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MY EYES WENT FROM BLACK TO BLUE WHEN JESUS SAVED ME



A FORMER CRIMINAL HAS REVEALED how his eyes changed colour after he completely turned his life over to Jesus.

“In Christ there is freedom, healing and eternal life!”

Brian Knox’s story is a lesson to anyone who thinks occultic celebrations such as Halloween are harmless fun.

After decades of crime and illicit relationships, the tough Scotsman realised his life was no treat and he’d been tricked.

So Knox turned his back on worldly success for a higher prize – the assurance of eternal life and freedom from torment in this life.

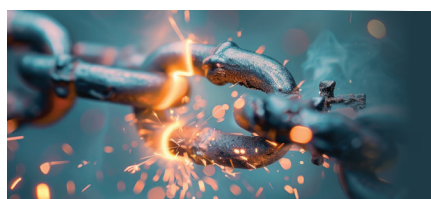
Hurting others

Knox had turned to the dark side as a timid, abused child – he thought God wasn’t interested and used martial arts and the occult to gain personal power and control over those who had hurt him.

He decided to serve Satan in his early teens and was soon involved in extreme violence, drug-taking, organised crime and womanising. He served time in prison, which was where he first cried out to God – and saw three charges against him dropped.

Brian Knox before he gave his life to Jesus: “When I was demon possessed my eyes were black, but now they’re blue”

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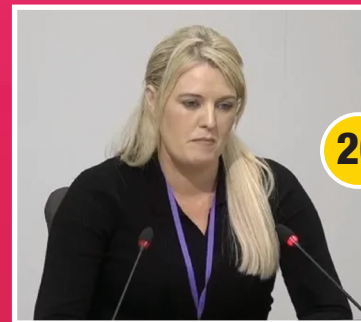
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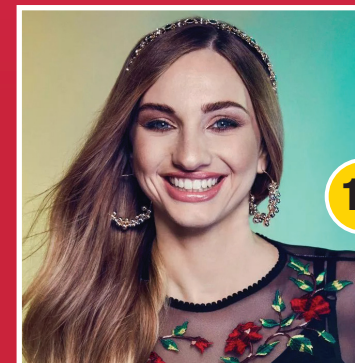


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Getting free of his sinful past took time, though. He made a commitment to Jesus and started a successful business, but fell away again, seeking esoteric routes to spiritual power through eastern religion and Shamanism. Eventually he returned to Jesus and this time took him at his Word through studying the Bible, praying and letting mature Christians pray for him to be free of his demons.

Now Knox wants to warn others to keep away from the occult which led to his downfall. He had to battle to remain free of the powers that had dominated his thinking for years: "I prayed, I battled, I prayed. If I fell, I repented and got up."

Proof of his freedom from occultic entanglement came during the times Christians prayed for him to be free; his eyes, which had become black, returned to blue.

Damaged childhoods

Brian Knox's childhood was traumatic. His parents separated when he was three, so he grew up without a strong, loving father figure. He adored the woman he thought was his grandmother, but had to leave her when his mother moved in with another man. Knox then suffered five years of physical abuse.

There was one ray of hope; his 'Nana' was a praying Christian, which almost certainly saved him from a much worse fate. After his first visit to a coven as a young man, he was told that the Satanists did not want him; he was, apparently, already "claimed by someone else". He now believes this was Jesus, and that his 'Nana' had prayed for his divine protection.

Knox now says: "I realised that people who have suffered childhood trauma are more likely to go to prison and be involved



On a missionary visit to Toronto in 2021, Brian and his teammate prayed for Jesus to heal a wheelchair-bound man who was then able to get out of his chair

in destructive relationships, but in Christ there is freedom, healing and eternal life! "My experiences prove that Jesus is real, he died and rose again and he will not let you go, even if you fall into the most



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detestable sins. But I have paid for my backsliding and not taking God seriously, and I pray that my story will serve as a warning to those who wander off the narrow path."

"My experiences prove that Jesus is real"

Further information

- 'Doorways to danger' is a 24 minute video that warns doubters of the dangers of Halloween and occultic searching. It is freely available online.

- 'From Witchcraft to Christ' by Doreen Irvine is a book written by a former witch. Her testimony is also on YouTube.

This newspaper has previously published two testimonies of survivors of Satanist Ritual Abuse (SRA). Halloween is the most important date of the year for Satanists, when human and/or animal sacrifices can be offered.

Even the run-up to Halloween, from 28-30 October, and the day after, 1 November, are considered important by Satanists for their sacrifices. Halloween itself is also the one day of the year when most or all Satanist covens across the UK will be engaging in SRA.

England's Metropolitan Police website clearly mentions the existence of Satanic Abuse. While the Met calls it "Satanic", the term "Satanist" is more accurate since it refers to the people who worship the devil.

<https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/caa/child-abuse/faitth-based-abuse/>

GETTING TRICKED IS NO TREAT

Brian Knox says that Satanism is now shown openly on television. Supermarkets will once again be awash with tacky Halloween costumes that will 'sell' the occult as harmless fun.

Due to occultic themes being introduced early to children through books such as the 'Harry Potter' series, there has been a huge growth in online searches for witchcraft and many children say that Halloween, rather than Christmas, is their favourite festival.

The desire for 'secret' knowledge – and hence power that is independent of God, is as old as Adam and Eve. The Bible relates how the woman, then the man, were tempted to consume something that would give them supernatural knowledge. Their disobedience brought mankind into sin and resulted in the Fall.

Bible believers accept this account and even those who doubt its veracity realise that mankind has a 'sin problem'. Men and women will always sin, but, as Knox discovered, they can

live free of its destructive snares if they consciously bring their lives under Christ's control. Through repentance their sins are forgiven and they can experience the miracle of new birth, together with the assurance that Jesus will always be there to bring deliverance – literally, to 'save' them from the devil's traps.

This Halloween, pray that young and old are not drawn to the darkness that tempted Brian Knox – and many others – with power and personal knowledge, but only reduced him to a life of violence, criminality and dependence on drugs and other 'quick fixes'.

Knox realised that only Jesus had the power to set him free, because only Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead. Thus only Jesus was able to say to his disciples: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18).

The path to peace and freedom is through surrender to the One who was crucified, died and rose again.

SAVED FROM DARKNESS

“WE MUST PROTECT OUR CHILDREN FROM WITCHCRAFT”

With Halloween marketed as harmless fun, we are reprinting some timely warnings of what it really represents

Back in 2017 we printed the searing testimony of Vicky Ash, who had been subjected to appalling physical abuse by Satanists from the ages of 3 to 14.

Our report called her, “A shining and courageous example of a woman who has let Christ heal her mind, body and emotions after an upbringing corrupted by Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA).”

Seductive gateway

Vicky, who was by then a married mother and beauty therapist, warned that, “Halloween is the most important date on the Satanist calendar. It is a seductive gateway for people being deceived and youth being drawn in to the occult and Satanism. Satan wants children and his agenda is to destroy God’s order for our society, which includes destroying the traditional family.”

She also said, “Occultic influence is increasing in the UK and Satanists are in many positions of power.”

She had been in a battle for justice for 28 years to protect children from her Satanist Ritual Abuser and had

My experiences prove that Halloween is far from harmless

With Halloween openly marketed in supermarkets as harmless fun, here is a timely warning of what it really represents. Vicky Ash is a shining and courageous example of a woman who has let Christ heal her mind, body and emotions after an upbringing corrupted by Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA). Now a beauty therapist who is married with three children, she warns that Halloween is being used to draw youngsters into the occult. Here she is interviewed by Wilfred Wong, who has spent many years campaigning for justice for SRA victims; details of her abuse have been considerably toned down

LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

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“I have been truly set free by Jesus” says SRA survivor Vicky Ash

Survivor: Vicky Ash has spoken openly of the Satanist Ritual Abuse she suffered

succeeded in preventing his getting permission from the local council to set up a nursery for 40 young children.

RUSSELL BRAND PRAYS ON LIVE TV

CONTROVERSIAL STAR ASKS GOD FOR UNITY IN US ELECTION

Comedian, actor and podcaster Russell Brand is showing signs of being a genuine Christian.

Earlier this year he was baptised in the Thames, with the help of his friend, survival expert and TV personality Bear Grylls.

Now Brand has prayed openly for “unity” during the US Presidential election and against the “demonic forces” at work, in words that show his increasing understanding of the Christian faith.



Russell Brand prays after his interview with Tucker Carlson

“I ask that the dark forces in the state experience your light, Lord”

Brand was interviewed about his conversion to Christ by former Fox News presenter Tucker Carlson, who has not hidden his own Christian faith. At the end, Carlson asked him to close in prayer.

“We have eternal life, not through merit or anything that we have individually achieved”

Brand jumped off his chair, where he’d been sitting cross-legged, knelt down and prayed: “I call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Saviour. Lord, I humbly [ask]... in your name that the forthcoming election be an opportunity for unity... for forgiveness and for grace; that the dark and demonic forces that appear to

operate at the level of the state — the deep state and the corporate and global world — experience your light, Lord...

“Guide all of our tongues and all of our words and all of our hearts, that we feel your forgiveness and that we feel your grace. Thank you, Lord, for the many gifts that you have bestowed upon us.”

He closed by thanking Jesus for having been “born and died, that we may be forgiven and that we may have eternal life, not through merit or anything that we have individually achieved. For surely, all of us are fallen. But in your holy name, we are forgiven by your act of redemption. By your sacrifice in your name, we pray. Amen.”

Brand lived a promiscuous life before his current marriage and has since turned to Christ. He stands accused of sexual assaults, which he has denied, but which the Metropolitan Police have been investigating.

Fantasy films and games make witchcraft acceptable

A former child medium who is now a church pastor says that the occult has infiltrated popular culture so deeply that our young people are in danger of accepting witchcraft as normal.

Dr Greg Hibbins, who was dedicated to Satan as a baby and indoctrinated in the occult, miraculously became a Christian, then a special forces soldier, evangelist and church pastor. From his own experience of abuse and then wrestling to escape demon possession, he knows the frightening reality of the occult world.

His story featured in HEART’s October/November 2018 paper. Dr Hibbins warned those who might dabble in it this Halloween: “Satan wants to get you hooked.”

Wrestling to escape

As a 16-year-old, he resisted being taken over completely by the demonic, but ultimately found his way to church, where he was completely set free.

He said, “That night I found Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour and became ‘born again’. I physically felt

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Our children are being blinded to the reality of evil

Former child medium who is now a church pastor has warned that the occult has infiltrated popular culture so deeply that our young people are in danger of accepting witchcraft as normal.

Another packed day of prayer for Britain

Greg Hibbins, now a pastor, warned that children are being deceived - HEART October-November 2018

the weight of sin and the years of occultic oppression lift off me instantaneously.”

Hibbins claims that many fantasy films, games and books, particularly Harry Potter, are designed to inure our youth to witchcraft. “Young people get inspired to cast real spells after reading Harry Potter, because they see witchcraft as an easy way to get people to do what they want.”

He believes that Halloween has also played a large part in making people accept witchcraft. “Halloween is basically a holiday geared to Satan. Satan is trying to get people hooked in order to open spiritual doors and lure them deeper into witchcraft.”

Dr Hibbins, who has written a book about his fearsome past, can see how current culture is pointing the way to the fulfilment of biblical prophecy: “Satan has many different occult streams, but they all flow from the same cesspool. I don’t think people will even recognise the Antichrist when he manifests with his demons because they will be so desensitised.”

Light parties

Many churches now put on ‘Light parties’ on 31 October or 1 November (‘All Saints Day’) to help their youngsters focus on the new life that Jesus offers. But with Halloween widely accepted, the battle goes far beyond the church doors.

And when children’s school shelves are full of occultic fiction, is it surprising that one primary school girl told her pastor father that most of her classmates prefer Halloween to Christmas?

The full versions of these and other testimonies are at www.heartpublications.co.uk and the original papers can be ordered from the office (see page 2), or sent as photocopies.

NATIONAL NEWS BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

Being a Lib Dem may be “impossible” for Christians, says Rowan Williams

A former Archbishop of Canterbury has suggested that standing as a Liberal Democrat may now be incompatible with Christian faith.

Rowan Williams made the remark after the political party revealed its reasons for removing Anglican candidate David Campanale.

“Total agreement in private and in public is demanded”

Campanale, previously Vice-Chair of Lib Dem leader Ed Davey’s own constituency, was chosen as the candidate for Sutton and Cheam, yet was deselected when the party discovered his beliefs about abortion. The Lib Dems say his Christian views clash with “the fundamental values set out in the Preamble to the Constitution of the Federal Liberal Democrats”.

Premier reports that a case for an alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 was put to a judge in Liverpool on 12 September, on behalf of Campanale.

Rowan Williams wrote in the Telegraph: “Is it now im-



David Campanale being interviewed on GB News. He was deselected as a Liberal Democrat candidate after the party discovered his beliefs about abortion

possible for someone who holds certain moral views to be a candidate for a particular political party even if they are committed to abiding by their party’s discipline and the results of democratic debate, not campaigning against the party’s position?

“The Liberal Democrat Party’s response to Campanale’s legal challenge has been to

say that reservations about – for example – abortion or same-sex marriage are in conflict with ‘fundamental values’ held by the Party (‘values’ not policies, notice; a significant leap in the argument).

“It is not enough to preserve one’s private conscientious judgement, it seems; total agreement in private and in public is demanded.”

Credit: GB News/YouTube

TEN-YEAR-OLD SUSPECTED OF ARSON ATTACK ON CHURCH

A ten-year-old boy and two others aged 11 are alleged to have set fire to a church in Northern Ireland.

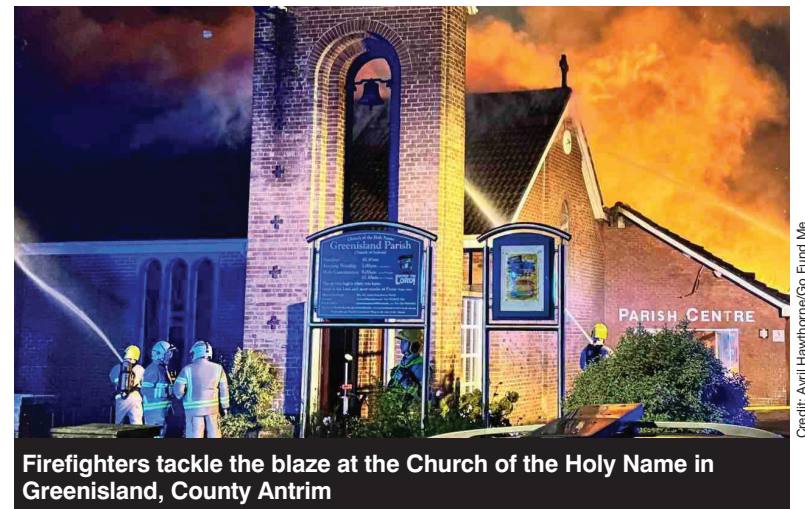
Police launched an arson investigation after The Church of the Holy Name in Greenisland, County Antrim, burst into flame on Sunday 1 September. The blaze ripped through the building a few hours after the congregation had celebrated the church’s 70th anniversary.

No one was injured but the main building and church hall

both suffered significant damage.

Three boys have been charged with arson – including the ten-year-old.

Rev Dr Izzy Hawthorne-Steele says she was “totally devastated” but added: “I’m not angry, I’m just thankful that we are a people that can trust on God to bring us through this... I call upon those who started [the fire] to come and talk to us. I feel for them.”



