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A small team of local Christians is regularly seeing miraculous healings



Prayerchair team members Michael Farkas (left), Toni, a volunteer, and Clive Humphrys pictured at a Prayerchair session in East Street, Brighton, on 13 May 2023

BLIND MAN SEES AGAIN!



Billy had suffered from incurable Retinitis Pigmentosa before he was healed after prayer

A homeless man miraculously had his sight restored after receiving prayer from a local evangelist in Brighton.

This is the latest in a series of healing miracles being seen through a local team of street evangelists from 11 churches who invite strangers to simply sit on a chair and receive prayer.

The 'Prayerchair' ministry has seen countless miracles and people deciding to become Christians since it began in

2007, according to its director, Michael Farkas.

The healing of the man's sight happened when a Prayerchair team member, Clive Humphrys, was walking down St James Street, Brighton, in January 2023. He recognised Eddy, who had previously been healed, sitting with a friend outside a cafe. Eddy had received healing prayer some five years previously, after taunting Clive to pray for a companion suffering from hearing loss. Clive did – and the man heard again.

Surprised at the miracle, Eddy had invited Clive to pray for his own gym-related injury and was also healed.

"As soon as I prayed, he could see across the road"

Bowled over by these healings, Eddy had sporadically kept in touch with Clive and called him over to join them. Eddy introduced Clive to his friend Billy, a homeless man

who was visiting Brighton from Essex to look for a job.

"Billy started talking about being visually impaired," says Clive. "He said that he was legally blind and received government benefits."

"I asked him if I could pray for him. He said 'Yes' and was amazed at the results! Before I prayed for him, he could just about see the cafe menu close up. But as soon as I prayed, he could see the board in Morrison's supermarket across the road and posters on the wall."

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People are often open to receiving prayer on the streets of Eastbourne

He was blown away by the experience, which I recorded on camera."

In the video recording, Billy testifies that Clive had prayed for him in tongues, and also for him to be reborn and for the forgiveness of his sins.

"I could hardly see before," Billy says. "I am registered blind with an eye condition called RP (Retinitis Pigmentosa) and it's incurable. Minutes after being prayed for in tongues, my eyes are a million per cent better already. My head is clearer too and I feel that a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. I am just so very grateful. Thank you so much."

Prayerchair outreaches mainly take place on Saturdays, and Michael Farkas heads up the ministry after becoming involved in 2009. He says he is passionate about the ministry's success in reaching troubled people who haven't heard the good news of salvation or experienced the healing power of Jesus.

"We reach people on the streets and pray for healing for them, and introduce them to the love of Jesus. We offer a passive form of evangelism by inviting people for a blessing and asking what they need."



Peter, from Denmark, received prayer for an injured ankle and was healed. On video, he said: "I am very grateful. It's been extraordinary to feel the energy and presence that has taken away the pain in my ankle and really lifted my mood in general"

"We have seen some incredible things. Our team rely on prophetic insight when we pray and sometimes God will give us messages or words for people and we share that with them. It can often startle them into understanding that there's something God wants them to know."

In 2019, there was a man with blisters the size of footballs on his legs, spotted by the Prayerchair team in Queen's Road, Brighton. He was in a wheelchair and he couldn't walk.

Michael said: "When he pulled up his trouser leg it was grotesque, there was open flesh. The man was on maximum medication and still in pain. He'd been in the wheelchair for two years and his girlfriend was pushing the wheelchair. We prayed for him and the next thing, the guy starts stamping the ground with his foot and saying, 'What have you

"It's been extraordinary to feel the energy and presence that has taken away the pain in my ankle"

done? The pain has completely left my leg. It's completely gone!"

Michael told him the love of Jesus was reaching his need and helped the man to stand up.

"We helped him to walk and he started to hobble a bit and took a few steps around. He was grinning from ear to ear and his girlfriend said she hadn't seen him smile in two years. Then we shared the Gospel and he couldn't wait to accept Jesus in his heart as his personal Saviour. It was remarkable – one of those 'Wow!' moments."

Another miracle happened in 2021 through remote prayer. A woman approached the team in Brighton's Queen's Road and asked for prayer for her elderly mother who was sick in hospital. The team prayed and the following week the daughter returned.

Michael added: "She said her mum was better. In fact, the doctor said it was a remarkable recovery and she was discharged from hospital. The woman came back to share this with us because she felt the prayer to God had made a big difference."

A chartered accountant by profession, Michael is Australian and has been married to his wife, Lyn, for 37 years. They moved to Brighton 23 years ago when they believed that they had a



Volunteers taking time out to celebrate the birthday of Prayerchair director Michael Farkas

clear call from God to the south coast of England.

With the Prayerchair evangelistic ministry also now set up in Eastbourne and Hastings, Michael is assisted by team co-ordinators and wants to see prayer chairs in every city.

To join, contact Michael: email farkasmichael@gmail.com or visit www.prayerchair.org

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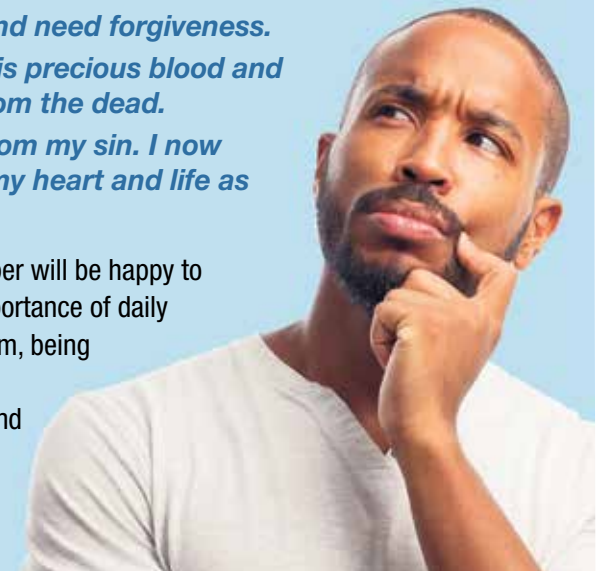
To start this relationship, simply pray the following prayer; if you mean it, he'll respond, because the Bible says that God looks at our hearts.

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

I believe that Jesus shed his precious blood and died for my sin and rose from the dead.

I am willing to turn away from my sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour."

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FAITH, FAMILY, FLAG, FREEDOM: TRADITIONAL CONSERVATISM MAKES A COME-BACK

RACHEL CARY ATTENDED AN UN-WOKE CONFERENCE

"I would like to draw your attention to a few characteristics of fascism," said a male protestor interrupting Jacob Rees-Mogg, before being bundled out by burly security guards.

Two further interruptions to the National Conservatism Conference came during Suella Braverman's speech. She quipped that it was "audition day for the shadow cabinet."

The audience was surprisingly youthful

Some of the MPs present were evangelical Christians, and other speakers shared very un-woke views. Miriam Cates asked: "When social policy so undervalues motherhood, is it any wonder that few women take up the role?"

Her colleague Danny Kruger said that "the normative family, held to-



Rising Tory star Miriam Cates MP said that "social policy undervalues motherhood"

gether by marriage... is the only possible basis for a safe and successful society", a remark so 'radical' that Matt Hancock later denounced it as "offensive" and "a completely fringe view within the Conservative Party".

The event hosted around 900 traditionally minded, politically homeless voters, including many Christians, at Westminster's Emmanuel Centre from 15 to 17 May.

Spearheaded by Yoram Hazony, an American-Israeli philosopher and father of nine, the conference sought to push the small-c conservative values of "faith, family, flag and freedom" back into the mainstream ahead of the next general election. The audience was surprisingly youthful, with many under-30s queuing up to ask the panelists questions.



Home Secretary Suella Braverman's speech was interrupted twice by Extinction Rebellion protestors

LATE NEWS

A man has pleaded guilty to the attempted murder of Hyde Park Corner evangelist Hatun Tash.

Edward Little, 21, changed his plea during his Old Bailey trial. Police had pulled over his London-bound taxi on 23 September 2022 and found thousands of pounds in cash with which he was planning to buy a gun.

Tash, who suffered wounds to her face and hand following a separate, knife-related attack two years ago, regularly preaches at Hyde Park on issues linked to Islam.

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'PROMOTED TO GLORY'

Two much-admired American evangelicals have been 'promoted'



George Verwer pioneered youthful evangelism

George Verwer, who founded and led OM (Operation Mobilisation) for over 40 years, died on 14 April aged 84.

Verwer motivated thousands of young people to travel abroad and evangelise through literature. Fellow evangelist Canon J John, who knew Verwer well, writes: "He had an astonishing global influence on the way the Church carries out its vital task of sharing the good news of Jesus."

"Quite literally countless thousands of individuals have been brought to Christ and, no less significant, an equally vast number of Christians have been equipped to share their faith with confidence and boldness."

A longer tribute to George Verwer by J John will be at www.heartpublications.co.uk



Tim Keller, Reformed church founder and author

Theologian Tim Keller died on 19 May 2023 aged 72, after a prolonged battle with pancreatic cancer.

Called "the modern-day CS Lewis," he wrote 31 books and founded Redeemer Presbyterian Church, one of New York's largest churches.

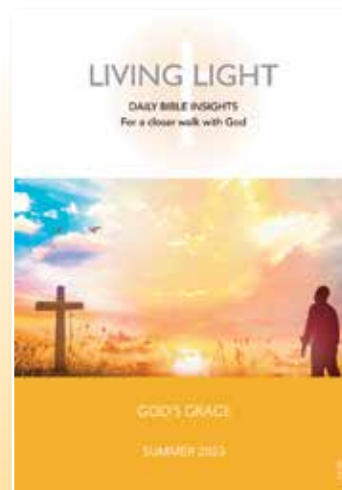
He co-founded The Gospel Coalition (TGC), a fellowship of Reformed evangelical churches. "There is no pastor I know, in the last 100 years, who did what Tim Keller did to take the Reformed faith to the street, to the Church, and to the academy," wrote TGC's interim president Sandy Wilson. "He will be remembered among this generation's most effective Christian pastors, apologists, and evangelists."



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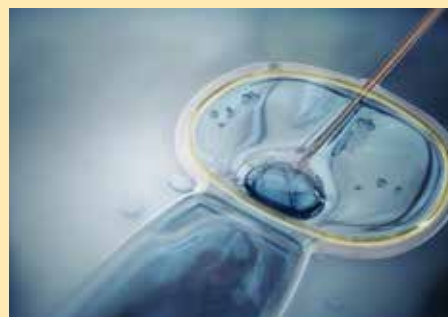
FIRST 'THREE-PARENT' BABY BORN IN UK

"Playing God" destroys embryos, risks generational damage

The UK's first baby to have the DNA of three parents has been born, using mitochondrial DNA replacement technology.

The child's third DNA contribution was from a female donor, which only comprises 0.1 per cent of the total genetic material, but there are serious ethical implications.

It is believed that no more than five 'three-parent' children have been born since 2016, using this new technology, but the process may involve the destruction of a donor embryo, and the



long-term risks to the baby's health are not known.

The intention of Mitochondrial Donation Treatment is to prevent babies from inheriting mitochondrial diseases from mothers, using in vitro fertilisation (IVF) to remove the problem DNA from the parents' egg or embryo and substitute healthy DNA from a donor. The baby consequently has a genetic father and two genetic mothers.

Christian Concern commented that the IVF technology "is unethical as it destroys the embryos carrying mitochondrial disease in order to create other lives.

"Also, permanent genetic modifications would be passed down the genetic line when their full consequences are as yet unknown, affecting all future generations... Essentially the problem comes down to 'playing God', engaging in radical experimentation on human embryos and thus commodifying human life."

SUNAK BACKS PROTECTING WOMEN

PM SUPPORTS WOMEN'S SAFE SPACES

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has contrasted his own position on transgenderism with that of Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer.

Starmer said in April: "For 99.9 per cent of women, it is completely biological... and of course they haven't got a penis."

In response to questions, Sunak responded that he had a "slightly different point of view" to Starmer, confirming that he believed 100 per cent of women do not have a penis, with: "Yes, of course."

He added that we should be compassionate towards those with gender confusion, but "we need to make sure, particularly when it comes to women's health, women's sports or indeed women's spaces, that we are protecting those rights and those spaces."

Sunak has also supported revising the Equality Act to make it easier to ban men from women-only spaces by changing the wording to "biological sex" instead of "sex."



PM Rishi Sunak

FOUR-YEAR-OLD FORCED TO ATTEND PRIDE MARCH

MUM TO APPEAL AFTER LOSING COURT CASE

A Christian mother is to appeal after losing a court case over a school forcing her child to take part in a gay pride march.

Izoduwa Montague and husband Shane began a lawsuit against the school in 2019, protesting that Heavers Farm Primary School in Croydon refused to allow her to withdraw her son from the 2018 parade because of her family's religious beliefs.

Mrs Montague also objected to the many materials in the school that promoted the LGBT lifestyle, and complained that the school leadership was "hostile" to parents who opposed LGBT ideology.

During a meeting the mum had with teachers to discuss the issue, the deputy head wore a T-shirt carrying the confrontational phrase: "Why be racist, sexist, homophobic, or transphobic when you could just be quiet?"

"It has felt like I and my Christian beliefs have been on trial"

After the meeting, her son was placed in detention for three hours and when she questioned why, she was banned from the school grounds.

Later, the parents moved their son to a Catholic school, but sued the school for discrimination, victimisation and breach of statutory duty. However, the Circuit Court judge ruled that the march was not a promotion of LGBT ideology, but part of a general project to promote equality and inclusivity. He even claimed that a school poster saying 'I am gay, get over it!' "is not promoting LGBT beliefs over any others".



