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Britain has elected “the most godless parliament in its history”, with 40 per cent of MPs, including Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, choosing to ‘affirm’ their allegiance to the King rather than swear on the Bible.

Half the new cabinet also declined to express any religious belief on being sworn into the Commons after July’s general election radically changed the make-up of parliament.

The increase in secular MPs is up

from 24 per cent at the start of the last parliament in 2019.

The Times said, “Britain elected the first parliament as godless as the nation at large.”

The big jump in irreligious MPs was the result of the Labour landslide in which Starmer’s party won 412 seats. Almost half of Labour MPs — 47 per cent — affirmed, compared with only 9 per cent of Conservatives. The Liberal Democrats, who won a record 72 seats, also had 47 per cent of their MPs make an affirmation.

Christian campaigning organisations have expressed their worries about the new Labour government’s agenda, which

is also being seen as a reflection of a godless society.

With its so-called ‘supermajority’ of 181, Sir Keir Starmer’s government has almost free rein to implement its radical manifesto.

Many MPs with a strong pro-life voting record have lost their seats and CitizenGo expects Labour to promote abortion and euthanasia.

Marriage

Traditional marriage is in danger of further denigration, according to Coalition for Marriage. Its director, Dr Tony Rucinski, told supporters in July

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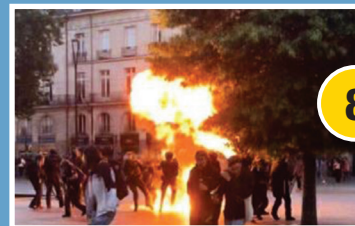
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that although Sir Keir Starmer had only been in office for two weeks, “the evident shift in support for LGBT ideology among senior Government figures is already sparking concern from real marriage supporters and more widely.”

There are fears that Labour’s draft legislation to ban ‘conversion therapy’ could criminalise prayer or even conversations about unwanted same-sex attraction, because such conversations and prayer are confused with drastic and abusive practices, which are already illegal.

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“THE MOST GODLESS PARLIAMENT EVER”

A group of church leaders representing more than 1,300 churches has written to the Prime Minister, warning that new laws could criminalise them as they put into practice their teaching on marriage.

Co-signatory of the letter Rev Dr Matthew Roberts told Premier the plans don't account for or understand Christian teaching. He said proposals for the bill include “anyone who wanted to negate or suppress people's sexual orientation or gender identity”.

Roberts said: “A Christian sermon that calls people to repent of their sin and to live in a godly way is also about negating and suppressing our sins.”

The letter reads: “Campaigners often imply that expressing mainstream, traditional Christian beliefs on sexuality or gender identity in pastoral conversations is, inherently, a form of ‘conversion therapy’.”

The letter also offers to help the Government understand traditional Christian teaching on marriage and distinguish it from abusive behaviours. Campaigners are hopeful that the Government may be open to listening.

Earlier in the year, then-Shadow



Equalities Minister Anneliese Dodds stated that “any ban must not cover legitimate psychological support and treatment”. She also said any new legislation in this area must not criminalise “non-directive” pastoral relationships between “religious leaders and their worshippers” or “discussions within families”.

Rucinski said, “Life-long marriage between a man and a woman is the foundation of a flourishing society. It must not become a crime to defend it.”

Babies' safety

Campaigners are concerned that pro-abortion Labour MPs Dame Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy, who have been re-elected, will double down on their efforts to decriminalise abortion – which would allow abortions to take place for any reason, right up to birth.

Right to Life UK also worries that the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) and biotech firms will push for more freedom to experiment on human embryos.

State-sponsored suicide

The new Prime Minister has not only voted in favour of assisted suicide in the past, but, along with all the major parties, has promised to hold a parliamentary vote on introducing assisted suicide.

“Godless” parliament

The Greens are the most irreligious party, with all of their four MPs affirming rather than swearing on the Bible, as did six of the SNP's nine MPs. Tim Farron of the LibDems also affirmed rather than swore on a Bible. He told Premier his decision was based on Matthew 5:34-37, where Jesus says: “But I tell you, do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool;... And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply, let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ be ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”

Only one of Nigel Farage's five Reform MPs affirmed.

However, the majority of MPs, 338, swore on the Bible, usually the King James version.

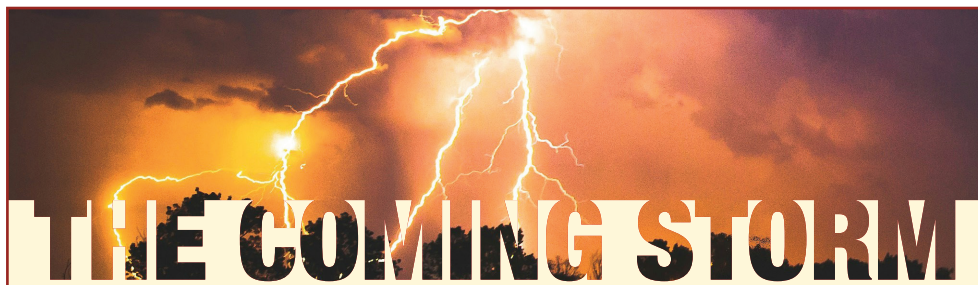
There were 14 Muslim MPs, who swore on the Quran, and Rishi Sunak was one of three MPs to swear on the Bhagavad Gita, the Hindu holy book.



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THE COMING STORM

This paper has been publishing prophecies and urgent warnings of judgement to the UK for over a decade. Now it seems that we could well see the prophesied famine, war and economic collapse.

There is certainly a new boldness in the Islamic presence in the nation, which was prophesied, to the extent that the US Vice-

President nominee, JD Vance, has called Britain an “Islamic” nation.

But there is always hope with God, especially when his people turn back to him in repentance on behalf of their nation.



“A STORM IS COMING”

A unique set of paintings with an urgent message for Britain

“STAND”
A message of hope for a nation at war
Each one of the nine paintings correlates with the armour of God from Ephesians 6 and has its own unique message which Julie Ann Scott explains here

1. STAY CALM
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An “overwhelming and sobering” week of prayer for Britain

The week of prayer and fasting for Britain advertised in the last paper (June/July), culminated in a ‘Day of Repentance’.

Convenor Rev Jennifer Abigail Lawson-Wallace told HEART, “These occasions were sobering, overwhelming and humbling! On the last day, the awesome presence and glory of God descended, almost tangibly, in our midst as the Lord met with us to hear our petitions on behalf of Britain.

“The call to repentance was an urgent invitation from God to the people of Britain, to reorient our philosophies and ideologies, values, thinking and behaviour, back in alignment with his Word, ways and worship.”

Every evening on Zoom people from many nations, including Kenya, Ghana,



Rev Jennifer Abigail Lawson-Wallace

Cameroon, Uganda, Nigeria and the Caribbean, joined the group to pray for mercy on behalf of Britain. (Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 10:19-22)

Rev Jennifer says, “We acknowledged

the “fundamental sin of Britain,” that is the rejection of the Lord God as Creator and our pursuit of other philosophies, ideologies and gods. We also acknowledged the sins of the Church (the entire Body of Christ), the Government and the people of Britain; we humbly asked God to forgive us, withhold judgement, turn and bring us to the place of true repentance and restore us back to himself. Many wept as the weight and enormity of what we were dealing with bore on us.”

After the Day of Repentance there were many testimonies of God's presence and the sense of the importance and urgency of the call to prayer for Britain.

A message of hope for Britain p24

PEOPLE & PLACES

Trump shot was prophesied

In the aftermath of the attempt on former President Trump's life in July, much publicity in Christian circles was given to a prophetic warning issued in March.

Pastor Brandon Biggs had foreseen a bullet striking Trump's ear, and, more precisely, perforating his ear drum. It is not known if that injury occurred.

Biggs also foresaw that the narrow escape would cause Trump, who calls himself a Christian and has often been photographed with pastors praying

for him in the Oval Office, to fully surrender his life to God.

A few days after the attack, it was, in the words of *The Spectator*, a "curiously sombre" Trump who told the Republican convention, "I'm not supposed to be here tonight. I stand before you in this arena only by the grace of Almighty God".

Supporters are seeing Trump's escape as a miracle, especially after whistleblowers revealed that most of his security detail for the Pennsylvania



Was Trump born again after his near death experience?

Credit: Screenshot from thetroubadancer.com

event were not even Secret Service, but unprepared DHS (Dept of Homeland Security) personnel.

Biggs further prophesied that Trump would win the presidency in November, but that the US would experience an economic collapse and again he foresaw Trump praying with Christians in the Oval Office.

Meanwhile, Trump's pick for Vice-President, J D Vance, is a Catholic convert who grew up in an evangelical home and married a Hindu. Both men have expressed strong support for Israel.

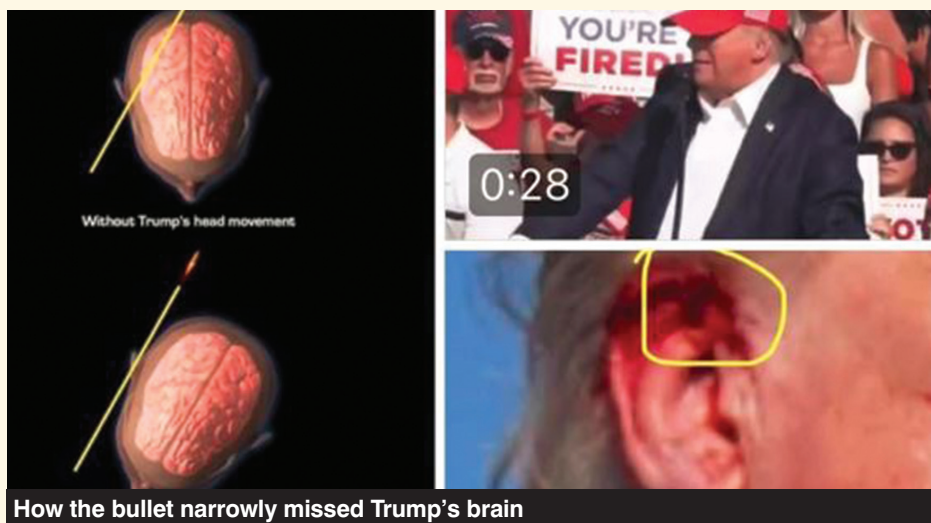
RUTH IN THE LIONS' DEN



Vote Life candidate Ruth Rawlins bravely took part in pre-election hustings when contesting the seat of Labour MP Stella Creasy, who is pro-abortion, in Walthamstow.

Ruth, as one of eight candidates, had the challenge of making abortion relate to the set topic of climate change. "I was able to link it to the scandal that we flush the tiny bodies of around 10,000 babies down the toilet each year since abortion pills have been sent to people's homes, which was brought in during the Covid period.

"I declared, to a background of heckles, that, literally, the blood of our babies is flowing through our sewers, may God have mercy."



How the bullet narrowly missed Trump's brain

IN-TENTS EXPERIENCES

A DAMP DOWNLOAD

There is a great need for psychological healing, according to evangelist Dan Holland of Through Faith Missions

He and a team of eight volunteers joined 40 chaplains at the Download Festival in Leicestershire in June, where around 100,000 "metal-headz" gathered to hear their favourite bands.

As the chaplaincy tent enjoys prime position by the main gates, there were plenty of opportunities to engage with



The Through Faith Mission team joins the chaplaincy



Visitors braved the mud to join the communion service



Dan Holland with Rev Roy Monks

the music lovers. Dan said, "Prayer is offered and gratefully received by those who visit the tent. We pray for all types of healing and I have a particular passion

LOCAL EFFORT PAYS OFF

The tent meeting held on a green in Hove, East Sussex by a group of local Christians proved fruitful for at least 20 people who may never have heard the Gospel before and became Christians at the event.

As advertised in the last issue of this paper, the theme was 'Finding peace in a world of chaos'. Speakers including missionary to Spain Mario Otero, evangelist and author Jason Carter and evangelist Mark Saunders delivered absorbing and challenging messages to the visitors who nearly filled the hired marquee on 1 June. The team who organised the meeting are part of a local Filling Station team and felt it was a testimony to what God can do through a group of local people.



Evangelist Mark Saunders from Liverpool gave an entertaining account at the Hove tent meeting of his journey to accepting Christ

to pray for psychological healing. The need for this only increases."

Despite horrendous conditions caused by heavy rain, festival goers gathered for the short Sunday communion service which began at the same time as the attendees streamed in.

Dan Holland, his friend Rev Roy Monks and the other chaplains are looking forward to seeing how God continues to develop this ministry.

Through Faith Missions is a HEART Partner Ministry; see back page for details.

GLASTO SINGS TO JESUS!

The audience at Glastonbury enjoyed singing 'Shine, Jesus, shine' and other Christian songs when a Christian worship leader was allowed a set at this year's event. Festivalgoers posted photographs of themselves singing with gusto, saying it took them back to primary school.

WHAT CHRISTIANS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR NEW GOVERNMENT

We are commanded to pray for those in authority over us, in order that we may live peaceable lives, but we now have a radical government, voted in by just one-third of us, that is promising to “change” our nation. Former Brighton councillor Christina Summers analyses the key issues of concern to Bible believers

There are three things about our fledgling Government of which we can be certain.

Firstly, Labour or not, it is now ideologically the same as any other party (arguably save Reform). Party labels are almost meaningless now, so listen to Jesus instead, who insists “you will know them by their fruit” (Matthew 7:16).

Secondly, the UK electorate did not choose them – far from it. Starmer’s party won the smallest popular vote share of any majority government in UK history – 33.7 per cent – yet gained 63 per cent of seats in the Commons. This gap between vote share and seats gained is the most disproportionate on record.

Thirdly, a revealing study by Politico highlights 27 (and counting) key U-turns in Starmer’s spell as opposition leader, so we should not expect Labour to govern by conviction nor honour its manifesto promises. As The Times headlined in July: “Britain has elected the most godless parliament in its history”, with half the cabinet, including the prime minister, electing to swear allegiance to the King without the Bible. Ominous if predictable.

Here are some key issues with manifesto promises that we must be aware of and watch over.

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LABOUR MANIFESTO 2024	
Life and health	
Abortion	No mention but Labour has championed abortion for any reason up to birth. Will this be a free, conscience vote since it is not a manifesto issue?
‘Assisted Dying’	No mention in manifesto but Starmer pledged that parliament will debate and vote on changing assisted dying laws if Labour won the election. Will this also be a free, conscience vote?
Covid/Pandemics	Will appoint a fixed-term Covid Corruption Commissioner to recoup public money lost in pandemic-related fraud and from contracts which have not delivered. Labour will respond to the findings of the Covid-19 Inquiry. States that the Covid-19 pandemic showed “how a strong mission-driven industrial strategy, involving government partnering with industry and academia, could turn the tide on a pandemic”. Since this is the approach the Government will employ for any subsequent pandemics, we need clarity if it refers just to vaccines or to the whole pandemic experience.
Identity	
‘Conversion Therapy’	A draft Conversion Practices Bill will introduce new restrictions on “abusive” practices intended to change people’s sexual orientation or gender identity.
Gender Dysphoria	Will implement recommendations from the Cass Review but make crimes against LGBT+ people an aggravating factor in law.
Safety	
Law enforcement	Crack down on antisocial behaviour with more neighbourhood police. Tough new penalties for offenders, yet post-election it announced plans to release unspecified prisoners once 40 per cent of their sentence is served.
Border security/ Immigration	Promises to reduce net migration. Will set up a new Border Security Command to “smash criminal boat gangs”, end asylum hotels, and fast-track removals to safe countries for people who “do not have the right to stay here”.
Family	
Marriage	No mention of traditional marriage or family but Labour has shown clear support for same-sex marriage. The whole emphasis for family is economic but no mention of supporting mums at home through the tax system.
Education	Will levy VAT on private school fees to fund 6,500 more state school teachers. Will ensure schools address ‘misogyny’ and teach young people about healthy relationships and consent.
Foreign policy/Religion	
Israel/Palestinian Territories	Committed to recognising a Palestinian state. Emphasis on Gaza ceasefire before release of hostages. Advocates two-state solution.
Islam	Will introduce a Race Equality Act to include an all-party parliamentary group to determine a definition of ‘islamophobia’, ie as a form of racism



King Charles read out the new Government’s speech at the State Opening of Parliament on 17 July. Although head of the Church of England, the monarch has no say in whether his Government’s proposals line up with Church doctrine

Credit: Screenshot from BBC



Sir Keir Starmer, speaking at the World Economic Forum, the place he prefers to Westminster, in January 2023, said that in order to meet “our obligations in relation to the climate crisis... we need to go towards Net Zero.” He added: “We ... have set a stretch target of 2030 for clean power generation.” This is seen as a clear reference to UN Agenda 2030, seen by some as fulfilling Bible prophecy by ushering in global governance in the name of preserving the planet.