Firefighters tackle the blaze at the Church of the Holy Name in Greenisland, County Antrim

Credit: Avril Hawthorne/Go Fund Me

EVANGELICAL BUYS SPECTATOR

A Christian hedge fund tycoon has bought The Spectator, one of the world’s oldest current affairs magazines, for £100 million.

Sir Paul Marshall, an evangelical philanthropist who is a member of Holy Trinity Brompton church in London, is also an investor in GB News and the owner of online magazine UnHerd.

According to Premier, Marshall is reported to give over £5.5 million a month to charity, donated £100,000 to Vote Leave in 2016 and half a million pounds to the Tory party, and is a benefactor of St Paul’s Theological Centre, St Mellitus Training College, the Centre for Cultural Witness and the Church Revitalisation Trust. He is also a founder trustee of children’s charity Ark and former chairman of Ark Schools.

The Guardian reports that the businessman is also negotiating a takeover of the Daily and Sunday Telegraphs, and has promised to keep The Spectator – a right-leaning title – independent of his “rapidly expanding British media empire”.



Sir Paul Marshall speaking at ARC Forum 2023

The Spectator chairman, Andrew Neil, resigned after hearing the news, because he believes that hedge fund owners should not be allowed to own newspapers due to a potential conflict of interest. One GB anchor pointed out that this was a better outcome than the ownership going to a foreign owner, as an Arab group had also been interested in buying the titles. The editor, Fraser Nelson, is staying.

Credit: ARC CCLicense10

SNP VOTES FOR ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

Delegates at the SNP National Conference voted in favour of an abortion up to birth resolution on Sunday 1 September.

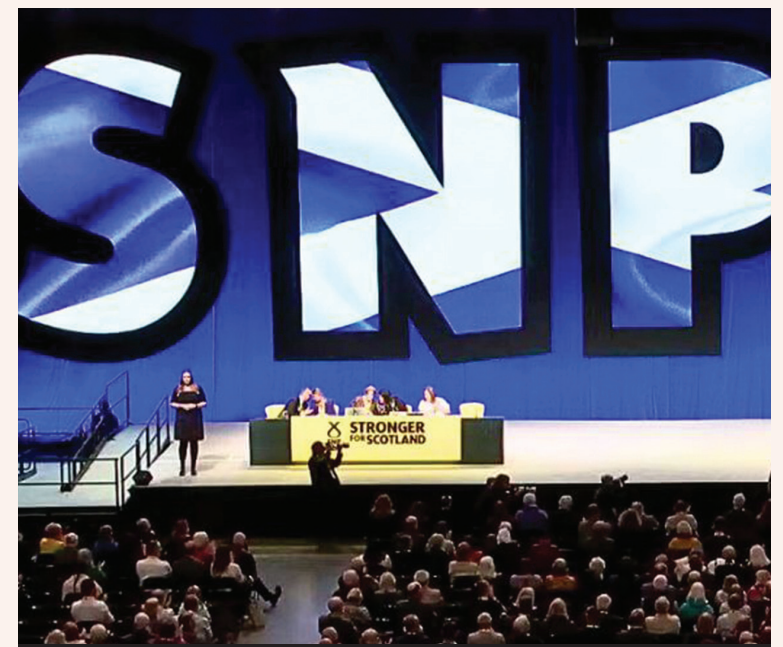
The resolution, which was passed on a show of hands, enshrines “the right to abortion” in a “future constitution of an independent Scotland” – should that be achieved.

“Scotland will be ending the lives of its unborn citizens”

The resolution states that access to abortion “should not be subject to the changing tides of political or judicial decisions” because “legal abortion is a fundamental aspect of healthcare”. It would mean that abortion in Scotland would be available on demand, for any reason, up to birth.

Delegate Kim Marshall described volunteers who try to help women to keep their babies as “bigots”.

Pro-life group Right to Life



The SNP National Conference, where pro-life volunteers were labelled “bigots”

commented that if the SNP has its way one of the “foundational principles” of Scotland will be “ending the lives of its unborn citizens... If this rad-

ical change were introduced, Scotland would be left with one of the most extreme abortion regimes in the world.”

NATIONAL NEWS

Abortion: Buffer zones in force from 31 October

England is to follow Northern Ireland and Scotland on 31 October when so-called 'buffer zones' around abortion clinics come into full force.

The Home Office says that "Safe access buffer zones will be in force around abortion clinics from 31 October to bring in stronger safeguards for women accessing services."

This was a Labour manifesto promise and Jess Phillips, the new Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls, announced that the



Jess Phillips, the Home Office minister, welcomes abortion clinic buffer zones

Government had fast-tracked the zones as they "would not tolerate harassment, abuse and intimidation as people exercise their legal right to healthcare."

Campaign group Right to Life responded: "Hundreds of women have been helped outside abortion clinics by pro-life volunteers who have provided them with practical support, which made it clear to them that they had another option other than going through with the abortion".

"They had an option other than abortion"

There is also uncertainty as to whether those praying outside a clinic will be arrested. Isabel Vaughan-Spruce was famously arrested and then compensated by the police for silently praying near a clinic.

Right to Life says: "Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023 makes 'influencing' any person

who wants to access an abortion clinic illegal. This vague term has left campaigners concerned that this Bill could make silent prayer illegal as well as consensual communication."

The maximum penalty, if found guilty, is an unlimited fine.

BIGGEST EVER MARCH FOR LIFE HITS LONDON

A record crowd of around 10,000 protesters marched through London on Saturday 7 September to unite against abortion.

On the same day, healthcare professionals from across the globe met at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster at the Prolife Health Summit organised by March for Life UK. The

campaigners and prayers by church leaders. Abortion survivor Claire Culwell, whose 13-year-old mother aborted her twin while accidentally sparing Claire, said: "When people talk about women's rights they're forgetting something very important - I am not my birth mother's body, I was a separate human being."



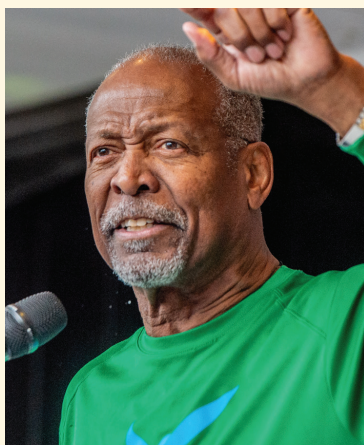
Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, co-CEO of March for Life UK, was arrested - and exonerated - for praying outside an abortion clinic

summit heard from former abortion providers who are now 'woke' about the tragedy of ending babies' lives.

"I was a separate human being"

The march took place in the afternoon, starting from the Emmanuel Centre and ending at Parliament Square. Protesters carried a huge banner stating that "Abortion isn't healthcare" - the theme for this year's tenth anniversary march.

The protest ended with speeches from pro-life



Dr Haywood Robinson, a former abortionist



"Abortion isn't healthcare - healthcare doesn't kill": March for Life's banner highlighted the contradiction in the Government's language

Ex-abortionist Dr Haywood Robinson chanted from the stage: "Pro-choice, that's a lie. Babies never choose to die."

"Babies never choose to die"

He added: "As a retired family physician who practised medicine for 40 years, I know what real healthcare is and I assure you, abortion - the killing of our children - is not healthcare."



Claire Culwell, an abortion survivor



Christian leaders on stage at the March for Life rally: left to right, Aaron Edwards, Rev Canon Phil Harris, Bishop Peter Collins, Bishop David Waller, Bishop John Keenan, Bishop John Sherrington and Regan King

Reduce a bit?

“OH, YOU CAN'T SAY THAT!”

FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN THE UK

Many of us are afraid to say – or post – anything controversial because we've been led to believe freedom of speech doesn't apply if there's a risk of upsetting someone.

Roger Kiska, a solicitor with the Christian Legal Centre, explains that there IS still freedom of speech in the UK



Q: Is there freedom of speech in the UK?

A: There is, absolutely, freedom of speech in the UK. The United Kingdom, both at common law and under the Human Rights Act 1998, allows for robust speech. The European Court of Human Rights, explaining the importance of freedom of expression, has held that: “Freedom of expression constitutes one of the essential foundations of a democratic society and one of the basic conditions for its progress and each individual's self fulfillment.”

“Free speech includes not only the inoffensive, but the irritating, the contentious, the eccentric, the heretical, the unwelcome and the provocative” – Lord Justice Sedley, 1999

As often cited in our courts and tribunals, Lord Justice Sedley famously held that: “Free speech includes not only the inoffensive, but the irritating, the contentious, the eccentric, the heretical, the unwelcome and the provocative – provided it does not tend to provoke violence. Freedom only to speak inoffensively is not worth having.”

Q: Can I say what I think about other religions?

A: Yes, the law is clear on this. The courts have held that the right to criticise, and even ridicule other religions, is a staple of both freedom of religion and freedom of expression. Criminal speech laws are quite narrow and there are many exceptions, especially for Christian speech on sensitive moral topics like criticising other religions or when addressing LGBT issues.

There is a criminal statute for stirring up religious hatred, but within that statute there is also a very liberal exception which makes allowance for discussion, criticism or expressions of antipathy, dislike, ridicule, insult or abuse of any religion or the beliefs or practices of that religion's adherents. (There is actually no statutory definition for abuse, though. The judge determines whether the language used is abusive or not.)

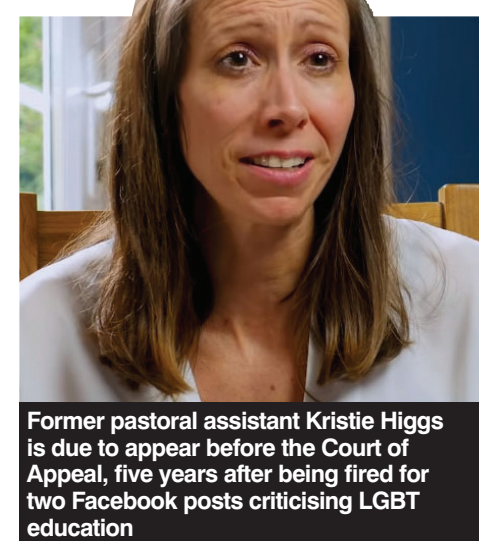
The exception also permits evangelising people of other faiths and trying to convince them to leave their own religion.

Q: Why doesn't it feel like this level of freedom exists when recently a 61-year-old anti-illegal immigration protester has been sentenced to 18 months for chanting, “Who the f*** is Allah?”

A: This is a concerning development as it was neither a call to violence nor a slogan which inspires hate against Islam. Such convictions, meant to appease public sentiment rather than serve the public good, do pose an existential threat to freedom of speech.

The right to criticise, and even ridicule other religions, is a staple of both freedom of religion and freedom of expression

His conviction begs the question of whether those Pro-Palestinian protesters who have used similarly provocative language when stirring up antisemitic hatred have received equally severe prison sentences. If they have not, we have a real problem in this country where not only is speech not truly free, but neither is justice equal.



Former pastoral assistant Kristie Higgs is due to appear before the Court of Appeal, five years after being fired for two Facebook posts criticising LGBT education

employers can punish employees for social media posts that they deem inappropriate or that they feel may cause reputational damage.

The judge determines whether the language used is abusive or not

Recently, a self-identifying English nationalist lost his employment tribunal discrimination claim against his former employer following his dismissal for using the hashtag “RemoveAllMuslims” in a social media post.

The tribunal held that the belief he was espousing did violence to the rights of others and therefore was not protected under the Equality Act 2010. Its ruling is subject to a right of appeal, which could challenge the judge's findings on the basis of existing case-law which sets an incredibly high threshold for disqualification of a belief from protection.

Meanwhile, the Court of Appeal is hearing the case of Kristie Higgs, a pastoral assistant at a school, who was dismissed for gross misconduct for reposting two posts about statutory RSE where she also included her own personal commentary about subjecting our young children to LGBT and transgender education. Whatever the outcome of that case, it is important to remember that just because you are employed, you do not leave your rights at the door.

Legally, people are still entitled to their freedom of religion and freedom of expression while at work. Where there is a conflict between those rights and the interests of the employer, employers are required to balance your rights in any determination of whether misconduct took place or not.

Nevertheless, people should feel confident that critiquing Islam is a form of protected speech, including criticising how it is practised, or discussing the very real problems facing the United Kingdom with its systematic failure to integrate some portions of the immigrant Muslim population.

Freedom of expression is not a straightforward question. Indeed, we are incredibly free to share our views and speak our minds in the legal sense of freedom of speech; meaning that the constitutional protections afforded speech, at least in principle, are broad and strong.

Q. If there's freedom of speech, why is the Christian Legal Centre constantly defending people who've lost jobs or university places for expressing a religious belief?

Things get more complicated when it comes to employment. The courts are still figuring out to what extent

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IF WE ARE TO SAVE CHRISTIANITY IN THE UK FROM THE BRINK, THEN WE NEED TO DO IT NOW

I believe the Church within the UK is at a tipping point.

If nothing is done to stop the rot and decay now, Christianity could well be in a catastrophic decline in around ten years' time.

Many churches are currently infected with woke ideologies including LGBTQ, gender ideology, critical race theory, and climate change, to mention but a few. We have other churches that are not woke, but choose to pretend that the lies of the world are somehow not their problem, and thus say nothing.

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However, as Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak, is to speak. Not to act, is to act."

If there was ever a time for biblical orthodoxy in the Church, it is now. However, there is a famine in the land of Great Britain: a famine of the Word of God.

With 'woke' churches on the rise, Chris Wickland calls for a new breed of Christian to face our nation's challenges

All too often, I see pulpits as preaching parlours of self-help TED talks, preaching a whitewashed, sanitised Gospel, that says little or nothing about sin, demons and hell.

We now see churches that endorse same-sex marriage, or have practising homosexual Bible preachers on the teaching rota, LGBTQ communion services, married gay clergy, youth pastors who tell teenagers it's okay to sleep with your girlfriend and boyfriend



Living Word church members working on their small communal farm



Chris and Tracey Wickland on their 'prayer farm' which has featured in previous issues of HEART



Chris Wickland speaking at the 'Preparing for the coming storm' conference in September; the messages can be heard on YouTube

outside of marriage. On and on it goes.

I get letters and emails from good, Bible believing Christians all over the country. These people feel deeply saddened, grossly betrayed and disenfranchised by their local woke and weak silent churches.

Many churches in the UK have now

moved so far to the hard liberal left, that they have become politicised churches of the state. I find this rather ironic, as recently I was speaking to someone who helps run underground churches in China.

He said that any church trying to teach 'woke' ideologies would have their licence revoked by the state, and the church would be shut down. Ironically, the Chinese state arguably seems more pro-Christian in its values than our own new Socialist Marxist Labour government.

This is why I believe at this hour that Christians have to act, and they have to do it now. Christianity is like a huge oil tanker, in that it takes time to turn the ship around, sometimes as long as a generation.

A whitewashed, sanitised Gospel that says little or nothing about sin, demons and hell

If we are to save Christianity in the UK from the brink, then we need to do it now. Not next year, or the year after, it needs to start now!

We need brave Christian men and women to start up house churches and houses of prayer, all over Great Britain, literally to save the faith of this nation. I paint a stark and bleak picture, because things are not only bad, they are also getting exponentially worse.

We now have the most godless and anti-Christian Government that has probably ever been witnessed. Along

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How can Christians be effective under persecution?

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IF WE ARE TO SAVE CHRISTIANITY IN THE UK FROM THE BRINK, THEN WE NEED TO DO IT NOW

with that, there is the very real danger of Islam becoming the main faith of this land within the next 25 years.

Our Labour Government wants to stifle free speech. It hates nationalism, and sees it as a form of racism, and anyone who questions illegal immigration is called a right-wing thug.

