthur Hughes – follows a long line of similar cases where children have been ill treated in the care of adults.

Within a few days of hearing about Arthur (who had died on 16 June 2020), it was announced that another child, a little girl called Star Hobson – 16 months old – was killed last September while in the care of her mother and her mother's partner.

Once again the relevant authorities promised that "lessons will be learned."

We have opted to make up our own rules and are then surprised when they don't produce the joy and satisfaction we thought they would

Yet society cannot throw up its hands in pious hypocrisy as if it had no responsibility for what is going on. These incidents, which disgust us all, are the inevitable consequences of departing from the ways that God has clearly laid down in the Scriptures.

Instead of following his loving guidance, we have opted to make up our own rules and are then surprised when they don't produce the joy and satisfaction we thought they would. We have succumbed to the impression that immorality doesn't matter any more, that somehow it can

be indulged in without negative consequences.

The importance of marriage has been undermined, suggesting that it isn't even necessary, whereas it is the essential foundation of a healthy and prosperous society.

Murder pollutes the land with many precious lives being wasted so cheaply, causing incalculable distress for the family members left behind.

Perhaps he was the one to discover a cure for cancer or some other pernicious disease; we will never know

We have made divorce too easy and when relationships break down the consequences for the children involved can be catastrophic, sometimes leaving them in the care of the State which is ill equipped to deal with their needs.

I could add many other things to this list which have become acceptable in today's society but all of them are the result of contradicting what the Lord has said through his Word.

Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man, a woman or a nation sows, they shall surely reap. There is a high price to pay for godlessness and we will go on paying it until we repent of our evil ways!

But little Arthur isn't lost! When no one else was listening to his cries for help, God heard him, took him out of his distress and is caring for him right now



Rev Ray Brinkley

in a very different place. Earth has lost out because it will never have the contribution that he would have been able to make. Perhaps he was the one to discover a cure for cancer or some other pernicious disease; we will never know.

How many more are there whose lives are at risk? I believe this Scripture is a prophetic word to this nation: "Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, he also has forsaken you" (2 Chronicles 24:20).

God gives us freedom of choice but the decisions we take are our responsibility. The mistakes of the past can be forgiven so if you've never done so before, come back to God and enable him to give you, in Jesus, a wonderful new life!

Rev Ray Brinkley
Walberton, West Sussex

Why mask mandates in church violate the Word of God



Dave Brennan of Brephos

While I love my Christian brothers and sisters in the Lord who support mask wearing in church, I cannot but believe the practice to be dangerous and unbiblical.

1. Feelings over facts

The Church of Christ is a "pillar of truth" (1 Timothy 3:15).

The rationale for mask mandates is generally what makes people FEEL safe, quite apart from whether it actually MAKES them safe.

Is this an acceptance of a post-truth mentality?

In many churches, people wear masks for most of the service, take them off for singing, and then leave them off for tea/coffee at the end!

Such scientific studies as there are hardly present a compelling case for this kind of masking (as reported by The Spectator)*.

In many churches, people wear masks for most of the service, take them off for singing, and then leave them off for tea/coffee at the end! If masks work, taking them on and off like this clearly renders any benefit redundant. If they don't work, why are we pretending that they do?

Is this kind of insanity fitting for the Church of Christ?

2. "Do not be afraid"

How have we come to the point where the fears of the most fearful are dictating corporate decisions in churches?

If fears are accommodated

instead of lovingly confronted, they grow, and debilitate.

One of the reasons the Son of God appeared was "to free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death" (Hebrews 2:15). Are we now going to allow the fear of death to run riot again, and rule the roost?

3. What about biblical communal worship?

Many Scriptures highlight the intimacy of life and worship together as the Body of Christ (eg Acts 2:42-46, 2 Corinthians 13:12).

We are now nearly two years into a "new normal" where the healthy, not just the sick, are blocked from carrying out basic face-to-face New Testament ministry

Masking, with all its concomitant "social distancing" behaviour, is the opposite of this closeness.

Yes, Old Testament law was clear that the symptomatic should keep their distance, but we are now nearly two years into a "new normal" where the healthy, not just the sick, are blocked from carrying out basic face-to-face New Testament ministry.