Starmer’s U-turns mean we should not expect Labour to govern by conviction

CABINET MINISTERS to keep an eye on

PRIME MINISTER



KEIR STARMER

Failed to prosecute GPs doing gender abortions

■ Formerly Director of Public Prosecutions, he controversially failed to prosecute doctors accused of agreeing to terminate a pregnancy on the grounds of gender, saying it was not in the public interest to do so.

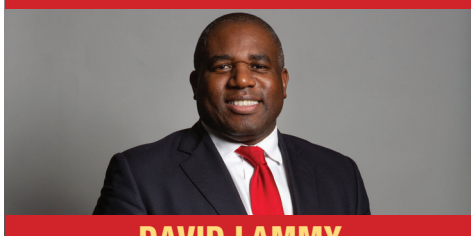
Starmer's overall voting record is consistent with progressive positioning including so-called virtue signalling with his 'taking the knee' in 2020 (the symbol of Black Lives Matter), and his ongoing struggle with defining a woman because of the newly-assigned meaning of the word 'gender', ie that it is fluid.

He is a staunch 'remainer' and advocate for a second Brexit referendum, and confirmed his globalist outlook when he expressed his preference for Davos (ie the World Economic Forum) over Westminster (when interviewed by Emily Maitlis).

He did not oppose the Government over its Covid response apart from saying its measures such as lockdown should have happened sooner and that he would want to silence anti-vax voices.

Starmer continues to vacillate hopelessly between two irreconcilable demands: to uproot the historical antisemitism in his party while pandering to the growing pro-Palestine Islamic factions that, in some towns across the country, comprise ten per cent of the population.

FOREIGN SECRETARY



DAVID LAMMY

Support for Israel fluctuates, wants Gaza ceasefire before hostage release

■ Very shaky and inconsistent on the Hamas/Israel issue since the 7 October massacre.

In November he said: "Hamas's stated aim is to wipe Israel off the map. They committed the most brutal attack on Jews since the holocaust and now they are using innocent Palestinians as human shields. I would like to register my shock that not every Member of this House can say this truth: Hamas are terrorists."

By April 2024 Lammy expressed "serious concerns about a breach in international humanitarian law" over Israel's response, saying "far too many people have died". He also said to Sky News: "My judgement is if we get a ceasefire, more hostages will be released. That's the first thing, and more aid will get into Gaza to alleviate the famine that's now taken over".

Then in May, after the ICC prosecutor requested arrest warrants against Netanyahu and Gallant (Defence Minister), Lammy said he would comply with such warrants and has done so in his first week in office, overturning the objection raised by Sunak's government that had restrained the ICC.

HEALTH MINISTER



WES STREETING

Facilitates abortion, keen on Covid restrictions

■ Voted in favour of abortion for any reason up to birth (13 March 2017), of making DIY abortions permanent, and for censorship ('buffer') zones outside abortion clinics, outlawing prayer and consensual communication between the public and women seeking abortion.

Genuinely conflicted on assisted dying having voted in favour of the 2015 bill. Suggested citizens' assemblies could propose new laws on such tricky issues but no mention of assemblies in manifesto. His growing reticence to push for law change appears to have taken an about-turn under the influence of Esther Rantzen, the new assisted dying champion.

Voted consistently in favour of all Covid restrictions imposed so need to watch his stance on any subsequent 'pandemics' - will he be another Matt Hancock?

WOMEN AND EQUALITIES MINISTER



ANNELIESE DODDS

Progressive (aka 'woke') equalities warrior

■ As a former (very pro-EU) MEP with an Oxford constituency, her roots are undeniably 'progressive'. She has said that the definition of a woman depends on the context; ie she differentiates between biological and legal definitions (only one of which is, of course, mutable).

Voted consistently for gay rights including same-sex marriage and for race equality, so watch out for Labour's manifesto promise to introduce a Race Equality Act covering equal pay, protections and "other racial inequalities".

Women's rights campaigners, Sex Matters, fear her equalities (rather than scientific) approach to 'conversion therapy' will be harmful.

She supports transgender people being able to declare their own gender.

EDUCATION SECRETARY



BRIDGET PHILLIPSON

Progressive idealist who may back parents' rights

■ She appears to be the author of imposing VAT on private schools to fund 6,500 more state school teachers, and of a big childcare reform, starting with free breakfasts in all primary schools. This may seem a noble motivation but we must keep a watch on this, given the continual progressive move to undermine parental authority and traditional family order, and her consistent voting in favour of same-sex marriage and gay rights.

No commitment yet to keeping the new sex education guidance for schools that bans the teaching of gender ideology and limits sex education to nine-year-olds and above.

She maintains that "families come in different shapes and sizes" but also that parents must see what their children are being taught, and be involved in their education.

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER



RACHEL REEVES

Ambitious churchgoer facing taxing issues

■ Her voting on tax issues is mixed; she is against raising the threshold at which people have to pay income tax, but in favour of raising the tax rate on income over £150,000. Not a great champion of so-called 'working people', then.

Her focus is economic growth for which she believes that the role and contribution of women in the workforce is vital. As a former Bank of England economist, she sought to demonstrate to other women that there should be no limits to their ambition, which has led to her being the first woman to occupy No 11.

This sets off familiar warning bells about undermining the traditional family, so it is unlikely she will be proposing tax breaks for married couples anytime soon.

Identifies as a practising Christian.

HOME SECRETARY



YVETTE COOPER

Soft on immigration, keen on surveillance and storing data

■ Curiously, she has voted against a stricter asylum system and stronger laws and enforcement of immigration rules, rather contradicting manifesto promises! She has also consistently voted against making it easier to remove someone's British citizenship which has implications for the Islamist presence already here.

Another concern is surveillance; she has voted in favour of mass surveillance and retention of information about people's communications and activities.

So there appears to be an inconsistency between Cooper's own positioning and the Government's official position with respect to our borders and internally, as well as a failure to acknowledge or tackle the already clear and present dangers among the Islamist groupings.



Christina Summers has worked in politics, media and business. Her deepest passion is to see righteous government in the UK and, as such, she is an occasional political commentator and activist

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER



ANGELA RAYNER

Hardline on terrorism, soft on Palestine

■ After a meteoric rise to power in just ten years, beginning as a trade union representative, Rayner identifies as "soft left" and, with a modest academic record, famously speaks in the vernacular attracting significant support from Labour's voter base.

She is hard-line on law and order and has reportedly said "Shoot your terrorists and ask questions second." As a member of Labour Friends of Palestine and the Middle East she has generally sided against Israel, but has stopped short of calling for a clear ceasefire in Gaza and of accusing Israel of genocide, infuriating Muslims here.

In May she courted the Muslim vote promising to recognise Palestine as a state - a likely reaction to losing the Rochdale seat to de facto Muslim George Gallo-way in a by-election.

But appeasement measures proved inadequate as five independent candidates won traditional Labour seats in July on clear pro-Palestine tickets, endorsed by pressure group The Muslim Vote, that emerged last December in response to the Gaza war.

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**LORD CHANCELLOR
JUSTICE SECRETARY**



SHABANA MAHMOOD

**Devout Muslim who votes for
abortion and gay rights**

Mahmoud is one of the first female Muslim MPs who is open about her devotion to Islam: "My faith is the centre point of my life and it drives me to public service, it drives me in the way that I live my life and I see my life."

However, her voting pattern is typically Labour, even on the sensitive issues of abortion and gay rights which are entirely at odds with her religion.

Her constituency comprises 41 per cent adult Muslims, so the backlash against her following Starmer's faltering position on the Gaza war has been severe. She has taken part in pro-Palestine marches.

She says her priority as Justice Secretary is both relieving our overcrowded prisons and building new ones.

MILIBAND'S 'ECONOMIC SUICIDE'

New green measures "threaten national and food security"

Ed Miliband, the former Labour leader who lost the 2015 election, declared war on fossil fuels in his first week in office by saying that no new licences would be issued for future oil and gas drilling in the North Sea, as well as cancelling plans for a new coalmine in Cumbria, although that was mired in controversy.

"Many of the rare metals for electric motors and batteries are sourced from China"

According to energy journalist Michael Young, cancelling drilling licences is "economic and technical suicide".

Young says: "Our dash to reach Net Zero by 2050 is playing into the hands of China, which is showing increasing belligerence on the world stage, since many of the rare metals needed for the electric motors and batteries are sourced from that country."

"It's also extremely dangerous to rely on the intermittent production of electricity from wind and solar sources. Such a policy is groundless idealism

ENERGY SECRETARY



ED MILIBAND

fighting against reality. Sooner or later all the economic and technical realities will have to be faced by the Net Zero fanatics."

Young, a Christian, adds: "When the truth about the scientific laws which God has built into his universe are finally confronted by Net Zero advocates it will surely be, to quote the title of Al Gore's notorious 2006 film, an 'inconvenient truth' indeed!"

FEARS FOR FOOD SECURITY AS MILIBAND PUSHES THROUGH BRITAIN'S BIGGEST SOLAR FARM

Energy Secretary Ed Miliband has been accused of endangering the nation's food security after bulldozing through objections to give the go-ahead for Britain's biggest solar farm on green land.

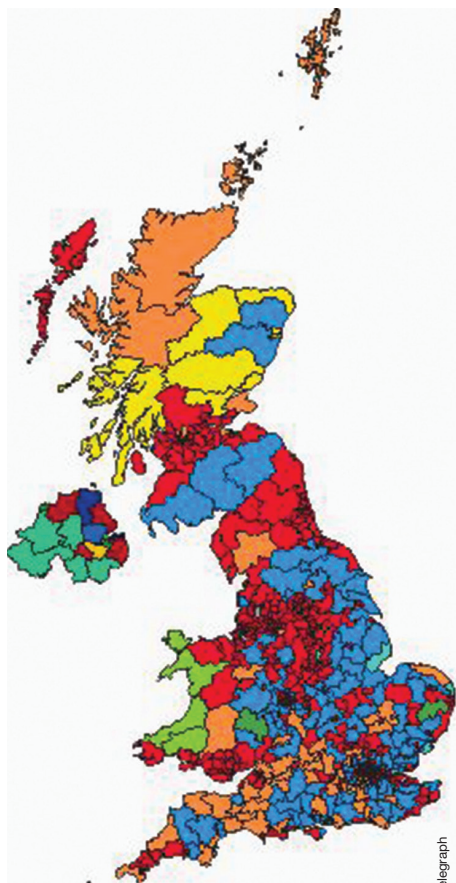
"He's listening to Just Stop Oil more than rural communities" – Clare Coutinho, Shadow Energy Secretary

The scheme will see Sunnica, an energy firm, building a 2,792-acre solar farm and energy storage infrastructure around several villages in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire with more to come in Lincolnshire.

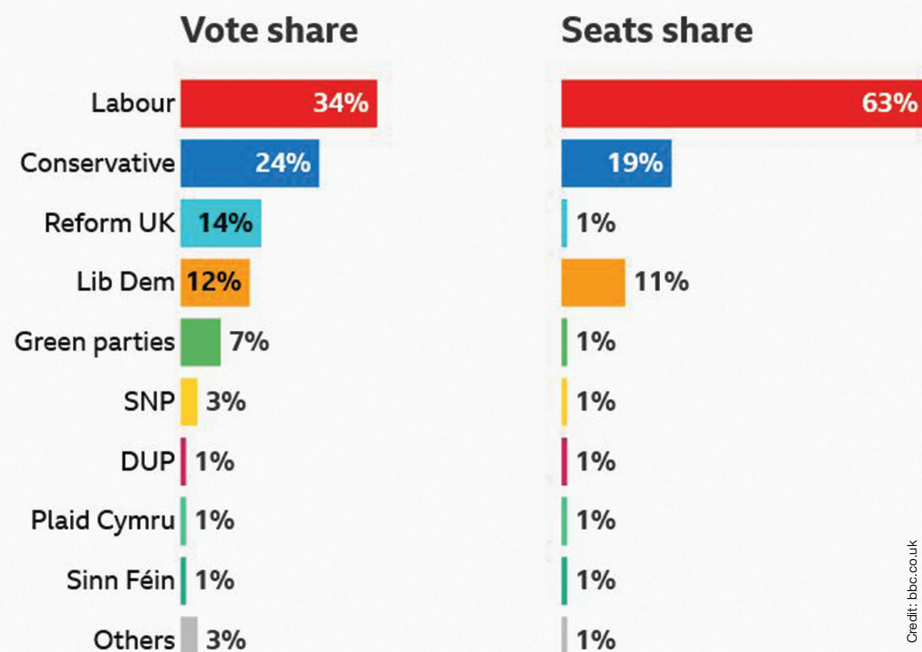
The danger is that the fall in domestic agricultural production will compromise the nation's food security, meaning greater dependence on food imports from abroad.

Claire Coutinho, the shadow energy secretary, said: "It's clear that Ed Miliband has more interest in listening to the demands of Just Stop Oil than the needs of rural communities, even going as far as to overrule an expert Examining Authority in one case."

REGIONAL RESULTS



Share of the UK vote and share of seats in Parliament



- = Labour
- = SNP
- = DUP
- = Conservative
- = Plaid Cymru
- = Reform
- = LibDem
- = Greens



Nigel Farage, leader of Reform and newly elected MP for Clacton, said to an audience of bikers that Net Zero "is about charging us more money... controlling our life and our behaviours, and in terms of the environment, it makes absolutely no difference whatsoever."

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Labour's Mary Glindon, Carla Lockhart of the DUP and Liberal Democrat Tim Farron



Fiona Bruce, Caroline Ansell, Miriam Cates, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Liam Fox



The new government's plans are good news for home builders and green energy specialists, but...

BAD NEWS FOR BABIES

By Debbie Mountford

Globally, abortion is by far the biggest cause of death. We kill 1.4 million babies by abortion every single week and we have killed more than two billion in the last 70 years. No famine or war comes close. In the last parliament, there were already too few voices speaking up for these precious children. Now, sadly, 15 Tory MPs who have stood for the unborn or pro-lifers over the years have lost their seats.

We mourn the loss of Fiona Bruce, Miriam Cates and Caroline Ansell

Fiona Bruce, a stalwart of the pro-life cause during her 14 years in parliament and vice-chair of the 'All Parliamentary Pro-life Group', is no longer an MP. Nor are well-known pro-life voices Sir Liam Fox and Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg.

We also mourn the loss of Miriam Cates as an MP, who has not only taken a courageous stand for the unborn but has been a vocal defender of Christian principles across the board. Another voice that will be much missed in opposition is that of Caroline Ansell. Andrew Lewer MBE and Derek Thomas are two other pro-life casualties.

It's not just those who have stood firmly across all pro-life issues; even some of the less full-throated support from the likes of Victoria Prentis and Maria Caulfield has gone.

All this is good news for the 'pro-choice' activists. Heidi Stewart, CEO of The British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS), told The Independent that this parliament could be the most pro-abortion in history.

She said: "The last parliament saw unprecedented attacks on our abortion rights, no doubt emboldened by the global attack on abortion. The anti-abortion lobby was well-resourced, well-funded, and well-connected. And through several anti-abortion MPs, they were able to pose a significant threat to the provision of abortion."

Ms Stewart has also expressed a wish that the incoming Labour government will "urgently progress the implementation of safe access zones,

Things are looking dire for unborn babies after 15 pro-life Tory MPs lost their seats. And with abortion already at unprecedented levels in Britain, a pro-abortion leader has hailed the new parliament as the most pro-abortion in history. However, hope remains after independent, pro-life candidates stood for election

and decriminalise abortion for women in England and Wales."

This does not make for comforting reading. The Criminal Justice Bill, which could allow for abortion up to birth, was due for a vote in June but the snap general election meant it was cancelled.

Now Labour MPs Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, who had proposed amendments to the Bill that would decriminalise abortion, potentially right up until birth, are back in parliament, whereas Sir Liam Fox and Caroline Ansell, who had tabled amendments to lower the abortion limits for both

Down's Syndrome and healthy babies, are no longer in parliament.

