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# IS THE £££ NET CLOSING?

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**A** mandatory chip under the skin may soon be implemented by central banks.

Prof Richard Werner, the economist who invented quantitative easing, says central banks are using recent crises and unemployment rates to prepare people for universal basic income, which would ultimately be administered via a microchip.

The microchip is the preferred technology of the banks, who are working across the world to bring in Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs). This is programmable money whereby the user's ability to buy and sell is subject to having the provider's permission.

Werner, an economist with an Oxford PhD and a professing Christian, was told by a central banker that the "ultimate goal" is to use a chip under the skin, "like a small grain of rice", to administer the forthcoming CBDCs. Initially, CBDCs will likely be used via smartphone apps.

"You will get 2,000 Euros into your account every month. But of course, to run this efficiently [they'll say:] 'We need to use the latest technology, so you need the CBDC chip implant'."

### Control system

In an interview with commentator Ivor Cummings on 7 July, Prof Werner said that

CBDCs should be seen "as a control system" rather than a currency: "It's a conditional currency based on you actually getting [a] permit."

He noted that those who criticise government policy may find that their CBDC ceases to work. In China for instance, "There [are] plenty of videos where somebody tries to use [their digital currency] to buy a ticket and it doesn't work because his social credit scores are low."

A wealth management advisor told HEART: "For the first time in history, the technology now exists to make a reality the economic system many see described in Revelation

13, whereby you can only buy and sell with a specific mark. Both CBDCs and digital IDs are planned for global roll-out within the next two to five years.

### Cashless

"Once implemented, CBDCs will quickly lead to a genuinely cashless society, where central government will have control over not only what you spend (how much, when and where) but also how much you can hold. And you won't be able to spend any money or go anywhere without a digital ID linked to your social credit score, carbon footprint and vaccine status."

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# “CBDCs are a totalitarian control tool rather than a currency”

## Creating inflation

Prof Werner maintains that the Federal Reserve and other central banks “intentionally created” inflation in March 2020, aiming to “cover up... the disintegration of the petrodollar and move to the new [CBDC-based] system.” They deliberately used Werner’s proposal of quantitative easing, which was intended for dealing with a shrinking economy, and applied it to create inflation by “[buying] up assets from non-banks [and] forcing banks to create credit”, according to The Exposé.

Werner says that before the Covid crisis, the asset manager BlackRock had already proposed to create inflation using Werner’s method at the annual central bankers’ conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. BlackRock was subsequently hired by the Federal Reserve to buy up assets in 2020.

## Soviet-style economy

CBDCs will lead to “a Soviet-style economy with only one bank”, Werner claims. “It just takes another bank run, such as in the case of Silicon Valley Bank, and all deposits will be shifted to the central bank, driving [small] banks out of business.”

Prof Werner also warns against the “agenda” that wants to introduce CBDCs. In a March 2023 blog he wrote: “Central planning crushes the human spirit...we need to ensure we have... many small banks. It is time to stop the ongoing push towards concentrated banking systems, which can only serve the agenda to introduce... CBDCs, which are ‘programmable’ and a totalitarian control tool rather than a currency.”

The wealth management advisor also told HEART: “Governments and central banks are not hiding their plans to implement CBDCs and digital IDs (both underpinned by blockchain technology), both of which are central to the WEF’s (World Economic Forum) planned Great Reset.”

WEF director Klaus Schwab said in July 2020, four months after lockdowns had ensured millions were being paid not to work: “There will be no return to the old normal – to imagine that this is the case is pure fiction.”

This expectation is reflected in the British Government’s 2021 Integrated Review which planned for the “post-Covid international order”.



Prof Richard Werner is warning that CBDCs will lead to “a Soviet-style economy with only one bank”

credit: professorwerner.org

## Covid boosted digital payments, finance and ID

The World Bank, which is working hard to reach the 1.4 billion people who remain “unbanked”, reports that Covid-19 boosted the adoption of digital financial services and that “integration of digital ID and digital payments and trusted data sharing platforms are critical for serving the poor at scale and connecting communities to opportunities,” according to an article in July 2021 by Christine Zhenwei Qiang, the Bank’s Global Director for Digital Development Global Practice.

The gender gap in account ownership had also shrunk, narrowing from 9 to 6 percentage points in developing countries. The data now find that 74 per cent of men but only 68 per cent of women in developing economies had an account.

## War on cash

Nigel Farage fears that there is an “all out war on cash” to push people towards digital payments. On GB News he said that plans were afoot for a CBDC to be installed by 2030 and added: “Don’t kill cash. Cash brings us freedom. State control of our money will be a complete and utter disaster.”

He said that he had been contacted by “hundreds” of people such as window cleaners who had had accounts closed because they dealt in cash.

## Could repentance stave off disaster?

It has been prophesied that an alternative financial system might arise alongside the attempt to bring in a cashless society. Another prophecy from Chris Wickland of Living Word Network this June warned the Church that they had one and a half years to prepare for an economic crash when the UK property market collapses.

Such a crisis could hasten the introduction of a CBDC.

The wealth management advisor previously quoted is not optimistic about an alternative financial system surviving beyond the early stages of CBDCs. As a Christian, he told HEART: “My advice is summarised in Isaiah 55:6!” This verse

emphasises forsaking wickedness and returning to God.

For over ten years Dr Clifford Hill, the well-known prophetic teacher, wrote a regular column for this paper in which he highlighted the abandonment of Judeo-Christian ethics that would lead to God’s judgement on the nation. He urged Christians to repent of compromise, passivity and worldliness.

Now, at 96, he sees revival coming – but believes it will not be until his grandchildren’s time, which rather implies that the threats against our Western freedoms could yet be postponed through repentance, prayer and fasting.

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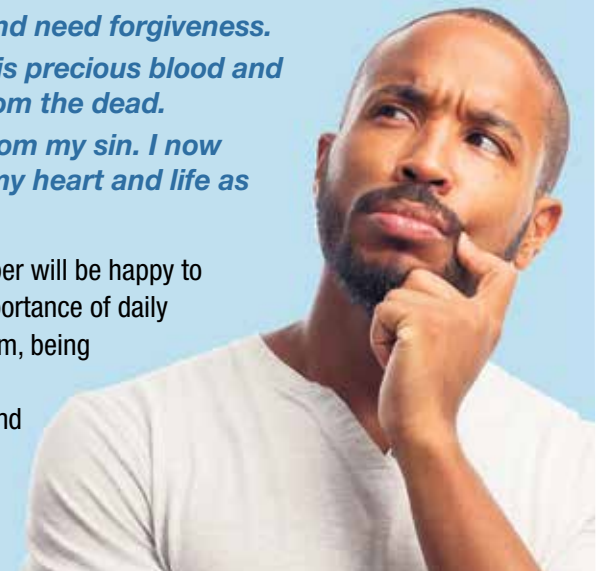
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*I believe that Jesus shed his precious blood and died for my sin and rose from the dead.*

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

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



**SEEK THE LORD**  
WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND; CALL UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR; LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY, AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS; LET HIM RETURN TO THE LORD, THAT HE MAY HAVE COMPASSION ON HIM, AND TO OUR GOD, FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON.  
ISAIAH 55:6-7

Turning from wickedness and back to God might stave off ruinous times

# PEOPLE & PLACES

## FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES



Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is pictured here with Rt Rev Dr Yousaf Nadeem Bhinder, left, at the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast this June.

With them is Bishop Nadeem's son, Roekh Yousaf Bhinder, a youth leader with two Anglican churches in Liverpool.

Bishop Nadeem, who campaigns for persecuted Christians in his home country, Commonwealth member Pakistan, says he spent quality time

with Sunak and many other ministers at the well-attended event. "We talked about peace and harmony and said that we are praying for the PM and all the British people."

Bishop Nadeem fled Pakistan after his family was repeatedly threatened but still oversees His Grace churches in Pakistan, where he has established a Bible College that has trained over 2,000 pastors and runs many aid projects. He also finds time to help distribute HEART papers in the Midlands.

## HOLLAND TACKLES HEAVY METAL



Evangelist Daniel Holland likes to venture where few Christians normally go. The lead evangelist for Through Faith Missions (TFM) took a team of six brave churchgoers to the Download heavy metal festival in Castle Donnington, Leicestershire, this June.

It was the festival's 20th anniversary, with the US band Metallica headlining and a record crowd of 130,000 music fans.



Daniel Holland with his good friend and co-worker Rev Roy Monks, the Baptist pastor of Castle Donnington Community Church, who helps lead the chaplaincy at Download

Holland was upbeat about the deafening heavy metal event

"The event is spiritually demanding, with dark bands and non-stop heavy metal," Holland told HEART, but he was undaunted. Known as Dan to his TFM teams, he encourages Christians to 'invest' their holidays in local missions.

The team shared Gospel literature and engaged people in conversation about the meaning of life: "Some were desperate for help. We'll bring a bigger team next year," says Holland. "We love to share Jesus with these people, many of whom are searching for answers."

## PROPHETIC SINGING OVER JERUSALEM



Leading Dove Award nominee jazz band Jonny Boston & the Jazzuits sang 'When You Return' by Robert Tromans from the mountain looking out over Jerusalem at dawn.

Robert, 79, aka Jude Meritus, calls himself "an unlikely multi-award winning Christian lyricist and author who only began writing songs in 2017 and neither sings nor plays music".

He told HEART his career achieved a new peak on 12 June when his song was

played at the prophesied site of Jesus' return ahead of the release of the band's new album, 'Songs of Deliverance', which includes two of Rob's songs.

"Just as our Lord Jesus Christ will return as he has promised to Mount Zion, Bible prophecies of the world's godless plans are being seen as end-times signs by Christians who, in the words of the song, are watching and waiting for 'our blessed hope'."

## Hearing from God in harmony



David and Nicki Hooke from north London are not only talented musicians whose Adamus Orchestra and Choir put on concerts, but they also love helping others to connect with God and each other. Through their Asaph Trust they run local houses of prayer and offer free online discipleship courses such as 'Hearing from God'.

## FREE BOOKLET ON HEALING

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

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

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

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

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

Les would like to offer his latest 48-page booklet, 'How to renew your youth and live in health', free of charge to readers: "I believe that many Christians would find it of great benefit in their lives, especially at this time."

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



Les and Joan Potter lead the Upper Room Christian Fellowship

## NATIONAL NEWS BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

### TAX EXPERT WINS 100K AFTER BEING SACKED FOR TRANS VIEWS

Tax consultant Maya Forstater has been awarded £106,404 in compensation after losing her job for stating the biological reality of two sexes.

In 2019 Maya's contract was cancelled by the Centre for Global Development (CGD) after she tweeted about her gender-critical beliefs. An employment tribunal decided in her favour: CGD's assertion that Maya's beliefs were "bigotry" and their "oppressive" discrimination towards her had broken employment law.

**She had suffered "direct discrimination" and "victimisation"**

Judges ruled that Maya's opinions are protected under the Equality Act 2010 and awarded the compensation because she had suffered "direct discrimination" and "victimisation".

Afterwards, her former employer stated: "CGD has and will continue to strive to maintain a workplace that is welcoming, safe, and inclusive to all" – apparently with no recognition that this policy was clearly not applied to Maya.

MPs from a range of parties have urged the Government to limit the term "sex" in the Equality Act 2010 to biological sex.



Maya Forstater: compensated for job loss

Credit: Twitter

### MUSLIM ADMITS PLANNING MURDER OF CHRISTIAN SPEAKER

Edward Little from Brighton was arrested with £5,000 on him, which he aimed to spend on a gun, passport and two phones.

His target was Hatun Tash – a Christian who debates other speakers in the open air at Hyde Park and who has been attacked before, including on 25 July 2021 when a Muslim mob surrounded her and she was stabbed.

According to the Evangelical Times, Little pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey from inside Belmarsh prison, after previously denying the charge.

Hatun leads the Defend Christ Critique Islam ministry. She said: "I am glad the police were able to act and stop Little before he harmed me and people around me". She also declares she should be able to "critique Islam, or anything else that I disagree with, especially at Speakers' Corner, the home of free speech".



Hatun Tash bandaged up after a previous knife attack

Credit: Christian Concern

Despite the attacks and threats, and having been arrested twice herself while evangelising at Speakers' Corner, Hatun continues to share her faith. The Metropolitan Police later apologised for the two wrongful arrests.

### ARCHBISHOP CALLS LORD'S PRAYER 'PROBLEMATIC'

The Archbishop of York told the Anglican Church's General Synod in July that the "Our Father" phrase in the Lord's Prayer causes difficulties.

Stephen Cottrell cited patriarchal connotations and abusive human fathers as reasons why some people find it hard to say the prayer.

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It was only a brief comment within a speech on unity – but ironically caused some division between traditionalists and liberals, the former pointing out that Jesus taught us to pray to God as Father, and the latter who prefer more gender-neutral terms for God.



Caught up in controversy – Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Credit: The Diocese of York/Wikimedia

### "IDEOLOGICALLY CAPTURED" CPS CAVES IN TO TRANS IDEOLOGY

The Crown Prosecution Service has caused alarm after recent statements on transgenderism.