4. Paving the way for vaccine passports

If mask mandates essentially force people to buy into and communicate claims about safety that are scientifically unfounded (this is tantamount to lying, breaking the Ninth Commandment), encourage fears and violate New Testament life together – then a government edict should make no difference, because we are not to obey the state when it contravenes Scripture.

Unless we change, it would seem that we are preparing to say "yes" to vaccine passports, and believers could be faced with deciding between an abortion-derived jab against their conscience and fellowship with their brothers and sisters.

Dave Brennan (brephos.org)
Beccles, Suffolk

*<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/do-masks-really-halve-the-risk-of-covid-a-note-on-the-evidence>

CREATION CORNER



by Geoff Chapman

"WHY ARE WE HERE?"

That's a question that people have been asking for centuries.

Secular science has no real answer to this. In fact, many scientists admit that, according to scientific laws, we really ought not to be here!

Some basic physics suggests that you and the rest of the universe are overwhelmingly unlikely to exist

The 'first law of thermodynamics' tells us that matter (mass/energy) can be changed, but can neither be created nor destroyed. This means that physical processes couldn't have created the universe from nothing.

The 'second law of thermodynamics' states that an isolated system always becomes more disorderly over time. Both these basic laws of science undermine the "big bang" theory — the idea that our universe originated in a massive explosion some 15 billion years ago, which eventually resulted in everything that now exists, including galaxies, stars and our beautiful planet with its myriad forms of life.

According to scientist Amanda Gefter: "Some basic physics

OUR IMPOSSIBLE UNIVERSE!



The 'big bang' theory fudges scientific laws

suggests that you and the rest of the universe are overwhelmingly unlikely to exist. The second law of thermodynamics, that most existentially resonant of physical laws, says that disorder, or entropy, always tends to increase."¹

She raises a further problem for the 'big bang' theory: "According to the theory, matter and antimatter were created in equal amounts at the big bang.

By rights, they should have annihilated each other totally in the first second or so of the universe's existence.

"The cosmos should be full of light and little else. And yet here we are. So too are planets, stars and galaxies; all, as far as we can see, made exclusively out of matter. Reality 1: Theory 0."²

In 2004, a group of 33 scientists published an open letter chal-

lenging the 'big bang' theory. The statement began: "The big bang today relies on a growing number of hypothetical entities, things that we have never observed — inflation, dark matter and dark energy are the most prominent examples.

"Without them, there would be a fatal contradiction between the observations made by astronomers and the predictions of the

big bang theory. In no other field of physics would this continual recourse to new hypothetical objects be accepted as a way of bridging the gap between theory and observation.

Only God can create something from nothing, as the Bible says

"It would, at the least, raise serious questions about the validity of the underlying theory. But the big bang theory can't survive without these fudge factors."³

Why do so many scientists invoke incredible and outlandish theories, rather than consider the possibility that our universe, and everything in it, are the work of God? Is it because believing in God has implications?

Only God can create something from nothing, as the Bible says: "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible" (Hebrews 11: 3).

We believe the universe owes its origin to a big God, not a big bang! A God who sent His Son to save us from our sin and enable us to know him as a Father and friend.

1. *Existence: Why is there a universe?* New Scientist, 20 July 2011
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In my own words

Readers' longer letters

Whatever happened to Moral Re-Armament?



Prof Roger Watson

Most have never heard of Moral Re-Armament (MRA) and of its importance in the globalist movement.

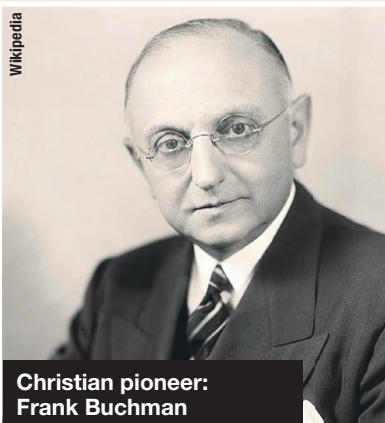
Its founder, Frank Buchman, was influential in establishing the League of Nations, precursor to the United Nations. The MRA headquarters at Caux in

Switzerland was where the idea of European unity leading to the Common Market was launched with its architects Robert Schuman, Konrad Adenauer and Alcide De Gasperi.