Yet there is some light in this otherwise dark tunnel and certainly much we can pray for. Ten pro-life MPs have retained their positions and this issue does not always split along party lines. Labour's Mary Glindon, Carla Lockhart of the DUP and Liberal Democrat Tim Farron are among them.

■ Around the world, an estimated 73 million babies lose their lives to abortion every year. In the UK, we have aborted more than ten million babies since the Abortion Act was passed in 1967.

The largest number ever recorded across the UK was in 2022, when we surpassed a quarter of a million abortions at 267,974, a 17% rise over the previous year. That meant over 700 babies per day lost their lives to abortion in 2022 alone.

THE CANDIDATES WHO SPOKE UP FOR BABIES

This election saw, for the first time, 22 independent candidates stand solely for unborn babies and their mothers. The Vote Life campaign saw leaflets delivered to more than one million homes.

Each Vote Life champion raised the £500 candidate's fee, plus around £800 towards the government's costs in printing leaflets that Royal Mail delivered to every home in their prospective constituency. The leaflets featured a picture of a living, developing baby in the womb at six weeks following



Banding together for babies: these are 9 of the 22 Vote Life candidates. Left to right: Ruth Rawlins, Walthamstow; Jane Lawrence, Liverpool Garston; Elizabeth Davey, Norwich South; Pauline Peachey, Kingston Upon Hull North; Kathryn Attwood (back row), Worthing West; Ruth Boulton (front row), Ellesmere Port and Bromborough; Ivana Forman, Worthing East; Elizabeth Richards, Coventry North West; Joshua Morland, Coventry South



The Vote Life leaflet that was delivered to over a million homes



Election candidate defends abortion leaflet



Pauline Peachey gained publicity after people complained about the Vote Life leaflet

fertilisation, showing clearly that a baby in the womb is undeniably human.

However, as with so many of God's truths, when the reality of abortion is exposed, it causes the world to bite back. Vote Life candidate Pauline Peachey, who was challenging Diana Johnson's seat, was forced to defend the leaflets to the BBC after some constituents complained that the pictures of the unborn child were "disgusting" and "inappropriate". But the fuss gave the pro-life cause free airtime and Pauline was able to pose the question:

"What is outrageous about a picture of a baby developing in the womb?" What indeed?

Pro-abortion MP Stella Creasy was challenged by Vote Life candidate Ruth Rawlins, who bravely faced off against Stella, six other candidates and a hostile public at a hustings in Walthamstow.

In total, Vote Life amassed 5,276 votes across 22 constituencies. I give thanks for my brothers and sisters who are willing to take such a stand; let's pray that many eyes have been opened by their valiant efforts.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

FRANCE

FRENCH CHIEF RABBI TELLS JEWS TO LEAVE

France's chief rabbi warned French Jews to leave France after a far-left pro-Islamist party won a parliamentary majority.

President Macron's decision to call a snap election has backfired – resulting in more far right and far left MPs being elected, and strengthening the hand of a far left leader who has failed to condemn Hamas.

In the first round of voting in the general election on 30 June, the right wing party National Rally (RN) topped the polls. RN's leader, Marine Le Pen, has managed to distance herself from her notorious late father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, who described the Nazi death camps as a 'detail'. His daughter has supported Israel and enjoyed the support of rural French people who are appalled at the strong Islamist presence in cities.



The 73-year-old Mayor of Limoges, Émile Roger Lombertie, was beaten up after he asked rioters to put their fire out

Macron plotted to keep RN out of power by cutting a deal between his own centrist party, Renaissance, and far left groups, which involved 200 centrist and left-wing candidates being dropped in specific regions, concentrating the left-wing/centrist vote into one option for voters.

The plot worked, but instead of Macron's party coming out on top, the far-left pro-Islamist New Popular Front (NPF) secured the most parliamentary seats, knocking Renaissance into second place and RN into third – even though RN secured more votes than either of the other groups.

As a result, no party has an outright majority, and a power struggle began, with the prospect of some of the NPF's extreme policies being accepted



French rioters started fires and attacked police with fireworks

in order to form a government.

Allister Heath, writing in the Daily Telegraph (20 June), described the NPF as "a miserable alliance of the extreme Left, socialists, communists, greens and assorted misfits" and warned that given the chance it would "introduce gender self-ID, liberalise immigration, slap an embargo on arms sales to Israel and back the scandalous international court cases against the Jewish state. Their manifesto is not just dementedly woke and Israelophobic but would bankrupt France."

The main leader of the radical left has been compared to Jeremy Corbyn

The leftists and antisemitic groups rioted when they lost in the first round of votes, and rioted again when they won. According to Israeli Bible teacher Amir Tsarfati (a Messianic



Marine Le Pen with her prospective prime minister, Jordan Bardello, before the election

Jew): "The victory rally for the new French government has more Palestinian flags than French flags... Leftists gathered at the Place de République in Paris, vandalised a national monument with Antifa symbols" and some "assaulted

France's election results:

FP (socialist):	7m votes – 180 seats.
Macron's party:	6.6m votes – 159 seats.
RN ("far-right"):	10.1m votes – 142 seats.

Although France has two rounds of voting, the system is similar to the UK's "first past the post", which means that although Le Pen won more votes, Macron's conspiring with the socialists resulted in fewer seats for the RN.

responding police".

Over 30,000 riot police had to be deployed across France. The 73-year-old Mayor of Limoges, Émile Roger Lombertie, was beaten up by far-left activists after he told them to put out a fire they had started.

France's chief rabbi warned Jews that they had no future in France shortly after the election result was known.

"The victory rally has more Palestinian flags than French flags"

The main leader of the radical left, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, has been compared to former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, and like him has previously been accused of antisemitism. He has promised to recognise the Palestinian state, condemned Israel's Gaza operation as 'genocide' and refused to call Hamas a terror group.

Over 30,000 riot police had to be deployed across France

French Protestants were unenthusiastic about the RN and the far left taking power. Before the election, three bodies representing Protestants and evangelicals issued statements warning against extremism.

The Protestant Federation of France (FPF), representing more than 500 communities, organisations, and movements from several denominations, argued that the French would be "trapped in a Cornelian choice between the racism of the far-right and the antisemitism of the far-left."



"Which Europe do you want?" This advert came from the political party Vox in Spain ahead of the European parliament elections

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GERMANY

New citizens must support Jews and Israel



Germany publicly supports Israel's right to exist

New immigrants to Germany seeking citizenship will now be required to affirm that they accept Israel's right to exist, and to tolerate the presence of Jews in the country, especially in the light of Germany's Nazi past.

Germany's Interior Ministry announced in June that it has modified the naturalisation process for gaining German citizenship, with the goal of speeding it up and imposing tighter conditions. Candidates for citizenship will find two new questions in their application exam which refer to "Germany's special historical responsibility for the National Socialist unjust regime and its consequences, especially for the protection of Jewish life."

One of the new questions asks prospective citizens: "Which action relating to the State of Israel is forbidden in Germany?"

The correct answer is "Publicly calling for the destruction of Israel."

Publicly calling for Israel's destruction is verboten

They will need to know that publicly calling for Israel's destruction is verboten, which should ban the kind of chants of "From the river to the sea..." that have been heard in Britain's pro-Palestinian demonstrations.

In response to increasing an-

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

OVER 300,000 BAPTISED



Some of the sea baptisms on one Sunday in May

Astonishing numbers of people are being baptised in Papua New Guinea, including an estimated 300,000 people in the month of May alone.

Many prisoners had found Christ

Faithwire reports that the baptisms resulted from a two-week national outreach called PNG for Christ led by Pastor Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh Day Adventist world church, and his wife, Nancy, who spoke at various events

around the country.

A 19 May statement by Wilson reported that "278,369 people have been baptised so far in 'PNG for Christ' with only about 52 per cent of the over 2000 sites reporting. This is a miracle of God! Many more will be reported."

It was later stated that the total surpassed 300,000 and that drug barons had burnt their marijuana crops, many prisoners had found Christ, and whole villages had become Adventist.

Over 2,000 events took place, involving almost 300 speakers.

UKRAINE

UK evangelist leads day of prayer in Kyiv

The ministry of veteran UK evangelist David Hathaway organised the seventh Day of Prayer for Ukraine in Kyiv on 22 June – and 8,000 people attended.



David Hathaway has conducted seven prayer days in Ukraine

Even as prayer was taking place, a power cut or incoming missile attack could have closed the meeting at any moment, but the meeting was not interrupted.

Hathaway stated: "God has a plan for Ukraine, to use Ukraine for his glory. Ukraine, you will see the victory by the power of Jesus' name."

The event can be watched online at: youtube.com/live/w4Z-TWodi2IA

USA

Government accused of 'bullying' pro-life states

Since the Supreme Court's decision to overturn the Roe v Wade legislation legalising federal abortion, different states have passed pro-life legislation.

But the Biden administration has been trying different avenues to circumvent the law within those states.

The letter pressurises medics into providing abortions

Recently the government has sent a letter to doctors and health associations that pressurises medics into providing abortions in certain circumstances, that would override their state's abortion restrictions.

The letter 'reminds' the authorities of a 40-year-old federal law that requires almost all emergency rooms — any financed by Medicare — to perform abortions when necessary for a pregnant woman's health.



President Biden – a Catholic yet pro-abortion

The Family Research Council's Meg Kilgannon pointed out that no state's pro-life law endangers women's lives, and accused the Democrat President of using "every tool in the toolbox, whether it's legal or not, to push an abortion agenda". She added that everyone wants to see good treatment for women but the Government wants "to make sure that she's 'treated' by giving her an abortion".

POLAND

GOVERNMENT FINES HOSPITAL FOR REFUSING ABORTION

Poland has lurched to the left since the former President of the EU's European Council, Donald Tusk, was elected as Prime Minister last year, and it

is now pushing a pro-abortion agenda.

The new government has fined one hospital, the Pabianice Medical Centre, 550,000 zł



Pabianice in Poland



Poland's Health Minister, Izabela Leszczyna, is pushing abortion

(approx £109,000) for refusing to carry out an abortion.

Poland's Health Minister Izabela Leszczyna also declared that proceedings against two other medical facilities were taking place.

LifeSiteNews says the fine is "the first such case since Poland's anti-life government introduced a bill to weaken protections for unborn children".

NATIONAL NEWS

CHRISTIANITY IS UNDER ATTACK IN THE UK

New report shows Christians being forced into silence

By Belinda Brown

A shocking new report from Voice for Justice UK reveals a disturbing trend: Christianity is under attack in the UK.

Christians are being coerced into endorsing ideologies they oppose, forced into silence, and stripped of their freedom of conscience.

The survey, which gathered responses from 1,562 individuals, paints a grim picture of a society increasingly hostile towards Christians.

An overwhelming 92% of respondents affirmed traditional marriage between a man and a woman, opposed abortion, and disapproved of premarital sexual relations.

Alarming, a fifth experienced harassment, bullying, or discrimination, impacting their careers. More than half faced outright hostility and ridicule.

The biggest challenges came from the LGBT movement. With compelled speech and compulsory lanyards, they could be forced to participate in an ideology they disagreed with. Christians were forced to self-censor or lose their jobs on account of their faith.

While no protected characteristic should be more important than another, for Christians their faith came at the bottom of the list.

Schools are the lynchpin in the normalisation of LGBT ideology. Legally required to have respect for the parent's religious and philosophical convictions,

schools taught progressive ideology instead. If children did express Christian beliefs, they could be bullied by pupils and intimidated by teachers.

Worst of all, Christian teachers were put in a very difficult position where they were required to teach materials which against their faith. One teacher told us: "I know personally of four teachers who have either lost their job or had to leave it. In each case it is because they cannot think as required."

Even churches themselves were becoming secularised as they adopted progressive ideologies. Disillusioned, the largest group of Christians (30 per cent) had left the denominations and now described themselves as 'Christian, no denomination'.

Lynda Rose, the Director of Voice for Justice UK explained: "Christianity lies at the foundation of British society, underpinning our tolerance and acceptance of diversity. But our survey shows Christians in the UK, both in the workplace and socially, are increasingly subjected to discrimination and marginalisation. Society has fallen victim to an ideology actively hostile to Christianity. This is a contravention of our law. If we want to safeguard our tolerance and freedom, then we need to protect Christianity itself."

To find out more about the report, go to: <https://vfjuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/The-Costs-of-Keeping-the-Faith-Report.pdf>

Synod vote sparks split

By Andrew Halloway

A few days after Sir Keir Starmer announced outside Downing Street that Britain needed a 'reset', the C of E sealed its own reset by voting to continue standalone services for same-sex blessings.

The Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) has expressed its "deep disappointment" at the General Synod's vote to continue the process towards introducing standalone services of blessing for same-sex couples.

The 9 July vote also saw the Church of England move closer to removing current

restrictions on clergy being in same-sex marriages, with proposals to be brought to General Synod in February 2025.

Entire blessing services for same-sex couples were approved

As a result, the Church of England's Evangelical Council (CEEC) has commissioned Honorary Assistant Bishops and other clergy to provide "informal oversight" to ministers who do not wish to be led by a bishop who voted for same-sex blessings. A group of 20 overseers were appointed in a service at a leading evangelical Anglican church – All Souls Langham Place in London.



C of E steps ever closer to gay marriage

After the Synod agreed in November 2023 to offer blessings for same-sex couples within services, trials of entire services of blessing for same-sex couples were approved at the 2024 General Synod – albeit by a very close vote.

Not only that, but a timetable to work towards clergy same-sex marriages was endorsed. Following all these decisions, many clergy and parochial church councils (PCCs) expressed their need for alternative oversight.

The original approval of same-sex blessings was given on the understanding that they did not "seek to simulate marriage", yet standalone services are now a step closer to wedding services.



The General Synod meeting in July 2024

DRAG 'HUMILIATING' TO WOMEN AND A DANGER TO KIDS

By Andrew Halloway

Women have described drag as "a grotesque caricature of femininity" in response to a Guardian article celebrating RuPaul's TV show.

They wrote in after after LGBT activist Max Wallis praised RuPaul's Drag Race UK vs The World as "a much-needed cultural phenomenon" that "helped to destigmatise" the LGBT community.

In a letter to the newspaper, Dr Grace Barnes asked him "to consider how women feel about being parodied" by drag. She explained: "Drag queens take the trappings of femininity and exaggerate these to create a grotesque caricature which, at its core, humiliates women."



The BBC has popularised the misogynistic drag queen culture through RuPaul's Drag Race

She continued, "Drag is being utilised to tick the inclusion box, when it is, in fact,

exclusionary, sexist and insulting to women."

Letter writer Katherine Rogers called it "highly sexualised adult entertainment, which many people feel is pretty misogynistic".

According to the Christian Institute, RuPaul's recent Drag Convention was supported by children's TV programme Teletubbies and offered free entry for "after hours" parties to under-8s.

Meanwhile, campaigning group CitizenGo has raised a petition against Drag Queen Story Hour events for children. For example, Regents Park Open Air Theatre in London hosted Drag Queen Story Hour events throughout July for children aged 3+.

The petition can be signed at: citizengo.org/en-gb

"The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world."

Klaus Schwab
Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum



The 'Great Reset' promoted by Klaus Schwab, director of the World Economic Forum, following the Covid outbreak. New PM Sir Keir Starmer has also been calling for Britain to be 'reset', along with 'resets' for our relations with the EU and devolved authorities



Why is barrister Paul Diamond happy?
Health Watch, p30



ISRAEL'S WAR IS **OUR** WAR

As Israel stands on the frontlines against a resurgence of antisemitic fervour, echoes of the past remind us of a universal struggle for freedom and faith. In a world still shadowed by the spirit of Nazism, Christians and nations with Judeo-Christian roots must recognise the common fight for survival

By Charles Gardner

Having celebrated the 80th anniversary of D-Day – a military invasion that saved the free world – we have been reminded how the Jewish state is currently performing a similar task on our behalf.

The Nazi spirit is still alive, not only in the Middle East but also on the streets of major Western cities. Yet where are Israel's allies?

All those countries built on Judeo-Christian foundations should be right behind them. But they are mostly in appeasement mode once again.

Isn't it time we realised that Israel's war is OUR war? Christians, especially, are directly affected and should take this opportunity to stand up and be counted.

The Nazi spirit is still alive, not only in the Middle East but also on the streets of major Western cities

But as the war itself continues to make media headlines, the focus of Christian attention has retreated to spiritual navel-gazing, remaining largely silent in the face of the most serious antisemitism since the 1930s.