The latest CPS guidance to prosecutors says it may consider failing to pay for a family member's gender transition surgery as domestic abuse, as well as "sharing pre-transition images" of a family member and refusing to use their "preferred name or pronoun".

The CPS states that "gender identity is not the same as anatomical sex. Gender identity is what you know your gender to be and can only be decided by the individual for themselves."

The use of the phrase 'know your gender to be' rather than 'think it is' or 'believe' shows the capitulation of the CPS to unscientific transgenderism ideas.

Women's rights campaigner Maya Forstater told the MailOnline: "Parents of children who identify as transgender should not be seen as abusers if they do not affirm their child as being 'born in the wrong body'."

"The CPS has shown itself again and again to be ideologically captured. They have produced materials telling schoolgirls that they must accept males in girls' toilets and guidance on rape by deception that forgets what sex people are."

The Women's Rights Network (WRN) has also written to the CPS, complaining that the guidance will damage "women's trust and confidence" in justice.

### SOCIAL WORKER LOSES JOB OFFER OVER CHRISTIAN VIEWS

A Christian social worker is taking a mental health organisation to court for discrimination after it rescinded his job offer.

Felix Ngole had already won a previous case against his university

when it kicked him off his course for having traditional Christian beliefs about homosexuality. Now those same beliefs have lost him a job after Touchstone Support first offered him work and then withdrew it when it discovered he would not "embrace and promote LGBT+ rights".

**Employer wanted him to "pledge allegiance to the LGBT flag and forget about my Christian beliefs"**

Premier reports that Felix's case is ongoing at an employment tribunal, which began in July.

Back in 2015, Felix was banned from his social work degree course at the University of Sheffield after writing on social media that same-sex marriage is sinful. A four-year-long legal battle followed, until the Court of Appeal exonerated Felix and he was able to return to his studies and then qualify as a social worker.

Felix told Premier that Touchstone Support wanted to make him "pledge allegiance to the LGBT flag and forget about my Christian beliefs".



Felix Ngole – discriminated against twice

Credit: Christian Concern

# SOCIAL ENGINEERING

## BY THE BACK DOOR

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### BANK ACCOUNT CLOSURES TO BE INVESTIGATED

**MURDERERS, rapists and paedophiles are allowed to have bank accounts. But Yorkshire Building Society (YBS) ordered a church leader to close down his account within 14 days while an ex-gay ministry leader has just won £20,000 from Barclays**

BY CHRIS EYTE

The storm over Nigel Farage's bank account closure by Coutts brought the situation of banks closing customers' accounts for no apparent reason into the headlines.

After a dramatic Prime Minister's Questions on 19 July, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak declared that nobody should have their bank account closed on the grounds of exercising their right to free speech.

Meanwhile the Ministry of Defence is investigating why the accounts of

military contractors were closed and Andrew Griffith, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, has called in bosses of major banks for a meeting. The Treasury has sent 19 banks and financial institutions a letter saying the issue of "client de-banking" had raised "significant concern" in Parliament.

This is welcome publicity for Christians who have suffered the inconvenience of being 'debanked'.

Rev Richard Fothergill, of Windermere, Cumbria, has banked

with YBS for 17 years with no problems. But when he responded in June 2023 to the building society asking for feedback in a customer relations email – he received a "surprising letter" telling him, "the relationship between us is irretrievably broken down."

**"My bank's defence suggests I was 'rude, aggressive, violent or discriminatory'"**

The church minister had written two paragraphs on the YBS feedback form, questioning why a financial body was spending resources on 'Gay Pride' promotion for the month of June, rather than on fiscal matters of interest to customers.

He also cited serious ethical concerns as a church minister with the transsexual political agenda and, in particular, some transsexuals "wanting access to children" – such as via 'drag queen story hour', which was promoted at some schools and libraries.

Rev Fothergill thought customer relations at YBS would take no heed of his feedback, so the response closing his account was a shock.

Rev Fothergill said: "YBS's defence suggests I was 'rude, aggressive, violent or discriminatory' – I was none of these things. I was wholly polite, as I always try to be, all the way through my short message to them in the feedback email."

YBS has not responded to the church minister, even though the Free Speech Union requested that the building society reinstate the account and issue an apology.

Rev Fothergill said on GB News: "If they are going to be that picky about the values and worldviews of their customers, they are not going to end up with many left. Genuine diversity



'Debanked': Richard Fothergill

is diversity of opinion, and we all have different views and we are allowed to express them. This is Britain.

"What I would like is an apology from YBS and I hope they won't do this again, and bully and intimidate anyone else who has a different opinion to themselves."

**Barclays did not reinstate the closed banking account**

Yorkshire Building Society refused to back down at the time of going to press.

A YBS spokesman told a national newspaper: "We never close savings accounts based on different opinions regarding beliefs or feedback provided by our customers."

"We only ever make the difficult decision to close a savings account if a customer is rude, abusive, violent or discriminates in any way, based on the specific facts, comments and behaviour in each case."

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Richard Fothergill speaking at a Filling Station meeting

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# SOCIAL ENGINEERING BY THE BACK DOOR

## CORE ISSUES TRUST COMPENSATED BY BARCLAYS

Barclays Bank has given compensation of £21,500 to the Core Issues Trust (CIT) after shutting down the charity's bank account with no explanation.

Dr Mike Davidson, CEO of the CIT and formerly conflicted with homosexual feelings, said that there was a "sustained campaign" by LGBT activists in July 2020, which included attempts to end CIT's registration with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland. The charity supports men and women leaving LGBT identities and practices.

Davidson alleged that Barclays Bank was accused by the activists of supporting "conversion therapists". Letters were sent by Barclays to CIT informing the charity that its bank accounts would be closed within two months.

CIT had to find another bank account and was refused by four banks before finding a new account. CIT used an existing related business account until the new account was opened in September 2020.

This lessened the financial pressure

on CIT but one of its projects, the International Federation for Therapeutic and Counselling Choice (IFTCC), has still not found a bank willing to accept them.

In July 2020, Pink News, a LGBTQ+ news site, quoted a Barclays spokesman as saying: "We do not comment on individual cases. Our terms and conditions – like other banks – allow us to end a relationship with any customer, provided we give two months' notice."

Although compensation was given by Barclays, the bank did not reinstate the closed banking account.

"This is not the end of the dispute," Davidson said. "We now live in a monocultural Britain where ideological diversity is no longer



Mike Davidson, CEO of the charity, with his wife Lynore

permissible. Even the authority of the Government's Charity Commission is being challenged by the banks. If we are an approved charity, why does Barclays dispute our legitimacy?"



Mike Davidson was interviewed on GB News on 29 June 2023

● Meanwhile a Daily Telegraph report has said that most high street banks are members of a Diversity Champions programme run by gay rights charity Stonewall. The stated aim is to support LGBTQ+ employees in the workplace.

However, the report references a previous finding by the Information Commissioner. It was found that the programme allowed Stonewall to exercise "a significant degree of influence over the policies that participating members operate".

Several banks are included in the list of Stonewall's top 100 employers for 2023.

Rev Lynda Rose of Voice for Justice UK condemned "social engineering" by the banks and said the diversity programme promoted LGBTQ+ choices and behaviours and suppressed any deviation.

She said: "The inescapable, albeit unpalatable, truth would therefore seem to be that activists have captured the nation's financial institutions and, through them, are attempting to bring in what they call 'transformative change'.

"In such a climate, troublesome customers might well be seen as fair game."

## VICTIMS OF 'SOCIAL MURDER'

'Social murder' is how TV presenter and historian Neil Oliver described the recent closure of politician Nigel Farage's bank account by Coutts. The politician is not the only 'non-person' facing judgement by authorities

BY CHRIS EYTE

"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it."

Those chilling words often attributed to Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda chief, may be an increasing reality in the United Kingdom.

Today we are seeing extremism that opposes traditional biblical truths influencing even the police and the banking system.

A mum of five cooking dinner is arrested and thrown in jail. A respectable church leader is unable to use his bank account after giving his opinion. A charity is also denied access to its account, which is closed.

These are scenarios we are used to reading in 'persecuted countries', such as on the Open Doors World Watch list.

But it is really happening here in the UK – and not in a far-off country.

Caroline Farrow, a Catholic commentator, has launched a CitizenGo petition in support of Rev Richard Fothergill after the Yorkshire Building Society closed his account. She said the primary function of banks should be managing money but now the financial bodies were taking on a new role: "engaging in social engineering and imposing their beliefs on customers".

She added: "Shockingly, they are now resorting to closing accounts of

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## NATWEST'S WAR ON ACCOUNT BRINGS NO PEACE TO TOLSTOY

'Big Brother' is also closing the financial accounts of people who have not publicly professed the Christian faith.

In addition to Nigel Farage's well-publicised run-in with Coutts, Countess Alexandra Tolstoy had her account closed without a proper explanation.

Alexandra Tolstoy, who lives in Wandsworth, London, had her NatWest account terminated with two months' notice. She had opened the account in 2016 and depended on it for her adventure travel business and to meet the needs of her three children.

A data access request by Tolstoy revealed her account had been closed after the bank received allegedly whimsical evidence by World-Check, a database of some five million "politically exposed" people – a term used under EU law.

Tolstoy, whose former husband was Russian-born French oligarch Sergei Pugachev, said the bank's actions terrified her. She said it was

an "Orwellian nightmare" after the bank refused to discuss the matter. NatWest informed her that a cheque for her £12,000 in savings would be posted to her within 60 days.



Alexandra Tolstoy discussing her case on GB News

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## VICTIMS OF 'SOCIAL MURDER'

individuals who share a different opinion to that which they promote!"

Caroline herself knows what it's like to be treated like a criminal for your faith beliefs. In October 2022, she endured her own ordeal when police raided her home after a transgender activist complained about a tweet she posted in support of a biblical understanding of sexual identity.

Her husband Robin, a Catholic priest, filmed her arrest when two police officers pushed their way into their home while mother of five Caroline was roasting a chicken for Sunday dinner. Her 'crimes' were "malicious communications and harassment". In front of four of their children, the officers searched the house and took Farrow's laptop and iPhone. They also took the iPad used by her ten-year-old autistic daughter. Taken away to a police station, she had to take off her jewellery and watch and her socks were also searched. After three hours in a prison cell and two hours being interviewed, she had a mugshot photo taken, was fingerprinted and had swab samples taken from her mouth. Then she was released without charge.



Caroline Farrow shared photos of the moment Surrey police arrived at her home to arrest her

At the time, she told a national newspaper: "The police are supposed to act without fear or favour. But I'm an easy target because I don't subscribe to their LGBTQ agenda. I'm meant to be a protected minority too but they don't [care] about Christian views."

"On social media I have had the most vicious abuse for being a Catholic."

Meanwhile the transgender accuser posted a picture of themselves popping open a bottle of champagne to celebrate Caroline's arrest.

Detective Chief Inspector David Bentley was quoted as saying it was his police officers' job to investigate when "a grossly offensive message is said to have been communicated".

## IT'S TIME TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH ABOUT ANTI-CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN THE UK

BY REV LYNDA ROSE

### A new Commission of Inquiry will investigate complaints of intolerance, hostility and bigotry made by Christians in today's Britain

That the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Jeremy Hunt, has called for an investigation into the country's financial institutions is to be welcomed, but the problems extend far beyond the unwarranted closure of bank accounts.

Across government, education and the NHS, we're seeing attempted social engineering by the back door across society. It must stop. It is the attempt of a new religion to assert dominance – a religion that will not allow dissent.

### Faith must be suppressed

But are Christians really suffering discrimination, or is it just the whingeing of a once elitist group that has lost its hold on power?

The National Secular Society (NSS) has no doubt. "The existence of a legally-enshrined national religion privileges one part of the population, one institution and one set of beliefs," it says.

Less than half the population are Christian, it asserts, and faith, which has a disproportionate influence on government and in public life, must be suppressed!

In its place, the NSS has euphorically trumpeted 'choice', and especially the promotion of LGB and transgender ideology. But just how fair is the promotion of this new creed?

Consider just a few recent cases... a young Catholic woman arrested for praying silently outside an abortion clinic; a housing employee sacked for saying she upholds the biblical view of marriage as between one man and one woman for life; a Christian councillor suspended from the Conservative Party after tweeting, "Pride is not a virtue but a sin".

From the ever-growing number of complaints, the evidence seemingly indicates that, far from being a 'privileged' group, Christians today are increasingly the victims of discrimination and abuse.

### New Commission of Inquiry

To uncover the truth, Voice for Justice UK (VfJUK) is soon to launch a Commission of Inquiry Into Discrimination Against Christians

(CIDAC). We shall be inviting those claiming to have suffered intolerance, hostility, or bigotry in any form to submit evidence before a panel of commissioners with experience in human rights issues and abuse. A report will then be submitted to Parliament, with recommendations for action.