Izzy Montague, appealing after losing a court case against school that was 'hostile' to her Christian beliefs

However, the court did find that banning Montague from the school contradicted the school's own policies and "could be indicative of a school that was riding roughshod over the parents' rights".

Montague told Fox News: "It has felt like I and my Christian beliefs have been on trial... we will appeal this perverse judgment which has made the evidence fit with the school's agenda."

Christian Concern's Tim Dieppe commented: "The evidence that this school is aggressively indoctrinating young children with LGBT ideology is overwhelming."

TRANS BOOK PUSHED AT FOUR-YEAR-OLDS IN C OF E SCHOOL

Gender identity lesson was based on Church's guidance

Parents of a four-year-old child at a Church of England primary school withdrew their child when the headteacher promoted trans ideology.

Christian parents Stephen and Joanne Evans objected to the 'gender identity' lessons used for World Book Day, which included asking the reception-aged children to read a book called 'My Shadow Is Pink'.

St Mary's, Prittlewell, C of E Primary School in Southend-on-Sea did not consult parents about the use of the book.

According to Christian Concern, the children were asked to dress up "to reflect how they see their shadow and how they see themselves", and the book pro-

motes gender confusion, planting the idea that children can be born in the wrong body.

When Stephen and Joanne Evans discovered what their child would be taught, they asked permission to withdraw their child for the day. The headteacher granted permission but argued the parents were making the wrong decision, and advised them that the CofE's 'Valuing All God's Children' guidance for schools says children as young as five should be affirmed if they want to identify as transgender.

Andrea Williams, chief executive of Christian Concern, said: "If ever there was a moment in history for those



One child's drawing from the school's Facebook page, posted on World Book Day without comment, apparently showing the child and her rainbow-coloured shadow

responsible for Church of England schools to wake up and return to biblical teaching it is now. How can anyone think this book is a good idea, let alone the Church?"

Does our new King really believe the oath he made?

By Tony Pearce



“I WILL MAINTAIN THE LAWS OF GOD AND THE TRUE PROFESSION OF THE GOSPEL”

The coronation of King Charles III was outwardly very impressive and contained much that should have warmed the heart of a Christian, as prayers were made in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and two wonderful Bible readings from Colossians 1 and Luke 4 were broadcast to millions.

And of course the King responded with “I will” to the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Declaration of the Protestant Oath:

“Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England?”

However, God is not impressed with outward form but with inward reality.

Does King Charles really believe the oath he made on 6 May? There are three major issues which need to be addressed.

Firstly, what is the Protestant Reformed Religion that Charles has committed himself to? The Reformation was based on a move to reform Christi-

anity, after centuries of Roman Catholic dominance in Europe which brought in multiple errors as far as biblical Christianity was concerned.

It was an attempt to return to the Gospel of salvation through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as given in the Bible. Its view of God and salvation was based on the famous three ‘solae’ – Latin for alone – ‘Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fides’ (“only Scripture, only grace, only faith”). Faith in Christ alone as the sole mediator between God and man was the basis of Reformed theology.

Sadly, much of the visible ‘Protestant’ Church worldwide – the Church of England, Church of Scotland, Lutheran Church, Methodist Church and Episcopal Church – has moved away from this theology. Even as Archbishop Welby asked this question, he would have been all too aware that the Church of England is now facing a split between those who want a biblical Church, based on Reformed Protestant theology (represented by GAFCON – Global Anglican Future Conference), and those who accept the authority of Canterbury and the Anglican Synod, which are becoming increasingly liberal.

So where does King Charles stand on this issue? His mother, the late Queen



At the COP 26 UN summit in Glasgow in November 2021 Prince Charles called for “a vast military style campaign to marshal the strength of the global private sector, with trillions at his (or its) disposal far beyond global GDP, and with the greatest respect, beyond even the governments of the world’s leaders. It offers the only real prospect of achieving fundamental economic transition”

Elizabeth, clearly expressed a personal faith in the Lord Jesus. Indeed, after her death Charles told the world that his own faith is “so deeply rooted” in the Church.

Have his views, then, changed over the decades? According to the book ‘The Prince and the Paranormal’ by John Dale, written in 1986: “There is evidence that deep inside himself the Prince is a super-ecumenist – someone who believes that each of the world’s religions including Christianity contains a relative truth rather than an absolute one.”

In 1985 Charles said in an interview: “I think Jung makes a great deal of sense in many, many areas and particularly in what is written in the Bible and Indian religions, and in Islam, and many others ... Definitely a pattern develops, where we are all ultimately trying to explore, to go along the same path, to answer the same questions. We all approach from different paths but

ultimately the paths meet somewhere in infinity, and that’s the important thing” (Sunday Times, 18 August 1985).

This is basically the multi-faith idea that every faith alongside Christianity contains a path to God (in other words, all gods are equal). How far does King Charles still hold this view? It appears that he wanted to include prayers from religious leaders of other faiths in the actual coronation service. He was not able to do this, because of the legal aspects of the coronation as a specifically Christian ceremony, but he did manage to include them in giving a blessing as he left Westminster Abbey.

An article on fortune.com on 2 May says: “As far back as the 1990s, Charles suggested that he would like to be known as ‘the defender of faith’, a small but hugely symbolic change from the monarch’s traditional title of ‘defender of the faith’, meaning Christianity.

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Charles has adopted a very radical environmental agenda that ... uses ... sustainable development as the reason for the change in governance and freedoms

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It's an important distinction for a man who believes in the healing power of yoga and once called Islam 'one of the greatest treasures of accumulated wisdom and spiritual knowledge available to humanity.'

This way of thinking is the greatest challenge to evangelical Christianity today in countries like Britain as it denies the central message of the Gospel, that there is one way to God through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6, Acts 4:12).

So how can King Charles defend the truth of the Gospel which teaches the uniqueness of Jesus Christ and the one way to God through repentance and faith in him (John 14:6)?

On the day of the coronation an article appeared in The Spectator by Quanta Ahmed called 'God save our Islamophilic King'. She wrote: "Muslims in Britain and the world over will recognise, in King Charles, a monarch who is deeply Islamophilic."

"He has spoken about his attempts to learn Arabic in order to understand the Quran in its original script. He served as vice-patron of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies and has spoken eloquently about Islam and the West, say-

ing the links 'matter more today than ever before'.

"My mother, who grew up in British India, loves to say that Charles III is essentially Muslim – her logic being one must first be a good Christian before one can be a good Muslim. It's an axiom she remembers from the days of empire before we were being told that we are all engaged in a 'clash of civilisations'. As Charles himself put it: 'that which binds our two worlds together is so much more powerful than that which divides us'."

In fact, the teaching of the Quran denies the central Gospel message, that the Lord Jesus is the Son of God, our unique Saviour, who died for our sins and rose from the dead to give us eternal life. As a result, Islam is the main persecutor of believing Christians in the world today.

Secondly, we have Charles's decision to give Camilla the title of Queen and include her in the coronation service. According to Jesus's teaching on divorce and remarriage in Matthew 19:3-9, Charles's present marriage to Camilla is illegitimate on the grounds of his previous adultery. Therefore, she has no right to the title of Queen.

"Weird things" in the coronation

Historian Dr Naomi Wolf has written of "weird things" and "twisted symbols" in the new King's coronation that led her to wonder if it was, surreptitiously, a de-consecration.

She writes: "Entirely tempering or countering his role as head of the Church of England, at the climax of the Coronation, a half dozen representatives of other faiths surround him. The Greek Orthodox priest, the Roman Catholic priest – the rabbi and others all stand, while King Charles is seated."

"They do not appear as subjects, in a tableau of inclusion, which would be less odd. Rather they surround King Charles from positions of dominance – in a faintly intimidating display of participation in this ritual, or even of religious assertiveness."

"I like inclusion as much as the next person, but this is not the Church of England officiating to consecrate the new Governor of the Church of England in one of the holiest sites for the Church of England."



Dr Naomi Wolf speaking to university students

"This is something — else".

Dr Wolf also points out that the words spoken during the anointing of the King were inaudible, drowned by music, whereas his mother's, while also not visible to the cameras, could be heard. And the cherubs adorning the screens faced the tree of life, whereas in the Bible they were posted to guard its sacredness.

We note that once before Charles made a solemn vow before God and millions of people, at his wedding to Lady Diana Spencer in 1981. On that occasion he promised to be faithful to one wife, Diana, "till death us do part".

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Even at the time of his wedding to Diana, he was seeing Camilla and wanting to be with her. This led to the subsequent marriage breakdown, because there were "three people in that marriage, so it was a bit crowded," as Diana put it in her famous TV interview.

Thirdly, we have to ask about the new King's climate change agenda that has got him involved with WEF (World Economic Forum) and UN plans to work for world government. In her book 'Prince Charles – the sustainable Prince', Joan Veon writes: "Prince Charles has adopted a very radical environmental agenda that calls for a planned society, using the environment and sustainable development as the reason for the change in governance and freedoms."

In 2020 as Prince Charles, he endorsed the pivotal WEF conference where its Chairman Klaus Schwab, whom Charles has known for years, launched the 'Great Reset' agenda, calling for a total reorganisation of our society in order to resolve global crises, in particular the Covid pandemic and the threat of climate change.

Then at the COP 26 UN summit in Glasgow in November 2021, Charles urged world leaders to take urgent action to combat climate change, saying that time is running out. He called for "a vast military style campaign to marshal the strength of the global private sector, with trillions at his (or its) disposal far beyond global GDP, and with the greatest respect, beyond even the governments of the world's leaders. It offers the only real prospect of achieving fundamental economic transition."

Some have interpreted this as Charles making a reference to the coming Antichrist as the one who will bring this to pass. Whether this was what he meant is debatable, but it is clear from this statement that he favours the investment of trillions of dollars in a programme to ef-

fect the fundamental economic change of the present world system, as advocated by the WEF and the UN.

Critics of this programme say it will result in the impoverishment of millions of people, the end of freedom and democracy and lead to a world government along the lines of Revelation 13 (and will do nothing to change the weather). Now that Charles is King, the constraints of his position as constitutional monarch may make it difficult for him to continue to campaign publicly on such matters. But it is unlikely that he will give up his involvement in the programme and he has said that, now he is King, he has a short time in which to achieve much.

In an article for The British Church Newspaper, Tony Bennet wrote: "Charles admires Klaus Schwab and the WEF, [and supports] its one world government agenda. But an increasing number of his subjects wholeheartedly reject that agenda. The Bill of Rights is clear; our sovereigns must ensure that 'no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate hath, or ought to have, any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this realm'."

"Will King Charles use his position of influence to defend our nation from foreign powers that seek to destroy us, or collaborate with them? Your Majesty! Where are your loyalties? To us? - or to Klaus Schwab and his WEF friends?"

Good question. I gave a full length talk on this subject the day after the coronation. Perhaps the words, "God save the King", have never been uttered so fervently by Christians in these days.

Tony Pearce's full length talk on this subject (7 May 2023) is available on the Light for the Last Days website and The Bridge Christian Fellowship website at www.bridgelane.org.uk



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“THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION IS BROKEN”



“No confidence that the Archbishop of Canterbury [is] able to provide a godly way forward”

As if presiding over the first royal coronation for 70 years was not enough, the Archbishop of Canterbury is facing a schism in his Church

By Andrew Halloway and Melanie Symonds

After over 1,300 Anglican leaders met in Rwanda in April, they decided to reject the Rt Rev Justin Welby's authority as the leader of global Anglicanism.

The Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) and Global South Fel-

sue, to “prevent the unity of the Church of England being torn apart in the same way that the Communion has been”.

The bishops' guidance on blessing those in a same-sex relationship will be presented to the General Synod in July.

Meanwhile the decision to separate from the compromised Western churches has been welcomed by campaigners such as Dr Lisa Nolland, CEO of the Marriage, Sex and Culture Group, London. After attending the landmark event in Rwanda, Dr Nolland told The Christian Post: “I am rarely optimistic. However, this GAFCON was a game-changer. Majority (Developing



GAFCON's director, Archbishop Foley Beach

lowship of Anglican Churches (GSFA) are deeply unhappy about the Church of England's decision to bless the partners in same-sex marriages.

“Majority (Developing) World Christians are horrified by the woke envelopment of the West”

A statement issued by GAFCON said: “We have no confidence that the Archbishop of Canterbury nor the other Instruments of Communion led by him... are able to provide a godly way forward that will be acceptable to those who are committed to the truthfulness, clarity, sufficiency and authority of Scripture.”

Premier reports that the Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) has welcomed GAFCON and GSFA's decision to work together to “reset” the Anglican Communion. The CEEC also called on the Church of England's bishops to “to step back from the brink” and change their mind on the same-sex is-

World Christians are horrified by the woke envelopment of the West.”

She hailed the Kigali Commitment, the conference's concluding statement, as “magisterial” and “impressive”, calling it “a document which, in my view, will prove to be a touchstone for decades to come.”

Dr Nolland added: “Though the writing has been on the wall for decades, it is now public knowledge: the Anglican Communion is broken. Though Justin Welby minimises the challenges posed by GAFCON and the Global South, he and the other Instruments of the Communion have basically become an irrelevance.

“That the Primates of GAFCON and the Global South are moving forward together and getting on with the many tasks at hand gives great hope for the present and the future.

“God met me, God met us, in Kigali. I am encouraged and excited. God is on the move.”

“TAKEN CAPTIVE BY HOLLOW AND DECEPTIVE PHILOSOPHIES OF THIS WORLD”

The Kigali Commitment, signed in 2023, includes these statements:

The current divisions in the Anglican Communion have been caused by radical departures from the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some within the Communion have been taken captive by hollow and deceptive philosophies of this world (Colossians 2:8). Such a failure to hear and heed God's Word undermines the mission of the Church as a whole.