Buchman was an American Lutheran who founded the First Century Christian Fellowship in 1921, named after 1928 the Oxford Group, that was transformed under his leadership in 1938 into Moral Re-Armament.

MRA was a cult and a sect. A cult in the sense that Frank Buchman's thinking and sayings were memorised by adherents and his speeches were studied intently.

It was a sect because, although people came from and continued to practise their various faiths, there was a spiritual meditative practice superimposed on their belief. This practice was the quiet time, whereby thoughts were collected, written down and then shared with other adherents. Group control was exercised over members and non-conformity was discouraged.



Christian pioneer:
Frank Buchman

But at least MRA was initially an avowedly Christian and anti-communist group. Gradually, however, the Christian theme of MRA was diminished and the political aims changed.

MRA became infected with an ideology that was more cultural Marxist than Christian and by 2001 'the movement' had morphed into an organisation, Initiatives of Change, now classified as a non-governmental organisation.

From their website they have largely become a syncretistic youth organisation, a forum for meetings, interested in promoting the role of women at work and concerned for climate change.

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It is hard not to conclude that this once powerful Christian and anti-communist movement of MRA was infiltrated and filleted in the process. In fact, it would be surprising if it had not been.

To use a biblical analogy: "...The sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light" (Luke 16:8).

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BOOKREVIEWS

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MY WIFE LOVED THIS BOOK ABOUT ANGELS; I WASN'T SO SURE

'Angel Armies on Assignment'

By Tim Sheets

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When your wife reads a book and tells you it is one you must read next, you sit up and take notice. By the time the book was in my hands I felt that I had read half of it, with the number of times she had said, "You must listen to this" and "Did you know about that?"

Everyone has an opinion on angels and thinks they know a lot about them. This book will open up your mind to so much more that there is to learn.

Once when preparing to preach on angels, I asked our congregation if they'd had any angelic experiences and received more responses than on any other topic.

I struggled with some things in the book. There is clearly a section of the Christian community in America (and maybe Britain) that is devoted to all that Tim Sheets teaches, and considers him an expert on angelic beings, but I question some of his comments.

He passionately believes the Bible teaches that God assigns angels to bring us answers to prayer

He believes that after the pandemic ends (he likens it to Passover), a new, fresh Pentecost is coming, which he believes will be greater than Acts 2 and will herald a worldwide revival. He tells us to "raise the bar" (whatever that means) and "God will raise the anointing".

The book is valuable where it takes the reader to the Scriptures and teaching them important truths – Scriptures such as Daniel's prayer and the 21-day battle in the heavenly realms against the demon prince of Persia and his armies. He points out that Daniel 7:10 talks about Daniel seeing 10,000 times 10,000 angels. Tim Sheets tells us that in his estimation there are 100 million angels.

He describes how in Psalm 68:17, David was allowed to see in the spirit realm "20,000 war

spirits sent out in the service of those who are to inherit salvation". (Hebrews 1:14).

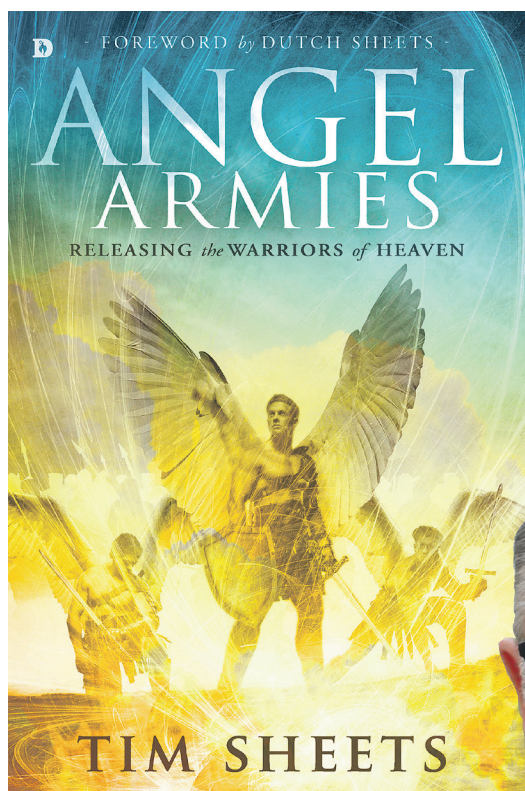
He describes the war in heaven in Revelation 12:7, which will be fought between Michael and his angels, and the dragon and the angels who followed him.