To submit evidence once the inquiry is launched, please contact CIDAC's commission secretary: [edmund@cidac.org.uk](mailto:edmund@cidac.org.uk)

### Christians today are increasingly the victims of discrimination and abuse

Meanwhile, ahead of the inquiry, we want to get some idea of whether the many legal cases currently involving Christians are exceptional, or really are part of a more widespread campaign to



Rev Lynda Rose: "Discrimination must stop"

promote political and social change.

Can you help us by filling out our short, anonymous survey: <https://vfjuk.org/freedominfaith/>

Please pass it on to your friends and family too. Help us make our voice heard in this land.

## COUNCILLOR LOSES WORK AFTER SAYING PRIDE IS SIN

King Lawal, a 31-year-old Christian, was suspended as a Conservative councillor, dismissed as a trustee of a children's charity, and suspended as a local school governor after quoting what the Bible says about pride on Twitter.

He was subsequently removed as a governor of a healthcare trust, blocked from holding a planned surgery in a local library, and warned he faced a

potential police probe for hate crimes.

Then the council told his family business that unless he was immediately removed as director, the council would withdraw the contract it had with them, and they would receive snap inspections by council monitoring teams.

Lawal had written the following on Twitter after being concerned by the influence of pride events on children: "When did pride become a thing to celebrate? Because of pride Satan fell as an archangel. Pride is not a virtue but a sin. Those who have pride should repent of their sins and return to Jesus Christ. He can save you."

He later gave a longer statement to clarify what he meant, what counts as sin, and why calling people to repentance was loving rather than hateful.

Under pressure, Lawal resigned from the family business, and he now plans to pursue multiple legal cases.

Intercessors for Britain commented: "Regardless of whether those cases succeed or not, the lesson is clear: we can now expect very swift and thorough persecution if we're in the limelight and stand for the truth."



King Lawal is taking legal action

# LOSING THE ABILITY TO THINK – WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN



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A recent discussion about the implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) between Prof John Lennox and the former deputy prime minister of Australia, John Anderson, reveals the broader implications for our existence, particularly in relation to the Christian faith.

We had the privilege of listening to Lennox, an Oxford professor of maths, and former politician and National Party leader Anderson, who both have years of experience in monitoring how society has been rapidly affected by these massive advances in technology.

George Orwell's famous book, '1984', is now being quoted by more and more people because the future it painted is here.

Technology has reached the point where governments can (and do, in China) exercise total authoritarian control over populations.

The development of high-powered technology seems unstoppable because, on the face of it, it is highly exciting and brings with it so much convenience, particularly to younger people. But I fear it will inevitably lead to authoritarianism because it has no moral compass.

## What does it mean to be human?

What made this such an important discussion was that John Lennox, an experienced speaker on Christian apologetics, is able to bring to bear decades of experience in having discussed the Christian faith with so many well-known atheists, such as Richard Dawkins. Lennox demonstrates how faith affects our thinking – or not as the case may be!

The interview with Lennox and Anderson on AI was recorded nearly a year ago, before the launch of ChatGPT, so

## Yes, the future could be Orwellian if AI takes hold, says Graham Bridger

Lennox's warnings are becoming more urgent by the day. He says that without a means of determining truth from fiction, illusions from reality, and lies from deceit then we too, like AI itself, will have no moral compass.

Indeed, unless we shake ourselves and look the coming of advanced AI firmly in the eye, we could easily lose our understanding of what it means to be human. AI is now a part of our everyday lives, whether we know it or not, but if we simply ignore the realities of what it can mean, we will become even more helpless in conducting our own lives as free humans.

## The most important questions of life

We must relate the development of AI to what the Bible says about life's big questions: "Who are we?" "Why are we alive?" "What is our purpose?" "What is God's end goal for humanity?"

If we lose track of these big questions, we will be lost as human beings and simply subjected to a haphazard and unpredictable life that is meaningless.

## Have we lost the ability to 'think' critically?

The beauty of this discussion lies in the fact that John Lennox is a real 'thinker' and

someone who can really relate the Bible and the Gospel of Christ crucified to how we should conduct our lives and think of AI technology.

But we all need to begin to 'think' critically if we are to retain a true sense of what it means to be human because the lines are now being crossed daily. AI is not something we need only to think about in the years to come, it is with us and affecting everyone's lives now, whether we know it or not.

Lest we forget, freedom is now under severe attack in the Western world and the ability to think clearly for oneself – as a human being – has been brought into question, particularly during the last three years.



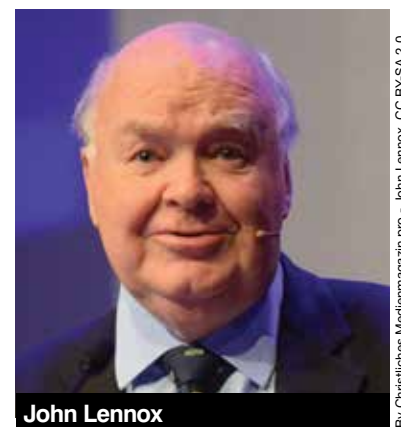
The events that unfolded in 2020 were highly dubious and yet duplicated simultaneously throughout the Western world. Commands by leaders to 'follow the science' were repeated ad nauseum throughout, using the same words and phrases while giving the same messages.

## I fear high-powered technology will inevitably lead to authoritarianism because it has no moral compass

They all spoke of the need for fear. People responded, presumably because of fear of death or terrible sickness if they didn't obey the draconian lockdowns that have destroyed the lives of millions and devastated economies beyond repair. In the main, they didn't even stop to question their unalienable God given rights over their own bodies and even if they did, they were soon told that they could kill Granny! The State was at war with the people over something that has since been totally disproven. This event also set the people against the people.

But does 'thinking' critically mean we are also seekers of the truth?

It appears that 'thinking' people may have one main thing in common. Those who have been prepared to speak openly and honestly and who are prepared to change their minds when



John Lennox

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presented with facts appear to be 'seekers of truth'.

As a result, millions are now realising that there has been a highly successful campaign of destruction carried out on a world scale, the like of which we have never seen before. It has been a cleverly (satanically) coordinated campaign which has been in the making for many decades. It was called 'The Great Reset'.

## Fear, manipulation and propaganda

Perhaps the most important fact that the highly educational discussion between Lennox and Anderson reveals, is just how easily populations can be mass-manipulated by fear into obeying tyrannical leaders and guided by propaganda.

It was indeed most interesting to listen to a recent UK Col-

"I knew any human activity can be used for social purposes or misused for antisocial ones" - Edward Bernays, author of 'Propaganda'



umn interview, where David Scott asked Dr Judith Brown how she first became aware that we, certainly in the UK, were facing a massive propaganda campaign over Covid in March 2020. She had been educated in what propaganda involved and was immediately on guard. But most people are not so prepared.

**Unless we are able to convince the leaders of countries to stand firm and say 'No' to the WHO we could see the final nail in the coffin of freedom come about during our lifetime**

Of course, while the term 'propaganda' retains its sinister nature, its more acceptable term is 'public relations'. The man who became known as the 'father of public relations' is Edward Bernays, the nephew of Sigmund Freud, who wrote the book 'Propaganda' in 1928.

Bernays' book is a must for any thinking person who wants to understand more about how propaganda works. Drawing on the insights of his Uncle Sigmund – a relationship Bernays was always quick to mention – he developed an approach that he dubbed "the engineering of consent". Bernays started advising big US corporations; it was Bernays who persuaded women that smoking was fashionable and soothing; in other campaigns he harnessed the power of fear.

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His success led to his methods being copied; Goebbels was an admirer, despite Bernays being a Jew. Bernays learned of his Nazi follower in 1933 and later recounted in his 1965 autobiography:

"They were using my books as the basis for a destructive campaign against the Jews of Germany. This shocked me, but I knew any human activity can

be used for social purposes or misused for antisocial ones."

**Frogs in the boiling pot – 'Groupthink'**

With Westerners having lived such a highly entertained, cushioned and comparatively cosy life over many decades, we were not capable of seeing through the creeping evil techniques used that showed authoritarianism emerging in so-called democratic nations. As many have commented over the past few months, the population are like 'frogs in the saucepan' who are slowly being boiled to death but don't realise that unless they jump out from the pan while they still can, it will all be over.

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Instead, what we have witnessed is a demonstration by millions who actually prefer to follow the crowd and to have others think for them and this is what has led millions into great deception. The book, 'Global Warming – A Case Study in Groupthink' by the late Christopher Booker (sadly he died in 2019) is a classic in revealing how the masses will go along with lies and deception rather than be prepared to show humility and to take a stand for truth regardless. There are numerous reasons why this occurs.

**Only months to go before the globalist tyranny goal is achieved**

It seems that only now are more people beginning to realise that the world is being led into tyranny and authoritarianism on a global scale. The latest moves to grab total control over the sovereignty of nations by the World Health Organisation



**This frog is blissfully unaware that the water is getting perilously hot**

(WHO) is, for example, still not understood or even appreciated by millions and yet there only remain a few months before it will have been achieved.

James Roguski, a well-known independent journalist, reveals all the details of why in a recent discussion between himself and Dr John Campbell. He declares that unless we are able to convince the leaders of countries to stand firm and say 'No' to the WHO we could see the final nail in the coffin of freedom come about during our lifetime.

**The Bible tells us that God will send a powerful delusion**

In the Bible, Jesus emphasised the need to keep watch and pray, yet I hear few ask why he did so. After all, what are we to keep watch for?

In Matthew 24, Jesus emphasised four times that the most important thing we must do is to ensure that we are not deceived. In 2 Thessalonians 2:11, we are told that a time will come when God will send

a powerful delusion that will prevent people from coming to love the truth. People ask why God would do such a thing. In verses 9-12, we have the answer:

"The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness."

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It is my personal belief that this verse doesn't just refer to all those who fail to acknowledge Jesus as Lord of the whole earth. It also means those who fail to recognise that before Jesus appears, the false Christ (Antichrist) will first appear as saviour.

But because pride and lack of humility so often prevent people from acknowledging reality, deception is allowed to become rampant. But that's just my own opinion.

There is no doubt at all that the populations of the world are now being deceived at a rate never known before. Confusion is everywhere and people say that they do not know what or who to believe any more.

This is quite understandable, because never before have citizens faced such an onslaught of lies and deception, especially from their own national and world leaders.

**Where is the hope?**

Several times during my Christian life, I have been asked, even by church leaders who should know better, where the hope is. I answer just as it says to do in 1 Peter 3:15-22.

As John Lennox ends his discussion on AI with John Anderson, he too, as a Christian, reminds us that there is only one hope and only one truth to believe, which is that the man called Jesus came to this earth over 2,000 years ago to show the world what God was like and that only he has the power to bring life out of death. Only Jesus has the power to give us the gift of eternity that God first put in the heart of man. (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

We were reminded that globalists unintentionally demonstrate this truth time and time again in that they continually seek technological advances to achieve eternal life. But whereas they seek this power through technology, they are at the same time ignoring the fact that humanity has already been offered this amazing gift for free – the gift of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**But the hope consists of so much more**

When Jesus returns to planet Earth, the Bible tells us that he will bring justice and righteousness into full view during what it calls the Millennium (a 1,000-year reign). For true born-again Christians who have been watching, praying and longing for his return, this will be a time of rejoicing beyond anything we could ever have known.

Just what is going to unfold during this reign on the earth before all is finally wrapped up by God, we can only imagine. But it is immensely exciting to think about and dwell upon as we will have new, immortal bodies just like Jesus and will be directly under his authority during his reign. What an amazing time this will be!

In the meantime, keep watch and pray that you might see the truth of "God with us" and receive the gift of an eternal existence with our one true Father God that leads us into this whole new realm of life both on this earth and beyond.



Graham Bridger's background in banking, fund management and financial strategic planning led him to begin researching the root causes of the 2008 global financial crisis. In his 2018 book, 'Converging Signs and Rejection of Truth – Are We Ready for the Return of Jesus Christ?' he considers how current world events are in line with Bible prophecy, with the need to prepare for the Messiah's return. His books are available from his website, Illusion2Reality.com.

**THE LINK BETWEEN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE BIBLE**

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**John Anderson**

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

## MALTA



Maltese people fill the streets in pro-life protest

## People power preserves unborn babies

The Maltese government has decided not to legalise abortion after a massive pro-life protest.

Malta is the last outpost in the EU where pre-born children are protected. LifeSiteNews reported that doctors, lawyers, ethicists and judges united to campaign against abortion, along with thousands of ordinary people who signed petitions.

The pro-life Coalition Inti Tista' Ssalvini stated that the government's change of course was a direct result of over 25,000 people emailing

the Prime Minister, Minister of Health and MPs, and more than 20,000 demonstrating in Valletta.

### Doctors, lawyers, ethicists and judges united to campaign against abortion

Dr Miriam Sciberras, CEO of the Life Network Foundation, said: "The voice of the people of Malta has been very clear: we are a pro-life nation."

## MEXICO



## Government makes it a crime to state biological facts

Two Mexican politicians have been convicted for criticising transgender ideology.