The Bible is God's Word written, breathed out by God as it was written by his faithful messengers (2 Timothy 3:16). It carries God's own authority, is its own interpreter, and it does not need to be supplemented, nor can it ever be overturned by human wisdom.



Dr Lisa Nolland: “God is on the move”

WHAT IS GAFCON?

GAFCON's first meeting in 2008 saw over 1,000 primates, archbishops, bishops, clergy and lay leaders gather in Jerusalem.

According to GAFCON's website, “moral compromise, doctrinal error and the collapse of biblical witness in parts of the Anglican communion had reached such a level that the leaders of the majority of the world's Anglicans felt it was necessary to take a united stand for truth.”

GAFCON's Primates Council represents the majority of the world's Anglicans who meet every five years.

After meeting in Kenya in 2013 and again in Jerusalem in 2018, those delegates who could not travel to Jerusalem for political reasons gathered a year later in Dubai for ‘G19’, a conference for “faithful Christians in ‘restricted situations’.” Their final statement “spoke powerfully of the sense of betrayal they have experienced when the very Gospel for which they are suffering is being undermined and denied in other parts of the Anglican Communion.”

GAFCON members are bound by their 2008 Jerusalem Declaration.

Key statements include:

We acknowledge God's creation of humankind as male and female and the unchangeable standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman as the proper place for sexual intimacy and the basis of the family. We repent of our failures to

maintain this standard and call for a renewed commitment to lifelong fidelity in marriage and abstinence for those who are not married.

We reject the authority of those churches and leaders who have denied the orthodox faith in word or deed. We pray for them and call on them to repent and return to the Lord.



Evangelical Anglicans at a GAFCON meeting

INTERNATIONAL NEWS BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

IRELAND

HATE OFFENCES BILL
'MOST RADICAL IN HISTORY'

A bill that jeopardises free speech was easily passed in the Dáil Éireann, the lower house of the Irish parliament, in May.

David Thunder, a commentator for Australian news site Mercator, called it “the most radical hate speech law in the history of the Irish state, a law so radical that it could potentially criminalise material in your ‘possession’ that you have never made public, if that material is deemed by a judge to be liable to incite hatred and you cannot prove it was exclusively for personal use.”

“It could criminalise material in your ‘possession’ that you have never made public”

If it is not altered by the Seanad (Senate), any speech against “protected categories” could result in prosecution. The vague definitions in the bill mean it is open to varying interpretations by the police and justice system.

The Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022 lists the “protected characteristics” as race, colour, nationality, religion, national or ethnic origin, descent, gender, sex characteristics, sexual orientation and disability.

This potentially allows the state to punish citizens who dissent from the prevailing political opinion

The bill means that if the Irish have any wording on their computers that a prosecutor believes is “likely to incite violence or hatred” toward one of the protected groups, they may end up with a criminal conviction because it is assumed that the material will be published. The onus is on the defendant to prove to a judge that he or she did not intend to publish the text.

This potentially amounts to making thought a crime and allowing the state to punish citizens who dissent from the prevailing political opinion.



The Dáil Éireann has passed a chilling hate speech bill

FINLAND

Persecuted politician re-elected

A Finnish politician prosecuted for criticising the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland’s participation in LGBT Pride events has been re-elected.

Päivi Räsänen was prosecuted for ‘hate speech’ for tweeting a Bible verse on homosexuality, but won her case in a district court. The judgement stated that “it is not for the district court to interpret biblical concepts”. However, the Finnish state prosecutor has launched an appeal

The Finnish state is continuing to prosecute Päivi Räsänen for defending biblical orthodoxy



Credit: ADF International

USA

PASTOR’S DAUGHTER KILLED IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SHOOTING

The daughter of Chad Scruggs, a senior pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville, was one of the six victims of transgender attacker Audrey Hale.

Three children and three adults, including the headteacher, were shot dead at Covenant School, a Christian primary in Nashville, in March.

“We know she’s in the arms of Christ and he loves her more than we did”

Hallie Scruggs was just nine years old. Faithwire reported that her father said: “We know she’s in the arms of Christ and he loves her more than we did.”

According to Premier, Nashville police chief John Drake said it was likely that the shooting resulted from “some resentment” that Hale had “for having to go to that school” as a child.

Hale, a woman who identified as a man, was killed at the scene.

Chad Scruggs with Hallie when she was younger



Credit: Facebook

USA

Christian mother fights back over adoption

A mother of five who believes she was denied the right to adopt because of her faith is taking the State of Oregon to court.

Jessica Bates believes she was rejected because of her Christian beliefs about sexuality and has filed a federal lawsuit.

Last year, Bates applied to adopt two siblings. Premier reports that Christian Legal advocacy group ADF says her application was denied because she would not agree to “respect, accept, and support...

Jessica Bates believes she has been discriminated against because of her opposition to gender ideology



Credit: Alliance Defending Freedom

the sexual orientation, gender identity, [and] gender expression” of a child in her care.

ADF Senior Counsel Jonathan Scruggs said Oregon’s policy was discriminatory because “people who hold secular or ‘progressive’ views on sexual orientation and gender identity are eligible to participate in child welfare programs, while people of faith with religiously informed views are disqualified because they don’t agree with the state’s orthodoxy.”

Bates told the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) that she would “happily love and accept any child” but could not compromise her Christian beliefs.

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FREEDOM WATCH



TWO POWER GRABS ARE IN THE OFFING

WHO do they think they are

The organisation which advocates grooming toddlers wants to take control of global health



— By HEART staff —

Just one man would have the power to over-ride governments and declare a global health emergency if the World Health Organisation's latest proposals are passed at a meeting taking place from 21-30 May as we went to press.

Campaigners say the proposed Pandemic Treaty would give this UN agency unprecedented power to override national laws and individual rights during "health emergencies".

Under common law and Magna Carta Parliament does not have the authority to give British sovereignty to an alien entity

The WHO's Director General could declare a pandemic, enforce lockdowns and make richer countries pay for abortions, sterilisation and vaccinations in less 'developed' nations.

Each nation would have to appoint a 'National Competent Authority' to carry out the WHO's dictates. This entity would be "held accountable" for the "delivery of IHR obligations (International Health Regulations)". The UK has already set up the Health Security Agency during Covid.

The WHO's ultimate aim is to adopt the Pandemic Treaty by 2024.

The proposed treaty has been made more draconian, with the latest version making the regulations legally binding for nations. Worryingly, a clause stating that the regulations should be implemented "with full respect of the dignity of human rights and fundamental freedoms of the person" has been removed. This could lead to forced medical treatments such as vaccinations.

Moreover nations would grant the WHO power to develop new, worldwide surveillance and data-sharing mechanisms, and counter "misinformation and disinformation". Dr Byram Bridle, a Canadian professor pilloried for questioning the Covid

vaccine enforcement, has said this would be the death of true science.

It's not too late to write to your MP

The handful of MPs who have objected to the WHO's Pandemic Treaty include Danny Kruger, Esther McVey, Sir John Redwood and Andrew Bridgen. If your MP is not one of these, a letter by retired GP Dr Alistair Montgomery printed in Dundee's Courier might help. This will be on the HEART website.

MEPs, doctors and scientists took part in the Third International Covid Summit in the European Parliament in May 2023. Dr Robert Malone and Dr Byram Bridle were among the dissenting scientists who addressed the conference, thanking the MEPs as they had previously been condemned for warning about the Covid jabs



Credit: Screenshot

WHO's guidance sexualises children

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends guidance for schools which encourages toddlers to "gain an awareness of gender identity" and "enjoyment and pleasure when touching one's own body".

Its guidance document states: "From birth, babies learn the value and pleasure of bodily contact, warmth and intimacy. Soon after that, they learn what is 'clean' and what is 'dirty'."

The Daily Telegraph reported that the Shadow Minister for Education in Wales, parents' organisations, and MPs have expressed outrage. This guidance, first published in 2010, has apparently been rejected by the UK Government who said they do not recognise the WHO guidance or agree with its recommendations.

It has been said that such guidance "sexualises children and pushes them to engage in sexual discussions."

However, a WHO spokesman told The Telegraph that the organisation "stands by its guidance."

The WHO's guidance was cited in a 2017 report commissioned by Welsh ministers and there is a fear it has informed RSE in schools.



DEADLINE TO PROTEST OVER DIGITAL POUND

Britons only had until 7 June to respond to a Bank of England consultation on the introduction of a digital pound. Using a CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency) means that all purchases are tracked, leading, it is feared, to a Chinese-style social credit system where citizens with a high score are rewarded with benefits and freedoms.

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/paper/2023/the-digital-pound-consultation-paper>

HEALTH WATCH

EXCESS DEATHS FROM HEART PROBLEMS IN YOUNGER AGE GROUPS

By Dr Alistair Montgomery

Dr John Campbell, the professor of nursing whose regular 10-minute video bulletins attract over two million subscribers, quotes the Daily Mirror where from May-December 2022 there were 32,441 excess deaths (non-Covid) among the "Brits".

The figure from the ONS (Office for National Statistics) for the week ending 21 April (week 16) is 14,024 deaths which was 22.1% above the national five-year average.

On 28 April (week 17), the figure fell to 13,690 which was 12.9% above the five-year average.

According to the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, these excess

deaths were across ALL age groups: 0-24, 25-49, 50-64, 65-74 and 75-84. The question that has to be asked is why death rates increase in the younger and young working age groups. It was not because they were not taking their statins!

The causes for these deaths were increased in cerebrovascular, ischaemic heart, heart failure and liver disease. Cancer was unchanged.

We know the spike proteins (produced by the vaccine) can have devastating effects on clotting, vascular damage, heart muscle damage and have been associated with liver disease.

An article by Dr Alistair Montgomery was published in the Dec/Jan 2022-23 paper

MP BRIDGEN CONTINUES TO WARN ABOUT VACCINE HARMS

MP Andrew Bridgen led an adjournment debate in Parliament on 17 March on vaccine harms, deaths and costs.

Although expelled from the Conservative Party for likening the damage from the Covid injections to the Holocaust, he has continued to voice his concerns over the current excess death rates and those whose post-vaccination suffering is not being publicised.

Bridgen asked the House why more is not being done in the UK to investigate and publicise the adverse effects of Covid-19 vaccines that have made billions for 'Big Pharma'. He quoted the unprecedented levels of Yellow Card reports (the updates of which will no longer be publicly reported) and the 63,000 excess deaths in the last 12 months in England and Wales.

One in 800 vaccine boosted people face death or serious injury and to prevent



Credit: Screenshot

Andrew Bridgen MP speaking about vaccine damage to a near-empty House of Commons

just one healthy 30 to 39-year-old being hospitalised from Covid-19 it costs over £9m. To prevent one person being seriously hospitalised from Covid, a disproportionate number need to be boosted, and at the end of March 2023, the total vaccine funding was budgeted for £8.3 billion.

The final cost to the taxpayer of the Government's efforts to purchase and deploy vaccines is uncertain.

After being expelled from the Conservative Party on 12 April he has joined the Reclaim Party founded by Laurence Fox. Bridgen said that he has not lost his conservative values but finds the current Conservative Party has lost its way and is completely unrecognisable.

Bridgen believes that he will be vindicated as further evidence emerges about the harms, lack of safety and efficacy of the Covid jabs.

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Comment by *Robin Benson*

ALL QUIET ON THE GAZA FRONT, BUT TWO POPULATIONS ARE TRAUMATISED

Apartment blocks in Israel under aerial bombardment defended by Israel's Iron Dome defence system

The psychological and emotional trauma for Israelis and many innocent Arab civilians in the Gaza Strip will linger far longer

It's "all quiet on the Gaza Front" once again.

From 9-13 May Israel's military defence forces had another go at "mowing the grass"... This is the euphemism coined by someone in the military or political echelons some years ago for when Israel uses deadly force to stop the latest barrage of missiles coming from the Gaza Strip, where the Hamas terrorist group rules the roost.

This recent Islamist terrorist escalation actually started on 2 and 3 May when Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) – with Hamas' backing – fired 104 rockets towards southern Israel from the Gaza Strip. This was in response, PIJ claims, to the death in an Israeli prison of a hunger striking security prisoner and PIJ leader, Khader Adnan.

As always, Israel did briefly respond to this missile attack, but it was limited in scope. This did not go down well with some of the more vocal members of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition, who called for a much stronger military response. Many Israelis were also not impressed, especially those who lived in the path of these incoming projectiles and had spent the best part of more than 24 hours in bomb shelters.

On 9 May Israel initiated "Operation Shield and Arrow" against PIJ. Precision missile strikes straight away eliminated three senior PIJ leaders, responsible for key aspects of the terror group's activities in the Gaza Strip, but also for their growing influence in Judea and Samaria. By the end of the operation, a further three senior PIJ leaders had been taken out, along with at least 11 other PIJ operatives, and four members of other Hamas-affiliated terror organisations.

Over 1,400 projectiles were fired at Israel

During the five-day operation, over 1,400 projectiles were fired at Israel. Of those, over 1,100 crossed into Israeli territory, and 440 of those were intercepted by Israel's air defence system, which had a 96% success rate. A few missiles evaded the Iron Dome defence system, and there were Israeli casualties – including two fatalities – and property damage as a result. The other projectiles out of that 1,100 fell in unpopulated areas, where actual damage would be minimal.

While not in any way downplaying the loss of life and damage, all these statistics sound wonderful. Israel's air

defence system is a marvel of modern warfare and the envy of many other nations.