I appreciated his comments about "no angel graveyard" and "angels have not been retired". He wants Christians to understand they are guarded, delivered, strengthened by angels; we are to be blessed by them.

He worries that Christians see demons everywhere, but not angels; that Christians think the devil says things to them but not the Holy Spirit and real angels. He passionately believes the Bible teaches that God assigns angels to bring us answers to prayer.

Angels are important in the lives of believers and we need to be more aware of their presence around us. The book certainly achieves that end.

My wife thought the book was amazing and bought it for several friends for Christmas. I wasn't quite so sure but I am glad I read it.



chariots of God being ridden by mighty fierce powerful angels". He takes readers to other stories, such as Elisha seeing innumerable angels in chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:17).

Turning to the New Testament, and especially Hebrews, he illustrates how the Holy Spirit ministers to people through angels: "Are not the angels all ministering



Tim Sheets wants Christians to understand they are guarded, delivered and strengthened by angels

STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXAMINED THE EVIDENCE – AND DISCOVERED THE REAL JESUS

'Reflections on the Existence of God'

By Richard E Simmons III

Union House Publishing, Alabama, USA

I was not looking forward to reading this book. Its title suggested to me something theoretical, academic, and not easy to read.

One of the most important books I have read for a long time

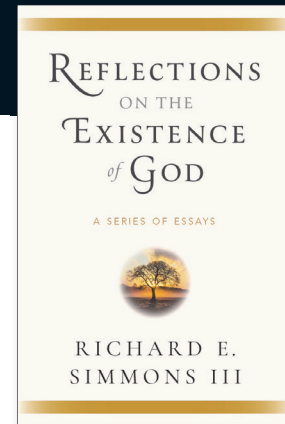
Chapter headings such as 'Atheism and the meaning of life' and 'The Psychology of Unbelief', only reinforced that view.

How wrong I was. It turned out to be one of the most important books I have read for a long time.

The author begins the book with a quote from one of the most prominent atheists of the 21st century, Sam Harris, who wrote: "So let's be honest with ourselves; in the fullness of time, one side is going to really win this argument and the other side is really going to lose."

With that premise, the book consists of a series of short (ten minutes max!), easy to read essays that seek to answer life's most enduring question: "Does God exist?"

He examines the evidence of years of research into key atheistic thinkers such as Friedrich Nietzsche, Bertram Russell, Charles Darwin, Richard Dawkins and Daniel Dennett. He shares the stories of those who spent much of their lives as avowed atheists, who now declare "There is a God" – people such as Dr Francis Collins, a prominent scientist appointed by President Obama as director of the National Institutes of Health; the author Sheldon Vanauken; the British



philosopher and one of the most celebrated atheists of the last 50 years, Anthony Flew; CS Lewis, the Oxford professor considered one of the 20th century's most influential writers.

Their stories were so encouraging to read. C S Lewis's life was changed when a close atheist friend admitted to him that he found it highly likely that the Gospels did present historically accurate accounts of this man Jesus. C S Lewis realised he had never seriously examined the evidence. When he did, his life was transformed.

I found the essays on 'understanding evil' particularly helpful. The question is, who determines the 'goodness scale' that enables us to identify evil?

In another chapter, on 'the value of human life', the author uses Mortimer Adler's words when he was an atheist: "Human beings are nothing more than sophisticated animals", and reports how he later became a Christian.