### Last year Cortés criticised a proposed bill that would criminalise the biblical theology of sexuality as 'hate speech'

Former congressman Rodrigo Iván Cortés was found guilty of 'gender-based political violence' and 'digital, symbolic, psychological and sexual violence'.

Yet he had not been physically violent. All Cortés did was 'misgender' a trans politician

on social media.

According to Family Watch Newswire, last year Cortés criticised a proposed bill that would criminalise the biblical theology of sexuality as 'hate speech'. In doing so, he referred to a trans-identifying politician with a masculine pronoun and as "a man who self-ascribes as a woman". Cortés is appealing his conviction, supported by the ADF.

Meanwhile, congressman Gabriel Quadri was also convicted of 'gender-based political violence' last year for questioning transgender rights. Mexico's congress is legally required to have an equal number of male



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and female representatives. After two men who identify as women took the place of two women in the parliament, Quadri asked if this was fair to women. Just asking the question landed him in court.

## GERMANY

## Prayer outside abortion centres is OK

In contrast to the UK, Germany has upheld the right to peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion centres.

The country's highest administrative court has judged that it is legal for pro-life supporters to pray outside clinics. According to the Christian

Institute, the decision brings four years of legal battles to a close.

### "Our prayers really help, as affected women have told us over and over"

The head of the Pforzheim pro-life group, Pavica Vojnovi, said: "I'm truly relieved. Our prayers really help, as affected women have told us over and over. I am grateful that we can continue our prayer vigils. Every human life is precious and deserves protection."

## Parliament rejects two euthanasia bills

Deputies in the Bundestag voted in July against two bills designed to open up euthanasia in Germany.

The first bill was aimed at loosening the legal ban on assisted suicide. A person re-

questing an end to life would need to have been through counselling and assessment by a psychologist. That bill was rejected with 304 votes in favour, 363 against and 23 abstentions.

The second bill wanted to totally decriminalise euthanasia, provided the person concerned had counselling. This bill was also vetoed, with 287 votes in favour, 375 against and 20 abstentions.

## USA

## Web designer wins free speech case

The US Supreme Court has defended a graphic designer who has been fighting for the right not to produce websites for same-sex weddings.

The verdict is being seen as a landmark decision which protects freedom of speech for all Americans.

### "The Government can't force Americans to say things they don't believe"

Justice Neil Gorsuch delivered the majority ruling, stating that the "First Amendment prohibits Colorado from forcing a website designer to create expressive designs speaking messages with which the designer disagrees".

Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys represented Colorado-based designer Lorie Smith and her business. ADF CEO Kristen Waggoner commented: "The US Supreme Court rightly reaffirmed that the Government can't force Americans to say things they don't believe... Disagreement



Lorie Smith outside the Supreme Court

isn't discrimination... Lorie works with everyone, including clients who identify as LGBT. As the court highlighted, her decisions to create speech always turn on what message is requested, never on who requests it."

Smith was challenging Colorado's Anti-Discrimination Act (CADA) which threatened her right to design work celebrating biblical marriage.

## USA

## Supreme Court protects right to a Sabbath

The US Supreme Court has judged that a former postal worker was discriminated against for refusing to work on Sundays, the usual Christian Sabbath.

Evangelical Christian Gerald Groff, who believes he should not have been disciplined for his Sabbath observation, received a unanimous vote in his favour from the Supreme Court in June. The decision overruled a lower court which found against Groff, stating that his refusal to work on Sundays "imposed on his co-workers, disrupted the workplace and workflow, and diminished employee morale".

In contrast, the nation's high-



Supreme Court Judge Samuel Alito, who delivered the Supreme Court's verdict

est court ruled that the law "requires an employer that denies a religious accommodation to show that the burden of granting an accommodation would result in substantial increased costs in relation to the conduct of its particular business".

Alliance Defending Freedom's John Bursch said: "Federal law protects employees' ability to live and work according to their religious beliefs... co-worker dislike of religious beliefs or practices is 'off the table' for consideration... This standard protects all Americans' right to live and work in a manner consistent with their faith."



# DOING THE DEVIL'S WORK

**We are experiencing the poisonous effects of a lying culture because the God of heaven and earth is not recognised in public life**

by Charles Gardner

**T**he Islamic doctrine of 'taqiyya' is back in the news.

Taqiyya is basically a theological concept that permits lying if it furthers the Muslim cause. It is effectively about saying one thing and meaning another, a recipe for certain breakdown in communication and trust and it has been used as an excuse for deceptive negotiations in the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**Without recognising the God of heaven and earth to whom MPs and witnesses are making promises, it all becomes rather meaningless**

Now the Gatestone Institute has reminded us (9 June 2023) that Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei used it to ex-

plain the regime's decision to accept the 2015 nuclear deal with the West.

The 2015 agreement, made in exchange for the lifting of sanctions, was designed to ensure that Iran's nuclear programme would be exclusively peaceful. Not surprisingly, Israel has been highly sceptical of the intentions of a regime which has repeatedly threatened to wipe the Jewish state off the map.

But God has clearly commanded us not to give false witness against our neighbour (Exodus 20:16) and lying is not restricted to the fanatical ayatollahs. It has, tragically, become part of Western culture where private and public conduct was originally regulated by the principles of the Ten Commandments.

That is why lying to Parliament and perjury in court are still considered heinous crimes. But without recognising the God of heaven and earth to whom MPs and witnesses are making promises, it all becomes rather

meaningless – especially when truth is widely regarded as relative, which simply leaves an open field for lies and propaganda.

So it is hardly surprising that undermining our biblical foundations leads to the collapse of a stable society, where some are even unsure of their gender. The very floor of the British Parliament is inscribed in Latin with the words of Psalm 127: "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain."

**A pack of lies sent six million Jews to their brutal deaths in the concentration camps and the same poisonous format is now being targeted at a new generation of God's chosen people**

Its foundations have in recent years shown signs of literally crumbling as law after ungodly law is passed.

Witness also Amnesty International's latest denunciation of Israel as an apartheid state engaged in a war crime "replete with hyperbole, distortions and outright lies," according to Rachel O'Donoghue of HonestReporting.

As for the BBC, who carried Amnesty's statement as gospel truth, journalist Melanie Phillips said on 18 June: "It [the BBC] fails to report most attacks on Israelis while, at the same time, unforgivably presenting Israeli military actions to stop these attacks as if Israel were the aggressor and the Palestinians its hapless victims."

It was less than 100 years ago that the BBC founders committed themselves to promoting everything that is true, right, pure and lovely – in the words of St Paul (Philippians 4:8) – but they have since exchanged such noble aspirations for profanity, debauchery and downright lies.

Jesus referred to the devil as the "father of lies, a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies,

he speaks his native language..." (John 8:44)

Jesus, however, embodies the truth, and those who follow him should be challenging our lying culture as, by God's grace, I was able to do over exaggerated expense claims in the newspaper industry many years ago. It had not been my intention, but my genuine though comparatively measly claims showed up my colleagues for their dishonesty.

This might seem small fry by comparison with dodgy international diplomacy, but the principle is the same. Hitler's propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels famously boasted: "A lie told once remains a lie, but a lie told a thousand times becomes the truth."

It was a pack of lies that sent six million Jews to their brutal deaths in the concentration camps, and the same poisonous format is now being targeted at a new generation of God's chosen people.

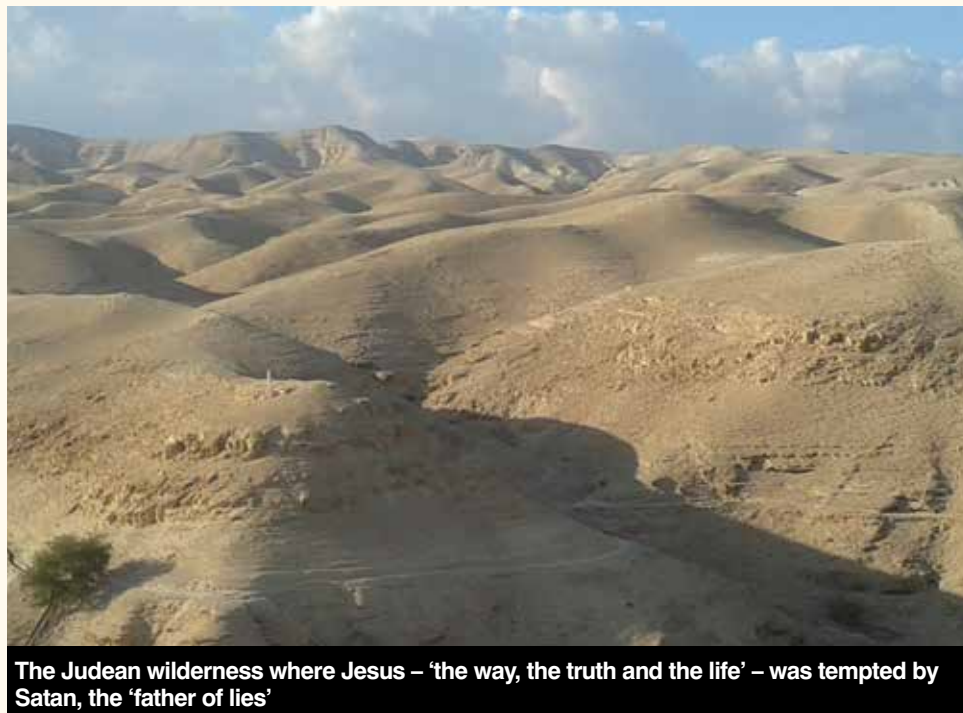
"It was never meant to go that far," a sexual assault defendant (a girl who disguised herself as a boy) admitted in a note to her victim (as reported by the Daily Mail on 17 June 2023):

"...It was just lie after lie; I couldn't see a way out."

Or as Walter Scott poetically put it: "Oh what a tangled web we weave, when at first we set out to deceive."

But in accusing others of lying, as has happened in the British Parliament of late, we must beware of the trap of hypocrisy which avoids examining our own hearts and motives. For the Lord desires "truth in the inner parts" (Psalm 51:6).

And if you wish to live this way, seek the one who said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).



The Judean wilderness where Jesus – 'the way, the truth and the life' – was tempted by Satan, the 'father of lies'

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# GARDNER'S WORLD Continued

## BBC DROPS ANOTHER BOMBSHELL

The BBC has apologised after one of their presenters suggested that Israel was “happy to kill children”.

In an astonishing interview with former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett about the IDF's defensive military operation in Jenin, Anjana Gadgil pointed out that 16 to 18-year-olds were among those killed.

Bennett countered by saying that all the victims were terrorists engaged in gun battles with Israeli troops, to which Gadgil responded: “Terrorists, but children. The Israeli forces are happy to kill children.”

They were in fact armed teenagers, with the politician challenging the presenter: “If there's a 17-year-old terrorist firing at your family, what is he?”

Bennett maintained that while Israel targets terrorists, the latter target civilians. But Gadgil insisted that because the United Nations describes them as children, there could be no argument with that.

Despite repeated criticism from watchdogs, the BBC continues to display shocking bias in its coverage of Israel.

## APARTHEID OWN GOAL

In reaching the semi-finals of the Under-20 World Cup with a shock 3-2 win over favourites Brazil, Israel has at the same time knocked accusations of apartheid for six! For their three goal-scorers were Hamza Shibli (a Bedouin Israeli), Anan Khalaili (an Arab Israeli) and Dor Turgeman (a Jewish Israeli).

## 'ABSURD' UN ROLES FOR IRAN

The election of Iran to important new roles at the United Nations – membership of a disarmament committee and sharing the vice-presidency of the General Assembly – has been described as ‘absurd’ by US Ambassador Robert Wood, citing Tehran's nuclear and ballistic missile programs, its support for Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and exporting violence and weaponry to neighbouring countries.

## CHINA SIGNS 'STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP' WITH PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

China said on 14 June that it has established a “strategic partnership” with the Palestinian Authority (PA). This came during a visit to Beijing by PA President Mahmoud Abbas who, like China's President Xi Jinping, has managed to remain in office far beyond his original term.

The announcement marks another step in China's campaign to gain political and economic influence in the Middle East, where it is competing for influence with the United States.



President Xi Jinping with another long-term president, Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority

Credit: Jerusalem Prayer Team

## RABBI SUES CNN

British-Israeli Rabbi Leo Dee, whose wife and two daughters were murdered by Palestinian terrorists, has said he intends to file a \$1.3 billion lawsuit against cable news giant CNN for describing the attack as a ‘shootout’. He also demanded the Guardian fire the cartoonist accused of fostering anti-semitism with his offensive caricature of departing BBC chairman Richard Sharp. The former north London rabbi refused to accept cartoonist Martin Rowson's apology.

## TRAGEDY LINKED WITH TITANIC

Stockton Rush, the pilot of the Titan submersible that tragically imploded en route to explore the Titanic shipwreck, was married to a descendant of a Jewish couple who were among the wealthiest people to die aboard the ocean liner that sank in 1912. Rush's wife Wendy is the great-great granddaughter of retail giant Isidor Straus and his wife Ida. Isidor co-owned Macy's department store and was married to Ida for four decades.