But what the numbers do not convey is that well over two million Israelis – including, for the first time in a long time, citizens of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem – lived in constant dread of Red Alert sirens and warnings on their smartphones, with many holed up in bomb shelters for the duration of the conflict. The psychological and emotional trauma for them, as well as for many innocent Arab civilians in the Gaza Strip, will linger far longer.

However, in addition to this latest flare-up, there is now in Israel a much deeper awareness that behind PIJ, Hamas and all the other Islamist terror entities in both the Gaza Strip, and increasingly in Judea and Samaria, is the Islamic revolutionary regime in Iran. Iran finances, supplies weaponry, and in many ways directs much of this terror activity against Israel and all its citizens: of that fact there is now no doubt.

Iran is the puppet master pulling the strings of terror groups

So as Prime Minister Netanyahu and his coalition try to get their proposed budget through the Knesset – a necessity by 29 May or the government falls – they must contend with the stark reality that not only is Iran well on the way to nuclear weapons capability, but at the same time it is the puppet master pulling the strings of most of the terror groups in all the nations that surround Israel and want to wipe her off the map...whatever the cost.

The God of Israel promises multiple times in his Word that such a thing will never happen, and he stays true to his Word...no matter what. We will have to wait and see how he fulfils those promises.



Robin Benson has reported on current events in Israel for many years. He appears regularly on Revelation TV's 'Politics Today' and 'Middle East Report'



A little boy in front of the family car hit by rockets from Gaza

CIVILIAN LIFE – AND DEATH

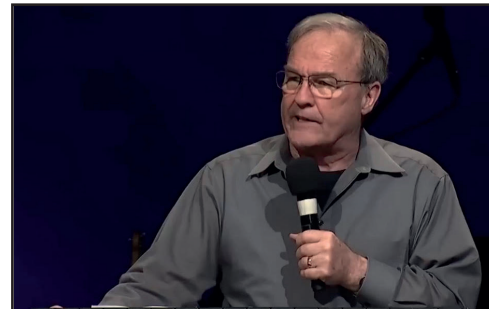
Not all civilians managed to reach their bomb shelters in time to escape rocket fire.

An 80-year-old grandmother in Rehovot in southern Israel was killed when a terrorist rocket struck her apartment building. Mike Evans of the Jerusalem Prayer Team reported: "She was trying to get her paralysed husband into the reinforced room that serves as their bomb shelter, but the ceiling collapsed, leaving him injured and her dead."

He adds: "Every day new attacks are being launched against innocent Jewish men, women, and children. Sometimes it is rockets raining down death from the skies. Sometimes it is a gun or a knife. Sometimes it is a car being driven into a crowd."

While residents of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv experienced attack for the first time, it is commonplace for the inhabitants of towns like Sderot in southern Israel where many are poor Russian immigrants.

His ministry was aiming to raise funds to help those suffering from PTSD.



Mike Bickle speaking to supporters

TIMELY CALL FOR 21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

For 21 days from 7 May over a million people from around the world joined in prayer and fasting for Israel, leading up to Pentecost on 28 May.

Bible teacher and evangelist Mike Bickle, inspired by Isaiah 62:6-7, created two-minute prayers which people could say for all the Jewish people, for Messianic congregations and for the dual fulfilment of prophecies for Israel and the nations.

Such a call for prayer and fasting was timely as attacks by Islamists against Israel began on 2 May.

Mike Bickle had received a prophecy years earlier that one day he would call a million people to prayer. In fact, many other prayer movements took part, with over 100 million expected to join in prayer on Pentecost Sunday, making it one of the largest prayer days in history.



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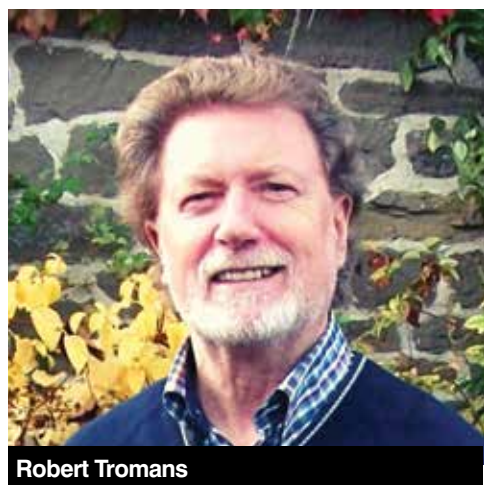
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IS THIS FREEDOM'S FINEST HOUR? OR ITS END?

NEVER HAVE THERE BEEN MORE VOICES, PARTICULARLY IN WHAT USED TO BE CALLED THE FREE WORLD, lamenting the exponentially increasing erosion of our freedoms founded on Magna Carta, the biblical origin of our ancient constitutional rights.

Fearless broadcasters such as Neil Oliver (GB News) and other notables are speaking up loudly for constitutional freedom and are passionately appealing to such issues as the dumbing down of our Common Law, the fundamental significance of the coronation oath and the role of the Church of England.

Will the coronation have propelled the crisis and will watchmen, the Bible's Issachar people, use the opportunity to alert the Church and the world to the prophetic signs of our times? Just as the UN, WEF/WHO and their fellow conspirators ramp up their highly successful mind-numbing agenda towards 2030, with the likely imposition of CB-DC's/Net Zero/Social Scoring et al?



Robert Tromans

At the same time the clamour grows from a growing band of dissenters for the rise of a new leader who will return the chaotic world to some acceptable normality, a normality that we are privileged as watchmen to know is likely to be the revealing of the Antichrist to a desperate world.

What evidence is there, and what should concerned Christians be doing about it? My appeal here is, admittedly, based on my own long-standing personal and passionate love of the Judeo-Christian roots of our British history.

I have certainly been exercised by the dying gasps of Magna Carta for many years and it was this lament and the certainty that its demise indicates that we are in the biblically prophetic end times that I felt compelled to write 'Magna Carta RIP?'. Especially since the worldwide deception of the pandemic from 2020 have the signs of the times come into precise focus.

This was confirmed for me when, in April 2023, my book, first published eight years ago on the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta was Book of the Day on the four-million-member Online Book Club.

The remarkable results indicate the unprecedented public interest, almost



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Author and lyricist Robert Tromans, aka Jude Meritus, has noticed increasing interest in his book on Magna Carta – does this mean that ordinary people are waking up to the need for a return to common law?

exclusively in the alternative news media, in our Judeo/Christian heritage, and what it all means, for the world and the Church. We have seen far more interest in fact, than there was on Magna Carta's actual 800th anniversary!

There is unprecedented public interest, almost exclusively in the alternative news media, in our Judeo/Christian heritage, and what it all means, for the world and the Church

A few statistics: By early April 2023, 177+ members had downloaded 'Magna Carta RIP?', intending to read it in the near future. Twitter has had 1779+ views

and as at 31 April, 12 reviews, all positive, from those who have now read it. Every few days I am getting hits on social media.

Amazon updates the popularity of every book on their platform every day. My title was around 1.2million rating before 9 March, improving substantially by 9 March to 47,192 in the UK and 54,401 in the USA, where it was rated as 16 in Social Issues and 20 in the eschatology categories. These complex algorithm measures change hourly but are a good indication of popularity. They are not claimed as being comparable to the top best-sellers that make it into the New York Times but are generally regarded as more than respectable in a specialised non-fiction book.

In applauding any pushbacks by freedom champions in the secular world we



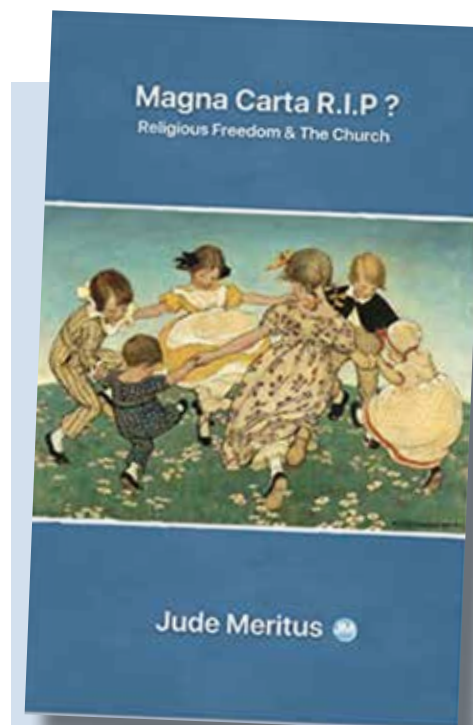
Was His Majesty King Charles III fulfilling Bible prophecy and dealing the final death blow to Magna Carta when, as Prince of Wales, he announced the Terra Carta award at Davos in 2020? The Terra Carta is the guiding mandate for the Sustainable Markets Initiative, providing a proposed set of principles, a new Ten Commandments towards 2030 that "puts Nature, People and Planet at the heart of the economy"

have a last-days, God-given opportunity to show where the basis of our freedoms and liberty came from – God's laws. Whereas there are many angry voices and justifiable calls for restitution, the remnant of believing watchmen is in the last chance saloon to focus on biblical salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ and his prophetic Word.

Repentance for our neglect will not necessarily be widespread but in the words of Jude in his letter to the churches: "Let us contend earnestly for the faith entrusted once for all to the saints" (Jude 1:3).

Jude, whose letter inspired me to write, exhorts us also in our endeavours for the Kingdom: to keep ourselves in the love of God as we await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring us to eternal life; to have mercy on those who doubt, save others by snatching them from the fire, and to still others show mercy tempered with fear (Jude 20-23).

This earnest warning from Jesus's half-brother, is for us to reach as many as we can in these final days and hours of history, with the Good News of salvation through our risen Saviour and the prophesied coming of the Kingdom of God. The imminence of the tribulation and the anticipated revealing of the false Messiah emphasises the urgency of the message to those who are deceived into putting their faith and hopes in the New World Order, whether their sustainable Utopia or a new political and even religious reformation! Maranatha!



'Magna Carta RIP? - Religious Freedom and the Church' is free on Kindle Unlimited and only £2.53 to buy from www.judemeritus.net where there is also a link to stream 20 Christian songs with original lyrics. Email feedback@judemeritus.net

'Magna Carta RIP?' has a new front cover inspired by 'Ring-a-ring-a-roses... we all fall down', the traditional children's rhyme thought to originate with the Great Plague. (The 1912 illustration, by Jessie Wilcox Smith, 1912, is called 'American children playing the game').

The author is comparing the circumstances of the Great Plague to the Covid pandemic and current chaos in Church and states, "just one of the prophetic signs of these times."



BRITAIN'S BETRAYAL

As the 75th anniversary of Israel's rebirth approaches, let us not forget that while British Bible believers prepared Israel for statehood, we then stopped listening to God

by Charles Gardner

The rebirth of Israel 75 years ago clearly showed the hand of God at work, but it could not have happened without Britain's involvement.

Looking back to the century preceding the rise of the Jewish state, Britain had gained such worldwide influence that it was said the sun never set on our empire.

Certainly not everything we did historically was good, but we did succeed in spreading the Gospel of the Jewish Messiah far and wide, and there is no question that it had a civilising and hugely beneficial effect.

And just as proclaiming the Gospel was a key factor in blessing China, Africa, India and elsewhere, so our determination to facilitate the restoration of Israel was cut from a similar cloth.

Evangelical preachers and politicians were the prime influence on British government policies leading to the Balfour Declaration and the subsequent internationally-backed Mandate to prepare the Jewish people for statehood.

But we soon broke our pledge and betrayed Israel, as a result of which we have lost our moral moorings. The miracle of modern Israel came about anyway.

But after doing so much to promote her restoration, we subsequently moved in precisely the opposite direction.

Appeasing Arab opposition to Jewish immigration most likely led to the death of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Jews who could have escaped Hitler's concentration camps through emigration to Palestine, as it was then known.

In addition, post-war Britain went out of its way to ensure the new state would not survive, even appointing a British officer, Lt Gen Sir John Bagot Glubb, to command the Jordanian Arab Legion.

In her disobedience to God long ago, Israel was sold into the hands of her enemies (Judges 2:14), and it appears that Britain is suffering the same fate today. We own few of our major industries or football clubs, for one thing; and we have presided over a steep decline in churchgoing while Islam – the antithesis of Christianity in so many



The 'gates of hell' at Caesarea Philippi to which Jesus may have referred when challenging his disciples over his authority (Matthew 16:18), which remains at the heart of the battle of Middle Eastern politics. For Israel belongs to God. Pagan culture at the time of Jesus saw this giant cave as the entrance to the realm of the dead. Interestingly, the huge earthquakes which shook Turkey, Syria, and parts of Israel's Mediterranean coast in March 2023 stopped at the 'gates of hell'

Photo: Charles Gardner

ways, particularly with regard to freedom – has established an extraordinarily strong foothold in the nation.

Hugely respected Bible teacher Derek Prince in 2003 saw "very little hope for Britain" and repeated his warning that "the nation not serving Israel would perish" (Isaiah 60:12).

The British Government's response to the latest outrage – the brutal murder by Palestinian terrorists of a British-Israeli rabbi's wife and two of their daughters – is indicative of no real change in our attitudes with a spineless, lily-livered call for Israel and Hamas to 'de-escalate tensions' as if the fault runs equally both ways.

We soon broke our pledge and betrayed Israel, as a result of which we have lost our moral moorings

We stopped listening to the evangelicals, who believe in the authority of Scripture. Now, instead of spreading the Gospel around the globe, we have become leading exporters of degrading morality as stable society and family life collapses around our ears. And our priests, like those who brought Jesus to trial, are spitting in his face and crucifying him all over again.

In the words of Rev Calvin Robinson,

our bishops are promoting the idea of 'sacramental sodomy', referring to the Church of England's decision to bless same-sex marriage.

The murky moral quagmire into which Britain has sunk can, I suggest, be traced back to the time when we began treating the people who gave us the Bible with contempt.