In fact, it's worse than that era, according to Bournemouth pastor Werner Oder, the son of a Nazi war criminal. He says that in pre-war days it was at least contained within the European sphere, whereas now it has spread across the globe.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer and too few other Christians stood up to Hitler and paid with their lives. Some may yet be called to die for their Jewish brothers. Also risking their lives for Jesus – and their Jewish friends – are a growing body of Iranian believers who have discovered that love for their supposed enemies is a direct consequence of their faith in Jesus.

In fact, it was on the streets of Tel Aviv, where terrified Israelis had only weeks earlier come under a hail of rockets from Iran, that a young Iranian man brought a message of love, hope and reconciliation.

Unashamed and unabashed, Rami¹ declared how his life had changed



"It's worse now than in the Nazi era. In pre-war days antisemitism was at least contained within the European sphere, whereas now it has spread across the globe"
– Pastor Werner Oder, the son of a Nazi war criminal

through the Jewish Messiah and prayed that Israel and Iran would once again be friends.

Speaking amidst two and a half hours of worship in a city square organised by the Dutch-led Presence revival movement (now accessible on YouTube), he said: "I was taught to hate the Jews and to hate Israel. Every morning in school they told us to say 'death to Israel; death to America'."

Rami explained: "I was 19 when a Jewish rabbi changed my life. God turned an enemy into a friend. Now, in Iran, millions are coming to know Yeshua. He's the perfect Passover Lamb, the Yom Kippur sacrifice. Isaiah 53 tells us that he took our sins and bore our sicknesses. He took our place.

"I was a lost Muslim man full of hate and bitterness. I was a Gentile, and Yeshua changed my life. Millions

of people in Iran now love Israel because of Yeshua."

Referring to the regime which has repeatedly vowed to destroy Israel, so recently demonstrated by its launching hundreds of missiles at the Jewish state in April, Rami assured the gathering crowd: "The Islamic regime does not represent the people of Iran. They have taken a nation hostage. I pray that Iran and Israel become friends again."

"Millions of people in Iran now love Israel because of Yeshua"

He said Israel had given hope to the world through the Bible and prayed that Israelis would recognise that Yeshua is their Messiah.

Here is the answer to an age-old conflict: right in the midst of war, Israelis are hearing about the amazing peace that their 'enemy' has found through Jesus!

This is the reconciliation between Jew and Gentile referred to by the Apostle Paul when he said: "For he himself (Christ) is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility... his purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, this making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the Cross, by which he put to death their hostility" (Ephesians 2:14-16).

"The Islamic regime does not represent the people of Iran"

Christians should know that the global warmongering we are witnessing today is a sign that Jesus will soon return. And we are reminded that, whereas the Gospel began with the Jewish people, it will also finish with them.

As 19th century preacher Charles Spurgeon put it, "the fullness of the Church's glory can never come" until the restoration – to their Land and their Lord – of God's ancient people.

1. His real name withheld for his protection

GARDNER'S WORLD Continued

'NO INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN GAZA'

A former Gaza resident who escaped from his home and converted to Judaism over two decades ago says: "There are no innocent civilians in Gaza."

In conversation with The Press Service of Israel, Dor Shachar recalled being exposed to extreme views and violence from a young age.

"Growing up in Gaza, I saw people hanging from poles, limbs severed"

Born as Ayman Abu Sobah and growing up in Khan Yunis, his grandfather would point at Israeli soldiers and say:

Sisters reveal terror ordeal

Two sisters taken hostage by Hamas have revealed something of the terror they endured before being released after 51 days.

Ela and Dafna Elyakim became the focus of much prayer, including those of our own church in Doncaster, after a friend of ours met a cousin of the sisters in Israel just before the 7 October atrocity.

The sisters became the focus of much prayer

A disturbing video, only recently discovered, depicts eight-year-old Ela pleading for Bibi (Benjamin Netanyahu) to free them. Dafna, 15, had meanwhile shared her ordeal with Hebrew-language media, saying: "I was afraid to go to sleep. I didn't know what would happen in the morning, if I would wake up."

"You see those dogs? They took my land in Jaffa. All the land in Israel is ours. Kill them when you grow up."

His earliest memories are marked by the shocking violence he witnessed in public places.

"I remember walking in the market with my mother and suddenly seeing what I thought was a soccer ball, but it was the head of someone who was allegedly collaborating with the Israelis. I saw many such scenes in public places – people hanging from poles, limbs severed. It was part of the atmosphere."

As for the video, Ela was apparently forced to read from a script and had to keep repeating the process.



Ela and Dafna Elyakim reunited with their family

Credit: YouTube screenshot

Hostage's mission of hope



Sapir Cohen speaking to a gathering

Credit: YouTube screenshot

A Hamas hostage released after 55 days in captivity has made it her mission to bring hope and unity to her people, which she says is as important for their protection as the army.

Sapir Cohen, whose reliance on Psalm 27 in captivity featured in our Feb/Mar paper, was captured, along with her boyfriend Alex Trufanov, on what should have been a happy day marking the culmination of the autumn feasts.

Alex started screaming as they began to hit him. She then saw him on his knees, hands on his head and face full of blood being taken away by two armed terrorists. He is still being held by Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Sapir was put on a motorcycle and taken to Gaza: "At the beginning of my captivity, I kept asking God why he had to bring me to that place. Soon enough, it became clear. I was being held with hostages who were doing much worse emotionally and I made it my mission to bring them hope."

She describes the tunnels built by Hamas with Western taxpayers' aid funds as being narrow, dark, damp and full of mould and stench. "Sometimes I'd have to collect scraps of food off the floor or sleep in a room with ten Hamas operatives, never knowing if they were going to harm me."

One day she met Yahya Sinwar himself, the fugitive Gaza military commander, although she did not know at the time. Sinwar speaks fluent Hebrew without an accent after serving time in an Israeli prison. He told her she would be released, along with two others she was being held with, including a young boy. Then he questioned her about her military service and when he knew that she had not signed up to be a reservist, he walked away.

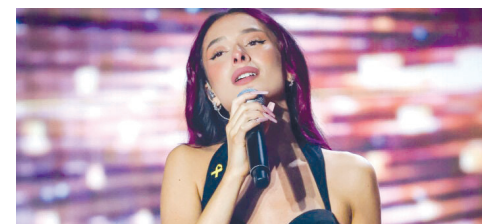
Sapir is urging Jewish communities in Israel and outside to be united, after one of her captors taunted her that they would strike again when the Jews' post-7 October unity dwindled.

DEATH CHANT

A black Muslim Israeli citizen named Tamar, a recent university graduate, has boldly declared: "I am the living embodiment of Israel not being an apartheid state."

Referring to anti-Israel campus protesters, he said: "They chant about intifada as if it's a Taylor Swift song. They don't realise it's a death chant."

- Weather was not a factor in the helicopter crash that killed Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi, according to his chief of staff Gholamhossein Esmaili, who was on an accompanying aircraft at the time: "There was fog on the ground but not in the air," he said.
- A document has surfaced that indicates the IDF had detailed information about Hamas' plans to invade Israel and take 200-250 hostages three weeks before 7 October.



Eden Golan faced down vicious anti-Israel feeling

Credit: KokoFlash90

was duly thanked by some and threatened by another.

- King Charles has confirmed renewal of his patronage for the Jewish Museum London, which has also announced the appointment of new chief executive Sally Angel, an award-winning TV and film producer.
- Following her fifth-place finish in the Eurovision Song Contest despite the controversy over her participation, 20-year-old Israeli singer Eden Golan is reportedly being considered for a diplomatic role.

FATHER AND SON CONFESS

A father and son captured by the IDF have confessed to raping and murdering Israeli women on 7 October.

Jamal Hussein Ahmad Radi, 47, a member of the Hamas security forces, and his son Abdallah, 18, were captured in Gaza and questioned about their role in committing atrocities against Israeli civilians.

Video footage shows how, without emotion or signs of remorse, the fa-

ther of seven and his son described how they broke into people's homes in Nir Oz, killed them, took hostages, raped women and shot them when they were finished.

It is thought that the majority of women captured by Hamas are now dead; one former hostage says they were being raped four times a day.

BBC REFUSES TO BACK DOWN

The BBC's persistent refusal to call Hamas terrorists suggests they don't believe the clear evidence of barbaric atrocities committed during the 7 October massacre.

Leading political journalist Nick Robinson blatantly ignored a call from Lord Cameron to put the issue right during Radio 4's 'Today' programme. He did so just a day after the former Foreign Secretary had said, while discussing the British-Israeli hostage Nadav Popplewell: "Maybe it's a moment for the BBC to ask itself again, shall we describe these people as terrorists? They are terrorists."

But the BBC is evidently not backing down.

BLINKEN FRUSTRATION

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has expressed his frustration over the official Hamas response to Israel's hostages-for-ceasefire proposal. They included modifications that were "not workable", he said.

"A deal was on the table that was virtually identical to the proposal Hamas made on 6 May – a deal that the entire world is behind, a deal Israel has accepted. Hamas could have answered with a single word 'Yes'.

"Instead, Hamas waited nearly two weeks and then proposed more changes, a number of which go beyond positions they had previously taken and accepted."



Noa Cochva, a former Miss Israel

Credit: Screenshot, FoxNews

- Israeli beauty queen Noa Cochva has publicly nailed her colours to the mast in a New York city park. Holding up a sign declaring: "I'm an IDF soldier – ask me anything" the 25-year-old former Miss Israel, who has served as a combat medic in the ongoing Gaza war,

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ISRAEL ON THE FRONT LINE



THE OTHER LOOMING



MIDDLE EAST WAR

The terror group Hezbollah is making northern Israel uninhabitable

By Robin Benson

Across northern Israel, once thriving towns are now empty after their residents were evacuated.

More than 60,000 people are homeless; like the occupants of the southern border with Gaza, many have spent months in hotels, unable to continue normal life.

Prime land belonging to communities along the Israeli side of the Lebanese border has become a conflict zone; 30,000 acres of land are out of use. These include orchards of fruit-bearing trees, vineyards and farms, where animals cannot be properly looked after.



IDF patrol the Blue Line border

Credit: Screenshot YouTube

slaughter on 7 October, its 'big brother' terror organisation, Hezbollah, began firing missiles into Israel. There have been some minor skirmishes at various points along the border, but the bulk of the attacks have been by missile.

These airborne barrages have been killing and injuring soldiers and civilians, as well as setting fire to



The Baranes family before a direct missile attack from Hezbollah into northern Israel killed the parents, Noa and Nir, both 46, on 9 July; these children are now orphans

Credit: beholdisrael.com

in other conflicts including Syria and Afghanistan – plus tens of thousands it can call on from across Lebanon in any future open conflict with Israel. Turkey has also been moving armaments to Syria and fighters have been coming from Afghanistan and Pakistan.

It will be a conflict that makes the current devastating fighting in Gaza look like an afternoon picnic

The Israeli government must weigh up the consequences of an all-out attack on Hezbollah. Will opening up a second front in the north draw Iran into open warfare with Israel?

Will it mean the Houthis in Yemen increasing their attacks on Israel's southern flank? Will it draw in Islamists in Syria and Iraq?

What will Russia and China do? What will Turkey do? Will the Christian, Druze and Sunni populations of Lebanon really come together and risk another civil war to remove Hezbollah from destroying the country?

The homes and personal property belonging to many of the tens of thousands of Israelis have been destroyed

Will the current US administration offer tangible support to Israel in what will be a conflict that makes the current devastating fighting in Gaza look like an afternoon picnic? These questions, and many more, the Prime Minister and his government must wrestle with every day.

But maybe the ultimate question is: what is the God of Israel doing in all of this...what are his intentions?



Credit: Telegram Amir Tsoref

New Iranian president Masoud Pezeshkian has been hailed as a 'moderate', but is still answerable to the Iran's 85-year-old hardline Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

Hezbollah effectively controls a vast swathe of Israeli territory, without having crossed over it

The homes and personal property belonging to many of the tens of thousands of Israelis have been destroyed, leaving their owners as refugees in their own country. As several Israeli commentators have said, Hezbollah effectively controls a vast swathe of Israeli territory along the Lebanese border...without having even crossed over it.

The day after Hamas's vicious

acres of farmland. In return, Israeli forces have been carrying out targeted strikes on terrorist bases, as well as pinpointing terrorist commanders.

But the Western media have concentrated on Israel's war against the other Islamist terror group, Hamas, in Gaza.

In fact, Hezbollah is seen as one of the most heavily armed and well-trained unofficial armies in the Middle East today, which all function politically, ideologically, financially, logistically, and militarily courtesy of the Iranian regime in Tehran.

Hezbollah claims to have thousands of combatants – many highly trained

US IS HEZBOLLAH'S NEXT TARGET

After it was revealed that Iran funded the "grassroots" pro-Hamas demonstrations on college campuses across the US over the past nine months, a senior Hezbollah official clarified their real aims on television, which has been translated from Arabic courtesy of media watchdog MEMRI (Middle East Media Research Institute): "This war is not with Israel; Israel is merely a tool. The primary battle, the real war, is with America".



Credit: YouTube Screenshot

The Secretary-General of Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah, gave a speech on 17 July in which he declared that Hezbollah would continue to fight Israel, especially since a dearth of IDF tanks had been reported, due to the nine months of war in Gaza. He threatened to destroy any tanks that entered Lebanon and to target new Israeli civilian areas, that he termed 'settlements', although the land is legally Israel's.

ISRAEL ON THE FRONT LINE Continued

WHAT IS HEZBOLLAH?

Hezbollah is a Shi'ite Islamist political party and paramilitary organisation that was founded in 1982 to fight the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Israel had invaded Lebanon in response to attacks from the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO), which had based itself in southern Lebanon. Israel was mostly successful in dealing with the PLO, but in the process, Hezbollah rose to prominence as the main terrorist resistance movement for Lebanon's Shi'ite community.

Hezbollah is credited with being one of the first Islamic terrorist groups in the Middle East to use tactical suicide bombings. Its infamous Tyre truck bombings, its bombing of the USA embassy in Beirut in early 1983, and the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing – which killed over 300 French soldiers and USA marines – were models adopted by other terror groups for their own purposes.

It was supposed to have disarmed and disbanded

This type of attack continued against Israel and the South Lebanon Army throughout the 1980s and 1990s, until Israel withdrew from Lebanon in May 2000. This was ten years after the end of the 16-year Lebanese Civil War, after which Hezbollah – along with all the other factions involved in the fighting – was supposed to have disarmed and disbanded.

Initially, under Syrian patronage, but followed long-term by Iran, Hezbollah was allowed to

maintain its arsenal, and control the Shia areas in southern Lebanon along the border with Israel. The part the terrorist organisation played in Israel's withdrawal from Gaza in 2000 gained it a great deal of respect within Lebanon, as well as in the wider Arab and Islamic world.

UNIFIL and the Lebanese Army failed abysmally to enforce Resolution 1701

At the end of the 2006 war with Lebanon, UN Resolution 1701 was passed requiring Israeli forces to withdraw from the country, and all combatants on the Lebanese side of the border to disarm and withdraw to a demarcation line north of the Litani River (approximately 18 miles from the border with Israel). A UN-sponsored monitoring force (UNIFIL) was created to then supposedly keep the peace in the demilitarised corridor.

Israel did withdraw, but UNIFIL and the Lebanese Army (LAF) failed abysmally to enforce Resolution 1701. Meanwhile Hezbollah gradually took over the day-to-day running of Lebanon as a shadow government that is actually more effective in running most aspects of the economic basket case that is today's Lebanon.



Robin Benson has reported on current events in Israel for many years and appears regularly on Revelation TV's 'Politics Today' and 'Middle East Report'. He also hosts online prayer meetings for Israel (currently Monday and Wednesday evenings) and issues weekly prayer bulletins.

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IRAN PLANNED A MULTI-FRONT WAR AGAINST ISRAEL

Hamas's terror invasion was only one element within a multi-front attack planned by Tehran, according to leaked remarks by Israeli PM Netanyahu.

"We discovered during the IDF operation in Gaza that [Hamas leader Yahya] Sinwar simply opened fire too early – that Iran is planning to put us in a stranglehold of its proxies – to invade us, from Gaza, Lebanon, Judea and Samaria, Jordan," he said.