The Government also wants to bring in an Islamophobia law which could not only gag the public but also opposing politicians. Let us be clear that we are not against Muslims themselves; their religious zeal puts a lot of Christians to shame and if they give their lives to Jesus, they could be firebrands in their communities.

However, according to Labour's Islamophobia policy (1), which they want to make law, the actions below would all be deemed Islamophobic:

- Suggesting that Muslims individually or as a group in British society pose a threat to British or European society, civilisation or values
- Saying that Muslims are taking over British society or civic political institutions
- Catastrophising immigration from Muslim majority countries
- Requiring Muslims to apologise for terrorism committed by extremists
- Objecting to the presence of a mosque or Qu'ranic scripture
- Accusing Muslims of being inherently antisemitic, homophobic or misogynist



Chris Wickland pushing his son on the land farmed by his church

According to new anti-terrorism laws which Labour is currently working on, they want misogyny to be added to the list. But we cannot criticise misogynistic Islamic practices against women, because that would be deemed Islamophobic.

Because of all this, and the rot within Christendom, we need thousands and thousands of little house churches, and houses of prayer, all over the UK. These little communities will not only save orthodoxy, but will also create a new breed of Christian.

These will be Christians with a backbone, unlike today's weak, spineless evanjelly-fish.

We need Christians who will be

counted and understand the signs of the times, and know that it's down to them to spread the good news of Christ around this nation.

Now, if you are in a good church that is 80 per cent good, then stay. No church is perfect, and neither are you and I. But if you are in a church that is going woke, apostate or is refusing to speak out about the madness that is going on in our society and government, then you need to leave. Don't look and wait for someone else to do this, because it's now up to you and me.

We need thousands of little house churches and houses of prayer all over Britain

You may not feel like you are a leader, but we are beyond that. We are at war! Therefore it is down to every man and woman, like in the days of Nehemiah, to grab a trowel and a sword, and help rebuild the walls that have fallen in this nation.

Let's not forget the prophecy of Jean Darnall in 1967, when she said that thousands of little fires would light up the land of Britain and eventually engulf the land in a wonderful revival. This is the hour for such fires to be lit. Will you take up the call and be a fire beacon, by planting a house church or a house of prayer?

This may sound extreme and over the top to some, but mark my words, I am under-playing how bad it really is out

there. Remember, many people have shed their blood for this nation, the faith of Christianity and the values it enshrines.

But we are now living in days where leading politicians want to dispose of our heritage and past, where churches want to move away from the Holy Spirit and the truth of Scripture, only for them to be replaced by the spirit of the age and the futility of man's wisdom. Let's not forget – another faith with the crescent moon is looming, ready to become a dominant player in this nation, with a new Government that wants to import, protect and promote them.

For the sake of our faith, for the sake of Great Britain, for the sake of all we hold dear, for the sake of our children and grandchildren, we must act now before it's all too late.

(1) <https://labour.org.uk/resources/labours-islamophobia-policy/>

■ Chris Wickland is Senior Pastor of Living Word Church Network, one of HEART's Partner Churches (see back page). The network has around 200 members in four churches near Fareham, Hampshire. Chris and his wife Tracey have five children.

Previous articles by Chris Wickland are a prophetic roadmap for 2024 (April/May 2024), the future of the UK Church and government (Feb/Mar 2022), how his church started cultivating an acre of farmland (Apr/May 2022), 'A Joseph generation' (June/July 2022) and 'Economic collapse – a practical response' (Aug/Sept 2022).

“OH, YOU CAN'T SAY THAT!”

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The last area is the public square. More times than not, when the virtual mob or campaigners lambast certain opinions as hate speech, the reality is that those statements are often not anywhere near the legal definition of hate speech. The shouting down of views is part and parcel of what has commonly become known as 'cancel culture'.

The law should be blind to political consideration or viewpoint discrimination

Regrettably, these actions have led to a great deal of unnecessary self-censorship and have shut down the discussion necessary to keep the United Kingdom a thriving and tolerant society.

Q. Why have recent protesters against illegal immigration been handed such long sentences?

A: Freedom of expression and peaceful protest are seminal parts of a democratic society. That being said, vandalism or acts of violence or breaching the peace are unlawful acts and will attract criminal sanction. Stirring up religious or racial hatred is also a criminal offence which attracts its own sentences, or which may



Lord Justice Sedley (pictured in 2010): "Freedom only to speak inoffensively is not worth having"

lead to heightened sentencing for an accompanying crime.

The Crown Prosecution Service has a significant margin of discretion in determining when to prosecute and to what extent to prosecute.

Whether protesters of illegal immigration have been treated more severely than other protestors, say for example BLM rioters or climate activists, is a very real and serious

question that needs to be part of the public debate. The law should be blind to political consideration or viewpoint discrimination.

If our justice system is treating one category of people differently because of the substance of their views, then the system is failing us at a very fundamental level.

Q. Can I say what I think about the government's health policies? Social media were blocking negative comments about the Covid jabs.

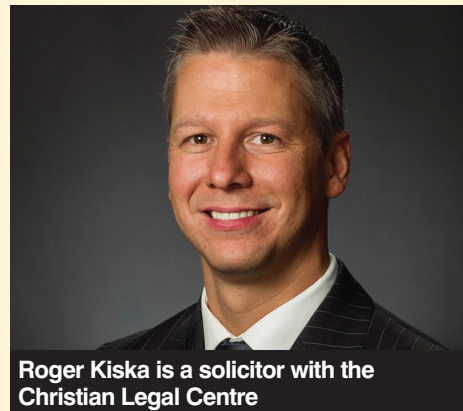
A: Yes, criticism of government policy is protected under the law. In fact, political speech (or speech about matters of public interest) enjoys heightened legal protection because of its importance to fostering a healthy, democratic society.

Censorship by social media platforms raises the question about the role of private or publicly traded companies and their obligations to promote freedom of speech for everyone. It must be remembered that these platforms are not the Government, and therefore do not necessarily have a positive obligation to guarantee freedom of expression. That may change, and one hopes it will, given the massive impact

social media has on public opinion.

Interestingly, at least some big tech CEOs have recently come out against their earlier censorship, saying that they were pressured to do so by government forces. That is a much more serious issue, where government is interfering with free speech, especially vis-à-vis private companies. We may see lawsuits moving forward should such censorship happen again.

■ Christian Legal Centre (CLC) is an organisation dedicated to promoting the Gospel message and protecting the rights of others to manifest their Christian faith in the public square. For more than a decade, CLC has been at the cultural forefront of supporting Christian freedoms through the courts and tribunals. CLC has played an integral role in precedent setting cases both domestically and internationally. Its cases are often covered by the national media.



Roger Kiska is a solicitor with the Christian Legal Centre

Such convictions, meant to appease public sentiment rather than serve the public good, do pose an existential threat to freedom of speech

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Being so well established in Ukraine, when the war began we were very well placed to get funding through quickly to support our Ukraine staff, volunteers and churches. We immediately increased our transport of articulated lorries full of vital aid, generously donated in the UK. Since February 2022 this aid totals over 785 tonnes in total and has a financial value of £16.5 million.

From the very start of the war we have also been funding vehicles, firstly vans and trailers for aid distribution and, as the need became clear, we began to source and to send ambulances and 4x4 pickups for emergency transport. Over thirty vehicles have been delivered so far, some bought in Ukraine and some sent from the UK.

Please pray with us for God's good provision

Pictured praying left to right, are: General Oleg Pidlubny, of the Ukrainian National Guard, our CEO & Founder, Rev. Bernard Cocker, Colonel Sergii Sudets and Pastor Pasha Ozerugie (our Ukraine Director).

Trustee Jon Field plays a major role in driving vehicles out for use in Ukraine, he is pictured below, about to set off with a 4x4 pickup and handing over an ambulance in Prague to Pastor Ruslan, who leads our work in Odesa and southern Ukraine.



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Colonel Sergii Sudets (above), says; "Thank you for donating such a powerful tool to save the lives of our refugees and soldiers. The quality of ambulances is the highest we have had, they have been professionally prepared for resuscitation."

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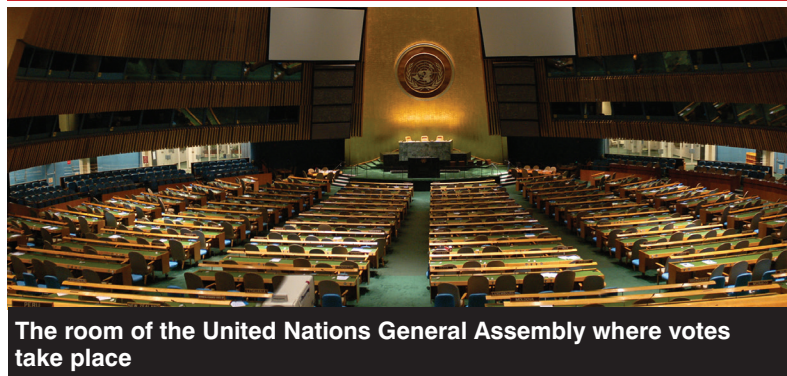
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

UNITED NATIONS



US AND EU WATER DOWN CHILD PORN BAN



The room of the United Nations General Assembly where votes take place

A draft UN treaty against cybercrime that attempts to universally criminalise child pornography is being diluted by Western nations, led by the US and EU.

LifeSiteNews reports that an astonishing 91 countries are demanding exceptions to allow porn that is AI-created or arises from a "consensual relationship" and is used privately. The exceptions were due to be accepted at the UN General Assembly which began this September, if the majority of countries support them.

An EU delegate from Austria explained that in her country and other European nations, children as young as 14 can legally consent to sexual activity with an adult, so "pictures produced as a part of a legal and voluntary relationship should not be criminalised".

In contrast, the Daily Compass commented that if the

treaty stands it will legalise child sex abuse and even facilitate child trafficking around the world. Laws that allow children of 14 to consent to sex overlook the fact that coercion, incitement and deception can be used to elicit so-called consent.

A Russian delegate said the exceptions will help predatory paedophiles rather than children, and asked: "Which rights are we protecting, those of criminals or those of victims?"

Luca Volontè of the Daily Compass claimed an elitist "paedophile lobby" was behind the exceptions. CitizenGo have raised a petition demanding that the UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, and UN Ambassador, Dame Barbara Janet Woodward, oppose "this outrageous proposal". It is currently supported by over 230,000 people and can be signed at: citizengo.org/en-gb

AFRICA



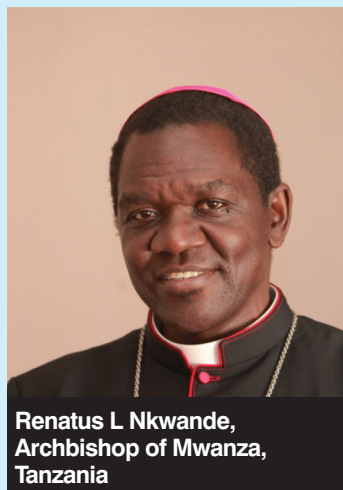
West sends "missionaries of evil"

Roman Catholic leaders claim Western non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are spreading pro-homosexual propaganda in a new kind of mission to lead Africans into gay lifestyles.

LifeSiteNews reports that priests from across the continent told the National Catholic Register that Western NGOs, aid workers and tourists are spreading LGBT ideology, and even enticing African boys into gay sexual relationships and porn films to earn money.

Archbishop Renatus Leonard Nkwande of Mwanza, Tanzania, said: "It's just like the missionaries who went all over to evangelise" – except the Europeans and Americans are now "sending us missionaries of evil".

Archbishops from across sub-Saharan Africa denounced the activities, which were said to include LGBT seminars and homosexual parties.



Renatus L Nkwande, Archbishop of Mwanza, Tanzania

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Archbishop Charles Palmer-Buckle of Cape Coast, Ghana, said: "They are messing with our little boys on the beach, sexually abusing them for a little money. They themselves are already warped. And they are warping these [young people]. It's like, sorry to say, the devil trying to get more disciples."

FINLAND



More trans people regret gender change

Finnish research has shown that the number of people regretting their gender transition is on the increase. The major study also reveals that the risk of regret is underestimated.

The research involved 1,359 patients who began taking hormones to transition between 1996 and 2019 and found that 7.9 per cent had halted the process.



Gender expert Prof Riittakerthu Kaltiala

Credit: epath.au

Although more people are choosing to change gender, many also wish they had not done so. According to Christian Network Europe, between 2013 and 2019 nearly three times as many people stopped their hormone treatment as compared with 1996 to 2005. In addition, the number of early quitters has increased. Those stopping within two years has risen from 1.3 per cent to 2.9 per cent.

The number of early quitters has increased

The expert who led the research, Prof Riittakerthu Kaltiala, says the low regret rates (1 or 2 per cent) stated by many gender clinics are based on old, faulty research from the 1960s to 2010. She is pushing for more care for those who stop the treatment and have to deal with the irreversible effects on their bodies, and now questions the use of puberty blockers on children.

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GERMANY

PODCASTERS CENSORED OVER TRANSGENDER PRONOUNS

A German court has forced the deletion of a podcast and barred the hosts from referring to a transgender woman as male.

Reduux reports that the Frankfurt am Main Regional Court has ordered the censorship of a podcast by Kiarash Hossainpour and Philip Hopf, in which they discussed Laura Holstein, formerly known as Nicolas. The hosts are also prohibited from using male pronouns for Holstein in the future, at risk of prison or a fine of up to €250,000.

Holstein, a balding male who now identifies as a woman, has hit the headlines for previous incidents in which he has demanded access to female spaces. Holstein is also being supported by the Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency in a legal action against a female-only gym in Bavaria that barred him from membership.

Hossainpour asked his audience: "How should a society function in which biological realities and legal



Podcast duo Kiarash Hossainpour and Philip Hopf were forced to remove their podcast episode under threat of prison or a fine of up to €250,000

Credit: Hoss & Hopf, via Facebook

fictions come into such a blatant contradiction?"

Reduux previously revealed that Holstein was the first trans-identifying man to play in a women's football league and that he is sharing the dressing room with women and girls, despite their complaints.

USA



CHRISTIAN COLLEGES KEEP FEDERAL FUNDING

An appeals court has ruled against an attempt to strip Christian colleges of federal funds if they maintain a biblical stance on LGBT ideology.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals' decision came in the case of Hunter vs Department of Education, in which the religious exemption given to Christian academic institutions (under Title IX of federal civil rights law) was upheld in September.

The Christian Post reports that Judge Milan D Smith Jr concluded that there is "a continuous, century-long practice of governmental accommodations for religion that the Supreme Court and our court have repeatedly accepted as consistent with the Establishment Clause".



Baylor University – a private Baptist research university in Waco, Texas, that could have lost funding if the appeals court had come to a different decision

Credit: Michaela Barbara/Wikimedia

The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities said the court had ruled "wisely".



ISRAEL ON THE FRONT LINE



BIASED BBC'S SHAMEFUL HISTORY



BBC's Israel-Hamas coverage violated own guidelines over 1,500 times

By HEART Staff

The BBC has been condemned for its biased reporting of Israel, after a damaging report from a group of lawyers found that the BBC had breached its own editorial guidelines over 1,500 times in the four months following 7 October 2023.

The Asserson Report, overseen by experienced British lawyer Trevor Asserson, found that the BBC was 14 times more likely to associate Israel with genocide than Hamas, and four times more likely to associate Israel with war crimes. Furthermore, Hamas was "significantly more likely to be referred to as a health ministry" than a terrorist organisation.