But instead of supporting Israel through our politics, our prayers and our goodwill born of a Christian ethos, we have exported our rebellious ways, encouraged rainbow flag-waving and pushed anti-God propaganda wherever we can. Now it seems that believing the Bible, as a strong contingent of Israel's new government do, has become the ultimate blasphemy.

There is a flicker of light on the horizon, however. In Britain, as in Israel, Bible believers are fighting back with forthright faith.

Rev Robinson, in an Oxford Union debate, said: "Our purpose as clerics is to lead people away from sin, not embrace it... Sin is the problem, not the sinner."

We were once a great nation sending missionaries around the world to share the nation-changing good news of Jesus. Yet now we have thrown out our most precious possession. Jesus told us to build on the rock. But we have built on sand.

IRANIAN JEWS TOLD TO JOIN ANTI-ISRAEL PROTEST

The Iranian regime instructed the country's Jewish community to refrain from celebrating the day after Passover and instead participate in the annual anti-Israel Quds Day demonstration calling for Israel's destruction. Al-Quds is the Arabic name for Jerusalem.

"If you don't demonstrate, you will be harmed," explained Beni Sabti, an expert on Iran from the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security.

Quds Day protests are also held in Iraq, Lebanon and elsewhere on the last Friday of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Iran has marked the day since its 1979 Islamic Revolution.

ABBOTT CONTROVERSY

Veteran Labour MP Diane Abbott, who once served as Jeremy Corbyn's Shadow Home Secretary, suggested that Jews don't experience racism, likening it to prejudices experienced by 'red-heads'.

'DOUBLE STANDARD' ON ANTISEMITISM

Home Secretary Suella Braverman is concerned that a 'double standard' exists when it comes to antisemitism, which must not be treated as 'racism-lite'. She added: "Racism that would be called out if it were directed against any other minority is explained away or ignored when it comes to Jews. We need to be really clear. Antisemitism is not racism-lite. It's racism."



Suella Braverman has warned of downplaying antisemitism

Credit: David Woolfall/Wikimedia

BEREAVED RABBI SPEAKS OUT AFTER BRUTAL MURDERS

Britain's Jewish community was in profound shock after two sisters and their mother were brutally gunned down by Palestinian terrorists in Israel.

Rina and Maia Dee, aged 15 and 20, died at the scene after being shot at point-blank range and their mother Lucy later succumbed to her injuries in hospital.

Father and husband Leo Dee, who witnessed the shocking scene as he was following in a separate car, was formerly a senior rabbi at Radlett United Synagogue in Hertfordshire and assistant rabbi in Hendon, north London. The family moved to Israel in 2014.

In a statement following the tragedy, Leo referred to the anti-government protests in Israel.

"Some people think a religious government will suppress minority rights and become totalitarian," he said. "But this is not a risk in Israel as religious Jews simply believe in balancing love and justice."

He said humanity has lost the ability to differentiate between good and evil as a "small minority" has peddled moral relativism, which he compared to a cocaine addiction where the addict keeps magnifying the problem.

"Let's reverse this negative loop," he said. "We will never accept terror as legitimate... There is no such thing as moral equivalence between terrorists and victims. The terrorist is always bad."

He was referring to calls from politicians for both sides of the conflict to reduce tension as if blame for the atrocity went both ways.



Murdered: Lucy Dee and her daughters Rina and Maia

DOCTOR JOKES ABOUT GASSING JEWS

A junior doctor who joked about gassing Jews has been suspended from his executive post on the British Medical Association pending an investigation.

Dr Martin Whyte, a paediatrician and deputy chair of the junior doctors' committee, is reported to have found videos about the Holocaust being a hoax "pretty convincing". The committee has been coordinating recent strikes in pursuit of a 35 per cent pay rise.

LIFE AND DEATH CONTRAST

Israel's Economy Minister Nir Barkat, meanwhile, noted how the Dee family's decision to donate the mother's organs further accentuated the difference between the values of Jews and those of the terrorists who try to murder them. A Palestinian was among seven recipients.

Speaking to CNN, Barkat said: "That's the difference between living as Jews, seeking life and making a better life for other people, and the terrorists, who all they seek is death."

Lucy Dee's organs offered life-saving hope to critically ill people while the terrorists (or their families) can expect to receive a million dollars from the Palestinian Authority for killing innocent Jews.

In the wake of these shocking murders, which also included an Italian tourist on the same weekend, calls were made for the sacking of a UN official who claimed that Israel had no right to self-defence against Palestinian terrorism. Francesca Albanese, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, has a long history of antisemitism.

The Guardian and Times newspapers also came under fire for their skewed reporting of these attacks. And Lee has since called on The Guardian to fire cartoonist Martin Rowson, accused of fostering antisemitism with his caricature of departing BBC chairman Richard Sharp, a Jew.



Frimet Roth with her daughter Malki just before Passover 2001, the year Malki died tragically

Photo courtesy Arnold and Frimet Roth

The Dees are the latest of thousands of Israeli terror victims, whose plight has been taken up by British Christian photography lecturer Jennie Milne.

After learning that some of her own ancestors died in the concentration camps, Jennie Milne was shocked to discover that thousands of Israelis have since perished at the hands of Palestinian terrorists and has mounted a photographic exhibition of survivors to illustrate their trauma. Her exhibition was presented in a Zoom conference hosted by Glasgow Friends of Israel, which included Arnold Roth, whose beautiful 15-year-old daughter Malki was blown up by a suicide bomber in the centre of Jerusalem on 9 August 2001. A full version of this story, 'In memory of Malki' can be read at www.heartpublications.co.uk

BILLIONAIRE BIBLE SCHOLAR

The richest woman in the world is a Bible scholar, though she did not make her money that way. Françoise Bettencourt Meyers, 69-year-old granddaughter of L'Oréal founder Eugène Schueller, is worth £64.6 billion.

She heads this year's Forbes billionaire list of the world's richest women, with handbag and perfume magnate Bernard Arnault knocking Elon Musk off the men's list, meaning the world's richest man and woman are both French for the first time.

Françoise owes her entire wealth to the 33% stake her family continue

to hold in the cosmetics firm, which she inherited as sole heiress upon her mother's death in 2017.

Raised a strict Catholic, she is a respected Bible scholar and has written books on topics ranging from Greek mythology to Jewish-Christian relations.

She is married to Jean-Pierre Meyers, grandson of a rabbi murdered at Auschwitz, and they have two children. Her marriage caused controversy as her grandfather, a pharmacist who invented a hair dye called L'Oréal in 1907, was put on trial for 'economic and political collaboration' with the Nazis during World War II, but was later cleared of the charges by a Parisian post-war court.

Her socialite mother and former Cabinet minister father Andre Bettencourt were known for throwing exclusive parties. But Françoise does not indulge in the same glamorous lifestyle, preferring to play the piano or write. She has been labelled a 'serious minded intellectual' by Time magazine and pledged £160 million to repair Notre Dame Cathedral after it was ravaged by a fire in 2019.

SWASTIKA CUT INTO BOY'S BACK

The FBI is investigating a shocking crime involving a large swastika cut into an autistic boy's back in a Nevada school.

The mother of the 17-year-old, who does not speak and attends the Clark High School in Las Vegas with both a service dog and a shadow, said: "My son is the only student I know of who wears a kippah at the school," adding that his assistant is apparently still working there. "Her job is to be with my son. If she did not do [the etched mark], I believe she knows who did."

A spokeswoman for the Anti-Defamation League pointed out: "Not only was this student targeted for his identifiable faith, but he was particularly vulnerable due to his disability."

Initial complaints generated no response and the FBI got involved after the Israeli American Council intervened. They have a website called School Watch monitoring the growing number of anti-Jewish incidents and reporting that a startling 75% of Israeli-Americans encounter antisemitism in school.

TV PRESENTERS GLORIFY TERROR

Two exiled Egyptian television presenters are using their 'safe haven' in Britain to glorify terror and broadcast anti-Israeli propaganda, a Jewish Chronicle investigation revealed.

Osama Gaweesh defended Hamas as "the resistance" while his colleague Moataz Matar called the murder of former Radlett Rabbi Leo Dee's wife and daughters "an operation by the resistance".

Between them, they regularly reach millions of viewers via satellite TV and their social media channels.

ANTISEMITIC 'MASS MURDER' WARNING

Antisemitism will only ultimately be beaten when Jesus returns, a spokesman for Chosen People Ministries told a Zoom meeting in Britain.

Speaking from the United States, Olivier Melnick, a Jewish believer originally from France, warned Christians that "we could be inches away from mass murder of Jews," which is where things are headed due to worrying factors such as apathy, misinformation and people getting away with outrageous insults.

A particularly worrying factor was that antisemitism was not on the radar of most Christians as they did not consider themselves affected by it.

"But silence is complicity," said Olivier, reminding participants of German pastor Martin Niemöller's famous quote, suggesting that if we did not stand up for others, there would be no-one left to speak for us.

Melnick cited a recent case in France where a man has walked free for throwing a Jewish woman out of the window to her death on the basis that he was high on cannabis, whereas French law dictates that you can be imprisoned for simply throwing a pet out of the window.

He further warned that some may soon be forced into civil disobedience when the law no longer protected Jews, citing the case of Anne Frank in Nazi-occupied Holland. "Those who hid Anne Frank were breaking the law; those who killed her were following the law."

Antisemitism, he said, would "only be fully dealt with when Jesus returns. But we must fight it; we must be vocal against it."

Doing so also enables us to build bridges with the Jewish people and earns us the right to speak to them about Jesus - many Jews are still under the impression that the church was complicit in antisemitism over the centuries.

ISLAMIC WORLD CALLED TO UNITE AGAINST ISRAEL

Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called on the Islamic world to unite "against Israel's attacks in Palestine" in a message to his Iranian counterpart Ebrahim Raisi. It came in the wake of clashes on the Temple Mount followed by missiles and rockets launched by Hamas from Israel's northern and southern borders.

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

- Battle of Britain
- The Pursuit of Kindness
- In Memory of Malki
- Fatal Rebellion
- Appointment in Jerusalem
- Jewish Scientist finds Messiah

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LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

Tope Pearson meets the man who has helped thousands of couples discover each other's 'love language' and rescue their marriages

I had the pleasure of interviewing Dr Gary Chapman, bestselling author of 'The 5 Love Languages®', during a recent visit to Britain.

Now 85, Dr Chapman says his work is an overflow of his life as a husband for 62 years and pastor for 50 years. Married to his wife, Karolyn, for 62 years, they have a son Derek and a daughter Shelley, and two grandchildren.

He still travels the world presenting

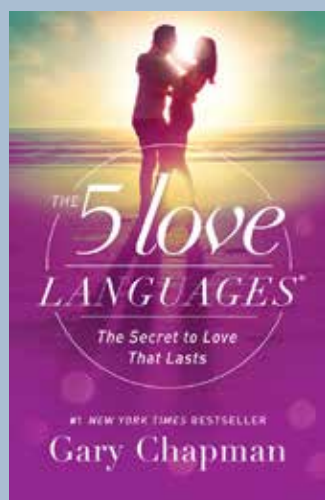
seminars, though, and was in London for just a week this May, speaking about 'The 5 Love Languages®' in churches, including London's Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB), which uses his materials in their pre-marriage and parenting courses.

Over 20 million copies of 'The 5 Love Languages®' have sold over the past two decades and Dr Chapman's radio programmes air on more than 350 stations.



Bestselling bliss: After 62 years, Gary and Karolyn Chapman are fluent in each other's love language

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Nonetheless, Dr Chapman is a humble man, who clearly loves his call and purpose, which is to help married couples simply fall in love with each other afresh every day.

Based on the simple concept that each of us has a primary love language, which when 'spoken' – or, more often, acted upon – fills up our emotional "love tanks," in his book Dr Chapman helps couples identify, understand, and speak their spouse's primary love language:

- quality time
- words of affirmation
- gifts
- acts of service
- physical touch

Written to address the complexities of relationships in today's world, 'The 5 Love Languages®' book and website provide a love language quiz for a couple that pinpoints their primary love language, what it means, and how it can be used to connect with their spouse to bring intimacy and fulfilment.

While serving with his wife as Associate Pastor in Calvary Baptist Church over five decades, Dr Chapman counselled married couples and produced small booklets with ideas

which came from the difficulties these couple underwent in their relationship. This is how Dr Chapman discovered the five 'love languages'.

The entire human race speaks these five love languages

He believes that we develop our primary and secondary love language very early in life, and you can tell a child's primary love language by the time they are four by just observing their behaviour. However, Dr Chapman is unsure what part is nature and what part is nurture, because parental responses can influence a child.

Our primary and secondary love languages typically remain constant over a lifetime, but there are seasons and circumstances in life where another love language may become more important.

"In every child and adult, there is an emotional love tank, and when the love tank is full, life is beautiful but when empty, life looks pretty dark", says Dr Chapman, who suggests a game for married couples. On a scale of one to

ten, how full is your love tank? If they say a low number, the partner asks, "What can I do to help to fill it?"

The chances are the partner will give away their primary love language throughout this game. If your partner will not play, you can observe their behaviour to discover his or her primary love language on your own, or you can listen to what they complain about or request most of the time.