## THE SERIOUS MATTER OF DIVIDING THE LAND

Christian television personality Pat Robertson, who has died aged 93 after a lifetime of sterling service to broadcasting biblical truth, is also remembered for his forthright comments on the premature demise of Israeli Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Ariel Sharon.

He knew them both, and once prayed with Sharon. Rabin negotiated the 1993 Oslo Accords, a peace treaty with implacable opponents who wanted to take over their land, and Sharon bowed to international pressure by withdrawing from Gaza in 2005. Rabin was assassinated in 1995 and Sharon suffered a protracted eight-year coma following a stroke before passing away in January 2014.

Robertson said of Sharon: “He was dividing God's land, and I would say woe unto any Prime Minister of Israel who takes a similar course to appease the EU, the United Nations or the USA. For God said, ‘This land belongs to me; you better leave it alone’” (See Joel 3:2).

## BOYCOTT VICTORY

The Parliamentary Bill aimed at preventing local councils from boycotting Israel is now well on its way to becoming law, having passed its Second Reading. Christians United for Israel wish to thank all those who encouraged their MPs to support the Bill.

## NOT A LABOUR OF LOVE

Labour MP Rosie Duffield has bravely outlined the anti-Jewish hatred within her party in a House of Commons speech, describing what colleagues went through during the Corbyn years and afterwards.



Rosie Duffield at Prime Minister's Questions in January

Credit: www.rosieduffieldmp.co.uk

## MUSLIM OLIVE BRANCH

A first-ever official invitation of the kind from a Muslim country was extended to Knesset (Israeli parliament) Speaker Amir Ohana by the Moroccan House of Representatives.

## In brief...

- The South Pacific island country of Fiji has announced that its first embassy in Israel will open next year.
- Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has revealed how his father, whom he later discovered was Jewish, forbade him to befriend a Jewish boy.
- The largest-ever official delegation from the House of Lords visited Israel in June for a four-day relationship-building visit. The cross-party group of 20 peers included former Conservative Party leader Michael Howard.
- A German-founded organisation, March of the Nations, brought more than 1500 people together from over 30 nations to Jerusalem to mark the Jewish state's 75th anniversary in May. Among the marchers supporting Israel were numerous descendants of Nazi criminals.

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**Melanie Phillips**

Comment by *Robin Benson*

# Some think Israel is on a precipice, in danger of sliding into an abyss. That is not what the Hebrew prophets tell us

**THREATS, THREATS, AND YET MORE THREATS.**

From a human perspective, that seems to be what Israel and the Jewish people face these days. That does not mean that there are no good things happening in the Promised Land. There are – on a weekly, if not daily basis – wonderful discoveries in medicine, science, computer technologies, and so many other areas that will mean life-changing improvements for much of humanity. These advances prove once again that there is so much more than just spiritual blessing flowing from the final part of God’s covenantal promise to Abraham so many millennia ago: “...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you” (Genesis 12:3b, ESV).

Challenging this reality is ongoing civil unrest that is now verging on full-blown anarchy on the streets of many cities, including Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, as well as both inside and outside Ben Gurion International Airport.

**Nineteen terrorists died, but contrary to the BBC’s typically misleading report, the IDF did not kill children**

The anti-government coalition protests, which began in January this year, have not stopped. If anything, they have only intensified. Disparate groups, ranging from pro-LGBTQ+ campaigners through to those who support the so-called ‘Two-State Solution’ (which, in reality, equates with the destruction of the Jewish State), have banded together in one common cause: and it is not against judicial reform. It is to bring down the current, properly elected Israeli government and see Prime Minister Netanyahu permanently removed from power.

As Israel seems to be ripping itself apart from within, her enemies look on with glee, as they perceive (rightly or wrongly) that the Jewish State is at one of its weakest moments since its reconstitution just over 75 years ago. They see Israeli at loggerheads with Israeli. They see hundreds of military personnel refusing to turn up for necessary training and duty.

They see former prime ministers openly fomenting rebellion against their own government and senior military leaders refusing to implement government policy, while Israeli police allow life-threatening protests and destruction of property and the economy,



Our al-Din al-Ghoul, 16, a teenage terrorist and one of the “children” the BBC newsreader Anjana Gadgil referred to when she was interviewing former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. Her claim that the IDF was “happy to kill children” in Jenin caused a storm in Jewish media. This photo comes from a website that praised him as a martyr

all in the name of their idol: “democracy”.

In the midst of all this civil unrest, Israel recently reached the point where the escalating terror attacks from Islamic hotbeds in Judea and Samaria (the so-called “Occupied West Bank”) could no longer be tolerated. Around 2,000 IDF soldiers, supported by military vehicles and air cover, went into Jenin, also known as the Palestinian Arab “Martyr’s capital”.

**The area has become a mini-Gaza, funded, supplied with weapons, and directed by the terrorist regime in Iran**

During the 48 hours of ‘Operation Bayit V’Gan’ (you have to wonder what bright spark in the upper echelons of the IDF dreamed up that one: ‘Operation Home and Garden?’) the IDF located three terrorist command and control ‘war rooms’, six explosive manufacturing facilities, an underground tunnel network – part of it accessed under a mosque – along with at least eight weapon storage sites, and many IEDs (improvised explosive devices) intended for use against Israel’s military personnel. The IDF also arrested over 100 wanted terror suspects, although too many more escaped. Nineteen terrorists died, but contrary to the BBC’s typically misleading report, the IDF did not kill children.

In terms of the lack of collateral damage and minimal loss of life, this operation was a significant success. However, it was only necessary because, due to the policies of the previous government and to IDF support for those policies, the area has become a mini-Gaza, funded, supplied with weapons, and directed by the terrorist regime in Iran. Back in September 2021, in conjunction with then Defence Minister Benny Gantz, the IDF’s Central Command head, Major General Yehuda Fuchs, ordered a five-month moratorium on IDF operations in Jenin, in the interests of “strengthening the Palestinian Authority.”

Operation Home and Garden is the net result and will probably be the first of several similar IDF operations as Iran gains an ever-increasing amount

of influence and control over all the terrorist factions in Judea, Samaria, and even in some Arab communities in Israel itself.

Some think Israel is on a precipice, in danger of sliding into an abyss. That is not what the Hebrew prophets tell us. The God of Israel has other plans for his land and his people.

But that does not mean it will be a smooth ride to get to that long-awaited time. So, we watch and pray.



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’

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# “GOD WAS MERCY”

## SAYS THE MINISTER WHO TO SURVIVE 4 STROKES

**David Hazeldine’s wife was told to say farewell by medical staff, but God intervened. Now he wants everyone to hear of God’s mercy to him and his family**

By Chris Eyte

**“You should be in a coma with those blood clots. I think you have been given a purpose. You need to tell people that you survived and give them hope.”**

This advice came from a locum neurological consultant who was studying the blood clot scans of Rev David Hazeldine. Aged just 46, David had been hospitalised for ten months

after being hit with four strokes.

“Why did I survive?” asked David. The doctor said no more, but pointed to the sky. David understood his meaning – God had intervened. It was a tremendous encouragement for David after his health ordeal.

Four years later, David, 50, has retired from leading a church full-time but speaks in churches about God’s tremendous mercy and love. Throughout, he has been supported and prayed for by his devoted wife, Sam and their children.



The Hazeldine family are thrilled at David’s recovery. Pictured are Samuel, 17, Sam, 49, David, 50, and Sophie, 23



Rehabilitation: David at the beginning of his six-month journey to walking again

Before the strokes hit, David was the minister of Belvedere Baptist Church in Bexley, London for three years. Now a member of Esher Green Baptist Church in Surrey, he is on the church preaching rota and visits other churches to testify of God’s great mercy.

**“You need to tell people that you survived and give them hope”**

David grew up in a Baptist church during the 1970s and as a boy went to an evangelistic event led by American prophet and evangelist Jean Darnall. The prophet told David’s mother that her son had a calling on his life and that he would be a servant of the Lord.

David told HEART that another key factor in his faith was being baptised in the Holy Spirit as a teenager. At home one day he suddenly felt a strong conviction of God’s holiness and started weeping about sin. His mother said that he was being baptised in the Holy Spirit. Then she prayed for him and he received the gift of tongues.

“The next morning, I went on my

paper round and I had a strong sense of God,” recalled David. “The God I knew from church had seemed distant but now I sensed that I knew him and we were friends. He was close to me and that closeness has never left me from that day to this.”

David began leading a Christian Union at school and went on to study at a Bible college and at Oxford University. He was ordained in the Baptist church and got involved in various youth work projects and church plants. A particular highlight was helping with youth work at apostolic leader Colin Urquhart’s Kingdom Faith Church in Horsham, Sussex.

David was in good health and had regular medical checks after his mother endured a heart attack. Doctors said there was no particular health risk – so it was a shock when he suffered four strokes in a row at the age of 46, on 7 November 2019.

“I woke up one morning with a headache all over my head,” said David. “It wasn’t just above my eyes, but extended to the back of my head. Normally I get up to pray first thing, but I felt too distracted. I took a painkiller

# IFUL TO ME” WASN'T EXPECTED



David on life support in the ICU at St George's Hospital on 2 November 2019, the week he suffered four strokes. He is 'locked-in', fully paralysed inside and out (except his vital organs), and about to undergo a tracheostomy. He could only communicate by blinking. Doctors said David would either die or be nursed for the rest of his life

and went to bed again but the pain was still there.

"Then I went to the toilet and, at that moment, three strokes hit me at the same time, affecting my ear, my sense of balance and my eyes."

David tried to rest again at home but went downhill. His speech slowed

and he had a sense of heaviness. Sam called for an ambulance, which took four hours to arrive.

The health stats taken by the paramedics did not show a problem. Sam was advised to drive David to hospital since his balance was difficult. But she was unable to physically hold

him steady - so the paramedics took David to hospital in an ambulance instead.

The ambulance arrived at A&E and a paramedic walked with David into the main entrance.

**"The God I knew from church had seemed distant but now I sensed that I knew him and we were friends"**

"The receptionist asked me, 'Are you David?' I tried to say 'yes', but nothing came out of my mouth and I blacked out. I vomited and landed on a wheelchair. Everything went dark."

David woke up two days later to find himself in a bed at St George's Hospital in London, rigged up to various machines. Despite his eyes being closed, he felt alert. Then he heard the small, quiet voice of the Lord: "You are going to be OK."

David said: "I couldn't speak but I had an incredible sense of peace as soon as I heard the Lord telling me that I was going to be OK. It is a horrible thing to wake up in an ICU (intensive care unit) and to be so paralysed that you can't swallow or speak. I felt like I was floating."

**"I had an incredible sense of peace as soon as I heard the Lord telling me that I was going to be OK"**

"I couldn't feel the bed underneath me or the sheets on me, or feel my hands or feet. But when I heard the Lord, I knew it was a terrible situation but I was going to be fine. It was just a case of how it was going to work out from there."

Two nurses appeared and informed him that he had suffered a fourth stroke - a brain stem stroke. It was serious; over the following ten months he was transferred from St George's to the stroke ward at Lewisham hospital, and then the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability.

Sam was informed, once David was off the life support machine, that her husband was likely to die anyway. Doctors told her to say farewell, with their adult children. David had only a ten per cent chance of survival. If he didn't die, he still faced being institutionalised for life with 24/7 nursing care.



The church minister is now back on his feet and preaching at churches. He was previously (pictured) a minister at Belvedere Baptist Church in London

"Medical staff see people like me all the time and they all die. I have since found out that there are between 300 to 400 people 'locked' inside themselves at any one time. But they eventually die."

David kept recovering, though, and eventually returned home. He was supported in his recovery by prayer from friends around the world, various churches and ministries known to him - "even atheist school friends told my wife to tell me they were praying!"

**"We've come through praying together with lots of tears"**

David is now restored to reasonable health despite a wobbly foot and a bit of imbalance at times. He can also find breathing and talking a challenge. Despite these problems, he has gone on the train to London, preached at churches and kept himself busy writing his testimony of God's mercy to him.

"When I came out of hospital, St George's Hospital did a follow-up phone call. The lady on the phone, who was in charge of follow-up care for stroke patients on the neurological ward, couldn't believe I was talking to her. She was stunned."

David now believes he has been called to testify about God's mercy: "My faith has always been my cornerstone. God's voice has given me direction and hope. It has been a lot of hard work and very emotional for the whole family. We've all come through it praying together with lots of tears. Now I have it in my heart to do all that the Lord wants me to do."

"I never thought God would demonstrate such mercy to me. There's no way I should be alive now, travelling around and telling churches about God's mercy."

Rev David Hazeldine has written a book called 'Don't get excited, but' which is "a true story of deepening love, faith and purpose, discovered through a journey from locked-in syndrome". It is available from Christian retailers or Amazon

# THE WHO'S 'POWER GRAB' - PART 2

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SAVE OUR MEDICAL FREEDOMS

*“Unless we are able to convince the leaders of countries to stand firm and say ‘No’ to the WHO we could see the final nail in the coffin of freedom come about during our lifetime” – Graham Bridger, p8-9*

**O**n 27 May last year, Boris Johnson’s Government effectively gave the World Health Organisation (WHO) permission to override our national Parliament in the name of health through its Pandemic Preparedness Treaty.