Lawyer Trevor Asserson discussed his report on Revelation TV's Middle East Report in September

Lord Ian Austin, a former Labour minister, criticised the BBC's "arrogance" and said that although he had "spent decades defending the BBC" in Parliament, he now believes that "the BBC is failing to uphold its responsibility to provide unbiased, fair coverage."

The report was released in early September and one of its contributors,

the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis (CAMERA-UK), issued a statement criticising the BBC's longstanding "refusal to name terrorism against Israelis as such - while using that terminology to report on acts of terror closer to home", as well as denouncing "the corporation's chronic failure to address complaints within its self-determined time frame".

Some journalists used by the BBC previously showed sympathy for Hamas

Some journalists used by the BBC to cover the Israel-Hamas war previously showed sympathy for Hamas and even celebrated its terrorism, according to the Jewish Chronicle. The report particularly denounced "the extreme bias of BBC Arabic", finding "pro-Palestinian bias in 90 per cent-plus of web articles and videos".

"The BBC is failing to provide unbiased, fair coverage"

- Lord Austin



Lord Ian Austin railed against the BBC's "arrogance"

The report added: "In a random sample of 253 (of a total of 487) BBC Arabic speaking interviewees, 27 per cent were either connected to Hamas (or affiliated terror group) and/or had also posted extreme antisemitic rhetoric via social media, including support for the 7 October attack, all undisclosed by the BBC."

In addition to a team of around 20 lawyers and 20 data scientists, artificial intelligence software was used to analyse over 9 million words of BBC content.

Archbishop on wrong side of history

Justin Welby has been criticised for biblical ignorance over God's promises to Israel.

After the Archbishop welcomed the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion of 19 July that Israel had no right to East Jerusalem or Judea and Samaria (the 'West Bank'), a coalition of Christian ministries wrote an open letter admonishing the prelate.

The letter called the ICJ's opinion "biased, uninformed, naive and ultimately unbiblical" and sets out Scriptures and recent history that show the flaws in the ICJ's arguments.

The letter is published in full in Prayer for Israel's September prayer bulletin.

Nations set themselves against God's land

Another blow to Israel's perceived legitimacy came when the UN voted by a majority of 124-14 that Israel should end "its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory", ie Judea, Samaria and East Jerusalem - in 12 months.

The US stood by Israel, voting against what journalist Melanie Phillips called an "appalling resolution", but Britain was one of 43 nations which abstained.

"Media bias" over church attack



Regan King, pastor of Islington's Angel Church, has spoken of his shock when community groups failed to support him after an attack by a Muslim woman uttering death threats.

On 1 September King and his Jewish Christian wife were preparing for their Sunday service when a woman burst in, tried to corral his children and then took over the pulpit, yelling Islamic prayers and saying she wanted to kill "the God of the Jews".

As she refused to leave, the police were called. Although the incident was widely reported, some outlets refused to name the woman as a Muslim.

Then a community Facebook group suspended Pastor King and local Muslims accused him of "fanning hatred".

Examples of the BBC's blatant bias



An item questioning whether or not Hamas massacred civilians in Kfar 'Aza kibbutz on 7 October, presenting this as a matter of a 'dual narrative' (October 2023)



BBC uncritically peddles false speculations that a child murderer from Chicago was Jewish (October 2023)



A graphic used by BBC Arabic to present an item about fake news - the tick and the word "News" have the Palestinian flag in the background, while the X mark and the word "Fake" have the Israeli flag in the background (October 2023)



Civilian bus bombings in the 1990s presented as "military operations" targeting "soldiers" (August 2024)



BBC Arabic's Twitter account reposted a claim that went unchallenged on air: "Israel dominates international media and directs it" (October 2023)

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GARDNER'S WORLD

PALESTINIAN PROBLEM

By Charles Gardner

Protestors can stop bleating on about the need to free Palestine.

For Palestinians do not want a state. Their leaders wish only to 'deva-state' the national home of the Jewish people, established both by international treaty and divine will.

According to the late senior official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Zoheir Mohsen, the Palestinian people do not actually exist.

"Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak today about the existence of a Palestinian people" – Zoheir Mohsen

"The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the state of Israel for our Arab unity," he once said. "In reality today there is no difference between Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese. Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak today about the existence of a Palestinian people, since Arab national interests demand that we posit the existence of a distinct 'Palestinian people' to oppose Zionism." (1)

Focusing on historical fact rather than fiction, on the other hand, the

The political, historical and biblical truth about the land – and why it's so important



The sealed Golden Gate awaiting the triumphant return of the Messiah

Jordan then illegally annexed Judea and Samaria (the heartland of Israel) in the 1948 War of Independence, renaming it the West Bank. But when Israel retrieved this stolen property in 1967, they were subsequently deemed 'illegal occupiers' of the territory.

Plainly, if international law means anything, and if the Bible is truly the Word of God (see Joshua 1:4, for example), it is part of their land.

So what is all this furious fighting about? And why is a solution so elusive? It is because the battle is essentially spiritual.

Significant sections of the Bible – both in the Old and New Testaments – speak of this conflict taking place in the run-up to Christ's return. Yet by supporting the International Court of Justice ruling that the 'West Bank' and east Jerusalem are 'occupied territory' to which the Jewish state has no rightful claim, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, for one, is effectively rejecting the Bible.

The Bible forecasts "terrible times" in the last days with many wars, much deception and gross immorality. But the greatest sign is Israel.

After nearly 2,000 years of exile, the Jewish people are returning to their ancient homeland from the four corners of the earth, as the prophets have foretold.

It's not, however, just about the land. Ezekiel speaks of restoration both to the land and their Lord who has always loved and kept Israel as the apple of his eye. They will receive a "new heart" and their eyes will be opened to their true Messiah, the Lord Jesus (Yeshua), who will be welcomed back when he returns to Jerusalem (Matthew 23:39, Acts 1:11, Revelation 1:7, Zechariah 12:10, Zechariah 14:4).

Amidst unprecedented trouble and strife, Jesus will return, placing his feet on the Mount of Olives from where he ascended to heaven, inaugurating 1,000 years of peace under his reign.

The devil, however, is trying to prevent this from happening, figuring that if he can keep the Jews out of their Promised Land, Christ will not come back. For he MUST return to his own people in their own land where, after a mass turning to Messiah among them (Romans 11:26), they will be ready to welcome him back.

Remember how he said: "You will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'" (Matthew 23:39).

Dr Clifford Denton, writing of the worldly distractions that divert our

Arabs were offered a state alongside Israel in 1947, but they refused it outright. And that wasn't the first 'two-state solution' to go pear-shaped. Churchill's 1922 gift of Transjordan – a vast territory east of the Jordan River – was meant to be the original solution to the conflict.

When Israel retrieved this stolen property in 1967, they were subsequently deemed 'illegal occupiers' of the territory

But it was soon conveniently forgotten that this was part of the land earmarked for Israel in the San Remo Treaty of 1920 signed by the major victors of World War I.

The Jews duly shrugged off their disappointment with little fuss, happy to lose land if it would ensure peace – a compromise they have kept making, only to be rewarded each time with further violence.



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

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Photo by Charles Gardner

An awesome view of the Judean wilderness, where Jesus was tempted, taken from beside the old road from Jerusalem to Jericho

attention from what God is really doing among the nations, said: "If the entire world were Bible believing, especially in the Christian Church, looking for prophetic signs, then Israel would be welcomed home, and the Lord's return anticipated." (2)

Israel's home is the land God has promised them over thousands of years. And that is why the question of land is so important. Without his children being back there, the Lord

will not return.

But he is coming, no matter what. So it's vital we understand that it's the Lord's land, and he is personally coming back to reign from Zion!

Sources:

- (1) World Israel News, 25 August 2024, quoting the Gatestone Institute
- (2) One New Man, Israel Today, 1 September 2024

TRIPLE THREAT TO ISRAEL

Iran's president-elect Masoud Pezeshkian reaffirmed Tehran's dedication to destroying Israel, saying its proxies across the region will not allow the Jewish state's 'criminal policies' to continue.

"The Islamic Republic has always supported the resistance of the people of the region against the illegitimate Zionist regime," he wrote in a missive to Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah.

Pakistan is willing to arm Iran

And at a meeting of Muslim nations, Pakistan – the only Islamic country to possess a nuclear arsenal – announced that it is willing to send weapons to Iran if it goes to war with Israel, according to Arab sources.

Meanwhile Turkish president Recep Erdogan, in an unprecedented statement, said his country could invade Israel in order to stop its military campaign against Hamas.

Israel's Foreign Minister, Israel Katz, responded by saying: "Erdogan is following in the footsteps of [Iraqi despot] Saddam Hussein by threatening to attack Israel," adding: "He should remember how that turned out."

POPE AND ARCH-BISHOP "REJECT THE BIBLE"

The Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury are effectively rejecting the Bible by supporting policies denying Jewish connection to the Holy Land, South Africa's Chief Rabbi, Warren Goldstein, has said.

Welby should know that Jerusalem was the capital of Israel before anyone heard of Britain

The blunt critique comes after Justin Welby endorsed a ruling by the International Court of Justice that Israel's presence in the "occupied Palestinian territories" is unlawful.

At a time when the world is locked in a civilisational battle of values, Pope Francis and Welby had abandoned their most sacred duty to protect and defend the values of the Bible, Goldstein wrote in a post on X.

He also accused them of indifference to the murder of Christians in Africa and said Welby should know that Jerusalem was the capital of Israel before anyone heard of Britain.

We call on all Christians to

observe Monday 7 October as a day of fasting and prayer:

1

For the return of all hostages & all evacuees to their homes

2

For the defeat of terrorism & renewal of peace in the region

3

For G-d's light & truth to be seen over the Jewish people worldwide

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GARDNER'S WORLD Continued

UNDER FIRE FROM THEIR OWN STAFF

A group of over 200 staff and freelancers associated with the BBC have published a letter to the BBC board, citing concerns of antisemitic bias at the news outlet.

In the letter, the "208 BBC staff, contractors, suppliers and contributors from across the television and film industries, the majority of whom are Jewish," expressed "anguish and disbelief" that complaints about BBC coverage relating to the Israel-Hamas war have not been addressed, Jewish News reports.

"We all work in the film and broadcast industries. But we are also members of the wider British Jewish community and can vouch with certainty that there is a loss of faith in the BBC within our community and a widespread opinion that, when it comes to racism and discrimination at the BBC, 'Jews don't count,'" the letter reads.

LANCET UNDER FIRE

Prestigious medical journal The Lancet has come under fire for publishing claims of a grossly exaggerated death count of Gazan citizens in their war with Israel, clearly suggesting the Jewish state is guilty of genocide. Honest Reporting say claims of 186,000 deaths made in a joint letter to the journal are based on highly questionable data and unverified sources and significantly exceeds even Hamas' own estimates.

UN AGENCY STAFF JOINED MASSACRE

The United Nations has fired nine staff members of the scandal-hit UNRWA organization after admitting they "may have been involved" in the 7 October terrorist attacks.

Israeli allegations along this line had earlier led to 16 countries suspending assistance to UNRWA (the UN Relief and Works Agency) – the aid and social services arm exclusively devoted to Palestinians – which had earlier dismissed the claims as propaganda.

It marks an abrupt about-face for the supposed humanitarian group, which has long faced accusations that its employees double as Hamas agents diverting aid to the terror group.

- The New Communist Party of Italy recently published a list of Italian Jews, including well-known figures in politics, media and business, labelling them "Zionist agents" to be "condemned and fought" for supporting Israel.

- The operator of a vacation apartment in Oxford has cancelled a tourist's reservation after learning she was an Israeli.

CITY HONOURS JEWS

In the face of rising antisemitism, the Christians of Lincoln have rallied round to honour their Jewish community.

At the very spot where murderous antisemitism broke out in the city in the 13th century, the Lincoln Jewish Memorial Stone has been ceremoniously unveiled at an event sponsored by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ). And it was dedicated by Rabbi Samuel de Beck Spitzer, a Jewish chaplain based at nearby RAF Cranwell.

As many as 20,000 Jewish airmen served in the RAF in WW2

The idea was originally proposed at a prayer meeting four years ago which included city council planning official Tim Collis, who is also an ICEJ representative.

The considerable costs of carving the stone in India (local companies did not have the skills necessary) and transporting it to Lincoln's International Bomber Command Centre in Canwick were met by local quarry owner Phil Kerry. Mr Kerry's Goldholme Stone company had earlier provided material for a Jewish community in London.



The Lincoln memorial stone's design was inspired by a first century artefact, now known as the Magdala Stone, recently dug up in the Galilee complete with iconic Second Temple symbolism including the depiction of a menorah

As many as 20,000 British Jews served in the RAF during WW2, winning 193 Distinguished Flying Cross medals, 64 Distinguished Flying medals and one Victoria Cross. Around 600 were killed while flying with Bomber Command.

Canwick also happens to be the location of the first murdered Jew of Lincoln, recorded in 1255 as being

hanged on the gallows after he was dragged through the streets. It was the gruesome outcome of a notorious blood libel myth – suggesting a Christian boy had been slaughtered for use in religious feasts – that sent ripples of Jew hatred throughout Europe, somewhat akin to what is happening today.

The idea was originally proposed at a prayer meeting four years ago

Malcolm Hedding, a former ICEJ executive director from South Africa, said the Jewish airmen had every reason to be embittered by their treatment here over the centuries, but they loved their country so much that they flew in 'double jeopardy' because they were flying into a region of the world where they were likely to be gassed if forced to bail out.

He said: "Now they [the Jews] are fighting for their very lives in a tiny land no bigger than a game reserve in my home country (the Kruger National Park). We thank you for your sacrifice. We remember that you died in those Lancasters to liberate us."

ARAB HOSTAGE THANKS ISRAELI SOLDIERS

An Arab-Muslim citizen of Israel recently rescued from Hamas captivity by IDF soldiers thanked the Jewish state and its military for saving his life.

Farhan al-Qadi, from the Bedouin town of Rahat, was kidnapped from his place of work at a kibbutz in southern Israel by Hamas terrorists on 7 October 2023.

A married father of eleven, the 52-year-old was extracted from a subterranean tunnel some 25 metres (82 feet) underground.

Farhan al-Qadi was apparently held close to six Jewish hostages who were executed by Hamas when they thought the IDF were approaching.

Hamas then released videos of the hostages in which they spoke to their families. Eden Yerushalmi is seen here saying how much she missed her family. When her body was found, it weighed under six stone.



Credit: <https://ip.bringthemhome.org.net/>

"NO GENOCIDE IN GAZA"

Scottish National Party minister John Mason, a practising Christian, has categorically stated that Israel is not committing genocide in Gaza.

"If they wanted to commit genocide," he wrote, "they could have killed ten times as many Palestinians as they have. Remember it is Iran/Hamas who want Israel wiped off the map."

South African government minister Gayton McKenzie has also blasted the libel that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE SHOW PROTEST

A pro-Palestinian protest at a children's theatre show in London has sparked fury from parents who say it left their children terrified.

Families with young children were settling in to enjoy the New Wimbledon Theatre performance when members of the group Parents for Palestine entered the venue. The unexpected interruption left children "crying their eyes out" as protestors ran onto the stage to demonstrate their cause.

QUEER LOGIC

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah has sent a clear message to the gay community, calling their lifestyle a 'crime' for which there is no cleansing and punishable by death. And yet the Queers for Palestine movement backs Hamas 'resistance'.

Instead of supporting the only liberal, tolerant, and democratic state in the region - which is home to a massive LGBTQ population - they choose to demonise it.