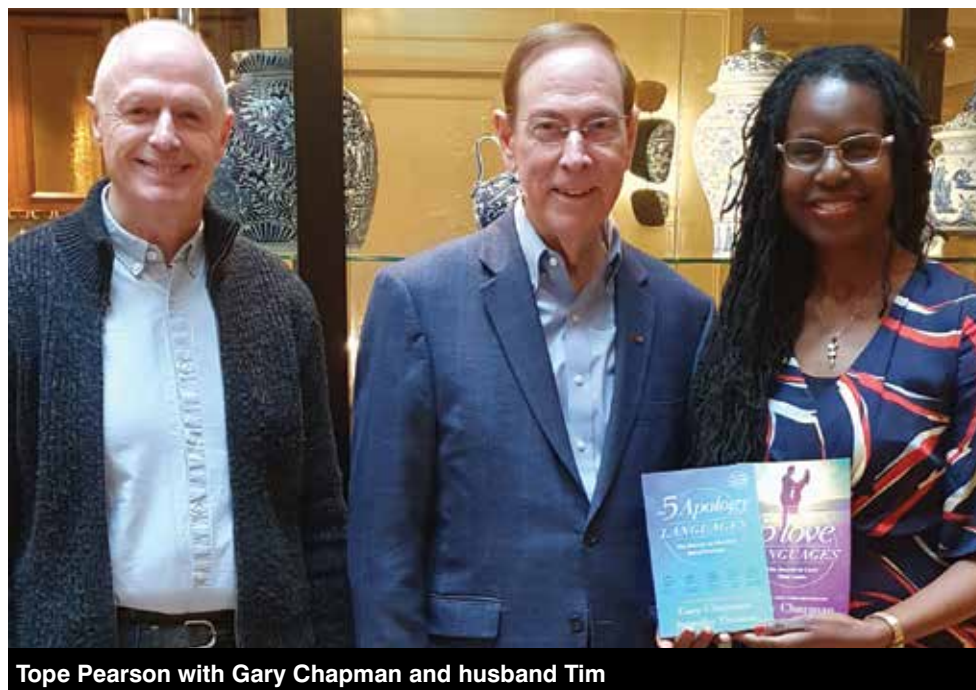
Although couples may apologise to each other, some spouses do not believe they are truly sorry

Dr Chapman admitted he was surprised at requests to print the book in over 50 different languages, because his study of anthropology had shown him a myriad of social and cultural differences. As they all went on to become bestsellers in those countries, it confirmed to him that the entire human race speaks these five love languages, for what is appropriate for them in their respective dialects.

When Dr Chapman wrote his bestselling book, it was specifically to attract non-Christians.

"Moody Publishing, being a Christian publishing house, did not mention God on purpose, knowing Christians already knew God is love and were aware about where the proverbs mentioned in the book came from the Bible."

He went on to write a book called, 'God Speaks your Love Language' which he ends with, "I have given you how to love, but I can't give you motivation." Then he reveals how



Tope Pearson with Gary Chapman and husband Tim

the love of God motivated him to love others, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I was amazed and very moved at how creative Dr Chapman is and the extra miles he still goes to help married couples in every situation. For a husband and wife separated by work, Dr Chapman helps them put physical touch into practice by asking them to draw around their hand on a piece of paper, send it with a note to their spouse, saying, "put your hand on my mine, I want to hold your hand."

A soldier serving away from home did just this and told Dr Chapman that he

felt his wife's hand (emotionally). Also, it is much easier today to watch the same film with your spouse over face-time.

Many young people struggle in the area of love and most do not want to get married these days, as they may have grown up feeling unloved; not necessarily because their parents did not love them, but they did not communicate their love language to them. Also, many have experienced the pain of divorce either observing their parents or someone else's. Dr Chapman said, "Loneliness is a huge factor in our culture today."

His latest book, 'The Five Apology

Languages', was first titled, 'When Sorry isn't Enough,' but they later changed it to complement 'The Five Love Languages'. It was inspired by a female counsellor, who suggested that although couples may apologise to each other, some spouses do not believe they are truly sorry.

Dr Chapman and his team worked with married couples to ask what the spouse actually wanted to hear their spouse say when they apologise and broke it down into five segments. Typically, we learn to apologise through our parents, so we grow up with what we have learnt. In the US, about 90% do not apologise and most were men and they learnt it through their fathers, who told them, "Real men do not apologise". Dr Chapman went on to state, "Real men DO apologise."

Tope Pearson is an author and speaker who has ministered at various churches internationally and co-founded Equipping the Saints Ministries alongside her husband, Tim.

Tope's ministry is to "save the lost, heal the broken and empower the Body of Christ". She has written seven books, available from youfitperfectly.co.uk and online bookstores worldwide. Her most widely sold book in the area of relationships is 'The Wedding Dress', (£12.95 inc p&p). To order direct, send cheques payable to: 'You Fit Perfectly', c/o ETS Ministries, Allia Business Centre, London Road, Peterborough PE2 8AN

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A CALL FOR PERSONAL AND NATIONAL REPENTANCE



PERSECUTION WATCH

by Andrew Halloway

GLOBAL

MAJOR REPORT OUTLINES WORSENING PERSECUTION



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The US Countries of Particular Concern currently comprise Burma, China, Cuba, Eritrea, Iran, Nicaragua, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan

Religious freedom around the world is declining, with five nations added to the 'worst offenders' list.

The 2023 report by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) calls on the US State Department to designate Nigeria, India, Afghanistan, Syria and Vietnam as countries of particular concern (CPCs).

The US State Department's list of CPCs currently comprises Burma, China, Cuba, Eritrea, Iran, Nicaragua, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

It is strange that Nigeria is not already declared a CPC. The USCIRF has been highlighting persecution in Nigeria since 2009, and has criticised the State Department for leaving Nigeria off its list.

Release International shares USCIRF's concerns, but points out that the USCIRF report overlooks the horrendous attacks on Christian villages by Fulani herdsmen.

The USCIRF decision to call for India to become a CPC is supported by Release International's own findings, which are outlined in its annual Persecution Trends report. USCIRF states: "Religious freedom conditions in India continue to worsen. Throughout the year, the Indian government at the national, state, and local levels promoted and enforced religiously discriminatory policies, including laws targeting religious conversion."

And in May, an outbreak of communal violence in India's north-eastern state of Manipur saw as many as 35 churches burned down in a tribal dispute. A source in the country told Premier: "Inflammatory remarks made by a Meitei Christian pastor have sparked religious tensions, resulting in the burning of churches belonging to both Meitei and Kuki communities."



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A Hindu temple in Karnataka. Hindu nationalism is causing increasing persecution of Christians in India

NIGERIA

HUNDREDS MORE MASSACRED

The deadly attacks on Christians in Nigeria are continuing unabated.

In March, Fulani herdsmen and other terrorists killed around 30 Christians in Kaduna State. In April, Islamic extremists killed a pastor in Borno State. Rev Yakubu Shuaibu of the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria was shot dead in his house, and his pregnant wife wounded.

Also in April, terrorists from the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) killed 134 Christians in the country's middle belt state of Benue, and over 11 days Fulani herdsmen killed 18 people and wounded others in the predominantly Christian villages of Plateau State. On 16 April, Fulani herdsmen killed 12 Christians in Nasarawa State, central Nigeria. A pastor's house was among at least 86 homes burned down.



Salamatu Billi/Morning Star News

The Rev Yakubu Shuaibu, a pastor killed in Madlau, Borno State, Nigeria on 4 April

UK-based Release International has been told that the Nigerian military has been turning a blind eye to the attacks. They have heard reports that Nigerian troops are standing by while Christian villagers are slaughtered in plain sight of the soldiers. The charity is offering churches a resource pack which includes information and stories to focus prayer.

UKRAINE

A new report says that Russian forces are repressing churches in the occupied areas of Ukraine.

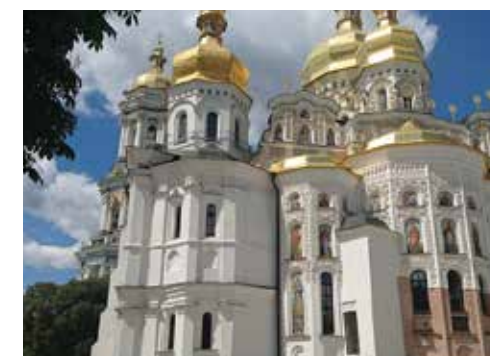
According to Release International, the Institute for the Study of War (ISW) report states: "Russia continues to weaponise religion... Since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Russian soldiers or occupation authorities have reportedly committed at least 76 acts of religious persecution in Ukraine."

The attacks include closing or taking over places of worship, looting, desecrating and destroying other churches, and the capture or murder of 29 religious leaders.

The report claims the repression is "part of a deliberate campaign to systematically eradicate 'undesirable' religious organisations in Ukraine and promote the Moscow Patriarchate".

The campaign is an extension of the situation in Russia, where churches are restricted by the state unless they are Russian Orthodox.

Release International CEO Paul Robinson says: "The report describes a campaign of state-sanctioned systematic religious persecution, targeting Ukrainian Orthodox, Baptists, Evangelicals and others."



Ukrainian Orthodox churches and other Protestant churches are being persecuted in Russian-occupied areas

UGANDA

PASTOR AND STUDENT KILLED

Pastor Adinani Bulwa was taken from his home in eastern Uganda in March and killed by Muslim family members because of his faith.

Morning Star News reports that Pastor Bulwa, 42, had fled northern Uganda because of Muslim opposition and returned home to Muterere village in Bugiri District in January, but was killed on 10 March in his own village.

In April, a Christian college student was killed in northern Uganda for sharing his faith with Muslims, after receiving death threats. Jeremiah Mwanga, a second-year student at the Uganda Christian School of Professionals in Lira, Northern Region, was killed in his room at the school. He was 24.

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PERSECUTION WATCH

SUDAN CHRISTIANS IN PERIL

The civil war in Sudan has had a disastrous impact on the civilian population, and as a minority group Christians are in a more perilous situation than most.

The Open Doors charity reports that Christians are facing starvation as well as bombs and bullets, and that “most believers are day labourers and have no emergency funds to fall back on... Some believers have been caught in the crossfire. More widely, years of division and persecution – combined with most believers living in poverty – have left the Church in Sudan in a fragile state.”

The charity called on churches abroad to pray for “the provision of food and medical aid to all those in need, and for the safety of all people. That Christians will unite and grow in faith during this time, and that God will use them as instruments of peace across the country.”

There is also a fear that Islamists will take advantage of the chaos to take charge and impose Sharia law, which will add persecution to poverty.



The Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, Khartoum, Sudan

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NATIONAL NEWS BY ANDREW HALLOWAY *Continued from page 4*

CHRISTIAN FIRED FOR MARRIAGE VIEWS WINS DISCRIMINATION CASE

Maureen Martin was “treated appallingly” for declaring that marriage between a man and woman is best

A Christian politician has been victorious in court after being sacked by her employer for her Christian beliefs.

Maureen Martin – mayoral candidate for Lewisham in 2022 – was dismissed by London & Quadrant Housing Trust (L&Q) following complaints of “hate speech”. In April 2022, the ordained minister was lambasted on social media for stating in her manifesto that “natural marriage between a man and a woman is the fundamental building block for a successful society, and the safest environment for raising children”.

According to Premier, her plight caused 42,000 people to sign a petition calling on the government to amend the Employment Rights Act 1996 to protect

free speech.

Supported by the Christian Legal Centre (CLC), Martin took L&Q to court for discrimination and won a substantial pay-out at the end of April.

Her plight caused 42,000 people to sign a petition

CLC’s CEO Andrea Williams commented: “Maureen is a courageous woman treated appallingly for having the guts to declare her belief that marriage between a man and a woman is best for children and our society... No Christian political candidate must face such treatment again.”



Maureen Martin has won compensation for wrongful dismissal

Credit: Christian Legal Centre

TEACHER FIRED FOR OPPOSING GENDER TRANSITION

School ignored teacher’s safeguarding concerns

A teacher sacked for questioning her school’s treatment of an eight-year-old with gender confusion is taking legal action.

The primary schoolteacher referred to as ‘Hannah’ (to protect her identity) not only lost her job but faces reprisals from the school that could prevent her from ever working as a teacher again.

‘Hannah’ objected when the school accepted that the girl wanted to become a boy and allowed her to use boys’ toilets and changing rooms.

Supported by the Christian Legal Centre, the teacher followed the school’s own whistleblowing procedure when a teacher feels safeguarding regulations have been breached. As her concerns were ignored, ‘Hannah’ then brought a claim for judicial review against the school and council.

The school allowed a girl to use boys’ toilets and changing rooms

The school then fired the teacher for divulging confidential information to her lawyers and the court, reported her to the Information Commissioner for a criminal offence under the Data Protection Act, to the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The TRA could ban her from the profession for life.

Now working in a sandwich bar, ‘Hannah’ is taking the school to an employment tribunal for unfair dismissal and religious discrimination.

She told Christian Concern: “From day one I believe that I acted in Child X’s best interests as I had a legitimate belief that the treatment of Child X amounted to a serious safeguarding issue... Teachers are being bullied not to question trans affirming policies when evidence shows that the actual result of the approach is to put the welfare of children at serious risk.”

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HEALTH WATCH

"5G IS A NIGHTMARE"

SAYS RADIATION EXPERT

The dangers of 5G have been warned about by, among others, a former Royal Navy microwave weapons expert and MI5 scientist



Radiation expert Dr Barrie Trower

Dr Barrie Trower, a former Royal Navy microwave weapons expert and MI5 scientist, has said that 5G is a "particularly dangerous frequency because of its high resonance", and is "mathematically so complex nobody can actually predict its harm."

Trower said that the upper end of the scale of microwaves used by 5G is very close to the frequency used by a new electromagnetic military weapon, nicknamed the 'Growler'. This sends frequencies from aeroplanes or vehicles that very quickly destroy the body's neurological and physiological systems.

It is "absolute rubbish" to claim that 5G's power is different to the Growler's, Trower said, because "with all microwaves a long low dose can be equally, even more dangerous, than a short high dose."