Unlike most treaties, the WHO operates through passive assent. Member states are assumed to agree to their proposals unless they deliberately opt out.

Therefore, unless the UK Government formally withdraws from the treaty, the WHO and its Director-General will, by May 2024, have the power to take decisions that could restrict the lives of billions of people.

### Concentrating power

However, a second threat looms via new amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR), also due for adoption in May next year.

Dr Tess Lawrie, co-founder of the World Council for Health, has called these new IHR “outrageous.” In April she warned: “If these come into force, the Director-General of the WHO would be able unilaterally to declare a public health emergency, without seeking any advice from member states or WHO committees.”

**From May 2024, the unelected World Health Organisation will be able to decree lockdowns, order quarantines and even demand compulsory vaccinations**

This would vastly concentrate power in the hands of the incumbent, Tedros Ghebreyesus, who persuaded the UK and other Western nations to adopt Chinese-style lockdowns in 2020.

**“A self-perpetuating pandemic industry” will be created**

Unlike current WHO guidance, which is only advisory, Dr Lawrie noted that “some of the new amendments propose that WHO advice would be legally binding on all state parties and their people.”

### Mandatory medical examinations

She continued: “Amongst the more disturbing changes proposed is the removal of a clause requiring the WHO to consider an individual’s human rights in the application of the [IHR]. The WHO will be empowered to issue binding requirements for lockdowns, masks, quarantines, border closures, travel restrictions, mandatory vaccinations and mandatory medical examinations”.

Furthermore, new amendments would bring in an international database



Dr Tess Lawrie warning of the WHO’s potential control via Twitter in April 2023

system to “enforce travel restrictions through [medical certifications], all preferably tied to a personal QR code.”

Significant additional funding will be “required to set up an extensive surveillance process in all member states, which the WHO will verify regularly”.

Both the IHR amendments and the proposed Pandemic Treaty also encourage “systematic global collaboration to counter dissent from official governmental or WHO guidance”.

### Conflicts of interest

Dr Lawrie suggests that “a self-perpetuating pandemic industry” will be created “with major internal conflicts of interest, funded by the world’s taxpayers but controlled by a UN agency that has no national legal oversight... To justify continued funding, there will be a massive incentive to declare and respond to perceived threats... accruing profit to WHO sponsors through pharmaceutical recommendations and mandates.”

**Unlike most treaties, the WHO operates through passive assent**

All or some of the IHR amendments are due to be adopted in May 2024 at the 77th World Health Assembly. Once passed, they become binding all 194 WHO member states, although countries retain the right to reject them within ten months.

### WHO FUNDS THE WHO?

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) was the second-biggest WHO funder in 2021, at \$375 million, while Gavi (the Vaccine Alliance, set up by the BMGF), was its fifth-biggest funder at \$245 million.

With its interests doubly represented, the BMGF is the only non-country to have a seat at the WHO’s top table. Thus the WHO most often reflects the position of its biggest funders.

# IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO PETITION THE KING

**In our last issue, we said: “It’s not too late to write to your MP.” Now Tony Bennett, MA, editor of the British Church Newspaper, explains why we should write to King Charles III using his ‘Purple Postcard’ petition**

Postcard campaigns work!

Back in 2003, my friend Graham Wood and I organised a campaign of sending postcards to the late Queen Elizabeth.

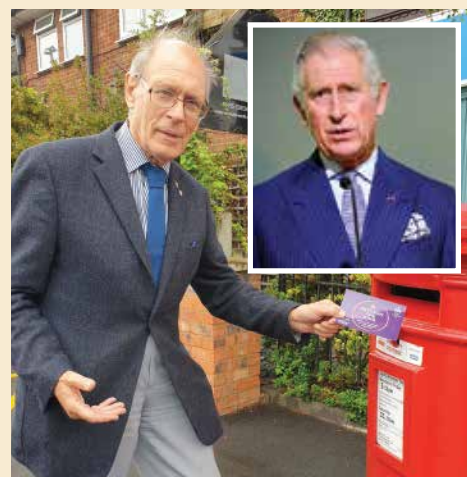
**Thousands of purple postcards a day through the King’s letterbox are bound to have an impact**

Our Government had wanted to impose a European Constitution on us and our postcards bore the legend, ‘No European Constitution without a Referendum’.

Within months, nearly 220,000 sent postcards to the Queen and the Government backed down!

Today we face an even greater danger from the WHO’s Pandemic Treaty. Our MPs have failed us; only a dozen attended a debate forced by a petition with 156,000 signatures that demanded, “Do not sign any WHO Pandemic Treaty unless approved via public referendum”.

We must go higher – to King Charles himself. Some say he would never use the Royal power of veto, but every Tuesday, the King meets the Prime Minister. Thousands of purple postcards a day through the King’s letterbox are bound to have an impact.



Tony Bennett posting the first petition to His Majesty the King (inset) on 14 July

**To force another parliamentary debate on the WHO’s proposals, sign a petition by Dr Tess Lawrie. It already has over 99,000 signatures and needs 100,000 by 3 October 2023. “Hold a parliamentary vote on whether to reject amendments to the IHR 2005,” is at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/635904>**

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**The wording on the postcard urges His Majesty to honour his Coronation oath and refuse to cede power to an international agency**





# PERSECUTION WATCH by Andrew Halloway

## CHINA

### CHRISTIANS FORCED TO REGISTER ON APP BEFORE ATTENDING CHURCH

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP)'s latest crackdown on Christians takes the form of a new app that citizens must pre-register on before going to any religious service.

**“You need to tell them who you are, where you live [and] your ID information”**

Todd Nettleton of persecution watchdog The Voice of the Martyrs told Faithwire: “This spring, in Henan province, they rolled out an app to get

approval to go to any kind of religious service... You need to pre-register in order to go to a religious gathering, give the Chinese government all of your information, tell them who you are, where you live, your ID information, and so forth.”

And even if Christians go through that process, they must be over 18 and can only attend a state-registered church, which is controlled by the CCP.

The app, called ‘Smart Religion’, applies to all religions. It is feared that it could be rolled out across the whole nation.



## MALTA

### EX-GAY CHRISTIAN ON TRIAL FOR CONVERTING TO HETEROSEXUALITY

A Christian is being tried in Malta for sharing his experience of converting from homosexuality to heterosexuality.

Matthew Grech had his first appearance in court on 9 June, accused of “breaching the Affirmation of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression Act”. He is also charged with promoting “conversion therapy”.

**“If convicted, he could be jailed for five months and fined between 1,000 and 5,000 euros”**

Grech admits publicising his conversion to heterosexuality, but denies attempting “conversion therapy” on anyone. If convicted, he could be jailed for as much as five months and fined between 1,000 and 5,000 euros.



Matthew Grech

Christian Concern commented: “The outcome of this case will have ramifications for the ex-gay community, not just in Malta, but worldwide. It will also impact freedom of the press and anyone who wishes to publicly question and debate individuals leaving LGBT lifestyles, which activists describe as ‘conversion practices.’”

## NIGERIA

### OVER 160 CHRISTIANS KILLED IN PLATEAU STATE

Terrorists murdered over 160 Christians in Plateau State in Nigeria in June alone and 20 more were killed in Taraba State.

Morning Star News reports that Fulani attackers slaughtered over 150 Christians in the first three weeks of June, including a church pastor, and another 11 at the end of the month.

**“Some of the victims were burnt alive in their houses”**

The pastor who died was Rev Nichodemus Kim of the Church of Christ in Nations (COCIN) in Gana-Ropp, Barkin Ladi County on 10 June. After the first deaths, Plateau Governor Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang said: “Conservatively, in the last three weeks, we have buried not less than 150 people... And this is aside from not less than 30,000 people scattered in various Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps that we are having to deal with now.”

The Muslim herdsmen attacked mainly Christian villages and destroyed many Christian homes and a church. An eyewitness said: “Some of the Christian victims were burnt alive in their houses as the herdsmen set fire to their houses.”



Plateau State Governor Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang, who confirmed over 150 of the deaths

Dalyop Solomon Mwantiri, coordinator of the Emancipation Centre for Crisis Victims in Nigeria (ECCV), said: “These attacks have become daily occurrences as the affected Christian communities have become targets for annihilation by the terrorists and Fulani bandits. Aside from these killings, crops on farms belonging to Christians are being destroyed, with the sole purpose of inflicting hardships and hunger on Christians.”

## UN

### REPORT FAVOURS LGBT RIGHTS OVER RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

A UN expert on sexual orientation and gender identity claims that “the exercise of freedom of religion or belief” should not be “incompatible with the equal enjoyment of human rights by LGBT persons”, if countries are “paying attention to the voices and practices of inclusive communities”.

**Report “limits freedom of conscience and religious freedom, to avoid discrimination against the LGBT community”**

Presenting his report to the 53rd Session of the Human Rights Council, Victor Madrigal-Borloz, the UN’s Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity, said: “Discriminatory positions of prejudice are beyond the international legal protections of religious or other beliefs.”

The Observatory on Intolerance & Discrimination concluded that



Victor Madrigal-Borloz

Madrigal-Borloz’s report, launched in June, effectively “proposes to limit freedom of conscience and religious freedom, to avoid discrimination against the LGBT community”.

The National Council of Evangelicals of France (CNEF) released a statement outlining its concern about the report’s implications for evangelicals, which was supported by the World Evangelical Alliance and the European Evangelical Alliance.

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# PERSECUTION WATCH Continued

## PAKISTAN

### GOVERNMENT CAVES IN TO EXTREMISTS' DEMAND TO WORSEN BLASPHEMY LAWS

**A** Muslim extremist political party has succeeded in persuading Pakistan's government to allow blasphemy cases to be tried under anti-terrorism legislation.

According to Morning Star News, the agreement between the government and the extremists means that those accused of making derogatory remarks about Muhammad, the prophet of Islam, could be prosecuted for terrorism. It

also aims to speed up blasphemy trials, giving less time for appeals.

The government is also setting up a 'Counter Blasphemy Wing' to remove 'blasphemous content' on the internet.

### Those accused of making derogatory remarks about Islam's prophet could be prosecuted for terrorism

The concession does not bode well for Christians and other religious minorities who fall foul of the already harsh blasphemy regulations, and are often falsely accused. Associating blasphemy with terrorism is also likely to encourage fundamentalist vigilantes to attack people accused of blasphemy, as already often happens, whether or not the accused have been found guilty.

The agreement, which has yet to be ratified by Parliament, did not consult minorities or human rights groups.



Badshahi Mosque in Lahore, Pakistan

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## USA

### BIDEN ADMINISTRATION DOWNPLAYS NIGERIAN GENOCIDE

**I**t is estimated that 90 per cent of all Christians killed for their faith are Nigerian, yet President Biden's government has – bafflingly – removed Nigeria from a critical persecution watchlist.

The American Center for Law & Justice, a religious freedom organisation, describes the ongoing deaths of Christians in Nigeria as genocide, and the ACLJ's Chief Counsel Jay Sekulow denounced the government's decision as "despicable".



President Biden

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# BRIDGEN: THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO COVER UP VACCINE HARMS FOR 20 YEARS



## Public betrayal, private support: Andrew Bridgen opens up about his political nightmare after defending the vaccine injured

By HEART staff

**The government wants to cover up Covid-19 vaccine harms for 20 years, according to former Tory MP Andrew Bridgen.**

Bridgen, who was noisily expelled from his party over a tweet that was construed as antisemitic, says the Government asked him – off the record – to give them 20 years before raising his concerns again about the adverse vaccine reactions.

### Between “25 [to] 30 MPs” have expressed private support

His offending tweet had stated: “As one consultant cardiologist said to me, this is the biggest crime against humanity since the Holocaust.”

Despite including a link to an article on adverse reactions, written by an Israeli academic at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bridgen was roundly condemned for antisemitism.

Yet in the midst of the media storm, Bridgen received many supportive emails from the Jewish community, with some relatives of Holocaust survivors describing the current situation as “already worse than the Holocaust”.

In a candid interview at the Better Way conference, held in Bath from 2 to 4 June, the father of two revealed details of the “absolutely immense” backlash he endured. But Bridgen isn’t a quitter and rather than leave

politics, he has found a new political home in Lawrence Fox’s Reclaim Party from which he continues to campaign on behalf of the vaccine injured. He has also joined the handful of other brave Tory MPs who have warned about granting the WHO unprecedented powers in their new treaty.

He received tacit acknowledgement that the Government knows of the failure of their ‘safe and effective’ jabs: “Unofficially, the Government told me they want 20 years, and I said that was unacceptable. I’m not accepting [a] 20-year cover-up, and the deaths, and... injuries that will continue.”

The committee that decided he should be expelled from the party comprised two lawyers and “a failed candidate for Shropshire North”, who, Bridgen suspects, “is probably looking for a seat”. The MP, who holds a biology degree, gave them around 36 papers backing up his vaccine claims, but was simply told that they did not “like his science”.