Netanyahu made the remarks when meeting with the bereaved families of female observation soldiers massacred at the Nahal Oz base nine months ago.

At least some of his remarks during the meeting were secretly recorded and leaked to the media, with Hebrew-language news outlet Channel 12 publishing portions of his comments.

The attack would include "simultaneous ground invasions and massive missile fire. Hundreds of thousands of missiles rockets, drones," Netanyahu continued.

"And [attacks] from Iran itself, which it already fired," he added, referencing Iran's unprecedented aerial assault in April, which included hundreds of ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and explosive drones.

Netanyahu clarified that Iranian threats to "wipe Israel from the world map" are not rhetorical – they should be interpreted as Iran's literal goal.



Since the horrendous attack by Hamas terrorists against Israel on October 7th 2023 the world's media have been filled with events about the Middle East.

The book 'Israel, Gaza and Hamas' presents a picture that you are unlikely to find in the main stream news reports. Based on Scripture and historical facts, it contains chapters about ancient Gaza. There are chapters on 'Who Hamas are', 'Where they came from', 'What they believe', their founding charter, and how they finance all their operations. There are chapters examining the role of the United Nations, UNRWA and even the BBC!



Students are protesting in campuses across the UK and beyond. But what do they really believe? A YouGov poll in The Economist found that one in five young people believe the holocaust is a myth! Twenty per cent of young people aged 18-29 stated that they believed the murder of six million Jews in death camps in the 1940's never happened. I wonder what planet they are on!! The truth is out there but they are choosing to ignore it as so many are ignoring what happened in Israel on 7th October 2023.

The New York Times newspaper decided to do an in-depth study of what happened in one village in southern Israel, where at least 97 civilians were murdered by the Hamas terrorists. They sent their hard-nosed reporters to sniff out the facts.



Medical bag covered in blood, belonging to Magan David Adom, the ambulance service in Israel.

The reporters examined all the videos, the statements, the articles, the allegations. Then they checked them, verified them, put the videos into context. 'There is no doubt about it,' wrote one of the New York Times reporters. 'The murders, the rapes, the horrific attacks happened.'

I didn't want to but I felt I had to document the facts of what happened on October 7th and why. This book, 'Israel, Gaza and Hamas' will tell you the truth.

Gordon Pettie with typical thoroughness ... provides an important Christian perspective on the Hamas conflict.

Tim Vince, CEO of Christian Education Europe

Absolutely fascinating and heart-breaking all at the same time! An insight into the real Hamas!

Lesley Conder, Co-founder of Revelation TV

Gordon's new book is a must read for any Christian, who wants to understand the horrors that occurred on October 7th and gain a deeper biblical insight into God's plans and purposes for Israel and the Jewish people,

Simon Barrett, Presenter of The Middle East Report on Revelation TV

To order a copy of the book, ring the Revelation TV office 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday and make a donation of £20 or more to the Revelation Foundation.



STARS ON A NEW PATH

BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

DENNIS QUAID'S REAGAN MOVIE KEEPS FAITH WITH LATE PRESIDENT

A MUCH-DELAYED movie about former US President Ronald Reagan finally hits American cinemas on 30 August, not long before this year's Presidential election.

Hollywood actor Dennis Quaid takes the lead in 'Reagan'. Described by The Guardian as one of the best actors never to have been Oscar-nominated, Quaid has starred in hits like 'Innerspace' (1987), 'The Parent Trap' (1998) and 'The Day After Tomorrow' (2004).

After beating his cocaine addiction, the actor returned to his own childhood faith around 1990 and in recent years he has lent his acting talents to faith-based films like 'Soul Surfer' (2011) and 'I Can Only Imagine' (2018).

Quaid told The Chicago Sun-Times: "I grew up in a Southern Baptist church, became disillusioned with it as a teenager. I turned to Eastern religions and philosophies... read the Koran, went to India nine times. Along the way, I came back to Christianity... We're all spiritual beings whether we know it or not."

In another interview he explained more: "I went around the world, actually, in my late 20s, and the question I had was, 'Who is God?'... So I came back, and I read the Bible cover to cover. For me, it's Jesus... How simple it is."

When The Christian Post asked Quaid what heaven will be like, he

"No matter what, the door is always open to the Lord. All one has to do is open one's heart and ask, and God'll be there"

'Reagan' isn't faith-based, but actor Chris Massoglia, who portrays Pat Boone in the biopic, says it will authentically show how faith influenced the president's life – and that may have had a bearing on Quaid's decision to portray Reagan.

replied that we can all get "a little taste of it here on earth through prayer and meditation. That's actually the good news – you feel it here on earth."

Quaid is also a musician and recently released a Gospel album. On one track



Quaid as Reagan: Dennis Quaid says he's not party political, but Reagan is his favourite President

he wrote about his own life, 'On My Way to Heaven', where he sings: "My life may not be roses, but still I'm gonna be alright, long as I got my Saviour by my side. He freed me from the heavy chains that had bound my broken heart, picked me up; gave me a brand new start."

He identifies with a story Jesus told about the prodigal son who left his father's house and went his own way for a while, before returning to his father. In an interview with belief.net, Quaid said: "That is the beautiful thing about the Good News that Jesus was talking about. The grace of God. No matter what, the door is always open to the Lord. All one has to do is open one's heart and ask, and God'll be there. It's certainly been a comfort in my life."

CHOSEN FOR REAL

NICK Shakour, who plays the father of two of Jesus' disciples in the global hit TV series, 'The Chosen', just saw the role as another acting job.

But during filming, Nick had a dramatic vision which has completely changed his beliefs about Jesus.

When Nick was first offered the role of Zebedee, he didn't want the job as he thought it would ruin his career. He told the Washington Times: "I was mumbling to myself, I can't believe I'm going to play a 55-year-old fisherman on a religious project. Yup, this is what it's come to. This is the final nail in the acting career."

Little did he know that the series, which started as a small online production, would attract a massive audience and get shown around the world on Netflix.

According to godreports.com, during the third series he had a vision in his apartment which changed him

Actor in TV series about Jesus is now one of his followers

for ever: "It's like somebody beamed a projector into the ceiling, where I saw a gilded cage encrusted with diamonds and rubies and like a floral design all over this cage with a key and a door. There were people in silhouettes all around the cage applauding and they had a smile like the Joker did. It looked kind of disturbing."

"A secondary image projected onto the ceiling of this white dirt road with green pastures and a blue sky in the sun. I was like, 'What the heck is this? Why am I being shown this right now?' No matter where I walked around in the apartment, the projections wouldn't go away, and I'm like, 'Am I supposed to pick one?'"



No longer just acting: Nick Shakour as Zebedee in 'The Chosen'

"He freed me from the heavy chains that had bound my broken heart, picked me up; gave me a brand new start"

He also told belief.net that he wanted his son Jack to know "about Jesus and Jesus' life, why Jesus came here, why he was on earth. He came here and died for our sins. He came here to teach us how to live. He's an example to all of us."

"It seems like no matter how hard we try, even the best of us Christians, we can't come close, we fall short of living our life in that perfect way that he did. But it's all about keeping your eye on that."

In another interview, after a medical emergency with his newborn twins, Quaid confessed: "When life throws something at you and you feel helpless, that's when you need God on your side."

"Let God handle the big deals. There is no big deal to him."

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REDEEMED FROM THE PITS OF HELL

Elisha has survived 38 years of drug abuse which led her to places of hopelessness and desperation until she had an encounter with Jesus in 2013. Here she tells her story

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I was a broken, lost little girl in an adult's body.

I'd grown up on the outskirts of London as a middle child with an older and younger brother, and never felt I really belonged.

I always felt that my dad favoured my older brother and that my mum preferred her youngest, so as a kid, growing up, I started to seek negative attention to get noticed and was very naughty.

My memories of life at home are also of my mum having mediums and clairvoyants around the family home

and I visited a clairvoyant.

I also began to steal; around age nine I was thrown out of the Brownies for nicking Brown Owl's purse!

By the age of 11 I was also angry and start drinking and smoking. I was excited to start secondary school and looking forward to a different environment with new friends. I liked learning, too.

But once in secondary school, I started gravitating towards people who were rebellious. I started mixing with the girls who were getting into trouble and before I knew it I was expelled at 13 for stealing from teachers.

Around age nine I was thrown out of the Brownies for nicking Brown Owl's purse!

and I'd listen to my name mentioned during readings. It was spooky and I'd be scared to go to sleep without the light on.

From a young age, though, this sparked a curiosity about the supernatural and witchcraft fascinated me. Even in primary school, a friend

My friends and I took it in turns to wait till the teacher went to the other end of the classroom, then keep watch while one of us 'dipped' the teacher's bag.

Sent to a remedial school, I was thrown in with lots of other rebellious kids and my behaviour escalated. I



Elisha has seen her life turned around

was chaotic; I couldn't stop lying and stealing and was expelled within a year.

No school would accept me after that and I was put in an assessment centre, then sometimes sent back home, but I always ran away from home and stayed with friends. The police always brought me back.

I embarked on a completely lawless lifestyle – burgling houses and nicking cars.

I started dabbling in drugs – I'd sniffed

glue at school, and this progressed to amphetamines and sleeping tablets.

By 18 I'd had my first child and been evicted from my first flat in Penge, London. I continued on my downward journey, ending up in Holloway, where I spent my 21st birthday.

Coming out of prison, I longed to be able to change; I was full of self-hatred, with no self-worth, hopeless and desperate, but I couldn't break the cycles of destructive behaviour.

A lot more happened which would fill

a book; I was a petty thief to pay for my drugs and there were times I've eaten out of bins and planned to rob take-away drivers. At home there was no gas or electricity and I lived in squalor.

There were several overdoses – one was deliberate, the rest accidental – and once I was dead on arrival at hospital. I was a walking dead person; I looked dead and was spiritually dead. I had no hope, no direction and didn't know who I was.

At times I'd be in the police station or in court and I'd be crying out to God, praying. I remember being on my hands and knees in a police cell, imploring God, "I won't do this again if I can get out of here."

I had no hope, no direction and didn't know who I was

My last spell in prison was in 1997 for drug and driving offences.

Meanwhile I'd also had two more children who were being looked after by my family.

In April 2000 I had my fourth child, a little girl, but social services issued an ultimatum that if I didn't go into rehab and successfully complete it, my daughter would go to the adoptive family that they had already set up.

So I came down to a rehab in Hove to try to get clean, hoping to become a good mother and keep my child.

That was not to be.

Within two weeks of rehab, I relapsed and had to sign a declaration that if I used drugs again, my daughter would be adopted. Even knowing I'd lose my baby, I was powerless to resist the drugs.



Free to help others now, Elisha regularly travels to visit prisoners



Elisha shared her story at a Filling Station meeting in June

I couldn't put the Bible down – I was so hungry for the truth

I ended up losing her, which broke my heart – and was thrown out of the rehab.

I stayed in the Brighton and Hove area, continually wanting to get clean but never succeeding, despite being in and out of 12-step fellowships like AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and NA (Narcotics Anonymous).

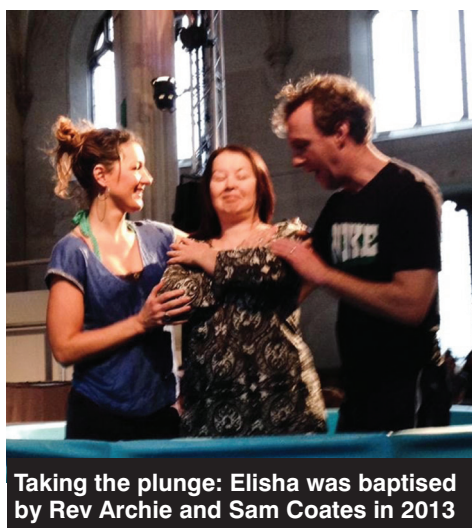
Finally, in 2013, my life dramatically changed. I'd been in an unhappy, dependent relationship with a drug dealer for two years. When I finally managed to leave, I really was at the end of myself. I was taking so many drugs – heroin, crack cocaine, plus lots of tablets and was drinking alcohol, too.

After a long wait, I got a place in a specialist hospital unit and had the most horrendous detox. I was in awful pain, but knew I had to get through it.

Towards the end of the rehab, a friend suggested doing the Alpha course that was about to start at St Peter's Church, Brighton. Although I was now off drugs, I couldn't see how I'd cope; I'd never worked legally or had my own place. I knew that if God didn't step in, I wouldn't make it.

During the course, I had lots of questions about Jesus. A lady in the group advised me to take a Bible home and read the Gospels.

Once home, I couldn't put the Bible down – I was so hungry for the truth. Through reading the Gospel of Mark and how Jesus healed people, raising



Taking the plunge: Elisha was baptised by Rev Archie and Sam Coates in 2013

them from the dead and casting out demons, light bulbs went off in my head.

Everything started to fall into place – I could see the source of the demonic stuff I'd wrestled with all my life. The Scripture that sealed the deal was how Jesus went to the Cross and overcame the power of Satan by the work he accomplished at Calvary.

This was confirmed in a powerful encounter when I was walking to a meeting one day. I heard an audible voice telling me over and over again, "You know the truth now". I knew this was Jesus and surrendered my life to him.

I was going to church regularly and was supported practically and in prayer by the vicar's wife, Sam Coates. After leaving rehab, I went to live with Sam and her husband Archie.

In church, I used to think, "I don't want to be a Sunday Christian, I want to know Jesus personally."

Another friend at church had booked for us to go on holiday to Portugal together. Beforehand, she told me about Ellet Ministries which was putting on courses and these caught my attention. I ended up cancelling the holiday and putting myself on a ten-day course at Ellet called 'Micronets'.

It was probably the best thing I'd ever done. My spirit was 'fed' by the wonderful teaching there on forgiveness and getting to the roots of problems, and I felt the Holy Spirit nudge me to do their year-long course of discipleship and prayer ministry.

I had no money to pay the fees, but stepped out in faith and went for the course interview.

On my 50th birthday I was accepted on to the course. One of the leaders interviewing me said, "We'd love to have you on the course – and by the way, an anonymous donor has paid half your tuition fees!"

So I left the Coates' home for Ellet Ministries in Surrey, where I spent a year of learning and receiving intensive prayer. The prayer ministers were led to pray into the roots of some of the issues that had kept me bound for years, which were chiefly occult practices, addiction, rejection and unforgiveness. I received incredible freedom and went from knowing about the Lord to knowing him personally – his goodness, grace, mercy, protection and provision.

Since then I feel I've been raised back

to life. I'm not the same person; I know who I am now, and, more importantly, WHOSE I am. I've never had a desire to stick a needle in my arm or drink again.

I don't battle cycles of destructive behaviour or wake up wanting to die.

After the course ended, I started working for Ellet Ministries on reception and after a year was asked to be the PA to the previous director, Jill Southern. I worked for Jill for three years, travelling round the world with her on her teaching ministry.

In 2018 I felt called back to Brighton to work for St Peter's. My role was to help set up a night shelter which ran for three years until lockdown in 2020. It was mind-blowing to find myself helping others, rather than as someone in need of help!

It's a miracle I'm still alive, serving God

God has turned my life around and given me purpose and brought extensive healing and deliverance. With my past, people have asked me for years if I'd ever considered prison ministry. It wasn't something I wanted to do, until a couple of years ago when I visited a young man in prison. When I saw the other prisoners looking so hopeless, I felt God breaking my heart, just as his was breaking for these guys. Soon after, I was invited to a young offenders institution to help with the baptisms of young men who had just surrendered their lives to Jesus on the Alpha course.

After the baptisms I met the chaplain, which led to me being able to go into the prison to support the young lads in their faith.

Being with these guys in the prisons and seeing them growing in their faith brings me a lot of joy and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

To say God has turned my life around is an understatement. It's a miracle I'm still alive, serving him.

Throughout my life I'd been in relationships, but since 2012 I haven't felt the need for any relationship except with God. I try to stay close to Jesus; I read my Bible daily, pray and surrender afresh to him so I can stay on the "narrow path", where I know the Lord's strength and protection.

Every day I thank God for Jesus' shed blood which has redeemed me from the years of darkness that I existed in.



STARS ON A NEW PATH

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CHOSEN FOR REAL

Then Nick heard a voice: "You're at a crossroads right now, you're at a fork in the road. You can have one of these and you've got to pick."

"It was like a meteor hit my body"

Nick chose the dirt road. He told God that he wanted more in life, "but not with material things... My soul is crying out for something bigger."