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

- The Missing Link
- Victory over Goliath
- Shabbat Celebration at No 10
- Our Debt to the Jews
- Jesus Comes to Soho
- Guinness Refreshes Israel

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STARS ON A NEW PATH

BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

STERLING WORK

PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALLER RETURNS TO NARROW PATH AND GETS BAPTISED

Football star Raheem Sterling has made a clear stand as a believer by being baptised.

The Chelsea player, who used to play for Liverpool and Manchester City but is currently on loan to Arsenal, is shown being baptised in a video on social media, according to Premier News.

Sterling is well-known for reading his Bible in the dressing room

Sterling, a much-capped England player, was taken to church as a child and has talked about his faith before. In a 2019 interview he said: “[My faith] is massive to me. I always give thanks for my life, always give thanks for my family’s life and I’m just really grateful

for the position I’m in.” He also asserted that he has “no doubts” about God’s existence.

A biography of Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola called ‘Pep’s City’ revealed that Sterling is well-known for reading his Bible in the dressing room, and stated that he has “an unshakable faith in God”.

Some Christians have questioned how genuine that faith is because he’s had two children with his fiancée and has another child from a previous relationship, but it seems his baptism marks a recommitment after a time astray.

Sharing his testimony at his baptism, Sterling said that he had become distracted by fame and had been chasing “what is really not for me”. In the video, as he is baptised, he says: “I vow, O Lord, I offer me until death.”



Sterling playing for England against Belgium at the 2018 FIFA World Cup

Credit: Kipyrin Behavurova/Wikimedia



Talia Dean on X Factor

X FACTOR STAR IS NOW A WORSHIP LEADER

BLUES SINGER TALIA DEAN HAS BEEN BUSY POSTING BIBLE VERSES ON FACEBOOK

Talia Dean, who found fame on series 14 of The X Factor in 2017, has been sharing her faith on social media.

After The X Factor, the singer had a hit single with band King’s Daughter, then went solo in 2021 and has had two number ones on the iTunes blues chart.

Talia has been sharing Bible verses on Facebook this year, as well as photos from the Alpha course she followed and her confirmation in May, along with messages like “Jesus is risen” and “Jesus is King”.

“It took a long time for me to find my way back to Christ after many years of being on the wrong path”

Some of her 101,000 fans on Instagram thought she’d joined a cult after this post: “I have now left the mainstream music industry to spread the message

of the Lord.”

In fact she had just joined a local Catholic church, although she uses evangelical language. Talia is also now a member of the Catholic Talent Agency and has shared her testimony on their website.

She says: “I returned to my faith, New Year’s Eve 2023, when I had a clear message from God.

“My testimony is strong and I am saved. I am now a firm follower and servant of Jesus Christ.

“It took a long time for me to find my way back to Christ after many years of being on the wrong path, consistently sinning and rebelling. I had found my way into the darkness for many years without realising I was even there...”

“I have started working on empowering music of Christian values, as I’ve decided to put my energy and passion into writing a Christian album. I now lead worship and take on many amazing projects in the name of Jesus – it fills my heart with light and love to spread the work of the Lord.”

Source: ITV

FREED FROM THE

“I WENT FROM A BLACK-EYED, TO A BLUE-EYED, CHRISTIAN”

Growing up in a broken home, Brian Knox turned to crime to protect himself. Convicted for violent offences as a teenager, he thought the occult and Buddhism were the answer to his prayers – but these never gave him the acceptance he craved. In desperation Brian phoned a Christian friend who knew who he really needed: Jesus

I was born in Edinburgh in 1969. My mum and dad broke up when I was only three and I went to live with my grandparents until I was eight.

As a child, I was terrified of the dark and used to run to my grandmother's bed at night where she would pray over me in the name of Jesus Christ. My grandmother was always very affectionate to me; she was the apple of my eye and I adored Nana with every beat of my little heart.

When I was just four years old, I stole Nana's diamond ring and gave it to my crush

However, my grandmother's godly influence did not prevent me from developing an infatuation with girls



Brian kissing his mum while on prison leave in 1989

from a young age. When I was just four years old, I had my first crush on a girl at the local park, so I stole Nana's diamond ring and gave it to her.

Nana noticed me acting strangely,

and I finally owned up. She retrieved the ring from the girl's parents and gave me a good telling off for my first ever crime. To this day, I remember her telling me that she did not like liars and the thing about lying is that you will always be caught.

I was late for my first day at school, getting removed from my classroom and put in another room. Immediately I felt the odd one out, and this was to follow me for most of my life.

I got taunted for struggling academically and found myself in fights, which left me feeling unjustly picked on. I hated school so much that I decided to play truant, but was caught red-handed by my beloved grandmother when I bumped straight into her! She was not impressed at all.

I blasphemed God, telling him I hated him

One day when returning from school, I saw a large, beautiful rose in the garden of a neighbour. I went into the garden and plucked it, then returned to Nana's house and gave it to her. To my surprise, she scolded me severely for stealing from other people's gardens!

When I was eight, my grandmother left me in the bedroom and tied the door closed due to my uncontrollable behaviour. I screamed obscenities at her.

Eventually she cut the rope and informed me that she was not my real grandmother but was instead my great aunt and that my real grandmother had committed suicide. This experience was extremely traumatic; it caused me a lot of pain and I found the truth about my family hard to accept.

The following year my mother brought her new boyfriend, Terry, to Nana's house and announced, "Pack up, we're going to live together."

It was something I didn't want to do. For the next five years I was severely



Brian with his three sons when they were younger: Michael (left), Aidan (right) and his youngest (centre)

Brian pictured before he gave his life to Jesus: "When I was demon possessed my eyes were black, but now they're blue"

physically abused every day until my stepfather abandoned us, leaving us in a lot of debt.

My heart and soul had finally shattered

When I was 12, I started practising martial arts and reading books on the occult. I became good at martial arts, which helped me to look after

myself in a tough neighbourhood. My grandmother died soon afterwards and I blasphemed God, telling him I hated him and that I was going to serve Satan. My heart and soul had finally shattered and this was the start of my rebellion that would set my path for many years to come.

My mother tried to keep up the mortgage payments, but we were evicted and I went to live with my great uncle, where I got involved with street gangs, drugs and violence. I had multiple sexual partners and got arrested and convicted for two serious offences before the age of 16.

THE OCCULT:

DEMON POSSESSED CRIMINAL POSSESSED EVANGELIST'

SHOCKING OCCULT DISCOVERY

Upon turning 16, I successfully enlisted in the Royal Marine Commandos, despite my previous convictions. I was faced with a lot of brutality which desensitised my feelings.

This led to me getting thrown out of the Marines for fighting and I became involved in serious organised crime. I hurt many people, which I now deeply regret. Between the ages of 18 and 25 I was in and out of prison, travelled to Jamaica to import cocaine and worked in the private security industry.

I also took part in the rave scene, promoting demonic bands such as The Prodigy which drew crowds of up to 10,000 under one roof. I used to take to the stage with a microphone, shouting out praise for Satan. By 24, other

criminals had put contracts on my life in an attempt to shoot me dead.

While taking drugs one night after work, I was sitting with criminals in my friend's flat and we were discussing his mother who was a witch and could conjure up demons. She owned many brothels in Edinburgh, one of which was called the Dungeon.

I asked to see it, so we went in and saw that it was indeed a dungeon with torture equipment and blood on its stone walls. My friend told me that many judges, lawyers and high society people visited it, which gave the witches control over them.

The Satanists told me that if I gave them the soul of my first-born child, I would have a kingdom in this world

Later his mother invited me to a meeting, where I was told she could make my problems disappear. In reality, I had walked directly into a satanic coven. There were 13 numbered chairs around a big table, and a pentagram on the floor.

The Satanists told me that if I gave

them the soul of my first-born child, I would have a kingdom in this world. This took me aback. I could not make up my mind but heard back from her son a week later informing me that they did not want me as I was "claimed by someone else"! The Lord had his hand on me; I now believe it was Jesus who had already claimed me.

I hurt many people which I now deeply regret

At 25, I was imprisoned for three charges involving knife crime and drugs. I was in solitary confinement next door to the Lockerbie bomber when one of my previous girlfriends, Janet, started writing me letters about Jesus.

It made me angry at first, but I ended up repenting in the prison cell and that very morning was let out on bail. Amazingly, for one reason or another, I ended up beating all three charges against me.

I then attended church and was baptised in water, but later fell away from the faith, which I believe was due to my own free will, but also a lack of discipleship and healing ministry for my emotional scars.

TRAPPED IN THE OCCULT AND BUDDHISM

It didn't take me long to fall back into organised crime and extreme violence, as it was all I knew. This was accompanied by a lifestyle of womanising and taking drugs.

I ended up getting a lady pregnant, despite already being engaged to Janet, my Christian girlfriend. Because I thought it my duty for the child to have a father, I moved in with this lady and reluctantly broke up with Janet - who was understandably broken-hearted.

After living in Spain for a few months, we moved to Eastbourne where we had three children: Aidan, Michael and



Brian on a motorbike soon after he became a Christian. "My experiences prove that Jesus is real and he will not let you go, even if you fall into the most detestable sins," he says

Cameron. Our sons' mother faithfully stuck with me for 23 years, despite my subsequent infidelities.

During my first ten years in Eastbourne I was involved in international smuggling of contraband in the form of cigarettes, gemstones and ethnic carvings from all over the world. I spent much time in Africa and far east Asia, where I became even more seriously involved with the occult. The smuggling led to me being caught and put back in prison.

I spent time in the terrorist unit in Belmarsh Prison, which was brutal. It was here that I prayed to Christ for a new start and upon my release I attended church again.

This led to me setting up an international moving company that was very successful, but I still never really felt happy. I always seemed to be looking back, and carried a lot of pain.

I was attending a megachurch in Eastbourne, but then became entangled in yoga and slowly drifted away from Christ into Shamanism and Buddhism. I did not truly understand Christianity as I had never studied the Bible.

Travelling to southeast Asia, I studied Buddhism as a way of life and became convinced that all religion caused wars and division. I became very wealthy and bought an antique Buddha that had been in a Tibetan monastery.

I practised astral travel, tarot card reading and divination, and developed



As an ex-forces man, Brian helped the Royal British Legion raise funds and here, at a shop in 2020, he won 18 pledges of support from the public, winning the UK record for one day. He says: "It helped being ex-forces, but the brilliant thing was that I was able to share the Gospel with everyone I met!"

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a personal relationship with the health and fashion journalist Leslie Kenton who was a keen advocate of Shamanism. She seemed to know everything about me; I was fascinated by her.

She also mentored David Icke (former sports commentator and infamous conspiracy theorist). My moving company even helped her to relocate from London to Auckland in Australia where she had a whale-bone throne exported.

I was involved in international smuggling of contraband

While still living with the mother of my children, I developed a five-year affair with a witch who was formerly a high-class escort. I thought I had special powers in the form of reading people's thoughts; I could tell them their names, dates of birth, children's names and much more. I was living two lives: one as a businessman and family man, and another having a relationship with the witch.

I got tattoos with esoteric signs, including a Buddha tattoo on my stomach. At the same time, I was deeply into heavy metal music, following the rock band AC/DC all over the world. I was on all kinds of drugs including valium and cocaine, and was training in mixed martial arts. I believed the false teaching that there was no male or female, only yin and yang (positive and negative).

One day I met an effeminate man and

on that same day I announced we were going to open a shop together. I also entered an inappropriate relationship with him. I wasted £240,000 building the shop, dedicating it to Mahayana Buddha with an opening ceremony. I left my family and moved into a flat. In that shop all kinds of occult practice took place. I later found out that it wasn't just any Buddha tattoo on my stomach, but the Mahayana Buddha specifically.

When the word got out about the situation, people who knew me well were shocked. I had always been a masculine guy but felt this experience had emasculated me. My pride took a fall as I knew internally that it was not right for me.

At the same time, weird things started happening in my house; doors were shutting by themselves and strange shadows were appearing on the wall. My Christian friend Aggie also witnessed this when I asked him to come and pray at one o'clock in the morning.

I ended up buying a gun as I was having thoughts about killing people

I was completely demon possessed and ended up buying a gun as I was having thoughts about killing people. In desperation I phoned Aggie and he prayed with me again.

I went back to church where a person spoke in a prayer language, and the interpretation was that someone was in the fire and that Christ was in the fire with him. I knew it referred to me!

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.

LIFE-CHANGING POWER IN JESUS

I slowly discovered how organised Satan's kingdom was, and how subtly it can trap you. I fought to get out of the shop and leave the homosexual relationship. I battled in prayer, often feeling like a yo-yo: in and out of the light. But if I fell, I repented and got up again.

At church I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, like in the book of Acts, which was pivotal in overcoming my personal battles with the occult. I was also given a prophecy that I was going to have a "two-year demonic battle", and that I was going to meet someone who worked with prisons.

The following week I met evangelist and ex-gangster John Lawson, who was in prison ministry and became my spiritual mentor for three years. He booked me into Ellel Ministries, a charity that focuses on biblical teaching and healing emotional and physical wounds.

There was normally a nine-month waiting list to join a healing course at their retreat centres, but John ensured that I got fitted in immediately. One year later, I decided to commit to the full 12-month discipleship course called NETS (the Luke Nine Eleven Training School); it was tough but life-changing.

I received countless days of ministry and deliverance, and when I started sitting alongside other brothers and sisters in Christ during times of prayer ministry, God used me as a vessel to set people free in deliverance too. It was an amazing time where I saw first-hand the supernatural power of the blood of Jesus Christ. John continued to train me in

evangelism and how to share the Gospel message with different kinds of people.

Since completing the year at Ellel, I have faced much persecution but have held fast to Jesus! I have been stripped of my money and earthly goods, and at times have felt like a fish swimming against the tide, but God's love has seen me through.



This man prayed to receive Christ and miraculously walked out of his wheelchair during Brian's mission trip to Canada in 2021

Much of my previous pain and suffering could have been avoided with better discipleship and knowledge of the Word. I realise now that there is no change unless people read and study the Word of God, and get baptised in the Holy Spirit. There is no change without true repentance and godly sorrow, starting a personal relationship with Jesus and receiving healing and deliverance.

In my studies I realised that people who have suffered childhood trauma are more likely to go to prison and be involved in destructive relationships, but in Christ there is freedom, healing and eternal life! The Devil may be the god of this world, and we now see Satanism openly shown on television, but in Christ the victory is ours.

If anything, my experiences prove that Jesus is real, he died and rose again and he will not let you go, even if you fall into the most detestable sins. But I have paid for my backsliding and not taking God seriously, and I pray that my story will serve as a warning to those who wander off the narrow path.

I currently serve at Good News House Church in Bexhill, East Sussex which focuses on Christ and his love, street evangelism, healing and deliverance. I also receive discipleship during the week at Church Without Walls, Eastbourne.

I have been involved in overseas missions to Romania, Canada and America and have led people to the Lord. God has also used me to set many people free from demons. I am an affiliate member of Resurrection Life Ministries, a global ministry which helps to equip the saints in discipleship, evangelism and spiritual warfare.

I have gone from demon possessed to Christ possessed! I now have a new mind, a new heart and a clean soul thanks to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Brian can be contacted at Brian.resurrectionlife@gmail.com. See also Resurrectionlife.net. A YouTube



Brian sharing the Gospel in Seaford, East Sussex, in September 2024

This is one of Brian's favourite Bible quotes: "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty... that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Corinthians 1:27-29).

documentary from Alpha and Omega Productions is titled 'True story - The day Lucifer laughed at me on the telephone'. Brian has also appeared on Shaun Attwood's 'True crime' podcast. He asks readers to pray for his ongoing evangelism ministry.