Immediately following his suspension announcement, none of his parliamentary colleagues contacted him, although he did receive a message within the hour from Robert F Kennedy Jr, the Democrat presidential candidate.

Since then, between “25 [to] 30 MPs” have expressed private support for Bridgen’s vaccine stance.

Two of Bridgen’s four staff members quit the Conservative Party (one of whom had worked for him for 17 years), fearing the same repercussions.

Bridgen maintains that even before he was sacked, parliamentary colleagues had deployed underhand



Andrew Bridgen MP gave a candid interview at the Better Way conference

“carrot and stick” attempts to shut him down. “They came to me and tried to offer me anything I wanted, which I refused, and after that, a lot of very bad things started happening in my personal and public life.”

### Two of Bridgen’s four staff members quit the Conservative Party after he was suspended

In December 2021, he narrowly avoided getting his “hands dipped in the blood” after declining then-PM Boris Johnson’s invitations to two drinks parties in No 10. In hindsight he realises that he would have been incriminated had he attended. At the time he refused because his constituents were living under the newly announced ‘Plan B’ Covid restrictions.

Bridgen’s debates have been viewed

around 30 million times online, although a parliamentary audience has been glaringly absent. Indeed, before one of his Commons speeches, MPs were ushered out of the chamber by Andrew Mitchell MP, whose brief happens to include the World Health Organisation and changes to the International Health Regulations.

Bridgen emphasises the need to “find out who manufactured, paid for and authorised Covid-19 with a gain of function”. Holding the perpetrators “criminally to account” in a court of law and imposing “severe sanctions”, he says, would act as a future deterrent and rebuild public trust.

Bridgen claims he is seeing a “pattern” of corruption across financial and pharmaceutical regulators. However, he remains optimistic that the number of people waking up to the vaccine harms is reaching a “critical mass”.

## News you won’t hear in the mainstream media

### HEALTH WATCH

#### AUSTRALIA: “SHOCKING” INCREASE IN ADVERSE REACTION REPORTS

Unprecedented numbers of vaccine adverse reaction reports occurred in 2021 compared to 2020, according to data from the Government of Western Australia released in July. The number of reported adverse reactions to all vaccines in 2020 was 270, while in 2021, the number was a staggering 10,726 – of which 10,428 occurred after a Covid-19 vaccine was administered.

Dr John Campbell, who presented the report on his regular bulletin, called the figures “absolutely shocking”.

#### ‘LONG VAX’ INVESTIGATED BY HARVARD AND YALE SCIENTISTS

Back in April 2021 this newspaper reported the concerns of doctors such as Sherri Tenpenny that the mechanism of the mRNA jabs could cause Antibody Dependent Enhancement (ADE).

Two years later, authorities are investigating vaccine induced ADE and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) after scientists around the world, including from Harvard and Yale, admitted a debilitating suite of problems have been appearing hours, days or weeks after a Covid-19 vaccine has been administered.

However, these symptoms are

being dubbed ‘Long Vax’. The Daily Mail reported on 6 July: “Patients with so-called Long Vax appear to suffer symptoms similar to Long Covid – including headaches, intense tiredness, and abnormal heart rate and blood pressure.”

Dr Anne Louise Oaklander, a neurologist at Harvard Medical School, said: “You see one or two patients [with possible Long Vax] and you wonder if it’s a coincidence. But by the time you’ve seen 10, 20... Where there’s smoke, there’s fire.”

#### KEEP 5G AWAY FROM CHILDREN

After last issue’s information on the dangers of 5G to the population’s health, there is a petition to prohibit 5G masts being installed near schools and nurseries. Deadline to sign is 4 January 2024.

Former Royal Navy microwave weapons expert and MI5 scientist Dr Barrie Trower has said: “Anyone who puts 5G into a school should be locked up.”

Trower adds that to say that the powers of 5G are different to a new electromagnetic military weapon nicknamed ‘the Growler’ is “absolute rubbish” because “with all microwaves a long low dose can be equally, even more dangerous, than a short high dose.”

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# BOOKREVIEWS

By Gordon Pettie

## How a woman from a Hindu background converted to Christ, married an Englishman and moved to the UK

### Marrying across Borders

By Sheela Burrell

Available in paperback and Kindle

**S**heela Burrell grew up in Malaysia, in a home where the Hindu gods were worshipped; there was a god for every occasion.

Once Sheela reached her teens, her parents sought the best school available, which meant sending her to a Christian missionary school. "After all," thought her father, "the Jesus they speak about is only another god, similar to Krishna."

The religious teaching Sheela received challenged her. One day, unbeknown to her parents and family, she dared to attend a local 'Christian' church, but the news quickly spread through her Hindu community.

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Fast forward a few years and it was time for university. Sheela chose one as far from home as possible and began attending a local church. One day, a tall good-looking Englishman walked into the church she was attending. Today Sheela and Malcolm Burrell are married, and they live in England.



Cross-cultural challenges: Sheela and Malcolm Burrell photographed by Gordon Pettie in Revelation TV's UK studio

'Marrying across Borders' tells Sheela Burrell's story. As well as her experiences growing up in a Hindu home and discovering the truth of the Christian Gospel, she relates the story of her marriage to Malcolm and moving to the UK. There is inevitably heartache in uprooting herself and leaving her ageing parents behind, then learning western culture and western forms of Christianity.

As Christians we have so much to learn about welcoming international travellers into our churches. This book will challenge and help you understand how difficult it is for people from other nations, not only to settle in a new country, but to arrive in a new church, feel welcome, and find a role.



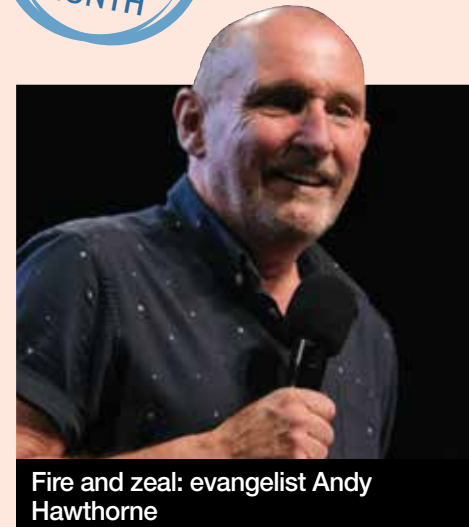
Sheela Burrell told her story to Revelation TV viewers

## Inspiration from evangelist Andy Hawthorne

### A Burning Heart

By Andy Hawthorne

Published by The Message Trust, Manchester



Fire and zeal: evangelist Andy Hawthorne

**M**any years ago, as the pastor of a large Baptist Church in south Manchester, I got to know a guy called Andy Hawthorne who had recently given up his business, to fulfil a calling to evangelism.

As a young evangelist he came to my church several times with a team of musicians, with drums and guitars. During the week he would hold daytime meetings in the local secondary schools and was even allowed to take assemblies and lessons.

At the end of the week he would invite all the pupils to a Sunday night event in our church. We would hand the meeting over to him, hundreds would come and many made decisions for Christ.

Years passed and I hadn't been in touch with Andy until I read this book by him. I am so glad to discover he has lost none of his fire and passion for Christ.

Today he leads 'The Message Trust', operating out of Manchester.

Rev Nicky Gumbel (of Alpha fame) writes in the book's foreword: "Andy has an extraordinary track record of ministry among some of the most deprived and vulnerable young people in our society. I commend him to you wholeheartedly".

This is the kind of book to inspire you and make you think "Well, if Andy Hawthorne can do those things, there is no reason why I cannot."

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The book is based on the messages that Andy delivered over a 12-month period to his Message Trust team and they are all based on Paul's letter to the Corinthians. I love the way he has illustrated his teaching with real life stories from his surroundings and the work of the Trust.

Each chapter builds to a challenge with a suggested prayer at the end.

Listen to these words from his chapter on 1 Corinthians 13:

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prodigals out there who still love God but hate his Church ..."

In need of some inspiration? I recommend this book to you.

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## News you won't hear on the mainstream media

# HEALTH WATCH

## CANCER-CAUSING AGENT FOUND IN PFIZER VACCINE

Simian Virus 40 promoters, which are linked to cancer development, are present in the Pfizer Covid vaccines, a microbiologist has discovered.

Kevin McKernan also found DNA contamination in both the Pfizer and Moderna injections, documented in a research paper dated April 2023.

Commenting on McKernan's paper, the World Council for Health called for an immediate cessation of the Covid-19 vaccine programme, stating: "Another red line has been crossed... Replicable DNA, so-called plasmids, in both the

monovalent and bivalent vaccines... should not be there at all."

Former pharmaceutical industry executive Sasha Latypova commented that DNA contamination is "a huge problem because this is replication competent plasmid, it can... invade the bacterial cells that live in your gut... they replicate antibiotic-resistant genes...it can cause sepsis [and] cancer."

Meanwhile, US government data suggest "a 338 [times] increase in cancers and AIDs-associated diseases" in the fully vaccinated.

## HOW TOXIC WAS MY BATCH?

The number of reported side effects from different Covid vaccine batches varies dramatically, Danish researchers have discovered.

Dr Vibeke Manniche and colleagues discovered that just "4.2 per cent of the batches are associated with almost 71 per cent of the reported side effects." This sends a "safety signal", Manniche says, because if the batches were the same quality, the side effects should be evenly

distributed between them.

Their research letter was published on 30 March and Dr Manniche was interviewed by Dr John Campbell in a video released on 6 July 2023 that had 308,000 views.

A searchable list of reported adverse reactions to different Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen vaccine batches is available at [expose-news.com/lotindex/](http://expose-news.com/lotindex/)

# FREEDOM WATCH

## BANKS SPY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Documents by Coutts released to Nigel Farage under a 'subject access request' revealed that Coutts thought his views on Brexit, Donald Trump and gender ideology "do not align with our values".

They also reveal that customer credit scoring is now interconnected with social media posts. Farage himself has called the situation "deeply sinister". He told GB News viewers: "If it can happen to me, it can happen to you."

## DIGITAL £'S PRIVACY DEPENDS ON TRUST

The Government's consultation on a digital pound, which closed on 30 June, proposed that providers "would identify and verify users, but anonymise personal data before any sharing with the Bank [of England]". Exceptions would be made for terrorist suspects, as they are under current legislation. However, one Christian couple has already been told they are on a 'watch' list for having orthodox biblical beliefs.

## UBIs TO BE TRIALLED IN BRITAIN

People in two areas of Britain would be invited to volunteer to take part in a two-year Universal Basic Income experiment, if the plans of think tank Autonomy are adopted. One is relatively well-heeled East Finchley, London, and the other is central Jarrow in the north-east, according to a news report in June.

## NO EURO PRIVACY

Christine Lagarde, President of the European Central Bank (ECB), told a conference last November that full anonymity

is "not a viable option" for public policy objectives as the EU moves towards creating digital euros. The Governing Council of the ECB will decide on their introduction in October 2023.

China digitalised its currency, the e-CNY, more than a year ago, with 260 million 'wallets' to date experimenting with the finance model.

## EX-GREEN PARTY MEMBER BLASTS 15-MINUTE CITIES



Campaigner Sandi Adams speaking to GB News presenter Neil Oliver

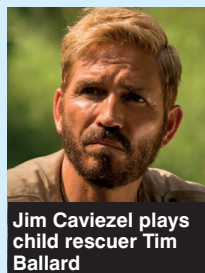
Sandi Adams, whose speech to Glastonbury Town Council over 15-minute cities on 14 March went viral, warned that the UK population "will literally be imprisoned on our own island" if the net zero agenda continues.

By 2050, she said, no planes or ships will be allowed to leave the UK, if recommendations from the 2019 'Absolute Zero' report are followed.

Adams also warned that an estimated 900,000 drones "will be surveilling us from the air" by 2030, citing a 2022 government paper on 'Advancing airborne autonomy'.

She left the Green Party in the 1990s after it became "a Trojan horse" for the "technocratic" UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

Speaking to UK Column, Adams explained that her "big awakening" came after meeting Bill Gates while working



Jim Caviezel plays child rescuer Tim Ballard

# SOUND OF FREEDOM

## Hollywood's silence over child trafficking film

Hollywood has been almost silent about a new film on child trafficking.

Released on 4 July, 'Sound of Freedom' has, however, made over \$100 million at the box office.

It stars Christian actor Jim Caviezel, best known for the lead role in Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of the Christ'. Caviezel plays former government agent Tim Ballard, who left his job to rescue trafficked children in Colombia.

Its modest budget of \$14.5 million was raised thanks to Mel Gibson responding to Ballard's appeal for help.

Child trafficking worldwide is reportedly worth \$150 billion and the numbers of children that go missing every year are in the millions. When Ballard went to Ukraine with a list of ten missing orphans, locals told him of 10,000 disappearances.

Hollywood's silence has only increased curiosity in the rumours - labelled conspiracies by fact-checkers - that trafficked children are used in satanic rituals. A 1998 interview with Gibson has been widely viewed, in

which he hints at sidestepping Hollywood's occultic events and people.