So, towards the end of Season 3's filming, he accompanied some guys from the set to a church conference. He had never seen such genuine love for Christ before. He was simultaneously impressed and "weirded out".

While driving home, he felt God's Spirit descend upon him: "I cried out to God: 'God my soul is lost, it's been lost for a long time, I need you now, not only

do I need you, but I need what you and Jesus have to offer.'"

The next night, several Christians prayed for him: "It was like a meteor hit my body. From the bottom of my feet the fire just started building to the top, and then by the time it reached my head I almost was going to run out because I felt the sensation of passing away."

"My soul is crying out for something bigger"

In fact, he had passed from spiritual death to life, as the Bible describes it when we become a Christian. He is no longer just acting the part of being a follower of Jesus – now it's for real.

Today, Nick Shakoour can't shut up about Jesus: "I met God, the Creator of the whole freaking universe. Why wouldn't I talk about it?"

THE ANGRY ELEPHANT

New children's book with free colouring book and KS2 lesson

Christian author Gary Guillon had been concerned that some people he met were just angry all the time.

Gary says, "Angry people often hide away and isolate themselves. They don't want to make friends for fear of disappointment and hence try to protect themselves. Then I felt God say, 'Angry people need loving too!'"

One day Gary was woken at 5am with the idea for a story about a baby elephant who has had a traumatic start to life and eventually finds happiness, thanks to a brave mouse and a little girl.

Gary kept being prompted to work on the book, involving family members and an old school friend who did the delightful illustrations.

Gary says, "Many people have been abused and told it is their fault and even start harming themselves because they feel unworthy. But God has a purpose for everyone and everyone is special to him. You can be made to feel that life is not worth living, but Jesus Christ gave up his royal throne and came to earth as a



baby human and grew up blameless."

He explains, "Jesus was beaten, whipped, humiliated, spat at, mocked, and crucified. He had an opportunity to save himself, but he chose not to defend himself, but instead die a sinless death, so we can be forgiven for all the things we have done wrong in our lives (Gospel of John)."

Gary adds, "Despite this horrific death, Jesus Christ did not remain dead. He prophesied that after three days in the grave, he would rise again, which he did (Mark 16), proving that there is life after death, for anyone who put their trust in him, whoever clings to and relies on him; and follows him in all his ways ... to be born again by the Spirit of the one and only true living God (John 3:1-21)."

Courage, trust and the importance of kindness, even to hostile people, are portrayed in a way that children can relate to.

As well as a free colouring book, there are teacher notes, discussion questions and an RE study, so the book is ideal for reading aloud in assemblies or as a bedtime story.

Further information from theangryelephant.co.uk or the advert on p29 of this paper. HEART readers get £1 off two copies



FIRMINO'S BURNING LONGING

Ex-Liverpool striker turns pastor

ROBERTO Firmino, who won the Champions League and Premier League with Liverpool, has swapped the pitch for a pulpit.

The Brazil and Liverpool striker was consecrated at his church in Brazil this summer, according to Premier Christian News. Firmino founded the church with his wife Larissa Pereira.

"Jesus is love. Just believe it"

Announcing the news on social media, they wrote: "Since our encounter with Christ, a longing burns in our hearts... Let people know this love that has reached us. Now we have another craving and responsibility... to be pastors after God's heart, who cooperate with the Kingdom of God."

Former teammate Alisson Becker, Liverpool's goalkeeper, baptised Firmino in a swimming pool in 2020. Firmino said at the time: "Jesus is



Roberto Firmino

love. [There is] no explanation. Just believe it. Just believe and feel the Holy Spirit."

Firmino still holds the record as the highest-scoring Brazilian in Premier League history, with 82 goals.

DO I NEED THIS?

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

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

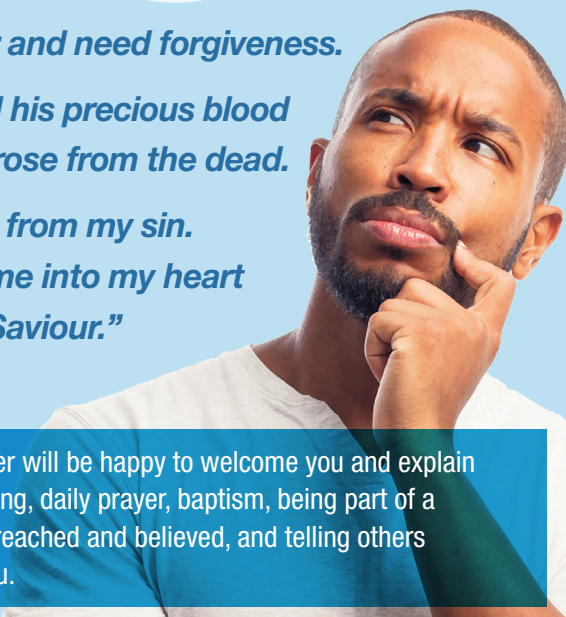
"Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness.

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

I am willing to turn away from my sin.

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

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.





We now have a government with very politically correct credentials that will align with our 'woke' establishment. That's why, says, Andrew Baguley, the West and Britain herelf are

In 1965 Mary Whitehouse said, "The enemies of the West saw that Britain was the kingpin of western civilisation: she had proved herself unbeatable on the field of battle because of her faith and her character. If Britain was to be destroyed, those things must be undercut."

She was spot on in terms of what was going on. An unstoppable tide of Marxist ideology and antisemitism has undercut our faith and national character.

The public enemies are now (i) White heterosexual males and (ii) Christians and the Church.

Elections and manifesto commitments give way to rule by the mob and the demands of whoever can shout loudest or demonstrate most forcefully

Steve Maltz, in his excellent book 'Noise' (1) suggests a number of other ways that true British values have been subverted as discussed later.

Cultural Marxism, like many things which challenge Judeo-Christian ethics and evangelical theology, has its roots in Germany and the 'Frankfurt School' of thought.

However, we also know that the roots of man's rebellion against God go back to the Garden of Eden as recorded in Genesis 3 and the outbreak of a spiritual war between God (in Christ Jesus) and Satan (the serpent).

The 'threefold lie' of the serpent in Genesis 3 is the basis of Satan's continued attack on the people of God (both Jew and Gentile). The Bible tells us that Satan is a deceiver, a liar, a thief, a killer, a boaster, a fallen angel, the leader of other fallen angels and is the god of this world (Isaiah 14; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; John 12:31; John 14:30 and John 16:11).

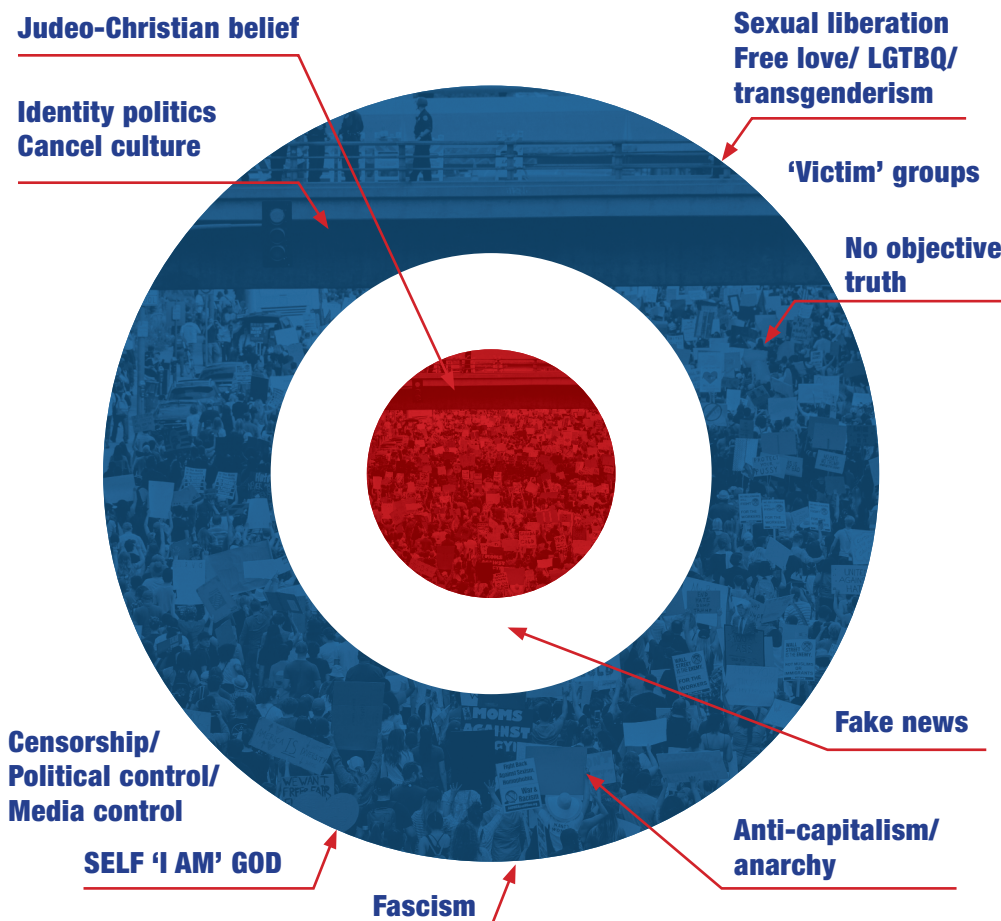
What is Cultural Marxism?

The OED defines it as: "Used depreciatively, chiefly among right-wing commentators: a political agenda advocating radical social reform, said to be promoted within Western cultural institutions by liberal or left-wing ideologues intent on eroding traditional social values and imposing a dogmatic form of progressivism on society. Later also more generally: a perceived left-wing bias in social or cultural institutions, characterised as doctrinaire and pernicious."(2)

The birth of Cultural Marxism took place in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1923 within the Institute of Social Research, known later as the Frankfurt School. This, it turned out, became the centre of a conspiracy to bring down Western democracies.

CLOAKED IN CULTURAL MARXISM

THE MARXIST TARGETING OF JUDEO-CHRISTIAN BELIEF AT WORK IN OUR SOCIETY



In the 1930s the School's director, Max Horkheimer, concluded that Western culture's Judeo-Christian heritage was the major obstacle to the spread of Marxism. So he developed 'Critical Theory' (3) to bring the "current society and culture down through unremitting,

destructive criticism."

The aim is to destroy the Judeo-Christian foundations of society, and it has been very effective. See how this has affected the whole tone of how we approach things:

- (i) Individualism and individuality

are downplayed

- (ii) Rational debate is out of the window

In the early 20th century, Edward Bernays (the "father of public relations") had used insights from his uncle, Sigmund Freud, to manipulate people's unconscious desires so they bought advertisers' products; shopping was no longer simply a matter of need, but of wish fulfilment.

Consumerism, as we now know it, took off, and materialism followed. In turn, Bernays' ideas were adopted into politics through Critical Theory and the work of the Frankfurt School.

Due to the imminent outbreak of World War 2, the leaders of the Frankfurt School relocated to the USA, and in particular Columbia University (the centre of antisemitic student protests in May 2024) from where by the 1950s Cultural Marxism became mainstream.

The growth in influence of Cultural Marxism in the UK

Your head is probably spinning by now at what is a multi-faceted spiritual attack on you and all fellow believers – and you are trying to see how or even if, this has any connection with the prophetic Scriptures and the rejection of the God of truth and specifically with the confrontation between the Antichrist and Jesus in the tribulation period.

The BBC rejects Christian morality

Let us see if we can simplify what is going on. Steve Maltz calls it "an insidious philosophy" which the following will show. I have another name for it (courtesy of the film of the same name): 'Pulp Fiction'.

In the UK we have seen the development and rise of Cultural Marxism particularly since the end of World War 2. We also see it in the development and acceptance of Critical Theory and 'Crisis Theory'. Marxist cultural theory unmasks contemporary culture, and notably mass culture, as a system of social domination of the individual (4).

Broadly, Marxist critique of specifically British culture assumed increasing prominence from 1956, through the Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies in Birmingham (hence the common references to a 'Birmingham School' of cultural critique) led by Raymond Williams. The British tradition of Marxism, especially over the past 50 to 60 years, has been influenced by theorists.(5)

Steve Maltz, in his excellent book, 'Noise', suggests a number of other ways in which traditionally British values

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“The enemies of the West saw that Britain was the kingpin of western civilisation: she had proved herself unbeatable on the field of battle because of her faith and her character. If Britain was to be destroyed, those things must be undercut”

– Mary Whitehouse, 1965

have been subverted. These include ‘The New Left’, ‘victim culture’, sexual liberty and licentiousness, anarchism, extreme left-wing liberal thinkers, ‘gay rights – LGBTQ’, ‘cancel culture’, CND and ‘peace’ movements, religious intolerance and the destruction of Judeo-Christian heritage, support of Islam, antisemitism and deconstruction of the family and of ‘family values’.

These biases manifest themselves in every aspect of our society, Government and civil service, local government, education, the NHS and banking.

The BBC is perhaps the best example of progressive Cultural Marxism in the UK. Its management is made up of liberal progressives.

We can see this demonstrated most weeks in BBC current affairs programmes, news bulletins and sport. The BBC is enthusiastic for anything that breaks accepted norms, which it calls ‘stereotyping’.

The BBC distorts the news to promote a liberal agenda, says Robert Aitken in his book ‘The Noble Liar’. In the same book he exposes how the BBC rejects Christian morality, but supports Islam by staying silent about serious wrongs emanating from Muslim communities.

The late Sir Roger Scruton said: “Intellectuals are naturally attracted by the idea of a planned society in the belief that they would be in charge of it”. The BBC has been accused of dominating the media by its elitism and the marginalisation of dissidents. It has views on everything and beware if you disagree!

A religious challenge

The challenge to Israel and the Christian Church is centred upon the person and works of God, his choice of Israel as his covenant people, salvation, truth, moral and ethical righteousness and judgement among many other things. The attack is insidious and uses many or all of the tactics shown in the diagram in this piece.

For example, the United Methodist Church in the US has recently lost over one million members due to LGBTQ ideology and the ordination of gay clergy. There is a direct clash between gay ideology and evangelical classical theology as the former is not part of the faith and cannot lead to salvation.

A geo-political challenge

Democracy is under threat as elections and manifesto commitments give way to rule by the mob and the demands of whoever can shout loudest or demonstrate most forcefully. And since elites (politicians, civil service, diplomats, judges, academics, journalists and the rest) cast themselves in the mould of Plato’s philosopher kings, they believe they are better qualified to decide what should happen than their supposed inferiors.

Cultural Marxism is a huge challenge to the populations of the US and Western nations, although not to their governments, because they have been taken over by this ideology. We are seeing how insidious and evil this is, particularly in the US’s Biden administration’s dealings with Israel.

Cultural Marxism is just another expression and outworking of the antichrist agenda for world domination and the eradication of Israel and Christians

In addition, we can see how Cultural Marxism has taken over the UN, the ICJ (International Court of Justice) and the ICC (International Criminal Court), leading them into constant censoring of Israel and threatened legal action against the Jewish state through lies, propaganda and bribery.

Conclusion

Cultural Marxism is just another expression and outworking of the antichrist agenda for world domination and the eradication of Israel and Christians. Only God can and will stop it and show to the world that Israel’s God is the one true God.

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‘That Hideous Strength: How the West was lost’: Melvyn Tinker, Evangelical Press. This is a short but brilliant critique of Cultural Marxism and is well worth keeping. Based on a lecture delivered at GAFCON in June 2018, this book will stimulate thinking and open the eyes of Christians to the dangers of the worldview relentlessly promoted by the media. ‘Confessions of a Reformed BBC Producer’: Anthony Jay, Centre for Policy Studies



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THE EFFECT OF CULTURAL MARXISM ON KEY END-TIMES EVENTS

If the spiritual truths contained in the Bible are downgraded and then denigrated by the nation’s institutions, few will understand the era in which we live. This in turn deprives them of the hope that Christ holds out to us in the darkest of times – and these times are increasingly dark as we approach the end of the age.

These are the key spiritual truths that are under attack, beginning with the very existence and identity of God himself (John 1:1-18): “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God”.