Moreover, he declares: "Anyone who puts 5G into a school should be locked up."



PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Retired GP Dr Alistair Montgomery listened to a seminar on 5G from the Live Better Group in Northern Ireland

I have heard more scientific presentations on the history of EMF (electro-magnetic frequency) radiation and the science behind it, but the presenter did recommend two books though which would be worth reading: 'EMF-*D' by Dr Joseph Mercola and 'Radiation Nation' by David T Debaum and Ryan P Debaum.

My take-home messages from the two plus hours were:

- EMF is everywhere and can cause depression, fatigue, cancer, lower immunity to infection, and many other illnesses through cell toxicity and mitochondrial health.
- The onus is on us to protect ourselves.
- The safety standards for EMF radiation were set in 1996 based on studies done in the 1980s when mobile phones were using G1 (Generation 1) and G2 and their power output was a fraction of what they are now.
- The industry has not carried out any safety studies on the effect of 5G.
- Modern cell phones like the iPhone 11 and Samsung G8 are emitting radiation 400-500 times (iPhone 7.15 watts/kilo, Samsung 8 watts/kilo) higher than the recommended rate of 1.6 watts/kilo (this is "Specific Absorption Rate"), which was based on exposure to a human whose head size was in the top 3% - so bears no relation to the average human or a child.
- He showed scans of the brain heating up when a mobile phone was held to the head of an adult, child, and young child - a child's skull is much thinner than an adult's, so heat penetrates deeper.
- In China pregnant women are encouraged to wear protective EMF aprons, France bans wi-fi in primary schools, and the WHO classifies EMF as a class 2 carcinogen risk, along with tobacco. In Israel cell phones come with a warning that they can damage children's health.
- He claims children using cell phones have a 400% higher risk of brain tumours and leukaemia and EMF exposure in pregnancy causes reduced fetal head and chest size. No references were given, although a fact sheet was going to be sent out.
- EMF is everywhere, in mobile phones, cordless home phones, microwave ovens, smart meters, smart watches, Alexa and any Bluetooth device, fridges, electric blankets, baby monitors, fluorescent light bulbs, smart TV's. Your fridge is one of the biggest EMF emitters in your home.
- 5G is in a different league and should be resisted. Apparently, with G1 it would take four months and 27 hours to download a Star Wars film; 5G would take 1.5 seconds.
- 5G also brings the capability of the State to monitor everyone's movements and purchases, identify them using facial recognition and control them through central digital currency and social credit scores as in China.
- The link between 5G and Covid is speculative, but if the immune system was weakened by 5G then you would be more susceptible to becoming ill on exposure to a virus. Wuhan had a high 5G coverage which may have weakened the population's immunity.
- Elon Musk wants to put thousands of 5G satellites into orbit that will 'fry' us.
- Protecting oneself is through reducing your exposure time and increasing the distance between you and a source. The power falls off as the inverse square of the distance. He advises hard-wiring your house with ethernet cables, and turning off wi-fi (and keep your router in a different room to your bedroom). You can get USB to ethernet cables for laptops without an RJ45 socket.
- Put your phone on aeroplane mode overnight.

The seminar ended with some expensive products for sale that could, in theory, protect you from EMFs. However, there was only anecdotal evidence for their effectiveness!

THE INDUSTRY HAS NOT CARRIED OUT ANY SAFETY STUDIES ON THE EFFECT OF 5G



CITIZENS TAKING ACTION

Citizens' action groups are campaigning against having 5G masts put up in their area. For 5G to work, there need to be masts every 500 metres.

Two towns in Massachusetts have blocked the installation of 5G cell towers until independent research has confirmed the new high-powered technology is safe. The US's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not acted on court orders issued in 2019 and 2021 to review its health and safety guidelines for RF (radiofrequency) exposure. In the 2019 ruling, the FCC was told to follow the National Environmental Policy Act guidelines and conduct an environmental impact review on 5G technology, and the court issued a fresh mandate in 2021 that requires the FCC to review all the scientific evidence about the safety of RF radiation on people and the environment.

The rulings follow a challenge by the non-profit Children's Health Defense after the FCC had refused to update its safety guidelines issued in 1996.

In the UK, 5G Action groups connect via Facebook and advise on applications for masts so that residents can oppose them. See <https://actionagainst5g.org>



BOOKREVIEWS

By Gordon Pettie

Dealings with other statesmen and nasty neighbours - Netanyahu's biography teaches us much about modern Israel's recent history

Bibi, My Story

By Benjamin Netanyahu

Threshold, a division of Simon & Schuster

It is important for Christians, in these end days, to understand the Jewish people and the state of Israel and this autobiography of Israel's longest serving prime minister will be on many people's wish list, because it will teach you so much about events from Israel's rebirth in 1948 till now.

"Sara guarded those private [Bible study] times with our boys as a lioness guards her cubs"

Although 723 pages long, it is easy to read. Netanyahu's nickname since childhood has been Bibi, hence the title. Just don't expect anything negative written about Bibi and his achievements in his autobiography. Humility is not one of his attributes.

Really it is many stories in one book, beginning with how Bibi's parents and grandparents pushed for the establishment of the state of Israel and were involved in its founding. Netanyahu writes about his army experiences and covers the tragic death of his brother Yoni,

when Israeli commandos, including Bibi and Yoni, stormed a plane holding Jewish hostages in Entebbe, Uganda.

Then the book moves on to Bibi's career, seeing him become Finance Minister, then Prime Minister.

Despite the pressures of being PM, Netanyahu tells us he studied the Torah portion with his son, Avner, every week until he was 12. He writes: "As war broke out, Sara (Bibi's wife) would not let anything interfere with these sessions. She guarded those private times with our boys as a lioness guards her cubs".

When re-elected Prime Minister in 2009, the family decided, like other Jewish families, that Friday night dinner together was sacrosanct, "a tradition we kept throughout my years in office", he writes. Previous Israeli Prime Ministers had held a Bible Study group in the Prime Minister's office and he continued the practice.

He describes the encouragement Christians gave him as he had difficult negotiations with the likes of Presidents Clinton and Obama.

Writing of the challenges of dealing with Israel's Middle East neighbours,



Benjamin Netanyahu, aka Bibi, Israel's longest serving prime minister

Netanyahu refers to an occasion when he was speaking at the United Nations General Assembly in 2009. It was soon after Iran's then President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, had declared the Holocaust was a lie.

As Netanyahu spoke, he held up a document from the official Wannsee Conference in which Nazi officials planned the final solution. "Is this a lie?" he asked.

Producing the original building plans for Auschwitz, signed off by Hitler's deputy,

Heinrich Himmler, he asked, "Is this a lie too?"

He commended the delegates who had walked out on Ahmadinejad and attacked the delegates who stayed. "How could they not call him out on this monstrous lie? Have you no decency? Have you no shame?"

What makes the book so interesting are the anecdotes he shares of his meetings with world leaders

He tells us that to this day, Iran still holds an annual denial festival, and is dedicated to the extermination of the six million Jews who live in Israel.

What makes the book so interesting are the anecdotes he shares of his meetings with world leaders. When Margaret Thatcher attended a Knesset dinner in 1998, there was a long line of distinguished speakers for the dinner guests to listen to, before they could enjoy their meal.

At last Mrs Thatcher rose to speak. She said, "I have never lost an election and that is because I can read a crowd. This crowd (referring to the people attending the dinner) is hungry. As a woman and a mother I say, 'Serve dinner'. She sat down and the people cheered."

If you are like me, there will be much to cheer in this book!

Help for those who have been emotionally or sexually abused

When Church Hurts

By Colin A Mason

Maple Publishers

How I long for the day when people don't get hurt by church experiences and church leaders, but the problem does exist and is affecting many in the Church today.

Published in March 2023, 'When Church Hurts' comes from the first-hand experience of ordained pastor Colin Mason, who trained as a counsellor and has worked voluntarily with adult survivors of sexual abuse.

'When Church Hurts' will not be for everyone. But if you are someone who has suffered at the hands of church leaders, or you know of someone who has, I recommend this book to you. Helpfully, Colin Mason starts by taking us through what godly leadership should look like. He backs up everything he writes with Scripture. Then he contrasts it with ungodly leadership. I had not realised how much



Pastor and counsellor Colin Mason writes from experience of parental and church abuse

the Scriptures had to say on the subject.

In chapter four, titled 'Twisted Scripture', he writes: "A leader may either ignorantly misinterpret the Scripture

because they do not have the correct understanding, or purposely use it to manipulate others for their personal agenda."

From his counselling experience, he highlights specific Scriptures which are often 'twisted' to subjugate others, such as Philippians 2:12, Psalm 105:15, Numbers 12:1-11, and many more. He writes: "Twisting and manipulating the Scripture is not a new phenomenon but something that has happened over the centuries". He shows how slave owners used the Scriptures to subdue slaves.

It might open the eyes of abused people to understand how they have been manipulated and used by church leaders

The next chapter highlights sexual exploitation by leaders, including Sunday school teachers, house group leaders, even choir directors. He examines the story of King David, considers the temptation, the lust, the sin, and the consequences.

He particularly draws out how sin by the

leader is what God condemns, rather than the other person's sin. He highlights how adults who have been sexually victimised by a beloved priest, pastor, minister, rabbi or other clergy will remain the "silent majority of clergy sexual abuse victims, suffering in their shame and self-isolation."

Before Colin Mason finishes, he shares his own story. I won't spoil the book by telling you what he wrote, but I sat with my mouth wide open as I read of his own experiences as a child and teenager.

This is one book that is so important for the Church today. There is no condemnation for the victims, but it might open the eyes of abused people to understand how they have been manipulated and used by church leaders. If you know someone who has suffered at the hands of church leaders, I encourage you to buy a copy and pass it on to them in love.

CORRECTION

On p20 of the April/May issue, the review of the 'Jesus Revolution' film stated that Lonnie Frisbee's brother was called Dan, but it should have said 'Stan'.

BOOKREVIEWS

By Gordon Pettie

Challenges and encouragement for an 'orphan' generation

Discerning the Time

By SARAH HOLLOWAY

Provision Publishing

When a book arrives and the author is unknown to me, I look to see who has written the foreword. In this instance it was written by Clive Urquhart, Senior Pastor of Kingdom Faith Church.

He says he has known Sarah for 35 years and, "At the heart of Sarah's life has been a strong desire to know Jesus ... to live out what she is spurring us on to live, through what she writes in these pages".

Sarah gives us glimpses of her life: married for 30 years, she loves working with the teens and 20s. As a young believer who had joined a ministry full-time, she saw a powerful move of God with hundreds of predominantly young people committing their lives to Christ.

Sarah challenges Christians to let go of past traditions and discern the time we live in

Years later, she still dances, makes documentaries, is a film director, public speaker, coach, and more.

The book's title is illustrated by an anecdote about EMI, formerly the fourth largest record label in the world. By 2012 it faced huge financial losses, and the business was sold for very little money. Why? EMI failed to recognise changes to the digital age. It was a gap taken by newcomers such as Spotify.

Sarah challenges Christians to let go of past traditions and discern the time we live in, "... recognising where the wind of the Spirit is blowing".

I am used to reading a book which has a beginning and an end, but here each of the 19 chapters is complete. With fancy, yet serious, titles such as 'Money Mindset',



Sarah Holloway explains how to hear God's voice

'The Joseph Years', 'Sign of the Times', 'He who has Ears', the chapters challenge Christians to hear and know God's voice, and then be ready to discern what God is saying in these times, so we can truly be his Church.

There is space on the pages to write what you sense the Holy Spirit is saying and add specific Bible verses you have been drawn to and prayers you want to say.

Take 'The Orphan Spirit' chapter. Sarah shares her personal journey of feeling abandoned as a child and brings out how Joseph in the Old Testament must have felt loneliness and rejection when his brothers sold him, and he ended up in prison.

She maintains that many in today's Church today feel like orphans, starved of love, care and affection. "It is time to let those who are orphaned know that there is a worldwide family waiting to embrace them!"

As Sarah reminds us, Esther 4:14 says: "Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"



Gordon Pettie and his wife Lorna

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

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BOOKREVIEW

Charles Gardner enjoys a romantic, biblically sound novel on his sickbed

The Lady's Mine

By Francine Rivers

Tyndale

Confined to the spare bedroom while I dealt with Covid, my wife felt I should be entertained by Francine Rivers. The fact is, I've become a bit of an addict for her novels. Blame it on the feminine side of my nature.

But 'The Lady's Mine' is more than a romantic novel. It tackles serious current issues such as homelessness and caring for the needy, especially orphans and widows. And, as usual, with a strong sense of biblical correctness.

Its heroine, Kathryn Walsh, single-handedly challenges the assumption that women can't run newspapers

Set in a late 19th century mining town in northern California (where the author lives), this story will have you turning pages faster than you can blink an eye. Well, I got through its 450 pages in just over two days. Bear in mind that I'm a slow and deliberate reader, and wasn't obviously feeling 100%.

All of which is great credit to this brilliant writer, who brings delightful humour, along with profound skill and depth of insight, into her many extraordinary characters and plots.

Francine Rivers demonstrates how just one person can make an amazing difference to a community, with God's help and direction of course. And re-

demption is always on offer to whatever situation seems hopeless.

The plight of women – without votes or rights – is the key theme here. And its heroine, Kathryn Walsh, single-handedly challenges the assumption that women can't run newspapers – or mines for that matter.