What is so helpful about the book is that for all the heady statements about the psychological reasons to believe, the mystery of love, human sexuality, and so much more, the author earths what he is saying with stories of people who have examined the evidence and discovered the real Jesus.

If you know someone who is pondering where Jesus fits into all that is happening in the world today, this could be the book for them to read. It could also be the book for you to study, so you know how to answer those around who ask you the difficult questions about your life.



Richard Simmons reflects on the evidence for God



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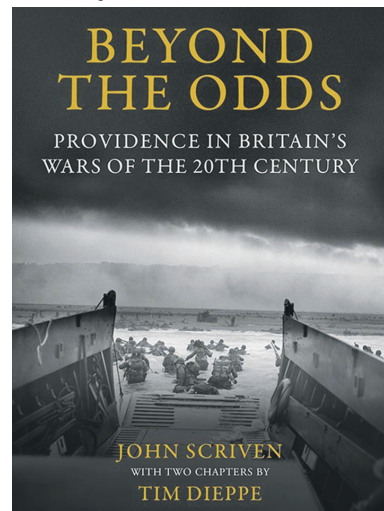
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SUPERNATURAL WARTIME DELIVERANCE

'Beyond the Odds – Providence in Britain's Wars of the 20th Century'

By John Scriven and Tim Dieppe

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Interested in history? You will love this book.

But it is much more than a history book. Those in the armed forces will want to read it, as will Christians intrigued to learn of God's hand upon the nation.

It is a book that demonstrates the power of God during the wars of the 20th century, from the First World War of 1914 to 1918 to the Falklands conflict in 1982. It contains facts and figures, helpful maps, lots of stories, many useful quotes, and a large bibliography.

Two authors co-laboured to produce this amazing book of 602 pages. John Scriven read history and law at Cambridge and served as a Captain in 6/7 Battalion (Territorial Army), The Queens Regiment, and then practised law, before retiring to write. Tim Dieppe studied at Oxford and the Westminster Theological Centre. Today he works for Christian Concern.

Scriven and Dieppe have assembled the chronological facts of the 20th century's wars and show extraordinary events during the wars that saved the nation from defeat. There were

changes in the weather, inexplicable strategic mistakes, strange tactical errors by the opposing forces, the importance of the National Days of Prayer, the beliefs of the commanders.

They would listen to the news on the radio and then spend hours praying very specifically into situations

The first three chapters focus on the first World War in 1914 to 1918 and especially the 1917 campaign in Palestine. There is remarkable testimony from soldiers who, under the leadership of General Allenby, helped capture Jerusalem in 1917.

The book gives details of the nation holding a National Day of Prayer on 6 January 1918, and another one on 4 August 1918, attended by King George V, and supported by both Houses of Parliament.

Then there are five chapters on the Second World War with reference to the fall of France; the Dunkirk evacuation fol-

lowed by the National Day of Thanksgiving to God for the deliverance that had occurred; the Battle of Britain; D-Day with the remarkable weather change.

The book describes the events surrounding D-Day as "a heaven-sent break". The battles and events are interspersed with a reminder of the way God's people prayed, such as the intercessors at the Bible College of Wales, under the leadership of Rees Howell. They would listen to the news on the radio and then spend hours praying very specifically into situations.

God does intervene in the affairs of the nations, in response to faith and prayer

Further chapters follow on the siege of Malta during the second World War, the failure of the German blitz on HMS Illustrious and "the miracle" of the Rotunda Church when, with many people inside, a bomb dropped on it and no-one was injured. There is even a chapter on Churchill's faith and his

life-long belief in the power of prayer and miracles, which the authors believe was very important to Britain's ability to win the second World War.

The authors argue their case with detailed facts as well as stories and quotes, demonstrating that God does intervene in the affairs of the nations, in response to faith and prayer. They remind us that Jesus taught his followers to pray: "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven". They also quote from some of the Remembrance Sunday hymns, such as:

"O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home."

There is so much in the book I found helpful. The final word belongs to the authors: "May God's deliverance in the past be an encouragement for Christians to hold fast to a biblical faith... for others may these be a prompt to explore the truths of the Christian faith."

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