Then there are:

- The Trinity (Genesis 1:26; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 2:14) and the Gospel (Mark 1:15-16; Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 1:16; Philippians 1:27)

- The uniqueness of Christ (John 14:1-6; Colossian 1:15-20; Philippians 2:5-11)

- The Kingdom of God (Matthew 5:1-12; John 18: 36; Luke 17:21, 22:29-30; Romans 14:17)

- Salvation by faith (Ephesians 2:8; Galatians 2:16; Romans 1:16-17; John 3:16)

- The one new man (Ephesians 2:15)

- Covenant (Genesis 5:18; 12:2-3; 17:2; 17:7; 22:16-17; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Jeremiah 33:21, 31-34)

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PERSECUTION WATCH by Andrew Halloway

IRAN

ARMENIAN CHRISTIAN GIVEN TEN-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE

Armenian Hakop Gochymayan has been sentenced to ten years behind bars for participating in Christian activities. This comes after he lost an appeal against the harsh sentence in June.

International Christian Concern (ICC) reports there was “no clear evidence” against Gochymayan. The judge made his decision on assumptions rather than proof.

They were in Iran to visit family

Gochymayan and his wife, Elisa Shahvardian, who is of Iranian descent, were arrested in August 2023. Elisa was released in October but Gochymayan remains incarcerated.

In addition, Barnabas Aid reports that the couple have had to endure solitary confinement and were “subjected to intense psychological torture”.

The couple, who had their two young children with them, were in Iran to visit friends and family but reportedly Gochymayan had some copies of the New



“Subjected to intense psychological torture”: Hakop Gochymayan and his wife were kept in solitary confinement without their children

Testament in Farsi, and had visited different churches in Iran.

It is illegal in Iran to evangelise and to have Bibles in Farsi (the official Iranian language) but the underground Church continues to grow.

UGANDA

EVANGELIST KILLED AFTER LEADING MUSLIMS TO CHRIST

A church evangelist who received death threats from Muslim extremists has been murdered in eastern Uganda.

Richard Malinga’s body was found on 17 June at Kayete Swamp in Akisim A village, Butebo District. Just before dying he texted his pastor that he was surrounded by Muslims. His pastor (name withheld for security reasons) replied several times but received no answer. Local residents who found Malinga’s body also found his phone and called his pastor, who then called the police.



Christian evangelist Richard Malinga was killed on 17 June

They found him in a pool of blood...tied with ropes

One resident told Morning Star News that they had heard a “loud wailing”, rushed to the scene and “found the victim in a pool of blood... tied with ropes.”

Malinga’s pastor said that the evangelist had been visiting homes in the area bringing the Gospel and several people had become Christians, including some radical Muslims.

ERITREA

OVER 200 CHRISTIANS ARRESTED FOR THEIR FAITH

Persecution of Christians has worsened in Eritrea with 218 arbitrary arrests in 12 months, including children.

This means around 400 Christians are now in prison for their faith, with no prospect of a trial.

UK-based Release International (RI) says: “Most were taken from their houses – some at 3am... some children have been arrested with their parents, and in some cases the whole family is in prison.

“We are very concerned for the physical and mental wellbeing of the children, some of whom are only two years old. This is totally unacceptable, and we strongly condemn this inhuman act by the Eritrean government.”

The son, held in a steel shipping container, was not aware of his father’s death

In 2002, the regime headed by Isaias Afwerki outlawed most Christian churches and began arresting Christians. Some have been incarcerated for over 20 years, some were held in steel shipping containers in the hot desert, some have been



Church father Rev Ghirmay Araya, seen here in happier times, has died in prison aged 83

tortured, and others have died from abuse and untreated illness.

The best known prisoner, who died in May aged 83, was Rev Ghirmay

Araya, one of the founding fathers of the Full Gospel Church in Eritrea. Arrested along with other church leaders in 2021, Rev Ghirmay was never charged with any crime. He suffered from diabetes and related illnesses and was held in the maximum security Wengel Mermera Central Criminal Investigation Centre, along with other church leaders. Some had been detained for 20 years. Release International says: “Rev Ghirmay endured his suffering with steadfast faith.”

One of Rev Ghirmay’s sons has also been imprisoned for his faith for the past seven years. Sources say he is being kept in a shipping container. Although they were in the same prison, father and son had no opportunity to meet, and the son was not even aware of his father’s death.

Release International partner Dr Berhane Asmelash said: “I’m deeply saddened by Rev Ghirmay’s death. He served the Church diligently for more than 60 years in both Eritrea and Ethiopia. His ministry extended across the Orthodox, Lutheran and, finally, Full Gospel churches.” Dr Asmelash expressed his deepest condolences to Ghirmay’s five children and 13 grandchildren.

ERITREA

MOTHER AND CHILDREN FORCED TO CONVERT TO ISLAM

A Christian mother, Elvin Joseph, and her three daughters must become Muslims due to Iraq’s Personal Status Law, reports International Christian Concern.

“I am married to a Christian man with three Christian kids”

This law states that children must adopt Islam if one of their parents converts to Islam. As Elvin’s mother has turned Muslim after marrying a Muslim, Elvin and her daughters must follow suit.

Elvin protests: “I am married to a Christian man. I have three Christian kids... All my official documents are Christian. Our marriage is registered by the church.”

'Brother, I Have Come to Arrest You'
The powerful autobiography of an Eritrean pastor - p26

PERSECUTION WATCH Continued

PAKISTAN

WIFE OF MURDERED CHRISTIAN DIES OF HEARTBREAK

A widow traumatised by the death of her husband at the hands of a Muslim mob has passed away.

Allah Rakhi Bibi, 72, cried every day after 74-year-old Nazeer Masih Gill was beaten to death by attackers who falsely accused him of blasphemy.

Her pain worsened when she heard the killers had been granted bail

Christian Daily International reports that the grieving widow died of cardiac arrest on 21 June. Her family say she could not bear the loss of her husband, who was beaten up on 25 May and died on 3 June.

Son Sultan Gill said: "Her pain and agony apparently worsened when she overheard some family members talking about the bails being granted to the people involved in my father's killing. We tried our best to keep this information from her, but we failed."



Allah Rakhi Bibi and Nazeer Masih Gill

Muslim lawyer, Asad Jamal, who has defended several Christians wrongly accused of blasphemy, accused the police of bias. He says they recorded statements of false witnesses to aid the case of Nazeer's killers, while failing to preserve the crime scene. They also failed to interrogate the suspects and to record the statements of Nazeer's family.

INDIA

CHRISTIAN REFUGEES IN URGENT NEED OF AID

Around 70,000 internally displaced Christians are facing a humanitarian crisis in Manipur.

According to the Evangelical Times, the Christians fled their homes after militant assaults on their villages earlier this year. Aid agencies say help for the victims has mainly come from churches, with the government providing only about ten per cent of the support.

Help for the victims has mainly come from churches

The Christians' situation has deteriorated after recent flooding, which has destroyed personal belongings and what little food they had, as well as hampering the



Manipur residents with utensils donated by fellow Christians

distribution of aid to them.

The British Asian Christian Association (BACA) has made the crisis its priority appeal due to ongoing violence and predictions that the floods will return.

CREATION CORNER



By Geoff Chapman

THE 'AGE OF DINOSAURS' IS A MYTH!

Our media and education system have told us there was an "Age of Dinosaurs", when no familiar animals or plants existed, but the evidence tells a different story

Reconstructions of the supposed 'Age of dinosaurs' show a very different world from the one we know, with no sign of any modern animals or plants, but the truth is very different.

There is abundant fossil evidence that there were modern groups co-existing with the dinosaurs that can be found in museums across the world, although most of it is hidden from public view. Have evolutionists purposely hidden it to keep the "evolution show" on the road?

Have evolutionists purposely hidden the evidence?

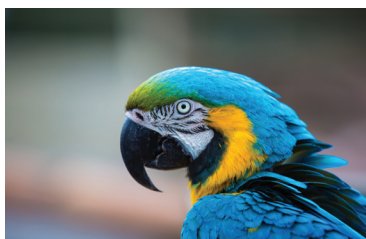
Dr Zhe-Xi Luo, Curator of Vertebrate Palaeontology, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, thinks so: "In a sense, 'The Age of Dinosaurs' ... is a misnomer." (1)

Here are just a few of the many discoveries which challenge evolution.

Parrots found in Cretaceous fossils

Many people believe that birds evolved from dinosaurs, but there is growing evidence that modern-type birds lived WITH dinosaurs — and they were not primitive birds, but modern species.

Have you ever seen a picture of dinosaurs that included parrots flying around, or perched in



Parrots have not changed since the age of the dinosaurs

nearby trees? This could change as a fossilised parrot has been found in Cretaceous rocks, overturning the popular view of the 'Age of dinosaurs'.

Nature commented: "The existence of this fossil supports the hypothesis... that most or all of the major modern bird groups were present in the Cretaceous." (2)

Fossilised ducks

Forty fossil specimens of a very modern-looking, web-footed, duck-like bird named 'Gansus yumenensis' were discovered in similarly aged rocks in China. BBC News online reported: "Ducks may have been paddling around in primeval swamps when T-Rex was king of the dinosaurs." (3) 'Gansus', which resembled

modern grebes, "could fly like modern birds," said Jerald Harris of Dixie State College in Utah. "In short, no one expected to find a bird this modern in rocks this old." (4)

Finds like these totally undermine the popular theory of bird evolution.

Modern animals found with dinosaurs

Over 13 years, biologist and medical doctor Dr Carl Werner travelled 160,000 miles, visiting ten dinosaur dig sites and 60 natural history museums. After searching the literature, he

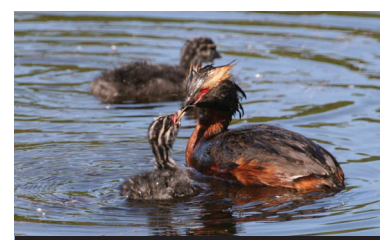
began interviewing scientists, and discovered that all the major groups of modern plants and animals had indeed been found as fossils in the same rocks as dinosaurs. His conclusion, based on the facts, is that evolution has not happened. His research is recorded in his book and DVD series, 'Evolution, the Grand Experiment'.

The flood preserved evidence of God's Creation

There is abundant evidence that modern plants and animals were living at the same time as the dinosaurs — whenever that



Dinosaurs were alive at the same time as modern species



A very similar species called Gansus lived thousands of years ago

happened to be. We believe it was thousands, not millions of years ago, but if modern animals and plants have remained virtually unchanged for 200 million years or more, this is an even more serious challenge to Darwin's theory of continuous change!

The evidence fits the biblical account of origins much better than Darwin's theory. Genesis tells us that God created all life on earth in seven days, so we would certainly expect to find evidence for their co-existence.

For more information and resources on Creation and evolution, visit www.crt.org.uk

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REDIGGING THE “ANCIENT WELLS”

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

In the April/May paper we featured an “urgent warning” to Britain which Rev Jennifer Abigail Lawson-Wallace believed she had received from God. Now she has been led to bring a message of hope in the gathering darkness

Despite the current spiritual condition of the UK, I believe that God has every intention of fulfilling his promises to bring revival, restoration and reformation to this land again, but we must rise up! (Luke 1:37)

Even when there appears to be famine, God offers us hope. In Genesis 26, Abraham had died and there was famine in the land.

Then God appeared to his son, Isaac, and affirmed the covenant that he had with his father. God assured Isaac that despite the prevailing situation, he had every intention of fulfilling his promises to Abraham.

The wells had been blocked

“All the wells which his father’s servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had closed and filled with earth”. (Genesis 26:15)

Isaac’s predicament was that although God had greatly prospered him, his heritage had been taken over by the Philistines. The wells he inherited from his father Abraham had been sabotaged and

A generation has arisen that does not know or honour God

blocked by the enemy. This was a serious matter and of great significance and concern because:

1. The wells belonged to Abraham and were the fruit of his labour, as his servants had laboured to dig them. Therefore, the wells formed part of Isaac’s inheritance.
2. The wells produced water, without which there would be no sustenance of life, for the people and their livestock and crops.
3. The wells were landmarks of Abraham’s journey with God, which the Bible cautions us not to remove. “Remove not the ancient landmark which your fathers have set up.” (Proverbs 22:28)
4. Finally, the ownership of the wells had been sealed by covenant oath, which had been broken by blocking them. (Genesis 21:22-32)

Isaac restored his heritage

“And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he called them by the names which his father had called them.” (Genesis 26:18)

There is a spiritual famine in the land

Isaac did not tamper with or give the wells new names based on his own experiences; he called them by the names given to them by his father. Thus, Isaac restored the full purpose and function of the wells – to sustain life and to act as landmarks for him and his people.

Our current situation in the UK

The fathers of the Christian faith in this nation have long died and gone, and there is a spiritual famine in the land. (Amos 8:11; 1 Samuel 3:1; 2 Chronicles 15:3; Proverbs 29:18)

Worse still, the enemy has stopped, seized and taken over the Christian heritage that the fathers laboured for and left behind for posterity. We have turned our backs on Jesus Christ and his Word and Spirit and embraced alternative ideas and other gods.

Humanist philosophies and political correctness have removed and destroyed the ancient landmarks of biblical truth, holiness and sanctity of marriage and



The London Trocadero is being redesigned as a mosque - artist impression

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life. Sadly, a generation has arisen that does not know or honour God. (Judges 2:10)

Despite the current situation, however, God has every intention of fulfilling his promise to Jesus Christ and to the forefathers of this land, and is seeking to restore, raise and use the Church to turn this nation around. (John 10:10)

Re-digging the ancient wells

It is time, therefore, to re-dig and revive the ancient wells of the Christian faith in Britain. It is time for the true sons of God in this land to rise and take responsibility for restoring the truth in this land. We need divine intervention and assistance; therefore, we must earnestly seek God’s face for help.

We must earnestly seek God’s face for help

We must earnestly cry out and petition God to pour out his Holy Spirit afresh on the Church, and, through his power, enable us to preach the truth of his Word again, without fear. Through his power, we shall re-dig the wells of prayer, worship, faith, evangelism, discipleship, holiness and righteous living. We must re-dig the Kingdom wells of God’s righteousness, peace and joy in this land again. (Romans 14:17; Isaiah 32:17)



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What can you do?

1. Surrender yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare and use you for God’s glory. Pray and ask him to show you what he wants you to do. (2 Timothy 2:20-21)
2. Spend more time in prayer and intercession, alone or with others. Begin prayer walks in your local area, declaring “Your Kingdom come, your will be done in this land as it is in heaven!”
3. Share the Gospel; take every opportunity to evangelise, lead others to Christ and disciple those who come to the Lord.
4. Take responsibility for the political, economic and social climates of your cities and the nation, and intercede for the righteousness of God to prevail.
5. Take responsibility for the next generation, praying for them, reaching out to them and instilling in them the fear of God through his Word. Become a mentor/role model for them.
6. Give generously to fund the spreading of the Gospel and discipleship; feed and clothe the poor; care for the poor and needy.
7. Above all, take the seed of the promise of God for revival and pray earnestly, labour and travail for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit upon the Church in the UK and the nations. (Isaiah 32:9-18)

Isaiah 66:7-8 ESV

“Before she was in labour, she gave birth; before her pain came upon her she delivered a son. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labour she brought forth her children.”



“Christians, please wake up!” This Sikh issued a public plea when he was shocked to learn that a well-known London landmark, the Trocadero, was to be turned into an Islamic house of prayer

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BOOKREVIEWS

By Gordon Pettie

Courage in the face of brutal persecution

Brother, I Have Come to Arrest You

By Dr Berhane Asmelash

I have just finished reading the story of a remarkable man, Dr Berhane Asmelash, an Eritrean who endured imprisonment for Christ.

Fiona Bruce, the former Vice Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religion or Belief, who, sadly, lost her seat in July's election, writes: "This book needed to be written – and needs to be read. The world should know of the suffering and bravery of thousands of Eritreans, barbarically imprisoned, tortured, and killed – simply on account of their beliefs. And to know that this is happening right now, in the third decade of the 21st century."

"I cannot believe this is my life, these four metal walls, all of us corralled like cattle, the pain, the hunger, the fear"

Conditions for many prisoners of faith in Eritrea are unbelievable. Many – Dr Berhane believes as many as 2,000 – have been held in shipping containers where they bake in the African sun in the day and freeze by night.

One such prisoner was the Christian Gospel singer, Helen Berhane. Of her experience of a freezing winter's night in an Eritrean shipping container, she wrote:

"A single candle flickers, its flame barely illuminating the darkness. They never burn for more than two hours after the container door is locked: there is not enough oxygen to keep the flame alive.