PERSECUTION WATCH by Andrew Halloway

NIGERIA

17,000 CHRISTIANS KILLED IN FOUR YEARS

Fulani herdsmen killed 38 Christians in Benue State alone in July and August.

Their deaths, reported by Christian Daily International and Morning Star News, are another statistic in the toll of murdered Christians. Nearly 17,000 Christians were murdered from 2019 to 2023 in Nigeria and the attacks continue because of a completely inadequate response from Nigeria's government.

More Christians were victims of violence than followers of any other religion, according to the Observatory for Religious Freedom in Africa (ORFA). ORFA's data documents 30,880 civilian deaths in Nigeria, of which 16,769 were Christian. Islamist Fulani herdsmen were responsible for 55 per cent of the Christians slaughtered.

According to The Christian Post, the ORFA report says: "For over a decade atrocities against civilians in Nigeria have been downplayed or minimised. This has proved a major obstacle for those seeking to understand the



violence. Misleading euphemisms, such as 'armed herdsmen' and 'cattle grazers' are used to describe continual waves of invasion, torture and killing in rural communities.

"A policy of concealing the religious identity of victims" is covering up the fact that Fulani militia are targeting Christians, although they also kill Muslims who oppose them.

In the same time period, over 21,621 people were also kidnapped, and again Christians were the largest

group of victims.

The report suggests that the government has failed to provide security, which has allowed "attacks against innocent people to continue unabatedly".

A woman with a baby strapped to her back detonated explosives at a wedding ceremony in Nigeria where at least 18 people were killed and 19 seriously wounded in July suicide attacks which also targeted a hospital and a funeral.

BURKINA FASO

ISLAMISTS KILL 22 CHRISTIANS

Over 100 militant Muslims attacked the town of Barsalogho on 24 August, killing over 150 civilians – including 22 Christians. It was the third Islamist attack in Burkina Faso in that month.

Women, children and the elderly were among the dead

Jihadists have been rebelling against the Burkina Faso government since 2015, resulting in over 10,000 deaths.

According to Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), Bishop Théophile Nare of Kaya described the 24 August atrocity, in which women, children and the elderly were among the dead, as a "tragedy of unprecedented proportions" and "a stark reminder of the ongoing terror faced by our communities".

IRAN

TWO-THIRDS OF MOSQUES CLOSE AS PEOPLE LOSE FAITH IN ISLAM

An estimated one million Muslims have turned to Christ in Iran, as the people grow tired of the Islamic regime.

A reported 50,000 of the country's 75,000 mosques have now closed

According to Todd Nettleton of The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM), a reported 50,000 of the country's 75,000 mosques have now closed.

America's Christian Broadcasting Network reports that a poll found

that 80 per cent of Iranians want a democratic government. Nettleton says that Iran now has "one of the highest drug addiction rates in the world... corruption runs rampant... more than half the people live below the poverty line."

As a result, the people are fed up with the Islamic regime but are forced to keep quiet, as the government brutally crushes any open dissent. In contrast, Nettleton says that family and friends are often relaxed about Muslims who convert to Christianity: "They have the attitude of, 'Hey, if you found something that works for you, it's Jesus or atheism or whatever... I know Islam doesn't work, so I'm happy you found something that works'."



The late 18th-century Agha Bozorg Mosque in Kashan, Iran

INDIA

HOSTILITY INCREASES

Persecution is on the increase in India due to the rise of Hindu nationalism.

Release International (RI) reports that in the past four years, almost 1,700 people have been arrested under anti-conversion laws in Uttar Pradesh alone – mainly Christians.

Penalties in Uttar Pradesh will worsen if a new bill passes, which increases the maximum sentence for forced conversion to 20 years or even life imprisonment.

A dozen states in India now have anti-conversion laws. Since the recently-re-elected BJP government came to power in 2014, religious intolerance has gradually increased – led by BJP-governed states.

According to RI, the Religious Liberty Commission of the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI) "recorded a record 601 cases of persecution against Christians in India last year – a rise of 45 per cent. They say 440 pastors were arrested in 2023". India's United Christian Forum says there were 361 attacks against Christians in the first half of 2024.

In July, the son of a pastor in Bihar state was tortured and strangled to death, two years after the pastor and his family had received death threats for accepting Christ.

Also in July, a Christian woman was stoned and then killed with an axe, and her family was told that they had lost their right to their ancestral farmland because she had converted. And in



A church in Dandi, Gujarat state, India

the same month Hindu extremists attacked worshippers at a church in Madhya Pradesh, including women and children.

Extremist group Bajrang Dal has threatened to kill anyone who gathers to pray. The church reported the attack to the police, but they sided with the attackers.

Paul Robinson, the CEO of RI, commented: "The rising tide of anti-conversion legislation just legitimises the prejudice and violence that Christians are facing. These laws empower militants and extremists and must be repealed."

News you won't hear in the mainstream media

HEALTH WATCH

SCOTTISH
COVID-19
INQUIRY

SHOCKING MEDICAL DISCRIMINATION REVEALED IN SCOTTISH COVID-19 INQUIRY

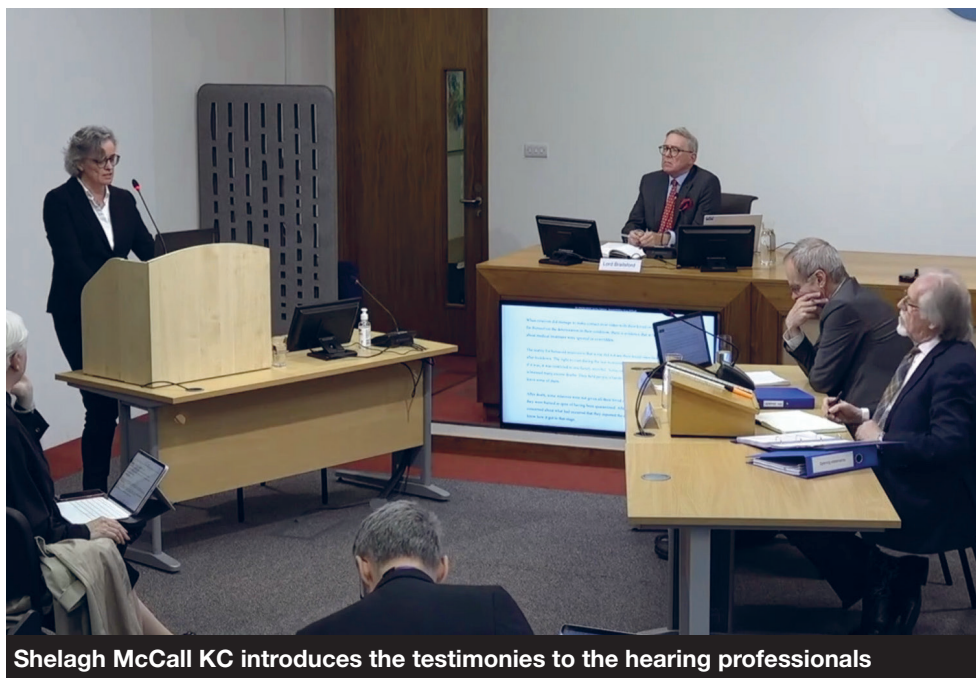
Scotland's Covid-19 inquiry has revealed "neglect, dehydration and starvation of care home residents", according to an article on Pandata.org, a multidisciplinary group of concerned professionals.

Other negative outcomes included "misuse of Do Not Attempt CPR... orders for the elderly, those with Down syndrome and even those suffering hearing loss"; "overuse of end of life medications in care homes"; and "paramedics 'toe tagging' patients over 50".

This was disclosed during the Scottish health and social care impact hearings which began on 23 October 2023 and concluded after eight months on 28 June 2024.

In addition, "Several care home managers acknowledged that Covid deaths recorded during lockdown 2020 included no testing at all and were likely due to other conditions."

Third sector organisations, unions and care home managers told of shocking



Shelagh McCall KC introduces the testimonies to the hearing professionals

medical discrimination throughout the long months of lockdown.

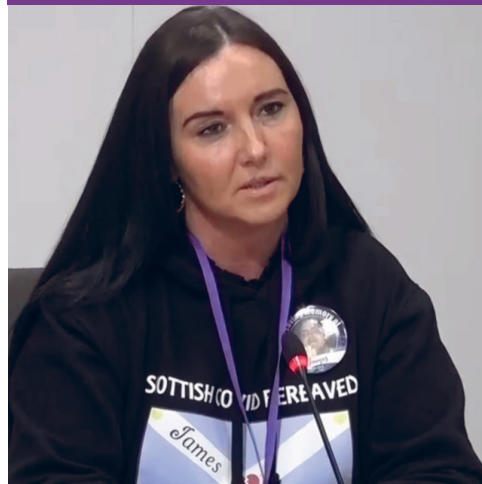
Through the Scottish Covid Inquiry, the following has been confirmed:

- Severe lockdown isolation harms, particularly for care home residents with dementia, who suffered the highest death toll from Covid-19
- Neglect, dehydration and starvation of care home residents
- Suspension of basic human rights (Articles 2, 3 and 8 of the European Convention engaged)
- No GPs or ambulances were available for sick care home residents during lockdown
- Misuse of Do Not Attempt CPR (DNACPR) orders for the elderly, those with Down's syndrome and even those suffering hearing loss
- Overuse of end of life medications in care homes
- Preventable excess deaths during lockdown.

Source: <https://pandata.org/hardship-and-heartache-told-at-the-scottish-covid-19-inquiry/>

Bereaved relatives' comments

Pamela Thomas, whose brother James died



The funeral directors contacted the family to raise concerns about the condition of 41-year-old James's body, given that the only cause of death was noted as Covid-19. They did not agree with this. However, due to changes in



procedures because of the pandemic, the avenue for this concern to be raised further was no longer available.

This is part of Pamela Thomas's oral testimony at the inquiry:

"If you still had the forms, if they still existed today – because they did away with them, they stopped doing them. I said: 'Would you have ticked that box to say you have a concern with the cause of death on my brother's death certificate?' And [the funeral director] says to me, 'Yes'."

William Jolly, who lost his father



William's father fell in the care home and was admitted to Aberdeen Royal where he fell several more times. He was never sent for a brain scan to check for internal injuries.

He was discharged disfigured and dou-

bly incontinent back into the care home, testing positive for Covid, despite pleas from Mr Jolly this was wrong. His father was then placed on end of life drugs – Morphine and Midazolam – with the family's power of attorney deemed 'irrelevant.'

Statements from William Jolly at the inquiry:

"I found out that Midazolam is not a particularly nice drug; some practitioners compared it to being waterboarded because it floods the lungs."

"In my opinion it was almost like a random decision to keep him quiet...keep him in isolation in a room in a comatose state."

Extracts from William Jolly's written statement:

"My father was still active, he was trying to get out of bed, shouting for help, saying his hands were cold. Why then, within a matter of days of having been sitting in a chair,

having breakfast, was he being given Midazolam and Morphine? One of the comments on my dad's notes was that he had walked down to somebody else's room."

Paragraph 113 of statement

After the death, Mr Jolly disputed the cause on the death certificate, feeling the serious falls his father suffered should have been a consideration in his decline. But this was dismissed.

"I said, 'What about all these serious head injuries, why did you put Covid-19?'"

Paragraph 126 of statement

Micheleine Kane, whose mother died in a care home



After a period of neglect in the care home, Ms Kane's mother was placed on end of life drugs. Her power of attorney was overridden.

Here are extracts from Micheleine Kane's oral testimony at the inquiry:

"My mum's NOT dying of Covid, my mum's dying of starvation and dehydration...in front of all your eyes

Gillian Grant, whose signature was forged



and we've seen it."

"[If] you give my mum palliative care medicines - I'm getting you charged with murder if anything happens to my mum."

"My mum was deprived of everything that's natural... a cuddle... a hug... time... she was deprived of all these things."

Extracts from Micheleine Kane's statement:

"I wanted to know if my mum had been euthanised. I knew my mum was on palliative care, nobody told me about Midazolam."

Paragraph 127 of statement

"I just didn't think people could trample on people's human rights like that. Mine's and my mum's."

Paragraph 136 of statement

Gillian discovered her signature had been FORGED after her grandmother was wrongfully given a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) order.

As her grandmother's power of attorney, Gillian should have been consulted about this step.

She told the inquiry: "When I sat with the inquiry team to give this statement, my solicitor produced the Do Not Resuscitate order and it had MY NAME on it."

A shocked Lord Brailsford interjected: "Was it signed?"

Gillian replied: "I've got a copy of it. It's in block capital letters with my name. This is not my normal signature at all."

Gillian's grandmother was injected with powerful end-of-life drug Midazolam and two other drugs that were part of an end of life protocol, without her family's consent. She died soon after.

Gillian also detailed how, on a sur-

prise trip to the care home for a window visit during lockdown, she witnessed her grandmother being fed a meal of uncooked mince.

Extracts from Gillian's written statement:

"We were at no point informed that she was end of life, and if we had been then why had we not been called to be with her?"

Paragraph 77 of statement

"From things I've read, Midazolam can reduce your respiratory rate and I don't understand why they would have given her that?"

"If somebody had told me it was Midazolam I would have said no."

Paragraph 78 of statement

More testimonies can be read here:

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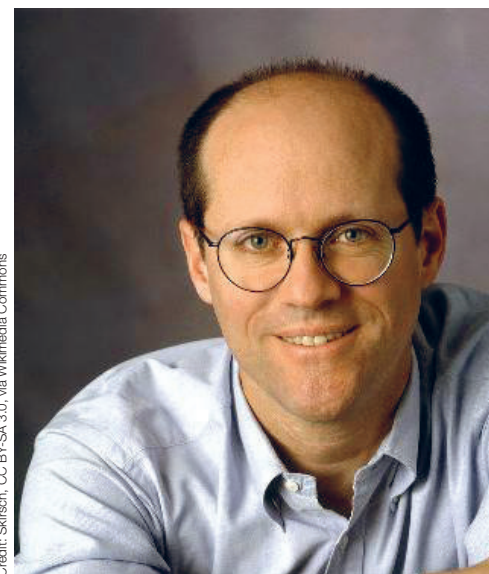
Jab increased risk of death – but bombshell NZ data is ignored

Covid-19 vaccines increase recipients' risk of death, according to bombshell data from New Zealand.

But mainstream epidemiologists are accused of ignoring these statistics for nearly a year. US entrepreneur Steve Kirsch, who has campaigned for the public to be given both sides of the science around the injections, denounced the "stunning" lack of data transparency. Kirsch asks why health authorities have not released a paper which "compare[s] the time-series data from New Zealand to the time-series data from a safe vaccine".

The New Zealand data, leaked by whistleblower Barry Young in November 2023, demonstrate that "the vaccines... have killed, on average, around one person per 1,000 doses", according to Kirsch.

Summarising the data on 2 September, he wrote: "When seasonal mortality is strongly declining, the mortality of the vaccinated is increasing. When seasonal mortality is strongly increasing, the mortality of the vaccinated is increasing even more."



US entrepreneur Steve Kirsch, pictured in 2011, has denounced the "stunning" lack of transparency from health authorities

NHS backs controversial gene editing treatment

NHS experts have pledged to roll out a controversial gene editing treatment for haemophilia, predicted to cost £1.7 million per patient. A Daily Mail article on 18 August praised new "drugs that can edit and rewrite DNA", which "are set to banish problems ranging from high cholesterol to blood cancer - ushering in what experts have deemed the greatest medical breakthrough since antibiotics."