One Christian commentator said that we should expect to see articles appear in the mainstream press that slur Gibson's reputation, repeating his alleged "antisemitic rant" that damaged his reputation after he had produced 'The Passion of the Christ'.

The film's rights were originally held by Disney, which did not choose to release it. Now it is available from the Christian Angel Studios.



Tim Ballard discussing child trafficking on the Mexico border with President Trump in the White House in 2019

on a Microsoft project showcasing an alarmingly futuristic "intelligent home".

## BRITONS "WILL COMPLY WITH FUTURE LOCKDOWNS"

Since British people have "practised the drill" of compliance with lockdown restrictions, it would be easy to simply "switch [the behaviour] back on," according to the director of the 'Nudge Unit', the Cabinet Office's Behavioural Insights Team.

Speaking to The Daily Telegraph on 6 July, Prof David Halpern defended the use of fear-based messaging in extreme cases: "There are times when you do need to cut through... particularly if you think people are wrongly calibrated."

## DON'T SCRATCH NOW - BILLIONAIRES INVEST IN INSECT FOOD

Leaders from 13 meat-producing countries have pledged to cut methane emissions in an agreement signed in Chile this April. Signatories include the US, Australia, Spain and Panama.

There are concerns that one of the proposed measures, reducing meat production, will disrupt the world's food supply, potentially leading to famine.

Plans to replace traditional animal



Insect factories are being built in the US, Canada and the Netherlands

protein with insect protein have already been introduced by the EU, WEF and UN - a move which the Italian government opposes. Journalist Leo Hohmann commented: "Billionaires have invested in massive insect factories being built in the state of Illinois, in Canada and in the Netherlands, where meal worms, crickets and other bugs will be processed as additives to be inserted into the food supply, often without clear labels."

Meanwhile, the EU approved plans in May for the Dutch government to buy out farmers. Farmers have been protesting against the scheme, worth 1.47 billion euros and designed to vastly reduce nitrogen emissions, since October 2019.

## "NO REAL CLIMATE CRISIS"

Dr John Clauser, winner of the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics, says "there is no real climate crisis."

He has created a climate model that considers visible light reflected by cumulus clouds, which cover around half of the Earth. Current climate models do not factor in the clouds' regulation of the Earth's temperature. He was elected to the board of directors of the US-based CO2 Coalition in May.

## CHINESE WEAPONS CAN ATTACK BRAINS

China's military have become "world leaders" in high-tech weapons that can distort brain function, according to a report from three open-source military analysts.

The 'NeuroStrike' weapons aim "to impair cognition, reduce situational awareness, inflict long term neurological degradation and fog normal cognitive functions," says the report, quoted in The Washington Times on 6 July.



## October/November letters deadline: 1 September 2023

HEART newspaper provides a forum for Christian opinion. Please keep your letters to under 150 words and always give your name, town and county.

If your letter exceeds 150 words, please send a photo.

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### Andrew Bridgen was misquoted

In an article concerning Andrew Bridgen MP in the June/July issue of HEART, he was described as "expelled from the Conservative Party for likening the damage from the Covid injections to the Holocaust."

He did not do this. He quoted a cardiologist as saying that the Covid injections were "The biggest crime against humanity since the Holocaust."

The quote was not even his own. His words were twisted by the Conservative Party so that they could get rid of him because they didn't like what he said about the Covid injections.

**Kathleen Watson**

*Littlehampton, West Sussex*

### Thank you HEART

I just wanted to thank you again for addressing difficult subjects from a Christian point of view.

Particularly in the current issue, thank you for your articles on the first 'three-parent' baby born in the UK, King Charles (and Naomi Wolf's take on the coronation), the WHO's grab for power, excess deaths, Andrew Bridgen and the dangers of 5G. Thank you also for publishing different views on Russia/Ukraine.

These are all issues Christians should be aware of.

You're doing a great job.

**Alison Tomlinson**

*Eastbourne, East Sussex*

### Putin is inexcusable

I read two letters in HEART for April/May which seemed to be pro Putin propaganda. Not long after I came across an article from the Sunday Telegraph dated 19 March, 2000, and headed 'Return of the KGB' by Anne Applebaum.

The article details Putin unveiling a plaque to Yuri Andropov (a director of the KGB for many years) in 1999 at the Lubyanka, once the HQ of the KGB. Putin recreated the department responsible for repressing political dissidents and also praised Andropov's honesty and uprightness!

It would be good for those who express sympathy for Putin to look up how he treated 'dissidents' in the Crimea, and Ukrainian nationals including Christians. Please don't make excuses for his evil invasion. The UK has experienced the Russian treatment of so called 'dissidents' so it is quite understandable that former Soviet Union countries would want to join NATO, which is a defensive alliance.

**Jackie Jones**

*St Boswell's, Scotland*

### Before 'Let there be light'

There was a time when calling yourself a Christian meant believing the Bible.

Unfashionable as it may be, what if the Bible does mean exactly what it says? Let's take Genesis 1:1-3.

God creates something that is dark, formless and empty. This sounds very much like 'empty' space, which physicists now say has 95% of the energy/mass of the whole universe: dark energy. While science says, "God knows why most of the energy is in the darkness", the Bible believer replies, "Quite so, God said it."

God then said, "Let there be light." Science agrees that a Big Bang singularity of pure light appeared. The light spreads out into the darkness, and only then does space have forms.

God created darkness before light. To be a Bible believer, I still have to stand my ground against mainstream science. They believe light came first; God says dark energy was created first.

**Paul Minter**

*Bexhill, East Sussex*

## In my own words

**Fresh thoughts on a newsworthy or devotional topic will be considered for this feature.**

Email 350-400 words with your name, town, county and photo by 1 September 2023 to letters@heartpublications.co.uk

## Banks and Revelation 13

As we are seeing, individuals and organisations in the UK are vulnerable to sudden bank account closures.

Current guidelines from banking trade body UK Finance provide a loophole whereby banks do not have to tell a customer why they are closing their account if it is not "appropriate or permissible".

This is disturbing because the bank may be breaking the law. But since no closure reasons are given, it may be difficult to prove it! The banks have wriggle room.

### Banks have no legal right to act as "thought police"

In reality, it seems recent closures are over the political views of an individual, or the ethical views of Christian organisations or individual Christians. Is this a form of Christian persecution and a prelude to the enforced financial control of Revelation 13?

In the above cases it could be argued that the banks are breaking Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: everyone has "the right to freedom of thought... and the freedom to manifest that in public". So the banks have no legal right to act as "thought police".

The Government now recognises there is a problem here, and city minister Andrew Griffith MP has been asked to investigate cases where lenders closed the accounts of individuals or companies whose beliefs they disagree with. But whatever government control is decided, it will be a "toothless tiger" unless, in general, banks are legally forced to provide the reason for closing an account. There can be no wriggle room!



**Dr Graham Wade**

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*Plymouth, Devon*

## Carrying your cross

The April/May issue of HEART included a photo of Pastor Christy Smith carrying a wooden cross on Brighton seaford.

I have always found it looks strange when people carry crosses around town. What Jesus endured on the cross was both commonplace (the Roman authorities in Judea crucified hundreds of Jews in the first century AD) and unique – as we appreciate Jesus' divine sacrifice for

permanently dealing with all of our offence against God.

Jesus' cry of "Finished!" shows his suffering was a completed work, never needing repetition. So, for me, unlike the preaching that focuses on the person and work of Jesus, the modern carrying of crosses gives me an uncomfortable feeling.

Furthermore, the whole crucifixion procedure that Pontius Pilate (governor) was forced into ordering could lead to the victim dying too early on. The licitor (a Roman bodyguard) given the task of scourging had to judge that the severe lashing did not kill Jesus before crucifixion. The patibulum (horizontal or crossbar) would weigh up to 100lbs.

No-one would be able to carry more than that after scourging. Jesus may have been too weak even to carry this, as the Romans ordered Simon of Cyrene to carry it. The vertical timber (stauros) would already be fixed in the ground, waiting for the patibulum and victim to be drawn up and fixed.

So when people carry complete crosses, as portrayed in so many films, are they giving an inaccurate picture of what happened in Jesus' journey? A complete cross of 300lb is not what Jesus car-



**Rev Robert Weissman**

ried after the licitor's work.

But I think that we can all appreciate that after Pontius Pilate was humiliated by the Pharisees, he ordered that the accusation board above Jesus' head on the cross would bear the words that honour Jesus through the ages: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews"!

**Robert Weissman (Rev)**

*Christian Jew Foundation*

*Crawfordsburn, Bangor*

## Meaning of revival

'Revival' seems to be very much a buzz word again at the moment but what does it actually mean?

As biblical justification for 'revival', many Christians try appealing to any and every verse in the Old Testament where the English word 'revive' occurs, regardless of the original meaning and context.

This is terrible exegesis that leads to the Bible being made to say anything anybody wants it to. We mustn't pluck out Old Testament verses about national Israel and spiritually apply them to the Church. Israel isn't the Church.

The Church, the Body of Christ, is made up of people from all nationalities, who all have one key thing in common: they are all permanently in-dwelt by the Holy Spirit. This was never true of Israel.

Before Pentecost, when the Church was birthed, God anointed with his Spirit specific people at specific times in order to fulfil specific roles. This

## In my own words

wasn't a permanent indwelling and could be removed by God.

For example, 1 Samuel 16:14 describes how the Holy Spirit was removed from King Saul and in Psalm 51:11 King David prayed that the Holy Spirit might not be taken from him. This prayer isn't relevant to New Testament believers who are permanently in-dwelt as a seal and guarantee of their salvation.

### The fruit of a true move of the Holy Spirit is changed lives, not just for a few weeks but forever

As far as the New Testament is concerned, the word 'revival' isn't found anywhere. Neither Jesus, nor Paul, nor any other biblical writer encouraged prayer for 'revival'.

Christians most commonly appeal to the account of Pentecost in Acts 2 as a New Testament example of 'revival'.

Pentecost was the birthing of the Church, not a 'revival'. To revive something, it first has to be dead, or at least in danger of dying.

A true move of God will manifest itself by the Church first being stirred to fervent prayer, repentance, a renewed pursuit of holiness and the preaching of the Gospel to a lost world. The fruit of a true move of the Holy Spirit is changed lives, not just for a few weeks but forever.

There's no doubt that God has poured out his Spirit on this nation at certain

times and certain places, and lives have been changed. However, most Christian's understanding of 'revival' isn't based on Scripture, which allows false 'revival' and counterfeit moves of God to be embraced as being genuine.



James Smith

James Smith  
Sheffield, Yorkshire

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Do not despair or lose heart!

- Rise up and strengthen yourself in your God! (1 Samuel 30 v. 6b)
- 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).

Be still in your faith, do not waiver in unbelief.

Pray! Pray! Pray! And stand your ground. Do not give in to compromise. Do not back down from My Word.

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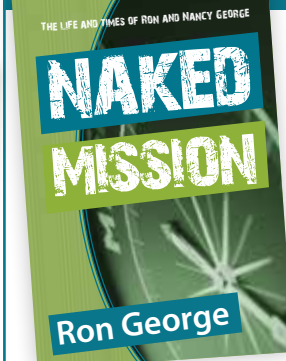
Many other ministries also offer prayer for healing at their meetings such as the Upper Room Fellowship in Great Yarmouth (see Partner Churches on the back page), whose leader, Pastor Les Potter, is offering our readers a free healing booklet on page 3.

Previously in HEART we have featured healings through Lincolnshire-based Jonathan Conrathe of Mission24, Sozo Ministries in Romsey (see the Friendly Churches page) and Bishop Yousaf Nadeem Bhinder (www.hisgracechurchint.org and see page 3 of this paper).



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# DAILY WORD

BY MICHAEL FARKAS OF PRAYERCHAIR

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When we invite Jesus into our heart, he starts a transformation in our own life so that we start to see things as he sees them and he gives us his heart for others. You are his hands, his feet, his eyes and his voice to a hurting world.

There will be times when he will prompt you to be the blessing in someone’s life. God works through people to reach out and touch others, and at this time he has chosen you. He is not asking for your ability, but your availability.

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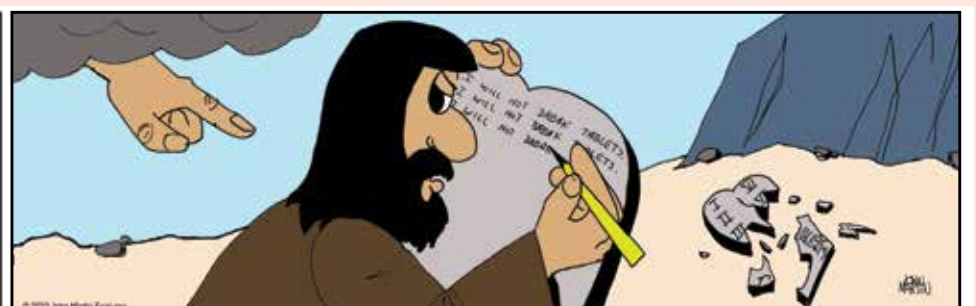
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