"Condensation drips from the roof and slides down my cheek, and when it moistens my lips, I taste rust. The air is thick with the ever-present stench of the bucket in the corner, and the smell of close-packed unwashed bodies.

"I cannot believe this is my life, these four metal walls, all of us corralled like cattle, the pain, the hunger, the fear. All because of my belief in a God who is risen, a God whom I am forbidden (by the authorities) to worship."

Life was hard for Dr Berhane as a boy. Skinny and weak, he was bullied at school and hated himself. When still in his teens, he was diagnosed with diabetes.

In his early 20s, with Eritrea in the midst of civil war, he committed his life to Christ. From then on all he wanted to do was to talk about Christ.

One day, the Communist cadre in the town sent him, and some other Christians, a letter informing them they were to be executed. They were accused of being CIA spies. Copies of the death sentence were posted around the town.

At the time his small group was studying

Daniel chapter 3, the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the threat of a fiery death that they faced. They read how Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego told the king (Nebuchadnezzar), that they would serve no god but the living God. Despite the Eritrean Communist cadre having a reputation for executing many young people, they stood firm, and saw more and more young people join their Bible study group.

Today Dr Berhane Asmelash has been freed from prison in Eritrea, granted asylum in the UK, is married and runs a ministry called Release Eritrea, which, as the name implies, is seeking to help those still suffering persecution for their faith in Eritrea.



Dr Berhane Asmelash now seeks to save other imprisoned Eritreans



Gordon Pettie and his wife Lorna

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

The painful heart-to-heart that turned Hugh Osgood's life around

Unstoppable Church - Embracing God's Development Plan

By Hugh Osgood

Malcolm Down Publishing Limited, 2024, 95 pp

Nowhere does Hugh explain the title he has given this book, 'Unstoppable Church'. When I first saw it, I assumed it referred to the Church on the march around the globe.

But when you read the book, Hugh is clearly talking about individuals – who make up the Church – on a constant, unstoppable development in their own Christian walk.

"He described all the things I had been getting wrong"

The Lord has used Hugh in a remarkable way over the years. He has been a successful pastor, and a great influence for good across cities and through missions in different parts of the world. His roles have included the Free Churches President of Churches Together in England and founding President of Churches in Communities International.

What is different about this book is that Hugh takes the reader back to his own beginnings as a Christian, long before all his success in ministry. He uses his personal story – not to brag about his early beginnings – but to



Painful experiences: former dentist Hugh Osgood, now an influential Church leader

illustrate New Testament principles for discipleship and relationships.

When he became a Christian, he was studying dentistry and immediately wanted to switch to theology, but God's plan was for him to become a dentist and initially work in that field. He

wanted to use his work skills overseas on the mission field – but God's plan was for him to be in south London.

Initially as a young Christian he was part of a house group and considered himself an up and coming 'travelling speaker'. One day the leader of the house group asked to see him for a heart-to-heart talk.

Hugh describes the conversation: "Then the list began; all the things I had been getting wrong, described one after another as 'Here's another nail in your coffin'."

Hugh writes: "At the end of the conversation, the house group leader said to me, 'Your teaching opportunities are put on hold for three months'."

For three months Hugh did nothing, except listen and pray. That one-hour heart-to-heart and the three months after changed his life.

'Unstoppable Church' is a good book for leaders as much as those starting out on the Christian life. It teaches principles for walking with God and being in a right relationship with others in the Church. At the end of the book Hugh writes:

"Jesus has been building his Church through the centuries. We see his handiwork throughout the book of Acts... We see it in history... What of today?"

"All the ingredients are there. The resurrection life of Jesus is still the same. Let's make this happen so that today's world can experience the irresistible momentum of God's 'Unstoppable Church'."



BOOKREVIEWS By Gordon Pettie

A classic biography of the revered Narnia author

C S Lewis – A Life: Eccentric Genius, Reluctant Prophet

By Alister McGrath

Hodder & Stoughton, 2013, 431 pp

I am sure (almost) every reader of this review will have read at least one of CS Lewis's books.

He wrote such classics as 'Mere Christianity', 'The Screwtape letters', and the children's classic series, the Narnia chronicles, of which 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' is probably best known. His books have sold millions of copies and are still popular today.

But how many of us really know the man who wrote the books, Clive Staples Lewis, or CS Lewis as he is usually known?

I came across Alister McGrath's biography on CS Lewis while browsing in a charity shop. It was first published in 2013 and is still available from good bookshops and online stores, as well as charity shops!

Before McGrath started to write CS Lewis's story, he read every single book CS Lewis ever wrote. He also read all Lewis's preserved letters, which are 3,000 pages long!

Finally, McGrath read all the other

trenches in France. In April 1918 he was wounded and brought to hospital, so while recuperating he passed the time by reading, including books by Christians such as GK Chesterton.

Gradually, despite himself, he was drawn in. Lewis would say of this time that



CS Lewis with his wife, Joy Davidman; they were married for just four years

distinguished professor and lecturer at both Oxford and Cambridge universities, but it is his writings which have made him famous and been used to help so many grow in faith.

Those who have seen the poignant film or play, 'Shadowlands' know how Lewis met and influenced the work of a Jewish American divorcee, Joy Davidman. He also helped her become a believer in Jesus and they married in 1956. She died from bone cancer in 1960 and a year

to be a good tempter.

Lewis described it in a letter to a friend: "Before the service was over... I was struck by an idea for a book which I think might be both useful and entertaining. It would be called 'As one Devil to Another' and would consist of letters from an elderly retired devil to a young devil who has just started work on his first 'patient'."

Lewis's imaginary 31 'Screwtape Letters' became a sensational bestseller. His reputation as a skilled and popular Christian theologian and writer was confirmed and remains to this day.

"When we set out, I did not believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and when we reached the zoo, I did"

– how CS Lewis described a trip to Whipsnade with JRR Tolkien



biographies about CS Lewis, which took 18 months. Only then did he start to write. Thus this is the most thorough biography possible and, I suspect, the most accurate of the many biographies on CS Lewis.

Born in Belfast on 29 November 1898 to a solicitor and a clergyman's daughter, Lewis was brought up to attend church and say his prayers. All that changed when his mother died of cancer in 1908.

His father didn't cope well with her death and arranged for Clive and his brother to go to boarding school in England. The school had an abusive headmaster, whose harsh regime Lewis described as a "concentration camp".

Aspects of CS Lewis's early life make for uncomfortable reading. The events of this time convinced Lewis that there was no God and he declared himself an atheist.

As school finished, he passed the entrance exams to Oxford, but World War 1 broke out and he ended up in the

it was not so much "him finding Christ", as "God finding him". Alister McGrath devotes several chapters to describing how Lewis used all his intellectual powers to try to disprove God.

Immense grief and a period of questioning God

Back at Oxford Lewis completed his degree, joined the university staff and gathered around him a group of friends, some of whom were strong Christians, including JRR Tolkien, who went on to achieve fame through writing the children's book 'The Hobbit' and 'Lord of the Rings'.

One day in 1931, Lewis and Tolkien drove to Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire. "When we set out", says Lewis, "I did not believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and when we reached the zoo, I did." Lewis went on to become a

later Lewis published 'A Grief Observed' under a pseudonym. He had drawn on notebooks he kept after his wife's death that revealed his immense grief and a period of questioning God.

Alister McGrath devotes entire chapters to describing how and why Lewis wrote some of his best known books. The idea for 'The Screwtape Letters' came to CS Lewis during a dull sermon at his local Oxford church – Holy Trinity, Headington Quarry.

The idea was born for a senior devil, called Screwtape, to give advice to a junior devil, called Wormwood, on how

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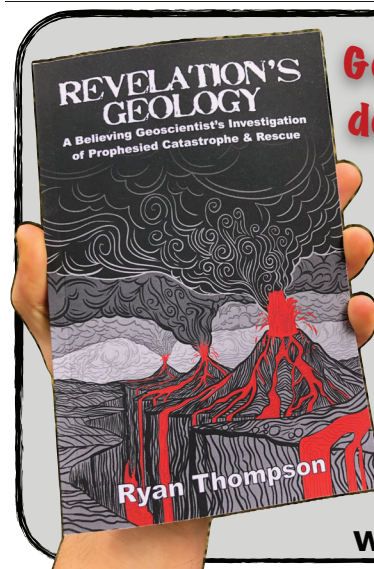
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BOOKREVIEW

By Charles Gardner

One man's search for truth in a world gone mad

Now Everything Changes

By Steve Maltz

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When a Palestinian flag is discovered flying on top of a remote hill in England's beautiful Lake District, something is surely amiss.

And it proves the trigger for one man's search for truth in a world that has seemingly gone mad.

This new book by prolific author Steve Maltz – his 35th – is perhaps his most important yet. He challenges us all, in a most engaging way, to face up to the realities and consequences of the 7 October massacre in Israel.

It's short and sharp, but not so sweet. For it may offend. The author uses fictional characters Derek and Dawn Courtney, who have little knowledge of

the Middle East conflict and certainly no axe to grind, to wake up a sleepy world (and church) to the monster of antisemitism that has stalked the globe for so long and which no-one seems to understand.

Too many have bought into this lie

Steve uses the well-known story of the Christian doctor who was asked by King Frederick the Great of Prussia for irrefutable proof of God's existence. "The Jews, your Majesty!" was the doctor's reply. No other nation has been hated so much and yet survived millennia of pogroms and attempted

genocide while mighty empires have come and gone.

He deals well with the land, and why it legitimately belongs to the Jews, and to the controversial issue of Palestinian refugees, used as political pawns to justify continued vilification of Israel as a supposed uncaring oppressor instead of being absorbed by their neighbours as Israel has done for Jews expelled from Arab lands. And he outlines how 'Two-state solutions' have already been offered on several occasions but rejected by Arabs each time.

The bald truth is that the likes of Hamas have absolutely no intention of peaceful co-existence with the Jews. Their clearly stated goal is to exterminate them. And yet, in our upside-down world, it is Israel, not Hamas, that is accused of genocide.

Too many have bought into this lie which, in the end, has them siding, not just against Israel, but against God himself. It is this aspect that greatly

concerns the author, a Messianic Jew (ie follower of Jesus), since much of the Christian Church (at least in the UK) is either ambivalent on the subject or downright antisemitic in practice.

No other nation has been hated so much and yet survived millennia of pogroms and attempted genocide while mighty empires have come and gone

Tragically, the Church has a long history of antisemitism, especially as perpetrators of much Jewish persecution during the Middle Ages. Even the great reformer Martin Luther stained the Gospel message in this way.

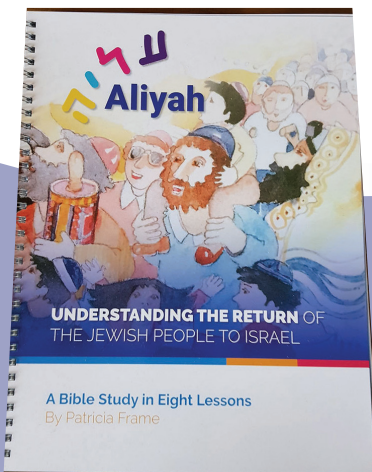
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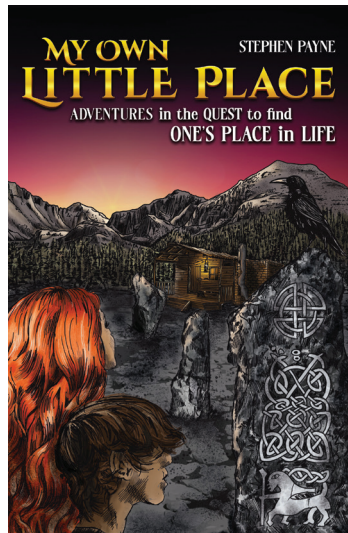
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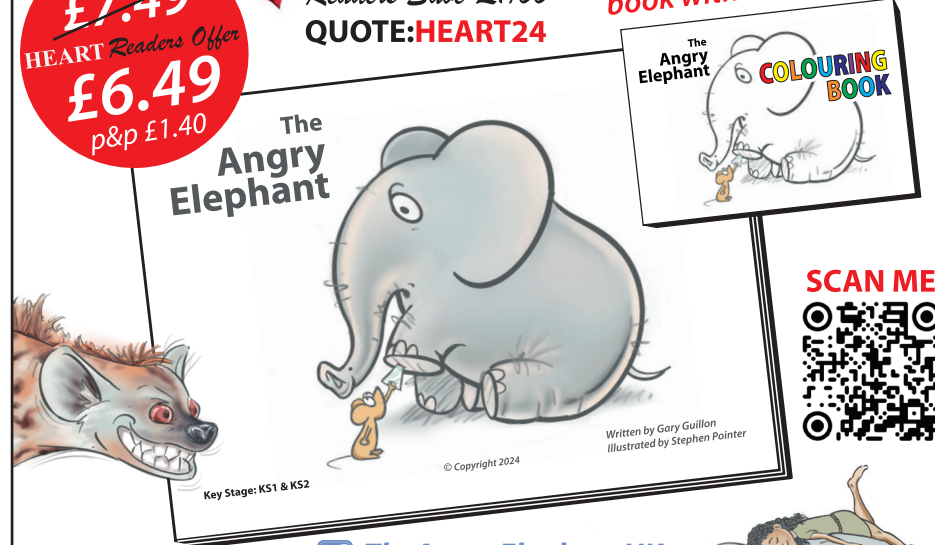
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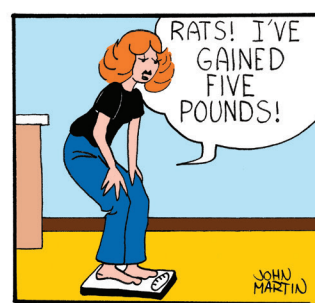
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HEALTH WATCH

A win for medical freedom

Christian barrister Paul Diamond has successfully defended a mother who was fighting against her disabled son being forcibly vaccinated with the controversial Covid MRNA injection.

He was able to prove that the constituents of the jab would have done more harm than good for the young man's condition.

Previously in this paper (Dec/Jan 2021-22) we reported on Diamond's successful efforts to protect school-age children from receiving the Covid jab; the letter he sent to school authorities was also available to readers.

This victory comes as tweets about bird flu intensify, with the disease known to have spread to cattle. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed in April 2024 what is believed to be the first mammal-to-human transmission of the virus after a person came into contact with presumed infected dairy cows in Texas.

Christian Voice reports that there are questions as to whether naturally occurring bird flu, that has not posed a risk to humans in the past, has been helped to mutate in a laboratory "under 'gain of function' pretexts". The Christian Voice article also says: "Gain-of-function 'enhancement' funded by Dr Fauci's US National Institute of Health (NIH) and carried out in the Wuhan Institute of



A healthy win for barrister Paul Diamond

Virology was what enabled Covid-19 to transmit to humans."

Meanwhile German firm Wacker has inaugurated a brand new MRNA production facility in Halle, which will have the capacity to manufacture up to 200 million doses of MRNA vaccines per year. Christian Voice queries the purpose of this when there have been calls for MRNA injections to be banned after multiple reports of adverse effects, including from Britain's health watchdog, the MHRA and oncologist Prof Angus Dalgleish (HEART June/July).

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Football blasphemy

Have any other readers been disturbed by Kate Beckinsale misusing the Lord's prayer when England was playing in the Euros final in Berlin?

Posed as in fervent prayer, with hands together and eyes closed, she spoke this aloud: "Our Gareth, who art in Berlin, hallowed be thy king, thy time has come, thy will be done, in normal time, not extra."

This should not be allowed on TV.

I marvel each time I receive this paper, at the news you publish, so many thanks for all involved.

(Mrs) Pearl Rumsey

Rainham, Kent

It was a miracle!

I don't know why the writer of the article quoted in 'Iran's light show' (June/July) wants to put a negative spin on what was so clearly a divine miracle.

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The claim that "America coordinated the attack so that no-one will be physically injured or killed" clearly isn't true.

Firstly, the little Bedouin girl has only recently regained consciousness

(many people were praying for her!). Secondly, it would have been worse if the Israelis had not gone into their bunkers when the sirens went off. Thirdly, Israel was surprised that Jerusalem was targeted as many Muslims live in Jerusalem. It was Israeli hardware that shot down those missiles and drones.

It was as much a failure for Iran as a success for Israel. And since when has the Iranian regime cared about civilian casualties?

Peter Yardley

Hurley, Berkshire

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