However, concerns have been raised regarding the risks involved with the gene-editing technique called CRISPR. Dr Tony Lockett, a rare diseases expert and lecturer at King's College London,

has raised concerns that genetically modified cells could cause a cancer risk.

As governments increasingly seek to deregulate biotechnology, an alliance of concerned scientists and doctors has authored an International Genetic Charter which lays out "the safeguards necessary to protect human life from genetic degradation driven by government ignorance, corporate greed and academic hubris", according to The Conservative Woman.

Concerned citizens can sign up to the charter via the website of the Campaign for Global Legislation Outlawing Biotechnology Experimentation (GLOBE).

Kansas sues Pfizer for "misleading marketing"



Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach has accused Pfizer of deliberate deceit

- Evidence from rats linked the vaccine to "infertility, loss of litters and still-born offspring", according to Pfizer's own study from October 2020.
- Pfizer denied any safety signals relating the vaccine to heart inflammation (myocarditis and pericarditis), even though the US government and military had found a correlation. On 18 January 2023, Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla claimed: "We have not seen a single [safety] signal, although we have distributed billions of doses."
- Pfizer maintained that its vaccine protected against Covid variants, although available data showed that the jab was only effective "less than half the time against variants".
- Pfizer admitted that it had never studied whether the vaccine reduced transmission.
- "Emails revealed that Pfizer officials coordinated with social media companies" to censor criticisms of the 'safe and effective' mantra.
- Pfizer did not join the US government's Operation Warp Speed in order to avoid government oversight of their vaccine development. Albert Bourla stated: "They [the US government] want reports; I don't want to have any of that."

Pfizer has been sued by the US state of Kansas for "misleading and deceptive statements made in marketing its Covid-19 vaccine". Four other states are also due to file lawsuits.

Attorney General Kris Kobach made a series of allegations against Pfizer on 17 June:

- In February 2021, "Pfizer possessed reports for 458 pregnant women who received Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine": over half reported an adverse event, and over 10 per cent experienced miscarriages, "many within days of the vaccination".

WHO TIGHTENS GRIP ON THE PRIZE

Lockdowns, more vaccines and compulsory isolation are looming if Britain signs up to the World Health Organisation's Pandemic Treaty

BY CHRISTIAN HACKING

While we grabbed towels and sunglasses and headed to the beach this summer, others were hard at work in the World Health Organisation (WHO), weaving an ever-tighter web of global control.

Their controls would not only come into effect in the event of a "pandemic" but also in the event of "climate change", "biodiversity loss", "ecosystem degradation" and "human-animal environmental interference", whatever that is.

In previous issues we explained the WHO's two-horse strategy for global control using the International Health Regulations and the New Pandemic Treaty in order to impose laws, lockdowns, vaccines and censorship on member nations.

These could have been agreed in May, but for vigorous objections, according to campaign group CitizenGo, which claims that its petitions helped ensure the treaty was not agreed.

Resistance was also delivered in the form of four legal letters to leading WHO members, including its director general, Dr Tedros A Ghebreyesus, by Philipp Kruse, the Swiss lawyer of multiple vaccine and lockdown harm cases. Kruse's letters urged them to "cease and desist" from "falsely informing world governments of a so-called pandemic, thereby causing governments to declare non-existent medical emergencies... resulting in mass loss of life, immense physical harm, and untold psychological distress and trauma to the people on this planet."

"Untold psychological distress and trauma to the people on this planet"

The letters, available on Dr Tess Lawrie's Substack, state that failure to comply will "render you liable both in your personal and corporate capacity".

Now the WHO is due to meet in November and CitizenGo is once again urging us to sign its petition to our man in Geneva, Simon Manley CMG, to keep him from taking the UK into the treaty. CitizenGo warns that signing up would bring "a world where your health decisions are stripped away, where lockdowns, mandatory vaccinations, and travel restrictions are dictated by an unelected global body, controlled by unelected elites pushing their own agenda paid for with billions and billions of your tax pounds." Keeping up with the WHO's opaque procedures is a challenge. Thanks

to some crafty reshuffling and yet another acronym, a group known as the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) has been meeting in Switzerland to whip their trojan horses across the line. In an "agreement reached" news release on 1 June 2024, the WHO stated: "In an historic development, the World Health Assembly, the annual meeting of its 194 member countries, today agreed a package of critical amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR), and made concrete commitments to completing negotiations on a global pandemic agreement within a year".

In the same statement, WHO's director general, Dr Ghebreyesus, ominously stated: "The decision to conclude the Pandemic Agreement within the next year demonstrates how



strongly and urgently countries want it, because the next pandemic is a matter of when, not if."

CitizenGo commented in September: "He's really ramping up the urgency now, saying that other diseases might be a warning that the next pandemic is just around the corner—the WHO declared the latest monkeypox outbreak a global public health emergency just last month. He's practically begging the delegates to make the changes they need to get this treaty done, calling it a 'once-in-a-generation' opportunity."

At the time of writing, 170,757 people had signed a CitizenGo petition addressed to Simon Manley, urging him to "reject this treaty". Jamming his email inbox may serve some purpose, but given that Manley's Government biography highlights his links with the World Economic Forum and his "senior roles" in London, including as Director-General for Covid-19 (2020), the chances of him responding favourably seem impossibly minute.

However, all is not totally lost. The US has brought out the big guns. On 22 May, 24 Republican governors wrote an open letter to President Joe Biden, outlining their commitment "to resisting any attempts to transfer authority to the WHO".

The letter clearly specifies the potential threat posed by the

International Health Regulations (IHR) and the New Pandemic Treaty (NPT), to "undermine national sovereignty, infringe upon states' rights, and jeopardise constitutionally guaranteed freedoms."

The UK looks likely to cave in

It states: "The objective of these instruments is to empower the WHO, particularly its uncontrollable Director-General, with the authority to restrict the rights of US citizens, including freedoms such as speech, privacy, travel, choice of medical care, and informed consent, thus violating our Constitution's core principles."

If these legal instruments are adopted, the letter warns that the Director-General would gain unilateral power to declare a "public health emergency of international concern" (PHEIC) in member nations, extending beyond pandemics to include a range of perceived emergencies.

Then on 30 August, the House of Representatives passed the 'No WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty Without Senate Approval Act.' This law means that any action imposed by the

WHO must first be voted on by a two-thirds majority in the Senate before it can become law.

In a moving speech, Kentucky-based inventor and Congressman Thomas Massie stated: "The United States should not take part in international institutions that erode our sovereignty."

In fact, the US under former President Trump formally withdrew from the WHO in June 2020. This would have come into effect on 6 July 2021, but by then Trump had lost the election and his successor, President Biden, retracted the US's notice of withdrawal on 20 January 2021!

"Time itself is neutral," wrote Martin Luther King Junior, from a jail cell on Easter Tuesday in 1963. "It can be used either destructively or constructively. More and more I feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than have the people of good will."

Thus the US is seeing some solid resistance, but the UK looks likely to cave in. With former MP Andrew Bridgen sadly no longer in Parliament and November looming, let's hope and pray that someone else in UK politics is ready to block this trickster treaty when it comes around.

It's about time we too had a law starting with NO!

QUARANTINE ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

The WHO is redefining words to increase its control

BY MIKE GOMM

I have been tracking the International Health Regulations and Pandemic Treaty over the last 12 months, in which time around 600 changes have been made!

These include redefining words we thought we knew, such as 'quarantine' and 'isolation'.

Herd immunity

The WHO has already changed its definition of 'herd immunity'.

On 9 June 2020, its website had the familiar definition: it was "the indirect protection from an infectious disease that happens when a population is immune either through vaccination or immunity developed through previous infection."

Quarantine will be compulsory and will include mental illness

By 30 November 2020, however, the explanation above had been replaced with, "a population can be protected from a certain virus if a threshold of vaccination is reached," adding that herd immunity does not come from exposure to a virus itself... This subtle promotion of experimental vaccines should ring alarm bells.

Isolation

Traditionally, isolation is voluntary, not compulsory, and is done to prevent spreading illness.

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You could be isolated until you conform

However, the WHO proposes redefining isolation to include people who fail to meet certain criteria, such as not taking required medical treatments or tests: “Isolation will be imposed for failing to conform to a variety of criteria when you enter a country or a region.” This would allow governments to impose isolation until individuals comply with specific conditions, perhaps even for reasons unrelated to health.

With the lockdown ‘tier’ system fresh on our minds, one can well imagine the threat that such arbitrary regional criteria could pose to our cherished freedoms. Near where we live, it was possible to walk just 50 metres and face a totally different set of criteria.

Quarantine

Quarantine used to apply to animals being kept in isolation upon entering a country, in case they were going to develop a disease.

But under the new definition,

quarantine would apply if a person is actually ill, and would be compulsory for a predetermined period. There are several pages of quarantine criteria, including mental illness. How is that going to be defined, and by whom?

Terrorism

Furthermore, the UN (not the WHO this time) is attempting to redefine terrorism, potentially broadening the term to include anyone who does anything which could be seen to upset, offend or disrupt the life of another person. If it's on record you hold a certain viewpoint or have certain literature on your person, it's perfectly plausible that you could be isolated, presumably until you conform to the pre-set criteria.

I believe Christians must remain alert to deception and pray about these developments.

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“Godless Parliament”

Are you surprised at the state of the country? How many Christians say we must not engage in politics?

Trouble is, that is not an option. If you voted for Labour you voted for an abomination and I would question why a Christian would do so.

Many Christians say our government is in God's hands and don't pray about who to vote for. And some don't vote at all, which meant they were actually voting FOR this so-called Government. God expects us to be a positive force in the world, but far too many Christians are apathetic and do nothing.

William Kirk

Edinburgh, Scotland

Conservatives aren't sinless

I've just read the latest issue of HEART (Aug/Sept 2024) and I wonder if you regard the Conservatives as free of sin.

Theresa May, a Christian, shut down youth clubs when she was Home Secretary – too expensive to run. We now have

youths roaming the streets, killing each other for nothing better to do.

Margaret Thatcher, daughter of a church minister, sold off council housing – now we have a massive homelessness problem; I help out at a homeless charity so I know. She also championed private enterprise; now there's a huge environmental problem as the money we pay to protect the environment goes to the shareholders, rather than keeping the rivers and seas free of detritus. Many of these shareholders live abroad, grabbing the money for themselves and paying nothing in the form of tax or repair of utilities.

Do I need to remind you of the insensibilities and incompetent handling of the Covid pandemic and Brexit chaos? I'd rather vote for politicians who are honest about their unbelief, than those who say they believe but tell a pack of lies to get voted into Parliament. The parliamentarians in the Nordic countries don't give homage to any particular religion, but those countries have done extremely well for decades regardless of faith, or lack thereof, in the Christian God.

The problem of unbelief lies at the doors of the Church, whose servants couldn't be bothered to teach the Scriptures – many were or are members of the Freemasons. And why does the C of E still ordain unbelievers?

Irene McWatt

Worthing, West Sussex

Jesus' return

In your article, 'Israel on the front line: The other looming Middle East War' (Aug/Sept 24), you ask: "What is the God of Israel doing in all this... what are his intentions?" The answer is: he is coming back to save Israel from extinction. In Hosea 5:15-6:2, the Lord speaks to Israel and says that he will return to heaven until they cry out for him. Israel replies that they will return to him and he will revive them after two days. The two days are 2,000 years, since "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years" (2 Peter 3:8). In a similar way, Jesus delayed resurrecting his Jewish friend Lazarus by two days (John 11:6-14), and also stayed two days with Gentiles who declared him to be the Saviour (John 4:40-42). This represents the last two millennia of the Christian Church.

Based on Jesus being born in 4 BC, he would have ascended to Heaven in 30 AD, and thus my personal conjecture is that he will return to save Israel in 2030 AD.

Herbert Bevan Williams,

Warrington, Cheshire

There's a war on

Fear of an outbreak of world war grows. But are we aware that the real war began

at the Fall of Adam? The true world war is spiritual.

The devil deceived Adam and Eve in order to dominate God's creatures. From this stolen place, the devil has progressively infected rebellious mankind in an attempt to usurp God.

God could have immediately destroyed the devil, but instead he wisely uses him to fulfil his divine purposes. Satan is essentially a fully controlled lackey! Adam lost his wondrous relationship with God and his breathtaking appointment to rule Creation on God's behalf. Yet God, in his great love and mercy, still longs to save mankind, seeking from Adam's descendants their full repentance and return to relationship.

God is righteous and just, meaning that just as man was defeated by the devil, it was a man who had to overthrow the evil one. This man was Jesus, who legally finished God's work at Calvary, proclaiming: "It is finished."

But Jesus' victory must still be fully accomplished across the earth with Christ as Head over his Body – those who become 'one' with him through covenant relationship. For believers, victory is assured through obeying God's holy Word. Our weapons are spiritual, not natural: praise and worship, prayer, proclamation and using our spiritual authority in Christ.

Furthermore, God's choosing of the Jewish people has not changed. Many are returning to Israel, the Land promised to them on oath. There they will meet their Messiah Jesus, who will ultimately return to reign from Jerusalem (Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7).

Bob Hobbs

Hemel Hempstead, Herts

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Do we really care about our precious 'Abraham' generation?

Perhaps our contempt for senior citizens is one reason for our national decline

As the Prime Minister moves swiftly to legalise assisted suicide, is this another threat to our 'Abraham' generation – our most senior citizens?

Starmmer had promised a free vote on 'assisted dying' and is now actively pushing for an early vote by Christmas, apparently to honour a commitment he recently made to celebrity activist Esther Rantzen who is diagnosed with terminal cancer.

This has become a perennial move by Labour MPs, but many members of the public are concerned that it opens the door to elder abuse of the most heinous kind.

For years I have been troubled that we have habitually failed to honour our nation's older people. Could it be that the UK is experiencing its continuing decline not solely because of our historical (and recent) betrayal of Israel, but also because we have treated our Abraham generation with contempt?

The biblical model is three generations in one household

Perhaps our attitude is subtly reflected in Labour's pre-election promise



A shocking 5.3 per cent of UK care home residents were confirmed or suspected to have died from Covid-19

not to raise taxes on "working people". Since there are over 11 million citizens aged 65 and over, this promise actually overlooks a whopping 18 per cent of the UK population – nearly one in five!

So how else are they being ignored?

- Their winter fuel payments of up to £300 will cease in October – except for the ten per cent who have applied and qualified for pension credit, with many pensioners remaining unaware of their eligibility. However, data from the Department for Work

and Pensions (DWP) shows that out of 848,973 applications for pension credit received over the past five years, one third were rejected. And that was after the applicants had waded through the document's 243 questions.

Following the chancellor's budget announcement, the Government did implement an awareness campaign to encourage the most financially vulnerable to apply. But fears remain that those who just miss out on

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benefit qualification will suffer the double whammy, despite their scant resources.

● The chancellor's boastful claim that pensioners will receive an extra £1,700 over the next five years (the Conservatives' 'triple lock' ensures this) is disingenuous, since it excludes both the effects of inflation and of the tax threshold freeze. The latter means that many will start to pay tax on their pension.

No one has been held accountable for what seems to be a passive genocide

● Unarguably worse – because it actually happened – is the wicked abandonment of care home residents in the early months of Covid-19 that led

to more than 28,000 "excess deaths". The then-director of Amnesty International, Kate Allen, called it "a scandal of monumental proportions". And yet no one has been held accountable for what seems to be a passive genocide.

The state cannot be trusted with our older citizens

So it becomes clear that the state cannot be trusted with our older citizens. And why should it? The care that is needed for them is necessarily far too complex, way beyond economics and even health.