Delightful humour, along with profound skill and depth of insight

Though portrayed as the most beautiful young woman ever seen on the west side of the Rockies, and outnumbered multiple times over by the male species digging for precious metal, she is determined never to marry – because it would be relinquishing what few rights she has. But she is up against a very patient man – clearly the nicest saloon owner in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

For me, the story's most intriguing and inspiring aspect was Kathryn's feisty journalistic efforts. After resurrecting the newspaper founded by her late father, she uses it in the best possible way – to expose unrighteous work practices and encourage support for the dispossessed.

It's a heart-warming story that is also honouring to the Lord, edifying and challenging. A literary work of art. And set in the Wild West! Who needs a movie?

King Charles's faith

Anthony Reynolds says he does not know what King Charles believes (Letters Apr/May).

In fact, King Charles said that he believes that Muslims, Hindus and Christians are all on the same path, and when they die they will all end up in the same place!

However, I agree with Anthony's prayer: "Lord, open the King of England's eyes!"

Dean McBride
London SE17

Ignored news

Once again, a brilliant issue of HEART (Apr/May 2023). Full of articles pertinent to our Christian faith and the world today. Thank you for printing subjects that are ignored in our daily press.

Marianne and Leslie Gaston
Cheltenham, Gloucester

Covid 'lab leak' is a red herring

Regarding 'Lab leak theory gains recognition' (Apr/May 2023), the truth is the whole thing is a psy-op. The seasonal 'flu was weaponised by incessant propaganda and deceitful 'signs and wonders'.

In fact it is extremely cold in Wuhan in the middle of winter and the industrial pollution is awful. Temperature inversion effect causes this smog in the city to stay which leads to respiratory diseases.

The rest was mere 'advertising' to a gullible and ignorant public who have been dumbed down over the decades not to double check or critically think.

Current virology theory is fraudulent, part of the satanic lies to get people to take poisonous vaccines and Big Pharma drugs. I can explain further if required: melvillejwilson@gmail.com

Melville Wilson

Slindon, West Sussex

Big Bang

"The earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep." These may be the most important words both for Christians and scientists today. What do they mean? God created Darkness, an area without forms that was empty, BEFORE light appeared. In scientific terms Dark energy was before the Big Bang light. The Big Bang didn't expand into nothing, it expanded into the dark energy that already existed."

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Ukraine and Putin

Putin's true nature

I can understand why people who live in Russia have been brain-washed by state-controlled media to believe that Putin's war on Ukraine is justified.

However, how can people living in the UK, like the writers of two letters in your April-May issue, be so deceived? (Ukraine: Putin was provoked, Apr/May 2023).

Pamela Stevens claimed that Putin has "no interest at all in recreating the former Soviet Union or retaking any former communist countries". Why, then, did Putin invade Georgia in 2008 and annexe Crimea in 2014?

NATO exists to defend the territory of its members, not invade neighbouring states. Putin's plans have backfired as other Baltic states are poised to join NATO. Susette McLachlan claims Putin's so-called "military operation" in Ukraine was not an invasion. Why, then, did he attempt to take Kyiv and seek to destroy Ukraine's infrastructure?

Ms McLachlan claims there is a "clear diplomatic solution" - presumably meaning that Ukraine should give up the territory Russia has stolen.

Putin cares nothing about the lives which have been lost in this unnecessary war. In Russia people can be jailed for up to 25 years for speaking out against the war. I pray for the people of Ukraine, whose way of life has been destroyed because of one man's lust for power.



Geoff Chapman
Chard, Somerset

Putin and prophecy

As I understand it, the only promise made by the West was not to position nuclear missiles in East Germany. If Ukraine falls, then Putin will go for the Baltic states where he has already been trying to incite the Russian populations against their governments. We surely cannot walk by on the other side.

Some with prophetic insight see him attacking the UK. We may be moving into very specific Revelation territory,



with war, famine, plague, persecution, and economic collapse (Revelation 6 and 18). So, we do need to keep in mind the bigger picture and seek to understand the times we live in (1 Chronicles 12:32).

Richard Hill (Rev)
Ludlow, Shropshire

An evil manifesto

Susette McLachlan's letter effectively justifying Russia's aggressive and genocidal war against Ukraine reads like a manifesto of evil.

On 15 March 2023 the Supreme Court handed down a judgement in the case of The Law Debenture Trust Corporation plc v Ukraine [2023] UKSC 11, directing a trial of the facts.

In 2013, Ukraine issued Eurobonds with a nominal value of US \$3 billion and carrying interest at 5% per annum to Russia, repayable in December 2015; but Ukraine failed to repay the Eurobonds when they matured on 21 December 2015.

The Claimant issued proceedings against Ukraine in the English courts, claiming the sums due to Russia. Ukraine filed a defence that it was entitled to void the Eurobonds because of duress arising from Russia's unlawful and illegitimate threats to Ukraine's territorial integrity and independence.

Ukraine pleaded that Mr Sergei Glazyev, an Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation, on 22 September 2013, threatened that if Ukraine signed the Association Agreement with the European Union, Russia could no longer guarantee Ukraine's status as a State.

If these facts are admitted or proved at trial, then it will be conclusive that Russia threatened Ukraine with the use of armed force as early as September 2013, thereby giving Ukraine just cause



for the use of force against Russia. This would establish that Russia's use of armed force against Ukraine from February 2014 amounted to the supreme international crime of waging aggressive war.

Michael Petek
Brighton, East Sussex

NATO's broken promise

In 1990 the FSU agreed to withdraw some 40,000 Soviet soldiers from East Germany, with NATO's assurance that it wouldn't expand eastward toward either the Russian border or other Eastern countries.

But NATO quickly reneged on its promise, expanding eastward! Poland, Hungary and Czechia joined in 1999, Romania and Estonia in 2004. Then in 2008 NATO announced its intention to admit Ukraine and Georgia, which both border Russia.

The 'problem' is that NATO's assurances were never formalised into 'treaty', meaning NATO has plausible deniability.

Then the US funded protests in Kiev in late 2013/early 2014 that ended in far-

right Ukrainian ultra-nationalists (ie neo-fascists) forcing out the democratically elected pro-Russia government.

I recommend Benjamin Abelow's book, 'How the West brought war to Ukraine'.

James Smith
Sheffield, Yorkshire

One-world government

After the Second World War it was America that thought we should police the rest of the world and the inevitability of a one-world government was established.

The UN was set up soon after the end of the Second World War and now we have the World Economic Forum.

God will allow a one-world government to come about, just to show that it doesn't work, until the Lord Jesus Christ returns. He comes to reign over us as King of kings and Lord of lords.

With regard to ending the present war in Ukraine, there was a referendum when it was decided to give the eastern provinces autonomy; but then nothing much happened.

I suggest that the eastern provinces should be given to Russia to rebuild the cities they have destroyed – I don't see why anybody else should pay for it. But the Crimea should be given back to Ukraine.

Sister Rosalind Markby
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The cardboard cut-out Church

As a Christian businessman (quantity surveyor) and pastor for 60 years, I am deeply troubled at the general state of the Church.

We seem to be too silent in graciously exchanging our biblical views against the current trends and legislation being freely imposed on society and family values.

One thing burdening my mind is the domination exercised by church leadership in opposition to the priesthood of all believers.

Recent visits to speak at or just attend churches have confirmed my suspicion that the structure of the Church as a whole is so insecure and fragile as to be built out of cardboard and out of date. Equally with being run by one man or woman, the congregation just sit like cardboard cut-outs waiting to be fed, entertained or bored.

The biblical concept of the equal priesthood of each believer is subjugated by authoritarianism; the concept is that one leader carries the anointing and divine authority. We are in the age of the personality and the theological

degrees with no room for the common man or woman.

The apostle Paul is explicit, though, that every believer should know the Lord and know God's Word as fully as the teacher or pastor (1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:12-13). Jesus said HE would build his Church, not men; ownership belongs to God alone.

So, cardboard cut-out Christians, stand up, share Scripture and prophecy to graciously upset 'the form of service' (hymn prayer sandwich), and testify to what the Lord is doing in your life. Just comply with Ephesians 4: 12-13, Romans 8:29 and Philemon 6.

Stand up and testify to what the Lord is doing in your life

I think that the BBC programme 'The Repair Shop' models what the Church should be.

A variety of individuals with special skills work together to restore items of sentimental value. The team receive these worn items with a smile, kindness, deep genuine interest, and often with sympathy and a promise to assist towards the recovery. Great care, patience and time are spent by the repairers to achieve the best possible outcome.

The priesthood of all believers is outworked through their use of the God-given gifts of Christ, the gifts of God, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit to equip the saints for their particular ministry.

Every believer has a voice and a ministry as the Holy Spirit was given that the Church may exercise the divine authority to witness for the Lord and carry his presence.

Authority is the outworking of Christ in our lives in humility not domination, control, intimidation or manipulation.

Jesus came with an anointing to preach good news to the poor, freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, and to proclaim the time of God's favour. We follow that as his disciples.

I believe the Church of Jesus Christ requires an urgent and radical change to the concept of leadership – a reformation followed by a revival.

Angus McAulay
Glasgow, Scotland



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Do not despair or lose heart!

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- Pray for the strategy as king David did! (1 Samuel 30 v.8)
- Listen for instructions! (Joshua 6:10)
- Shout the battle cry when you hear the command! (Joshua 6:16)

Be vigilant! The enemy is prowling – remember he is only "acting like a lion". He is up against the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. I, the LORD, have never lost a battle. Roar your victory!

When you have your full armour on – stand! And see the "deliverance I will bring you today" (Exodus 14 v.13).

I, the Lord will fight for you – you need only to be still (Exodus 14 v.14).

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CREATION CORNER



by Geoff Chapman

The ocean is a mysterious and wonderful place, and scientists are regularly discovering new sea creatures, many of which are weird and even bizarre.

This makes it more and more difficult to believe that the amazing variety of sea life was produced by a process of gradual evolution from a common ancestor.

Around 97% of living creatures are invertebrates (animals without an internal skeleton or backbone). Many of them have an exoskeleton — hard parts on the outside of their bodies.

No hard evidence for evolution of fish

Fish, however, are vertebrates (creatures with a backbone), and all living fish can be classified in three groups: cartilaginous fish such as sharks and rays, jawless fish like lampreys and hagfish, and bony fish.



The fact that there are varieties of creatures such as guppies is often presented as evidence of evolution

SEA – AND WONDER...

What we observe in sea creatures is what we would expect to find if the Bible account is true

But according to evolution theory, the first fishes evolved from some kind of invertebrate. This would have meant that, somehow, they lost their external skeleton and developed an internal one. Evolutionists believe that some kind of worm-like creature was the ancestor of all the vertebrates, but there is no agreed candidate.

According to Wikipedia, “The evolution of fish began about 530 million years ago during the Cambrian explosion. It was during this time that the early chordates developed the skull and the vertebral column.”

However, there is no hard evidence for this, and evolutionists can’t even agree on a candidate for the common ancestor of the vertebrates. According to Encyclopedia Britannica online, “The ancestral vertebrate (protovertebrate) has been sought for more than 100 years, and the likelihood of finding it today is not much greater than in the past. It can be assumed that the protovertebrate was small and soft-bodied, two factors that suggest the improbability of finding a fossilised form



Living sea squirts appear the same as their fossil counterparts

in a recognisable condition.” Yet numerous soft-bodied creatures, such as jellyfish, have indeed been preserved as fossils!

The origin of fish is obscure

According to the British Geological Survey, “The origin of fish is obscure, but may be found in something like the invertebrate sea squirts or echinoderms” (www.bgs.ac.uk). However, the fossils of a true fish known as ‘Metaspriggina’ have been found in the same (Cambrian) rocks as fossil sea squirts, supposedly “500 million years old.” Incidentally, living sea squirts, like those in the photo, show no evolution

from their fossil counterparts.

Variety within fish types is often presented as evidence of evolution. Two examples are guppies — popular aquarium fish — and cichlids. Guppies (see photo) come in a vast array of patterns and colours,

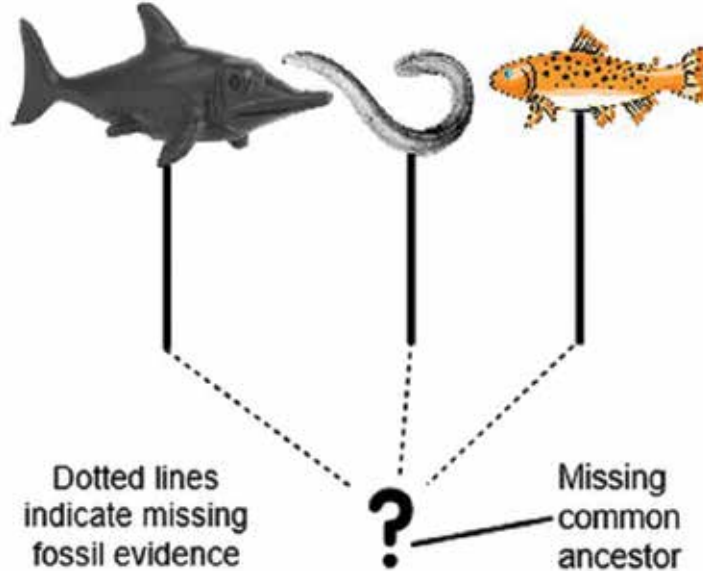
and more than 1,000 species of cichlid fishes are found all around the world.

But is this really “evolution in action”? The Bible tells us that God created the creatures of the sea “according to their kinds” (Genesis 1:21).

What we observe is what we would expect to find if the Bible account is true. There has been no evolution from one kind to another, just variation, and all the species in each kind can interbreed.

Geoff Chapman is the director of Creation Resources Trust. Find out more about creation and evolution at www.crt.org.uk

CHART OF SUPPOSED EVOLUTION OF MODERN FISH GROUPS



In theory fish developed from a spineless creature (still not identified) to a creature with a backbone

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