As the family of God, we ought to know that the responsibility actually lies with us to look after, and look out for, our precious elderly. The biblical model is to maintain the

three generations in one household, whereas the modern Western model is to have them living 'independently' or in a care home. Age UK reports that 1.9 million, or 16 per cent of, pensioners live in relative poverty.

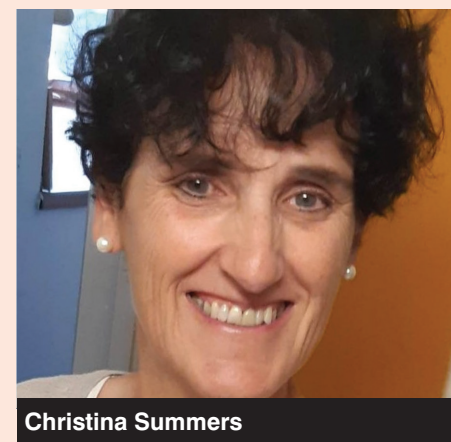
Here is a generation that Jesus makes clear is to be honoured in every way, including treating with utmost respect (Matthew 15:3-7). The financial and political constraints put upon families by successive governments is, in my view, not an excuse.

The one commandment given to Israel that has a promise is the fifth: "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12). Certainly we should advocate for support, for example, through the tax system, but we are nevertheless told to live by faith. In other words, if we simply obey what the Lord commands us to do

in caring for our older generation, surely we must believe that he will provide supernaturally?

Is that not what living by faith means?

Christina Summers
Brighton, East Sussex



Christina Summers

Faith to move mountains

A geoscientist's view of the tremendous power of faith-filled words

Many Scriptures speak of the collapse of mountains or the shaking of the earth.

As a believing geoscientist, I wonder: will some mountains be removed by the word of a believer who has faith the size of a "mustard seed" (Matthew 17:20)? Yeshua (Jesus) stated that, "If you have faith and do not doubt... if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done" (Matthew 21:21). He is putting a truly awesome amount of power and authority into the words of his followers.

He is putting a truly awesome amount of power and authority into the words of his followers

During Noah's flood, catastrophic tectonic forces caused entire mountain

chains to rise, while elsewhere the crust split to form ocean basins, allowing dry land to appear once again. The size and magnitude of faults and earthquakes which built the earth's mountains is astounding. Oblivious to this rode the ark, a refuge above the waves.

The scale of such earthquakes would be greater than anything ever felt on the Richter scale

The same faults that carried the mountains aloft would likely be the same lines of weakness upon which they slip back into the sea. Without the dampening effect of the floodwaters, the scale of earthquakes thus created would be greater than anything ever felt on the Richter scale.



Ryan Thompson

The time of the end is coming soon, amid prophesied geological catastrophe, just as in the days of Noah. I investigate this in my new book: 'Revelation's Geology' (see ad in this issue).

One day, non-believers will be commanding the mountains to move, begging them to fall on them so they can

hide "from the face of him who sits on the throne" (Revelation 6:16). Just maybe, they got the idea that they could speak to the mountains in this way because they previously witnessed the power in the words of believers to command these forces of nature.

There is hope of rescue and a place of refuge

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). And here is found a choice: we can believe and use the power of our words given to us by our Messiah, or run to those collapsing mountains to hide in fear, choosing death rather than life.

However, there is hope of rescue and a place of refuge. How many will know their rescuer?

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Gospel witness – and arrests of pro-Hamas supporters – at London Pride
 ONCE again, Pastor David Cantor (20th Elmfield, Chesham, Bucks) and Pastor Peter Sengler (Pean Free Methodist Church, Buckenham, Bucks) and Pastor John Shepherd (Pilgrim Methodist Church, Fenny Stratford, Bucks) were arrested at the London Gay Pride parade on Sunday 29th June. Before the march began, police arrested over 50 pro-life supporters to avoid a possible 'breach of the peace'.
 These on the Parade, with their anti-gay messages, shared with the pro-feminist, Allah-worshipping Hamas supporters that lined up from Israel and Christians, but many Hamas supporters have an equally fierce hatred of homosexuals. Many anti-gay militants can be seen in which Hamas militants can be seen in the crowd. The police were understandably nervous of an outbreak of violence, arrested them and took them a safe distance away from the Parade.
 The times we live in are so dark in these previous years, but still numbered in our hearts. The Parade was led by the Muslim Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, a Hamas supporter, who said the message, over a 2.5 mile long parade, was to show the world that we are not afraid to stand up for our rights and show our support for those who are persecuted and oppressed for who they are.
 Among those with parades that year were the Army, Royal Navy and Air Force Bands, Her Majesty's Royal Palace, the Scouts, Transport for London, London Fire Brigade, disability activists for refusing to use Lady's water program – and three men from NI, Ireland who flew to London for the parade: Ross Hinton, Simon Hill and Simon Hales.
 Many questions were asked the day of the parade, some of the most popular were: "How does the Bible view the LGBT community?" "What is the Bible's view on the LGBT community?" "What is the Bible's view on the LGBT community?" "What is the Bible's view on the LGBT community?"
 Pastor Sengler announced his intention to sue the Bible, "Why are you laughing at the Bible?" "Why are you laughing at the Bible?" "Why are you laughing at the Bible?" "Why are you laughing at the Bible?" "Why are you laughing at the Bible?"
 In our country's young men have a choice to make. They can choose to be a public figure in the eyes of an ordinary lady who is holding up a sign with a Bible verse on it. The police intervened and a number of public figures have been arrested for their public behavior, the young man who was arrested in the parade was arrested for his behavior.
 David Campanale
 "Too Christian" Campanale to sue Liberal Democrats
 DAVID Campanale, the former BBC presenter who was expelled from the Liberal Democrat Party for being "too Christian" is to sue his party under the Equality Act. A "religious belief" is a protected characteristic under the Act, he is claiming that he was discriminated against because of his Christian views.
 Eight nurses to sue NHS!
 Chelsea, abandoning



BOOKREVIEWS

By Gordon Pettie

Cancer survivor on being an overcomer

A teacher who lost her voice due to tongue cancer describes her treatment ordeal and the strength she draws from God's promises

Tell Your Story

By Susan Overton-Smith

Available from Amazon and good bookshops

Susan Overton-Smith never intended to write a book. But as a teacher of many years, she was devastated when she lost her voice and had to step down from teaching for a while.

"My life changed dramatically," she says. "A visit to the doctor set in motion a chain of events over which I no longer had control. A rare type of cancer was found."

Just one per cent of patients have tumours like Susan's which do not respond to radiotherapy. However, she had received prophetic words that she would be healed, so despite the prognosis remained optimistic.

Susan ended up having major surgery on her throat and tongue and then



Cancer battle: Susan Overton-Smith, pictured with her husband Roger, hopes to encourage others facing health challenges

suffered bad haemorrhaging. Death stared her in the face. Then a second haemorrhage caused her heart to stop, leaving her temporarily unable to breathe.

While in hospital she had plenty of

time to read, and was greatly helped by three books by her pastor and friend, the late Colin Urquhart. One of them, 'God's Plan for Your Healing', pointed her to the words in the Bible which she needed at that critical time.

For several months, her only form of communication was writing everything down for friends and enquirers to read. Those jottings became the basis for this book.

Recently I had the delight of bumping into Susan and her husband Roger at a conference in the south of England. As we talked, it was clear how important their faith is to them. The couple want to share Susan's story to encourage others who are facing battles in their lives and wondering how they can be overcomers.

"If it had been a novel it would have sounded too far-fetched"

She writes: "This is the story of my journey into the unknown in which I share my innermost thoughts and feelings. It covers my triumphs and setbacks including the trauma of losing my voice... my subsequent attempts to speak again after months of silence and my ongoing inability to swallow".

Another reviewer described her book as an "incredible, emotional page turner", adding: "If it had been a novel it would have sounded too far-fetched. The illness and its continual setbacks invoke awe, admiration, emotion and love. Sue and husband Roger's faith brought them through the life-changing struggle and enables them to live life to the full to this day."

"You and your church need this book"

Time to recover the dying art of congregational singing

Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church

By Keith and Kristyn Getty

B&H Publishing Group, 2017

Anyone involved in congregational worship in recent years will have sung one or more of Keith and Kristyn's modern hymns.

These include 'In Christ Alone' (co-written with Stuart Townend), 'The Power of the Cross', 'Speak O Lord', and many more. Their desire is to write hymns that will last, that are full of good theology and that help us all to learn Scripture.

This is a small, easy to read book, with each chapter dealing with a practical aspect of singing and worship. Sub-headings for one chapter include: "Singing takes Sunday's truth into Monday" and "Singing reminds you of what God has done in your life." Of course, the Gettys don't mean that we

should all become recruits for King's College choir, join the local cathedral or even become Gospel singers. But they do go so far as saying that a church's congregational singing would be revolutionised if they rediscovered the lost principles of worship.

"Singing takes Sunday's truth into Monday"

The Gettys grew up in a lovely part of Northern Ireland, near the World Heritage site of Giant's Causeway, and use stories from their own childhood to ground their writing. One of the

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Keith and Kristyn Getty have penned many much-loved modern hymns



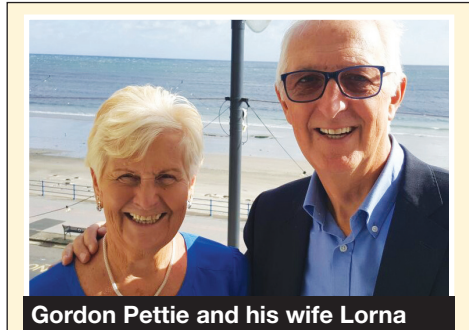
Keith and Kristyn leading congregational singing in 2019

discussion questions asks: "Is there a hymn, or hymns, from your past that acts as a 'milestone marker' for your walk with Christ? Why is it still significant and how does it speak to your heart today?"

For the Gettys, one such cherished hymn is 'Great is thy faithfulness', written in 1923 by Thomas Chisholm. They talk about the journey the hymn has taken with them - of being sung at Kristyn's parents' wedding over 40 years ago, during their teenage years and at their own wedding. Now it is being sung by their four daughters.

Let me give the final word to Ed Stetzer, Dean of the School of Mission, Ministry, and Leadership at Wheaton College. In the preface he writes, "Congregational singing seems to be the biblical command that many have forgotten. Here in 'Sing!' the Gettys tell us why it matters and how to bring it back. You and your church need this book."

I say 'amen' to that!



Gordon Pettie and his wife Lorna

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In my own words

Readers' longer letters

Doomed but still here

If any of the global threats were true, we'd have all been dead by now

Now that the Covid 'plandemic' has burned itself out (though there are still some who wear masks), it may be of interest to list some of the scares we have had in the past. Here are some prophecies of doom from the 1960s to 2020 and by these reckonings, none of us should be here.

- **1960s:** There would be no more oil in ten years.
- **1970s:** There would be another Ice Age in ten years.
- **1980s:** Acid rain would destroy all crops in ten years.
- **1990s:** The ozone layer would be destroyed in ten years.
- **2000s:** The ice floes would be gone in ten years.
- **2000 (Y2K):** The millennium bug would destroy life as we knew it.
- **2001:** Anthrax would kill us all.
- **2002:** West Nile virus would kill us all.
- **2003:** SARS would kill us all.
- **2005:** Bird flu would kill us all.
- **2006:** Ecoli would kill us all.
- **2008:** The financial crash would kill us all.
- **2009:** Swine flu would kill us all.
- **2012:** The Mayan calendar would end – all would die.
- **2013:** North Korea would start World War 3 – all would die.
- **2014:** Ebola would kill us all.
- **2015:** Isis would kill us all.
- **2016:** Zika would kill us all.

- **2018:** Global warming would kill us all.
- **2019:** CO2 would kill us all.
- **2020:** Corona would kill us all.

Monkeypox is the latest the 'deep state' is pushing, but nobody seems to be buying it. I'm sticking with Psalm 91:5-6: "You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday."

Ray Foxell
Crediton, Devon



Ray Foxell

Sleepwalking into self-made famine?

Green initiatives are damaging our food production

I will never forget the miraculous way that God answered prayers for the harvest during World War 2.

Born into a farming family, hardship was the norm and I grew up to make do and mend. Under the directives of the War Agricultural Executive Committees, known as the 'War Ag', my father had to plough up about a third of his land for grain and potatoes, and my wife's father did the same. The Government identified as much land as possible for extra crop production; even recreational ground was used to grow grain. People were encouraged to "dig for victory", using their gardens and allotments for growing veg.

In WW2, God answered prayer to feed the nation

The War Ag drained land to grow crops, cleaning out dykes and ditches to maximise food production. In many cases, land girls were deployed to drive hundreds of tractors which were either made here or imported. Even after the war was over, shortages remained, and farmers still responded to the Government's directives.

The country was often called to prayer and praise God, we got through. One particular year, the harvest was incredible; God answered prayer to feed the nation.

Today, however, the reverse is happening: land isn't being made any more! To encourage wildlife, the Government is encouraging a lot more wetlands and large field borders, and allowing dykes to silt up. No doubt some measures were needed, but on the other hand, nobody seems to care that thousands of acres are now used for solar panels. Also, many new houses are being built on the best of green fields.

With an increasing population, the food margins are getting tighter. Much of last autumn's seed sowing failed because of the weather; another bad harvest could put our country in a very serious situation.

Are we sleepwalking into self-made famine? How we need to repent and pray to our heavenly Father for his mercy on our nation. May our Government have common sense to know what to do... or are we being controlled by the World Economic Forum?

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LAST WORD...

By Maureen Martin

Assisted dying is the road to perdition

Has Starmer unleashed his secret weapon to save the NHS?

The United Kingdom could soon become the 11th nation in the world to have legalised assisted suicide – otherwise called assisted dying!

This is the progression in the culture of death initiated by the 1967 Abortion Act. What is the next step after a nation accepts killing human beings in the womb? The legalised killing of humans who have already been born!

Has the PM developed an acute case of celebrity worship?

We are on course to achieving just that in the UK. PM Keir Starmer has recently stated that a debate on the matter is going to be brought to the House of Commons before the end of this year. A Private Member's Bill is already in the House of



Maureen Martin

Lords with the second reading scheduled for 15 November.

“Heartless utilitarianism that views patients as a drain on resources”

What is the Prime Minister's reason for pushing this through? A promise he made to Esther Rantzen! Why are Esther Rantzen's personal wishes influencing Government policy? Has the PM developed an acute case of celebrity worship?

Or has Keir Starmer unleashed his secret weapon to save the NHS? A cost analysis of the Canadian system Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) estimates that savings of between \$34.7 and \$136.8 million could be made each year.

My party, the Christian People's

Alliance, has criticised the very idea of using assisted suicide to save state funds as “cruel and murderous”; it must be rejected. Maybe the PM is hoping to achieve these same savings here to bail out the failing, underfunded NHS. Palliative care is fairly costly and resource-intensive.

Daniel Frampton, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's Editorial Officer, said, “This sinister new study underlines the heartless utilitarianism at large in the West that views patients as a drain on resources, and seeks to reinvest that money elsewhere into more worthy, less expensive patients.”

It appears that the new Labour Government is determined to defy all that is called common decency; please lobby your MP and PRAY that our nation doesn't slide into this heartless abyss.

Maureen Martin is an ordained minister and President of the Christian People's Alliance <http://www.cpaparty.net>

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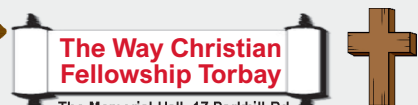
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